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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.

<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*

FEBRUARY 26, 2023 - 1STWEEK OFLENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2/26 <u>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</u>

Genesis 2:7-9;3:1-7; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Louis Panarella, Mario & Joseph

Francavilla, Nicholas J. Iommarini, Sue Tramontano

9:00 AM Rosary Society

11:00 AM Filomena DeLello, Josephine Cardone, Angelo

Bonvino, Josephine Lupo, Joseph Clanstein

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

2/27 Monday Gregory of Narek, Abbot & Doctor
Leviticus 19:1-2.11-18: Matthew 25:31-46

8:30 AM Carmella Marino Bonventre

7:30 PM Spanish

2/28 Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

8:30 AM Salvatore, Maria, Raffaele Ercole

3/1 Wednesday Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32

8:30 AM Nicholas J. Iommarini

3/2 Thursday Esther C:12,14-16,23-25; Matthew 7:7-12

8:30 AM Lena Cutrone: Birthday

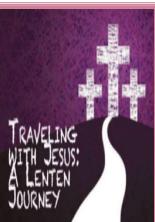
3/3 Friday Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26

8:30 AM Anthony Soscia

3/4 Saturday <u>Casimir</u>

Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

8:30 AM Frank, Helen & Frank Jr. Thomas



LENTEN FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN) MONDAY 10:30 AM

MONDAY 10:30 AM TUESDAY 7:30 PM

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

Preview of readings:

We mark this Season of Lent with prayer, fasting, almsgiving and repentance knowing that our destiny lies in eternal life with the Lord. We come to worship him for he

transform our destiny. Today Peter, James and John receive a remarkable gift, seeing the Lord transfigured before their eyes. We are given a remarkable gift as well every day we come to Mass. We see our simple gifts of bread and wine transfigured into the Body and Blood of the Lord. As we listen to God's Word and receive the Sacrament of Jesus, let us not forget the miracle we witness at every Mass.



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PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



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& PASTORAL MINISTRY



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VETERANS &
FIRST RESPONDERS



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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, Anthony Fischetti, Jose Sauce

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

ANGELO GARAFANO, EMILY VITALE

WEEKLY COLLECTION FEBRUARY 19TH

1ST COLLECTION \$2,496.00 2ND COLLECTION \$536.00 EARTHQUAKE RELIEF \$3,151.00 ON LINE GIVING \$445.00





Our faith in the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ has brought us here today to listen to the story of his temptation in the desert. We too know temptations even as we begin our forty day Lenten retreat. Let us pray for the grace to learn from Jesus' example and fortified by the Eucharist we celebrate together, may we emerge victorious on Easter morning at the end of our Lenten journey of repentance and renewal.

The Sundays of our Lenten journey of repentance are marked by the sharing of sacred stories central to our faith. Today we enter the desert with the Lord. Then we will climb the mountain of his Transfiguration followed by the witness of Jesus to the woman of Samaria at the well. As we draw closer to Easter we experience the healing of the man born blind and will stand in wonder as Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Today's readings start in a garden and end in a desert. In the garden with Adam and Eve we encounter temptation, disobedience and shame. In the desert with Jesus we encounter temptation and a radical obedience to the Father's will. St. Paul tells us about the meaning of this contrast: the disobedience of one brought sin into the world and the obedience of the other brought us salvation. Now let us walk with Jesus into the desert of our own temptation as we ask God for the strength to conquer sin in our lives.

ENT The word **Lent** has an obscure origin and is probably a corruption of similar terms in ancient Anglo Saxon and Germanic languages, all of which referred to spring, new life and hope. Although it is generally considered to be a time of mourning and repentance, it is also designated as a time of new life and hope because by means of the death of Christ, we receive new life.

The Lenten period is calculated to extend from Easter Sunday back for forty days, not including Sundays. Sundays are not included because they commemorate Christ's glorious resurrection on "the day after the Sabbath," "the first day of the week," "the Lord's Day". The forty days commemorate the significant "forty" periods in Scripture: including the time of Noah and the forty days and nights of the flood, the forty years the Jews wandered in the desert after they had been rescued by God from Egypt and which did not end until they repented. Jonah preached to Nineveh that God's judgment would come on them in forty days. During that time the people repented and thus were spared God's judgment. Jesus was tested by the Devil in the desert for forty days before He began His public ministry, announcing salvation to the repentant and judgment to those who continued to rebel against God. Jesus prophesied that God's judgment would come against Israel for rejecting Him as Messiah within the time of His own generation.(Matt. 24; Luke 21; Mark 13) Within forty years of His death, burial and resurrection, Jerusalem was destroyed and the temple was so ravaged that "not one stone was left here upon another".(Matt. 24:2) The Jewish Christians escaped this judgment of God by fleeing to "the mountains" before the final Roman siege, just as Jesus had warned them to do. (Matt. 24:16-21)

During Lent we are to contemplate our sinfulness, repent, ask God's forgiveness and realize the infinite sacrifice God made on our behalf. It is to be a time of quiet contemplation, but not a time of despair, since it culminates in the commemoration of the Resurrection. Traditionally, those who are joining the church spend this period in special instruction regarding Christian doctrine, practice and responsibility. Historically, prospective members ("catechumens") did not participate in the Lord's Supper portion of the Sunday services until they were received into full membership on the Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord. For them, this first experience of Ash Wednesday and Lent has special significance as God's eternal plan of salvation is applied to them personally.

