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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 30, 2023 - 4TH WEEK OF EASTER**

### **MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **4/30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 2:14a,36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10**

**SATURDAY 4:00 PM Charles & Amy Eggers**

**SUNDAY 9:00 AM Rosary Society**

**11:00 AM Venancio Rosado, Nicholas J. Iommarini, Al & Josephine Cardone, Guy Romano, Robert Stracquadine**

**12:30 PM SPANISH People of the Parish**

**3:00 PM CONFIRMATION**

#### **5/1 MONDAY Joseph the Worker**

**Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18**

**8:30 AM Purgatorial Society**

**7:30 PM Spanish Mass**

#### **5/2 TUESDAY Athanasius, Bishop & Doctor**

**Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30**

**8:30 AM Carmine, Angelina Mele**

#### **5/3 WEDNESDAY PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES**

**1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14**

**8:30 AM Louise Gentile**

#### **5/4 THURSDAY Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20**

**8:30 AM Wieslaw Szargut**

#### **5/5 FRIDAY Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6**

**8:30 AM Rachel Poretsky**

#### **5/6 SATURDAY Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14**

**8:30 AM Angelo & Gina Sedita**

**10:30 AM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**1:00 PM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

### ***The Bread & Wine***

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### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**



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Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone,  
Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla,  
Stephen Liell, Ericka Alívez, Gloria  
Isabella, 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,  
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Davis, Bernadette Mamakas, Madelon  
Vittuci, Jose Sauce, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo  
Esposito, Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert,  
Amamda Oliva, Ed Minetti, Graziella Panora

### **PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

#### **MAY 6TH DINNER/DANCE**

**TICKETS ARE ON SALE IN THE  
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TABLE RESERVATIONS ARE  
BEING ACCEPTED**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**APRIL 23RD**

<b>1ST COLLECTION</b>	<b>\$1,414.00</b>
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**AT THE 11:00 MASS WE WILL  
CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF  
BAPTISM FOR 3 CHILDREN FROM OUR  
FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM**

**GEORGE MONTERO  
ISAIAH NINONUEVO  
NOAH NINONUEVO**



**ENVELOPES TO REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER LIVING OR  
DECEASED ARE AT THE ENTRANCES OF  
THE CHURCH. PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED  
THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY**

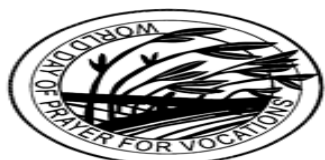
**ON MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND WE WILL  
CONCLUDE THE MASS WITH THE  
CROWNING OF THE BLESSED MOTHER**





Jesus in the Gospel today tells us that he came precisely so that we may live a life of peace and happiness: *"I have come so that they may have life and have it more abundantly."* As we listen to these words of Jesus they take on added meaning because we are in the Easter Season. We have celebrated Jesus' death and resurrection. Jesus had to die to himself to live his new life. Jesus has shown us how to live life to the fullest, we must die to ourselves in order to rise to new life. Our secularized world thinks it has the answer to our needs but what it offers only leads us into deeper despair. Only dying to ourselves as we follow Jesus will lead us to the happiness we seek. Jesus teaches us that the way to happiness lies not in filling up each of our wants and needs and desires. The way to happiness lies in a very different choice of life; in sacrificing and taking up our cross with Jesus, reproducing the life of Jesus in our own lives. And so Jesus says, *I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture...* Saint John Paul II encouraged people many times to find life to the full by following Jesus as he said words like this, *"Do not be afraid to open the doors to Christ..."* In Palestine the shepherd brought the

sheep into the sheepfold every night. It was a circular stone wall with an opening or door where the sheep entered. Once the sheep were inside for the night the shepherd slept in that opening or door all night. The sheep could not get out without stepping over the shepherd's body which meant they would not get out at all during the night. Jesus is the gate, anyone who enters through him will be safe, and will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. Others steal and kill and destroy but Jesus is the Good Shepherd. As we contemplate Jesus the Good Shepherd on this Day of Prayer for Vocations, we are mindful of the words of Pope Francis who reminds us: *"No vocation is born of itself or lives for itself. A vocation flows from the heart of God and blossoms in the good soil of faithful people, in the experience of fraternal love"*. Let us pray that many may listen to the voice of Jesus as he calls, that they may enter the sheepfold through him and be safe and have life and live it to the fullest.



In 1963, Pope Saint Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as **World Day of Prayer for Vocations** (WDPV). Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us well and gives his life for us. In the name of Christ Jesus we rejoice in the Good Shepherd who leads us into fullness of life. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers

into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes



**TODAY IS KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, the Gospel is always taken from the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the *Good Shepherd*. Jesus says: *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me, I give them eternal life and they shall never perish."* Jesus knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father, *"The Father and I are one"* and with Jesus and the Church. Why today is also a **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**, we are reminded, as baptized Catholics and all Christians, that our central vocation is both a call to holiness and to service. *"Holiness is the vocation of our times, of all of us,"* said Saint Paul VI in Vatican Council II. Saint John Paul II constantly called upon young people and all of us to give our lives in service as followers of Jesus Christ. And Pope Francis gives a reminder of this in his example of service for all people, especially the poor.

## Prayer for Vocations

**Generous God, you show us the way that leads to everlasting life. Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with Priests, Deacons and with people in Consecrated Life. Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.**



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

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

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

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



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This Saturday, May 6th 33 of our children in our Academy and Religious Education Program will come to the table of the Lord to receive their First Holy Communion. We thank their parents for bringing them to this grace-filled moment in their lives. The children and the Parish thank our Academy Principal, Mrs. Kelly Wolf, our Director of Religious Education, Ms. Phyllis Niwinski, Deacon Phil Siani, their teacher Mrs. Jennifer Alberti and their catechist, Mrs. Gen Lanzarone for preparing them and our priest staff, Fr. Guy Sbordone, Fr. Nodius Tancial and our Pastor Emeritus, Fr. Dominick Cutrone

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

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## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

- 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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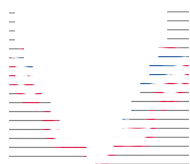
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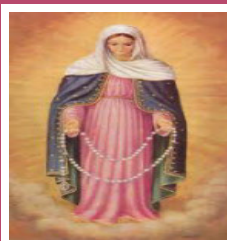
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**MOTHER TERESA:**  
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**THIS SATURDAY, MAY 6TH  
IS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF  
THE MONTH.**

**IT IS OUR PARISH AFTER-  
NOON OF PRAYER. WE  
WILL GATHER FOR OUR  
PARISH ROSARY AT 1:00 PM**

**IN THE ADORATION CHAPEL PRAYING THE  
HAIL MARYS IN ENGLISH, ITALIAN, SPANISH,  
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HONOR OF PADRE PIO**

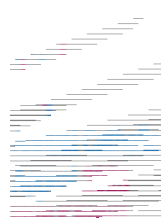
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

### **DIOCESAN LITURGICAL NEW MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOP**

For those interested in becoming a Lector,  
a Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion,  
or Minister of Hospitality the required  
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9:00—3:30 at St. Edmund Prep High  
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**CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 30th**

Bishop Robert J. Brennan will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 40 of our young adults from our Academy and Religious Formation Program.

As they have come to this grace-filled moment in their lives we congratulate their Parents and Sponsors and those who helped in their formation; Deacon Phil, our Academy Principal, Mrs. Kelly Wolf, our Director of Religious Education, Phyllis Niwinski and their teachers and catechists over the years, and in particular this last year, Sionainn Kriska, Michele Cirelli, Roseann D'Angelo, and Cathy Cortes

**BEING SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

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