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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*

APRIL 16, 2023 - 2ND WEEK OF EASTER

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4/16 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Raffaele Persechino
 9:00 AM Concetta & Ciro D'Istria & Francesco Mentasana
 11:00 AM Deacon Carlo V. Mellace
 12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

4/17 Monday Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31; John 3:1-8

8:30 AM Nicholas J. Iommarini
 7:30 PM Spanish

4/18 Tuesday Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15

8:30 AM Salvatore J. Zoleta

4/19 Wednesday Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

8:30 AM Joseph & Mario Francavilla

4/20 Thursday Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

8:30 AM Salvatore Gallaro

4/21 Friday Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-5

8:30 AM Conte Family

4/22 Saturday Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

8:30 AM Lillian Cossack



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 Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone,
 Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla,
 Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria
 Isabella, Michael DeMartino, Sr.,
 Paula Borrero, Bonnie Schlegal,
 Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas,
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 Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon
 Vittuci, Jose Sauce, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo Esposito,
 Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert, Amamda Oliva

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

MAY 6TH DINNER/DANCE
TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE
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TABLE RESERVATIONS ARE
BEING ACCEPTED

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EASTER GIFT	\$3,515.00
EASTER MASS	\$1,692.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$1,855.00
ON LINE GIVING	\$395.00

JOIN US FOR A BUS TRIP TO THE BLUE
ARMY SHRINE ON SATURDAY, MAY 13TH,
THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA.
DEPART 8:00 AM RETURN 5:00 PM
COST \$50.00 CALL THE PARISH OFFICE



PASTOR'S CORNER

Reflection on the Liturgy of the Word



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, one week after our Easter Sunday celebration, we return at God's invitation to continue our great Easter Season of Fifty Days. We follow the example of the early Christians, who *"devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to prayer"*. We who have not seen and yet believe in the Resurrection are called to be signs of the Resurrection to others. The Eucharist this day and every day nourishes us for the task. In imitation of the first Christians, we now devote ourselves to listening to the teaching of the apostles. Let us experience with them the joy of seeing the Risen Lord and being granted his *Peace*. Our hearts rejoice with glorious joy as we hear the familiar Gospel story of Thomas, the apostle who doubted. As we are nourished at the table of the Word, let our response be the same as that of Thomas. With joy we acclaim the Risen Christ with the words: *"My Lord and my God"*.

Mercy is a virtue influencing one's will to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

To counsel the doubtful ** instruct the ignorant ** admonish the sinner ** comfort the sorrowful ** forgive all injuries ** bear wrongs patiently ** pray for the living and the dead

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

To feed the hungry ** give drink to the thirsty ** clothe the naked ** shelter the homeless ** visit the sick ** visit the imprisoned ** bury the dead



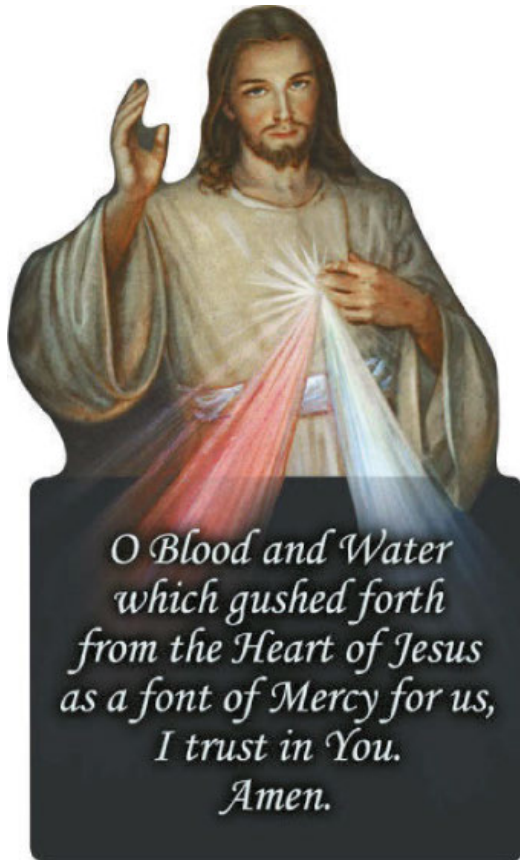
**EASTER BLESSINGS TO OUR 2 NEW CATHOLICS
AT THE EASTER VIGIL THEY WERE FULLY INITIATED
INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
RECEIVING THE EASTER SACRAMENTS
BAPTISM CONFIRMATION EUCHARIST**