Some Christians abstain from a normal part of their daily routine during Lent to remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. Some might refrain from eating certain favorite foods or from frivolous entertainment, etc. We ask our Academy Students and our Religious Education children to sacrifice and contribute to the MITE BOX DRIVE. We ask our parishioners to sacrifice and use the LENTEN COIN FOLDERS to benefit or Food Pantry and Homeless Program.

In following the disciplines of Lent; of fasting, prayer and almsgiving we are uniting our sacrifice to Christ and renewing our life as we prepare for to focus on the events of Holy Week leading up to the Last Supper, Christ's betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, burial and finally, His triumphant Resurrection.

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

The person who sings prays twice! Anyone who is interested in joining the Adult Choir see Larry at the end of Mass. Choir rehearsals will begin shortly, we are in need of a few more members to make it a full choir. Anyone can join! Rehearsal time and evenings will be determined later. We will meet once per week, It will be great to have you!

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CALLING ALL COOKS YOU ARE NEEDED FOR THE EASTER FAIR!

We need help from the great cooks of Gravesend. Would you consider cooking and donating your favorite Italian/American dish to sell at the Fair by the Scouts? Along with BBQ fare we are looking to sell: meatballs, rice balls, sausage and peppers, chili, rice and beans, chow mein, chicken parmagiana, or any food that is your specialty. When you decide what you will make call Steven Wofse 347-224-3348 so we don't have duplications. A placard will be put in front of your half/whole tray to thank you. We appreciate anything you can donate to the Fair.

A CALL FOR PARISH/ACADEMY PARTICIPATION

As we prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year, THE CARD PARTY, scheduled for 7:00 PM on Friday, March 24th, (Theme: VIVA LAS VEGAS) we are asking for help with the following:

Gift Card Donation Gift Certificate Donations Monetary Donations Prize Donations (New and Unused) Basket Donations to be used for Gift Packing Please ask your Place of Employment for a Donation

All donations can be sent to the School Office

Thank you in advance for your support in making this year's Card Party a great success,

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 TICKETS ON SALE AT THE ACADEMY 718-375-2081 \$30,00 PER PERSON INCLUDES: BEVERAGES, COFFEE/TEA & COOKIES TABLES OF 8/10

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THIS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST 2 EVENTS AT OLG

- FOR THE DIOCESE & OUR PARISH: A DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION BEGINNING WITH THE 8:30 AM MASS AND CONTINUINING IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL: 9:30 MORNING PRAYER, SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND SILENT ADORATION, 12:00 ANGELUS AND ROSARY, SCRIPTURE REFLECTION AND SILENT ADORATION, 3:00 PM DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET, SILENT ADORATION
- <u>FOR THE DEANERY AND OUR PARISH</u>: 7:00 PM PENANCE SERVICE AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- MARCH IST Adoration & Penance See information on page 4
- MARCH 11TH Confirmation Retreat 1:00 PM (Veltri Hall)



• MARCH 18TH First Penance 11:00 AM

<u>Lenten Soup Supper</u> 5:00 PM (Academy Cafeteria) Chef Ray will make Lentil & Minestrone Soup \$10.00 Tickets at Rectory — speaker to be determined

- MARCH 18TH & 19TH Holy Land Sale Olive Wood Religious Articles after the Masses
- MARCH 24TH Card Party 7:00 PM See information on page 4
- MARCH 25TH & 26TH Easter Fair in Veltri Hall Vendors selling new items Saturday Egg Hunt & Pictures with the Easter Bunny BBQ Food sponsored by our Scout Troop #376 & Your Food Contribution (see page 4) 50/50 Raffles & More
- APRIL 1st Knights of Columbus Bingo Night (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 (13th Avenue & 80th Street)

 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
- 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 Scout Troop #376 BBQ in Grotto



THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 4TH IS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

IT IS OUR PARISH AFTERNOON OF PRAYER. WE WILL GATHER FOR OUR
PARISH ROSARY AT 1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH PRAYING THE HAIL MARYS IN
ENGLISH, ITALIAN, SPANISH, POLISH AND LATIN
FOLLOWED BY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

With Heartfelt Thanks

& PRAYERS IN HONOR OF PADRE PIO

Just a note of thanks for your most precious donation on February 5th here at the Our Lady of Grace Blood Drive. We almost hit our record of 63 pints by your help in donating 62 pints. In perspective those 62 pints helped 186 patients in our region.

And if I can ask them all, I would get a loud resounding THANK YOU from all to you. I am grateful to be part of a group of individuals who make this world much more humane.

Bless you!

Carl, PGK, Knights of Columbus Cafiero Council & Minister, Our Lady of Grace

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE — APRIL 2ND— VELTRI HALL 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

MONDAY MORNINGS & TUESDAY EVENINGS FAITH SHARING

MARCH 1ST ADORATON & PENANCE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER

THE 8:30 AM MASS

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM



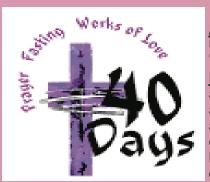
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THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1ST 7:00 PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK APRIL 3RD



REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence: All of the faithful who have reached the age of 14 years are required to Abstain totally from eating meat on all of the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

<u>Fasting</u>: All of the faithful who are between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to Fast on Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day. The Church also requests that pastors and parents see to it that young persons, who are not bound to follow the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance.



THE TIME IS AT HAND FOR THE 2023 DIOCESAN ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Reflection on the Theme: You are encouraged to be a beacon of light and hope to those less fortunate. By taking a leadership role in giving to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal and setting an example of Christian Stewardship for others to follow. Much has been given to us. In turn, we should give thanks by showing sincere concern for the mission and work of the Diocese in bringing the Gospel to those who need it most.

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

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