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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*

MARCH 12, 2023 - 3RD WEEK OF LENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

3/12 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2,5-8; John 4:5-42

Saturday, Vigil Mass 4:00 PM Andrew Ragone, Eileen Wilke,

Theodora Moeser

9:00 AM William Albridge, Nancy Mercurio-Rizzo, Chiara

Bonvino, Ferdinando Bertolotti, Nick Coppola

11:00 AM Giovanna Pasini

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

3/13 Monday 2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Luke 4:24-30

8:30 AM Loretta Wilson

7:30 PM Spanish

3/14 Tuesday Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

8:30 AM Eva & Joseph Pietrantonio

3/15 *Wednesday* Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5: 17-19

8:30 AM Concetta Ferrigno

3/16 Thursday Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

8:30 AM Agostino & Rosa DiCostanzo

3/17 Friday <u>Patrick, Bishop</u>

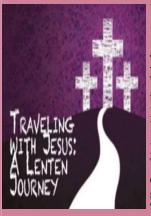
Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

8:30 AM Henry Lessler

3/18 Saturday Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor

Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

8:30 AM Louise Mangelli



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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE (REJOICE) SUNDAY

Preview of readings:

We rejoice in the knowledge that the cross does not end in death, that Jesus' story does not end in the tomb. The readings explore the theme of

blindness, both literal and metaphorical. A man literally blind receives his sight and we witness the metaphorical blindness of Samuel to David's fitness for kingship, the Pharisees' blindness to Jesus' holiness and even the willful blindness of the blind man's parents when they are questioned. May our reflection on God's Word help us examine our own blindness as we welcome the light of Christ. Let us rejoice!

ALL ARE WELCOME!



The Bread & Wine
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The Sanctuary Candle
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FIRST RESPONDERS



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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

ROBERT STRACQUADINE, ELANIE ELEFTERION, LORETTA WILSON, MARIA ANGELINO

WEEKLY COLLECTION MARCH 5TH

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 \$1,927.00

 2nd COLLECTION
 \$506.00

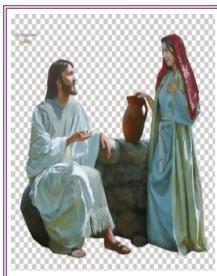
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 \$480.00

 FUEL
 \$667.00

 ON LINE GIVING
 \$495.00

Reflection on the Liturgy of the Word





The question that Jesus puts to the Samaritan woman: "Give me a drink" (Jn 4: 7), is presented to us in the Liturgy of the Third Sunday; it expresses the passion of God for every man and woman and wishes to awaken in our hearts the desire for the gift of "a spring of water within, welling up for eternal life" (Jn 4: 14): this is the gift of the Holy Spirit, who transforms Christians into "true worshipers", capable of praying to the Father "in spirit and truth" (Jn 4: 23). Only this water can extinguish our thirst for goodness, truth and beauty! Only this water, given to us by the Son, can irrigate the deserts of our restless and unsatisfied soul, until it "finds rest in God", the famous words of St. Augustine.

Jesus is "the gift of God" and the source of "the living water". As we journey to Easter and the renewal of our Baptismal Promises we will be sprinkled with this living water. Like the Samaritan woman, Jesus plumbs the secrets of our hearts as we too acknowledge him truly as "the savior of the world".

LENTEN MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS (PART TWO)

Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey

And so we come to its culmination. The Gospel relates that Jesus "was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light" (*Mt* 17:2). This is the "summit", the goal of the journey. At the end of their ascent, as they stand on the mountain heights with Jesus, the three disciples are given the grace of seeing him in his glory, resplendent in supernatural light. That light did not come from without, but radiated from the Lord himself. The divine beauty of this vision was incomparably greater than all the efforts the disciples had made in the ascent of Tabor. During any strenuous mountain trek, we must keep our eyes firmly fixed on the path; yet the panorama that opens up at the end amazes us and rewards us by its grandeur. So too, the synodal process may often seem arduous, and at times we may become discouraged. Yet what awaits us at the end is undoubtedly something wondrous and amazing, which will help us to understand better God's will and our mission in the service of his kingdom.

The disciples' experience on Mount Tabor was further enriched when, alongside the transfigured Jesus, Moses and Elijah appeared, signifying respectively the Law and the Prophets (cf. Mt 17:3). The newness of Christ is at the same time the fulfilment of the ancient covenant and promises; it is inseparable from God's history with his people and discloses its deeper meaning. In a similar way, the synodal journey is rooted in the Church's tradition and at the same time open to newness. Tradition is a source of inspiration for seeking new paths and for avoiding the opposed temptations of immobility and improvised experimentation.

The Lenten journey of penance and the journey of the Synod alike have as their goal a transfiguration, both personal and ecclesial. A transformation that, in both cases, has its model in the Transfiguration of Jesus and is achieved by the grace of his paschal mystery. So that this transfiguration may become a reality in us this year, I would like to propose two "paths" to follow in order to ascend the mountain together with Jesus and, with him, to attain the goal.