**BENJAMIN JOSEPH ORTIZ
KERRY MONICA WOO**



**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 23RD, AT THE 11:00 MASS
WE WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
FOR 3 CHILDREN FROM OUR ACADEMY**

**DAVID MARTINEZ
LEONARDO BARDOMIANO
ELIEL BARDOMIANO-MARTINEZ**



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: In 2000 our Holy Father, Blessed Pope John Paul II, proclaimed to the world, that *“from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday”*. The occasion was the Mass for the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the *“Apostle of Divine Mercy”*. Her deep interior faith revealed to her and ultimately the world, the *“limitless mercy of Jesus”*. From the diary of this young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God’s love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God’s mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us —no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for God’s Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

DIVINE MERCY AND THE FEAST OF EASTER

The idea of this special celebration of God’s mercy on the Sunday after Easter is not a new or radical idea stemming simply from a private revelation. Our Lord, through St. Faustina, is simply reemphasizing what was strongly urged by Saint Thomas the Apostle in the earliest liturgical document in existence, the *“Apostolic Constitution”*. There we read: *“After eight days following the Feast of Easter, let there be another feast observed with honor, the eighth day itself, on which He gave me, Thomas, who was hard of belief, full assurance, by showing me the print of the nails and the wound made in His side by the spear.”*

What assurance did Thomas receive by the sight of the Lord’s wounded side? Not that Christ was truly risen (for that was obvious), but that He is divine and therefore has the power of reversing sin. This assurance was accomplished by the sight of the wounded source of the *“stream of mercy”*, the source of Christ’s *“transfusion”* of His life-blood to the Church through the Sacraments, especially of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. *“From within Christ rivers of living water shall flow”*. Here we have the key to understanding the Image of the Divine mercy with its rays signifying the Blood and the Water that flowed from Christ’s pierced side. We can also see these rays as simultaneously symbolizing the Holy Spirit, whom Christ breathed into the disciples during the same Octave-Day appearance. On the strength of that Holy breath, all sins are forgiven and atonement with the Father is accomplished. Here, *God is reconciling the world to Himself* (2 Cor 5:18) And here the Church, the newly-born Body of Christ, is commissioned to be the instrument of reconciliation down through the ages.

This is Christ’s Great Promise of complete pardon of sin and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday through the reception of the Sacrament which is a participation in His death to sin and rising to divine life. How grateful we should be for being drawn into the depths of God’s Mercy!

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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



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Any questions please call 917-965-1913.

God bless you for your generosity and concern!

PASTORAL MINISTRY THANK YOU

On behalf of OLG Pastoral Ministry, we wish to thank the OLG Catholic Academy and all Parishioners who donated to our Easter Food Drive. your generosity allowed us to give extra to those who came to the Pantry, as well as the Ministry to the Homeless.

May God's Easter Blessing be with you in this Easter Season and throughout the year!



ARE YOU AN ADULT BAPTIZED CATHOLIC OR DO YOU KNOW AN ADULT BAPTIZED CATHOLIC WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION OR NEEDS CONFIRMATION?

SACRAMENTS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 28TH. PREPARATION CLASSES ARE ON TUESDAYS AT 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE. TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 718-627-2020



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With Heartfelt Thanks Mary Ann De Luca - Phyllis Niwinski- Pat Marotta
wish to thank the contributors to the Easter Fair

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Divine Mercy Chaplet

Introduction:

Our Father, Hail Mary, &
The Apostles Creed.

On the Our Father beads, pray:

**Eternal Father, I offer You the Body
and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your
dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus
Christ—in atonement for our sins
and those of the whole world.**

On the Hail Mary beads, pray:

**For the sake of His sorrowful
Passion—have mercy on us and
on the whole world. (x10)**

Repeat decade cycle 5 times

Concluding Prayer:

**Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy
Immortal One—have mercy on us
and on the whole world. (x3)**

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