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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.

<u>SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:</u> 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.

<u>DEVOTIONS</u>: 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 9, 2023 - OCTAVE OF EASTER

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4/9 EASTER SUNDAY

Acts10:34a,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

9:00 AM Vito Cutrone: 40th Anniversary

11:00 AM Joyce & Nino Biase, Joe & Maria Angelino,

Laura Abrami, Josephine Cardone Joe LoMonaco,

Ernest Anemone, Luca DiMatteo

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

4/10 Monday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-23; Matthew 28:8-15

8:30 AM Joe & Maria Angelino

4/11 <u>Tuesday within the Octave of Easter</u>

Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

8:30 AM Charles & Anna Leo

4/12 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

8:30 AM Vincenzo Romeo

4/13 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

4/14 <u>Friday within the</u> Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-12: John 21:1-14

8:30 AM Schiano & Conte Families

4/15 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15

8:30 AM Holy Name Society: Living & Deceased Members

11:00 AM Memorial Mass: Anthony Fischetti



BANNERS TO BEAUTIFY OUR CHURCH ARE NOW READY TO BE MEMORAL-IZED. THEY ARE IN THE DIFFERENT COLORS AND IMAGES OF THE CHURCH YEAR. THE BANNERS RANGE IN PRICE FROM \$135.00 TO \$160.00. THE PRICE IS FOR THE BANNER AND A MEMORIAL LABEL WHICH WILL BE SEWN ON THE BACK OF THE BANNER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING A BANNER COME TO THE PARISH OFFICE



The Bread & Wine

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Requested by

CHILDREN & GRANCHILDREN



The Sanctuary Candle
In Memory of
JENNIE & LOUIS PADULANO
Requested by
GENTILE FAMILY



The Altar Candles
In Memory of
LORETTA RINALDI
Requested by

RICHARD RINALDI & GENTILE FAMILY



The Chapel Candles

In Loving Memory of
ELBEE BEHRAKE-N &
MARJORIE ANN PATNODE
Requested by
MAMA & MEMA
LINDA & MARIA



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 Schlegal, Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffo, 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, RoRo Esposito

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

ROSE TESORIERO

FOR THE MAY 6TH DINNER/DANCE TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.INDIVIDUAL & TABLE RESERVATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED











ur Easter refrain begins today, "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad! Christ is risen, truly risen and we are witnesses to God's glorious deeds. We celebrate the Lord's Resurrection, as the Body of Christ, in union with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We begin our celebration of Easter with the Holy Vigil where we gather around the fire to light our Paschal Candle, we bless the waters of Baptism, we initiate two new members into the Church, we renew our Baptismal Promises and share the Banquet of new life. The darkness of the night gives way to the dawn of rejoicing as we go to the tomb with Mary of Magdala and Peter and John to see the empty tomb and the burial cloths there. With them we see and believe for we understand the Scriptures that Jesus had to rise from the dead. The power of this holy day leads us to witness to the Resurrection for the life of the world. The readings celebrate the Lord's Resurrection. Peter and Paul bring the good news to the Gentiles, Peter giving eyewitness testimony of hid time with Jesus before and after his death and resurrection, whilw Paul points out that the resurrection transforms our lives. In the Gospel, neither angels nor the Risen lord appear to the first visitors to the tomb to testify to the Resurrection, but the disciple Jesus lives believes at once. May God's Word guide us to belief as well.



THE RITE OF CHIRSTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

On Holy Saturday Night, at the Easter Vigil, we welcomed into the Church two new Catholics

FOR FULL INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH BY THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM CONFIRMATION & EUCHARIST

BENJAMINE JOSEPH ORTIZ, JR.
&
KERRY MONICA WOO

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

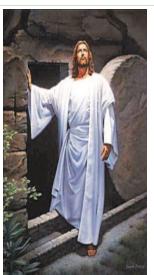
- <u>UNDATED</u>: EASTER FLOWERS & EASTER MASS REMEMBERANCE (ENVELOPES AVAIALBLE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH)
- PLEASE RETURN LENTEN FOLDER OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH NEXT WEEKEND
- EASTER SUNDAY FOR THE RETIRED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE

RETURNING TO THE LITURGY AT EASTER IS HOLY WATER IN THE FONTS AND THE GREETING TO OFFER ONE ANOTHER THE SIGN OF PEACE

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

which celebrates lesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is our most important holyday. It is a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. The Roman Catholic Church, following the Gregorian Calendar, celebrates Easter on the first Sunday, following the full moon after the vernal equinox on March 21st. Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 22nd and April 25th



every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holyday a week or two after ours.

The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from Eostre, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term hebdomada alba, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as esostarum in Old High German, which eventually became Easter in English. In Italian, Easter is known as Pasqua; in Spanish, Pascua; in French, Paques. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin Pascha or Pasch, for Passover. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection occurred after he went to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover (or Pesach in Hebrew), the Jewish festival commemorating the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. Pascha eventually came to mean Easter.

aster is really an entire season of the Church Year, We have just finished Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, which has been a time of reflection and penance and represented the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Jesus survived various temptations by the devil. The week preceding Easter is Holy Week and includes the Triduum (the three days) Holy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The week of Easter is called the Octave of Easter which begins the Great 50 Days of the Easter Season. The Octave ends with Divine Mercy Sunday. Included in the Easter Season is the celebration of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven (40 days) and the conclusion of Easter on the 50th day, Pentecost.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

(Next weekend)

In 2000 our Holy Father, Saint 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

Easter Love

On Easter we celebrate love,
love coming down from heaven,
love blanketing the earth
in a transforming embrace;
unique and infinite love,
giving more than we can imagine
for us, to cleanse our sin,
a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,
the walking, talking Word.
He is teacher, role model, friend,
this God in human form,
dying, then rising from the dead,
proving all who believe
will also rise



to have eternal life, with Him,

I ord of all.

