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Our Mission Statement

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend, formed in "A Family Tradition" is a family of faith motivated by love for God welcomes all to join us as we worship in the Roman Catholic tradition. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we strive to form ourselves and our children in the love and truths taught by our Savior Jesus Christ, and to instill a deep respect for all that God, our Father, has created. We willingly share our time, talents, and treasure through diverse ministries in the service of others.



MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY: 8:30 AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: *4:00 PM

SUNDAYS: 9:00 AM, *11:00 AM AND *12:30 PM (SPANISH)

*LIVESTREAMED

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Baptisms are celebrated on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 12:00 PM. Registration is done at the Rectory. Instruction class **required** of Parents & Godparents which will be on the Thursday two weeks before Baptism at 7:00 PM.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions Saturdays at 3:30 PM. Confessions are also available at other reasonable times by making an appointment at the Rectory.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Contact the Rectory to make arrangements for the Sacrament of Anointing. Please contact the Pastoral Ministry Office to arrange home visitation and Communion.

CHAPEL OF ADORATION: Open 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM daily. Enter on E. 4th St.

DEVOTIONS: After the 8:30 AM Mass Tuesdays *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* & *St. Anthony Novena* and the *Holy Rosary (Daily)* and 1:00 PM 1st Saturday of the Month. with *Divine Mercy Chaplet* & *Padre Pio Prayers*

MARCH 19, 2023 - 4TH WEEK OF LENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3/19 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE)

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Raffaele Persechino

9:00 AM Giuseppe Intogna

11:00 AM Anthony Lupo

12:30 (Spanish) People of the Parish

3/20 Monday JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BVM

2 Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Romans 4:13,16-18,22;

Matthew 1:16,18-21,24a or Luke 2:41-51a

8:30 AM Francesco, Carmela & Salvatore Ercole

7:30 PM Spanish

3/21 Tuesday Ezekiel 47:1-9,12; John 5:1-6

8:30 AM Nicholas J. Iommarini

3/22 Wednesday Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5: 17-30

8:30 AM Joseph Morra

3/23 Thursday Turibius of Mogrovejo

Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47

8:30 AM Marie Pisani

3/24 Friday Wisdom 2:1a,12-22; John 7:1-2,10,25-30

8:30 AM Frank & Philip Marra

3/25 Saturday THE ANNUNCIATION

Isaiah 7:10-14;8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

8:30 AM Lina, Otello & Luciano Germano



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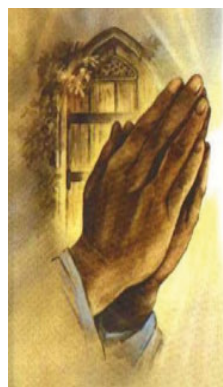
The Sanctuary Candle

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MOTHER



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes, Oliver Hughes, Myra Williams, Grace Dolitrone, Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla, Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria Isabella, Aniello Vicidomni, Michael DeMartino, Sr., Paula Borrero, Bonnie Schlegel, Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro,

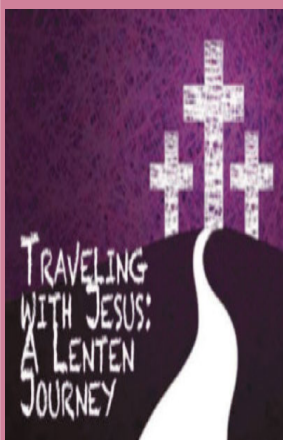
Marco Griffò, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi & Gloria Mancini, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco, Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy Anemone, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon Vittuci, Jose Sauce, Bi Ying Chen

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 12TH

1ST COLLECTION	\$2,420.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$502.00
MAINTENANCE	\$453.00
ON LINE GIVING	\$395.00



LENTEN FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

MONDAY 10:30 AM

TUESDAY 7:30 PM

We will be praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Preview of readings:

For this final Sunday of Lent before Palm Sunday, we hear Jesus call Lazarus forth from the tomb. Jesus call us as well, calls us forth from our tombs of sin and death, where our harmful habits and attitudes separate us from God, from life. St. Paul tells the Romans and us that if the Spirit

of God dwells in us our mortal bodies will be given life. Centuries before Jesus, Ezekiel sees with the eyes of prophecy the day when God will raise the dead. This is fulfilled in Jesus raising Lazarus. God gives new life, life that triumphs over death. Jesus proclaims to Martha and to us: *"I am the resurrection and the life."* And Jesus asks us: *"Do you believe this?"* Do you believe that God can bring life out of death? Let us answer, like Martha; *"Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."*