The first path has to do with the command that God the Father addresses to the disciples on Mount Tabor as they contemplate Jesus transfigured. The voice from the cloud says: "Listen to him" (*Mt* 17:5). The first proposal, then, is very clear: we need to listen to Jesus. Lent is a time of grace to the extent that we listen to him as he speaks to us. And how does he speak to us? First, in the word of God, which the Church offers us in the liturgy. May that word not fall on deaf ears; if we cannot always attend Mass, let us study its daily biblical readings, even with the help of the internet. In addition to the Scriptures, the Lord speaks to us through our brothers and sisters, especially in the faces and the stories of those who are in need. Let me say something else, which is quite important for the synodal process: listening to Christ often takes place in listening to our brothers and sisters in the Church. Such mutual listening in some phases is the primary goal, but it remains always indispensable in the method and style of a synodal Church.

TO BE CONTINUED

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

COOKING YOU FOR THE EASTER FAIR

Would you consider cooking and donating your favorite Italian/American 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

NEXT WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

The revenue from this collection will be sent to support CRS; the US CCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services along with Pastoral Care Ministry and relief work of the Holy Father. Please be generous!

THE RITE OF CHIRSTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) THE RITE OF SCRUTINY ON THE 3RD, 4TH & 5TH SUNDAYS OF LENT SPECIAL TIME OF PREPARATION FOR OUR 2 ELECT, KERRY WOO AND BENJAMIN ORTIZ WHO WILL BE ADMITTED INTO THE CHURCH AT THE EASTER VIGIL ON HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT. ON THESE 3 SUNDAYS AT THE 11:00 MASS WE WILL USETHE READINGS FOR THE PURPOSE OF QUESTIONING THEM AND STRENGTHENING THEIR COMMITMENT TO RECEIVE THE EASTER



SACRAMENTS. TODAY AS JESUS ENCOUNTERS THE SAMARITIAN WOMAN AT THE WELL AND SCRUTIZIES HER LIFE SHE TELLS THE PEOPLE "HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING I HAVE DONE". JESUS QUESTIONS HOW SHE IS LIVING HER LIFE AND CALLS HER TO AMEND HER LIFE JESUS SPEAKS OF THE LIVING WATER HE WILL GIVE HER "EVERYONE WHO DRINKS THIS WATER WILL BE THIRSTY AGAIN; BUT WHOEVER DRINKS THE WATER I WILL GIVE WILL NEVER THIRST; THE WATER I SHALL GIVE WILL BECOME IN HIM A SPRING OF WATER WELLING UP TO ETERNAL LIFE". JESUS' TEACHING MOVES OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM EARTHLY WATER TO THE HEAVENLY GIFT OF GOD, THE WATERS OF BAPTISM. KERRY & BENJAMIN WILL BE SCRUTINIZED AND QUESTIONED TO EXAMINE THEIR LIVES SO THEY MAY COME TO KNOW, LIKE THE PEOPLE OF THIS SAMARITAN TOWN, THAT JESUS "IS TRULY THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD".

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- MARCH 12TH Pancake Breakfast (Academy Cafeteria) see below
- MARCH 18TH First Penance 11:00 AM

 Lenten Soup Supper 5:00 PM (Academy Cafeteria) see below
- MARCH 18TH & 19TH Holy Land Sale Olive Wood Religious Articles after the Masses
- MARCH 24TH Card Party 7:00 PM
- MARCH 25TH & 26TH Easter Fair (Veltri Hall) Vendors selling new items
 Saturday Egg Hunt & you can take your own 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 (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 Scout Troop #376 BBQ in Grotto



THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH
After the 9:00 & 11:00 & 12:30 Masses
Join the Scouts of Troop 376 for a
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
in the Academy Cafeteria
Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Bacon
Coffee/Tea, Pastries And More
\$15.00 Adults \$10.00 Kids 12 and Under
Payment at the Door



NEXT SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH
After the 4:00 PM MASS
LENTEN SOUP SUPPER
in the Academy Cafeteria
A light Sacrificial Supper of
Lentil or Minestrone Soup
Prepared by Chef Ray along with
Water, Bread, Coffee/Tea & Dessert
Tickets \$10.00 at Rectory
Guest Speaker

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
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CATHOLIC APPEAL

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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



IRISH BLESSINGS & SAYINGS IN HONOR OF ST. PATRICK

- May the Irish hills caress you; may her lakes and rivers bless you; may the luck of the Irish enfold you; may the blessings of Saint Patrick behold you.
- May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks that grow, and may trouble avoid you wherever you go.
- Never iron a four-leaf clover, because you don't want to press your luck.

From: BISHOP ROBERT J. BRENNAN DISPENSATION FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY:

St. Patrick's Day is a day of celebration for many of the faithful in the Diocese of Brooklyn. To honor St. Patrick is to honor the missionary spirit by which he brought the Faith to Ireland and which so many Irish immigrants brought to this Diocese. The Memorial falls on a Friday during the Penitential Season of Lent. "Because of the importance of the celebration, I am happy to grant a dispensation from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day." Because of the great importance of the penitential character of the Season of Lent, the Faithful who do make use of the dispensation are asked to substitute abstinence on that day with another penitential act or work of charity.

PRAYER FOR OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS MONDAY, MARCH 13TH IS THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF HIS ELECTION AS POPE: O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on your servant Francis, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen



Faith Formation News

This Saturday, March 18th at 11:00 AM our FRIST COMMUNION CHILDREN from our Academy and Faith Formation Program will receive the SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Please keep them & their families in your prayers

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