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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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 WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH IN THE PARISH OFFICE. TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 718-627-2020



EASTER SUNDAY

SALE OF EASTER BASKETS

& COOKIES AFTER ALL THE MASSES



<u>PASTORAL MINISTRY</u> is once again reaching out to our parishioners to help the needy of our community by asking for volunteers in the Food Pantry, the Wednesday Program of preparing a hot meal and delivering it to the homeless. Any help you can give will be greatly appreciated. Any questions please call 917-965-1913.

God bless you for your generosity and concern!



BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION

Every Saturday 9:00 AM-12 Noon in the Gym through April 29th. For more info go to olgaa.com or call 718-336-7148

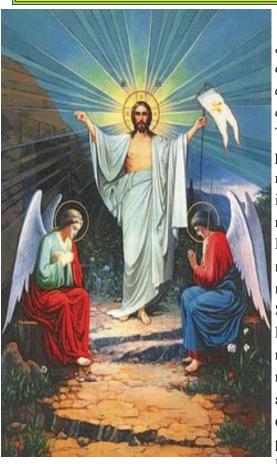


THOSE ON THE MAILING LIST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PLEDGE IN THE MAIL. ALL OTHERS CAN MAKE A PLEDGE IN THE CHURCH DURING THE IN-PEW WEEKENDS THIS MONTH. I ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE SO WHEN WE GO OVER OUR GOAL OF \$44,663.00 ALL MONEY OVER GOAL WILL COME BACK TO OUR PARISH. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A NEW BOILER AND HOT WATER HEATER FOR THE RECTORY & PARISH MEETING ROOM.

THRIFT SHOP INVENTORY: DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT IS IN THE THRIFT SHOP? THE LADIES HAVE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF THE MANY ITEMS THAT ARE ON SALE:

Angel Items Arts and Crafts Artwork Belts Bike Helmets Blankets Blue Jeans Bowls Candlesticks CD's Cell Phone Accessories Children's/Infants Clothes Children's Toys Christmas Items (on sale all year) Coats (for men, women and children) Coasters Collector Pins Cooking Utensils Crafts Crystal Items Crystal Trays Cups Curtains Dishes Draperies Decorative Pillows DVD's Formal Shoes Formal Wear Glasses Gloves Golf Bag Golf Shoes Greeting Cards Halloween Decorations Handbags Hats House Ware Items Jackets Jewelry Lingerie Men's Suits Mugs Nostalgic Items Pet Supplies Picture Frames Pots Platters Plastic Cannisters Pocketbooks PJ's Precious Moments Purses Puzzles Religious Statues Rosary Beads Scarfs Seasonal Holiday Items Baby, Ladies & Men's Shoes & Boots Shower Curtains Silver Items Silverware Snow Babies Sports Items Stemware Trays Vases Swim Ware Tablecloths Travel Bags inas Sweaters Wallets Baskets Wine Decanters And Much More....

- Ministerios Hispanos -



MENSAJE DE PASCUA 2023

¿Buscas a Jesús de Nazaret, el Crucificado? Ha resucitado: no está aquí. Este es el lugar donde fue puesto. Ahora ve y dile a sus discípulos y a Pedro: "Va delante de ti a Galilea. Allí lo verás, tal como te dijo.(Marcos 16, 6-7)

Tomo tres mensajes clave de este pasaje del Evangelio de Marcos, para desearles un feliz Pascua. En primer lugar, justo cuando las mujeres pensaban que entraban en el mundo de la muerte, ya que iban a embalsamar el cuerpo de Jesús en el sepulcro, se les comunica una gran noticia: ¡Jesús ha resucitado! ¡Qué sorpresa! Para Dios, nada es imposible. En medio de nuestra angustia, de nuestro sufrimiento, de nuestra oscuridad, Cristo resucitado se nos revela también hoy.

Sin haber tenido la oportunidad de estudiar el caso, de comprobar los hechos, de ver por sí mismos que Jesús había resucitado realmente, son enviados inmediatamente como mensajeros de la buena noticia. Este envío en misión debe desafiarnos a su vez. Bajo el aliento del Espíritu, no dudemos en ser portadores de la alegría del Evangelio. No esperemos a tener todas las respuestas a nuestras preguntas antes de dar testimonio de nuestra fe.

El tercer mensaje clave es más sutil pero conlleva una gran esperanza. "Va delante de ti a Galilea. Galilea es el lugar donde viven los discípulos, es su "casa". La buena noticia de la resurrección les será anunciada en su propio terreno. Jesús va delante de ellos y les sale al encuentro en su entorno vital y laboral, en todos los acontecimientos de su vida cotidiana. Jesús también nos encuentra a todos en nuestra propia "Galilea", donde estamos físicamente, pero también espiritualmente. Él no espera a que seamos cristianos perfectos para entrar en relación con nosotros. Él va delante de nosotros en cada momento, aquí y ahora, y camina con nosotros, como lo hizo con los discípulos en el camino de Emaús. ¿Seremos capaces de reconocerlo y ser testigos de su presencia transformadora?

¡Feliz Pascua!

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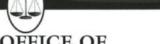
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