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**THIS WEEKEND
SPECIAL COLLECTION
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES
(CRS)**



This Sunday is called “*Laetare*” or *Rejoice* because we have passed the halfway point of Lent and we rejoice and give thanks to God for having helped us to come this far on our Lenten journey. The dominant metaphors are sight and blindness, light and darkness. The Gospel of the man born blind presents Christ as the “*light of the world*”. It confronts each one of us with the question: “*Do you believe in the Son of man?*” “*Lord, I believe!*” (Jn 9: 35. 38), the man born blind joyfully exclaims, giving voice to all believers. The miracle of this healing is a sign that Christ wants not only to give us sight, but also open our interior vision, so that our faith may become ever deeper and we may recognize him as our only Savior. We also need this interior vision so unlike the Prophet Samuel, in the 1st reading, we may not judge by appearance but as the Lord who “*looks into the heart*” (1 Samuel 16:7). Christ illuminates all that is dark in life and leads us to live, as St. Paul tells us: as “*children of the light*”. Let our Lenten journey send us out to search for Jesus, whose light shines in others and to search for others who long to see Jesus as Lord.

LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (CONCLUSION)

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

On hearing the Father’s voice, the disciples “fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, ‘Rise, and do not be afraid.’ And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone” (Mt 17:6-8). Here is the second proposal for this Lent: do not take refuge in a religiosity made up of extraordinary events and dramatic experiences, out of fear of facing reality and its daily struggles, its hardships and contradictions. The light that Jesus shows the disciples is an anticipation of Easter glory, and that must be the goal of our own journey, as we follow “him alone”. Lent leads to Easter: the “retreat” is not an end in itself, but a means of preparing us to experience the Lord’s passion and cross with faith, hope and love, and thus to arrive at the resurrection. Also on the synodal journey, when God gives us the grace of certain powerful experiences of communion, we should not imagine that we have arrived – for there too, the Lord repeats to us: “Rise, and do not be afraid”. Let us go down, then, to the plain, and may the grace we have experienced strengthen us to be “artisans of synodality” in the ordinary life of our communities.

Dear brothers and sisters, may the Holy Spirit inspire and sustain us this Lent in our ascent with Jesus, so that we may experience his divine splendour and thus, confirmed in faith, persevere in our journey together with him, glory of his people and light of the nations.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) THE RITE OF SCRUTINY ON THE 4TH & 5TH SUNDAYS OF LENT IS A SPECIAL TIME OF PREPARATION FOR OUR 2 ELECT, KERRY WOO & BENJAMIN ORTIZ, WHO WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT. ON THESE 2 SUNDAYS AT THE 11:00 MASS WE WILL USE THE READINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUESTIONING THEM AND STRENGTHENING THEIR COMMITMENT TO RECEIVE THE EASTER SACRAMENTS. TODAY AS JESUS ENCOUNTERS THE MAN BORN BLIND THERE IS A MOVEMENT FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT, FROM PHYSICAL SIGHT TO SPIRITUAL INSIGHT AS JESUS QUESTIONS THE MAN: “DO YOU BELIEVE IN THE SON OF MAN?” “WHO IS HE, SIR, THAT I MAY BELIEVE IN HIM?” JESUS SAID TO HIM, “YOU HAVE SEEN HIM, AND THE ONE SPEAKING WITH YOU IS HE.” HE SAID, “I DO BELIEVE LORD”, AND HE WORSHIPED JESUS.

KERRY AND BENJAMIN WILL BE SCRUTINIZED AND QUESTIONED TO EXAMINE THEIR LIVES SO THEY MAY COME TO KNOW, LIKE THE MAN BORN BLIND, THAT JESUS “IS TRULY THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD”.



SUNDAY THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM

TUESDAY 12:00—3:00 PM GOLDEN AGE CLUB VELTRI HALL

COFFEE/TEA, CAKE, MUSIC, DANCING 50/50 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

THURSDAY ITALIAN LESSONS 10:30 AM—12:00 PM VELTRI HALL

ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & BINGO



THOSE ON THE MAILING LIST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PLEDGE IN THE MAIL. ALL OTHERS CAN MAKE A PLEDGE IN THE CHURCH DURING THE IN-PEW WEEKENDS IN APRIL. I ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE SO WHEN WE GO OVER OUR GOAL OF \$44,663.00 ALL MONEY OVER GOAL WILL COME BACK TO OUR PARISH. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A NEW BOILER AND HOT WATER HEATER FOR THE RECTORY. THE BOILER THAT NEEDS TO BE REPLACED IS THE ORIGINAL BOILER WHEN THE EXTENSION WAS BUILT BY MSGR. CAFIERO, SO I THINK WE GOT OUR MONIES WORTH OUT OF IT. LET THE THEME FOR OUR PARISH BE: WHEN WE GIVE WE SHARE THE GIFT OF HEAT

THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH WILL BE CELEBRATED THIS YEAR ON MONDAY, MARCH 20TH MARCH 19TH IS A SUNDAY AND WE WILL CELEBRATE THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

TRIBUTE TO ST. JOSEPH



O glorious St. Joseph, you were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary ever Virgin and the head of the Holy Family. You are chosen as the heavenly patron and protector of the Church. It is with great confidence that I implore your powerful assistance for the whole Church on earth. Protect in a special manner all who labor for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ and the Church.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering of myself which I now make to you. I dedicate myself to your service, that you may ever be my father, my protector and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me great purity of heart and a fervent love for the spiritual life. May all my actions, after your example, be directed to the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus, the Immaculate Heart of Mary and your own Paternal Heart. Pray for us, O Holy St. Joseph. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

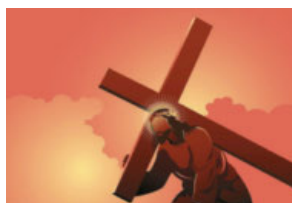
MONDAY MORNINGS & TUESDAY EVENINGS: FAITH SHARING

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER

THE 8:30 AM MASS

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM



ALMSGIVING:

LENTEN COIN FOLDERS &
THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN
CATHOLIC APPEAL

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK APRIL 3RD

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- MARCH 24TH Card Party 7:00 PM Academy Gym
- APRIL 1ST Knights of Columbus Bingo Night 7:30 PM (Veltri Hall)
- APRIL 2ND Knights of Columbus Blood Drive 9:00 AM—3:00 PM (Veltri Hall)
- APRIL 23RD Friendship Sunday Hosted by The Columbiettes & Thrift Shop Ladies
- APRIL 30TH Sacrament of Confirmation 3:00 PM
- MAY 6TH First Holy Communion 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM
Parish Dinner/Dance SIRICO'S 6:00 PM (8023-13.Avenue)
celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Ordination of Deacon Phil, the 40th Anniversary of Fr. Guy and the 40 years of Fr. Cutrone at OLG \$75.00 per person Individual and Table reservations available through the Parish Office
- MAY 21ST Deacon Phil 25th Anniversary Mass of Thanksgiving 11:00 AM,
Annual Block Party & Parish Patronal Feast Celebration Ceremony to replace Flags at Msgr. Cafiero Monument sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Cafiero Council and Scout Troop #376 with the assistance of the Marlboro Post of the American Legion followed by a BBQ in the Grotto



THIS WEEKEND HOLY LAND SALE

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We will be collecting food for Easter distribution beginning tomorrow, March 20th to March 31st

We need pasta (no lasagna), crushed tomatoes, soups of any kind, mac & cheese, cereals, juices (apple and grape), tuna fish, canned chicken, canned fruits, canned vegetables, stuffing, cookie tins, coffee and tea

Please bring your donations to the Food Pantry in the Convent Monday, Wednesday or Thursday mornings from 9:00 — 11:30 AM or to the Parish Office

Any questions please call 917-965-1913

God bless you for your generosity and concern!



SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH 10:00 AM—6:00 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
VELTRI HALL

Vendors selling new items & crafts

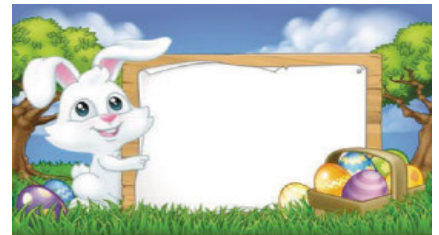
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BBQ Food sponsored by our Scout Troop #376 & Girl Scout Troop #673 & Your Food Contribution *Would you consider cooking and donating your favorite dish or the food that is your specialty to sell at the Fair by the Scouts? When you decide what you will make call Steven Wofse 347-224-3348. A placard will be put in front of your half/whole tray to thank you. We appreciate anything you can donate to the Fair*



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 PICTURES**

**Easter Bunny will appear
 during Easter Egg Hunt**



SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH 1:00—3:00 PM
ST. ANTHONY GARDEN

**(RAINDATE SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH AFTER THE
 11:00 MASS)**

If you are participating in this event please use the tear off below and return this week to the Parish Office, the Academy Office or on Wednesday to the Faith Formation Office

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