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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*

JANUARY 21, 2024 3RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1/21 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jonah 3:1-5,10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Saturday Vigil 4:00 DiMaggio, Vitale & Gambino Families
9:00 AM Departed Souls: Storniolo Family & Jude Trejo
11:00 AM Salvatore Vindigni, Ruth Colonna, Betty Mezzo,
Lori Bianco, Annette Bonvino
12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**1/22 Monday DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

2 Samuel 5:1-7,10; Mark 3:22-30

8:30 AM Anne Byrne
For the Sanctity of Human Life

**1/23 Tuesday Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
& Marianna Cope, Virgin**

2 Samuel 6:12b-15,17-19; Mark 3:31-35

8:30 AM Esther Soscia

1/24 Wednesday Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor

2 Samuel 7:4-17; Mark 4:1-20

8:30 AM Fr. Cutrone: 94th Birthday

1/25 Thursday CONVERSION OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

Acts 22:3-16; Mark 16:15-18

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

1/26 Friday Timothy & Titus, Bishops

2 Timothy 1:1-8; Mark 4:26-34

8:30 AM James & Thomas Cavanagh

1/27 Saturday Angela Merici, Virgin

2 Samuel 12:1-7a,10-17; Mark 4:35-41

8:30 AM In Honor of Alfred & Angela Bartolomeo



The Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
ANNETTE BONVINO
Requested by
CHARLES CARDONE*



The Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
ROSE PANARELLA
Requested by
GOLDEN AGE CLUB*



The Chapel Candles

*In Memory of
JOHN & MARIE MINSQUERO
Requested by
MARIE & DAN DELUCA*



PRAY FOR THE SICK

*Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes,
Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone,
Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla,
Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria
Isabella, Paula Borrero, Bonnie
Schlegal, Anthony Barbaro,
Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro,
Marco Griffò, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati,
Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi & Gloria
Mancino, Rosemarie Zappulla, Anthony D. Brasco,
Joseph Salino, Patti Lanni, Mary DiDio, Lucy
Anemone, Frankie Davis, Bernadette Mamakas,
Madelon Vittuci, Bi Ying Chen, RoRo Esposito,
Debbie Lawson, Darren Gilbert, Amamda Oliva,
Graziella Panora, Timothy Mulvey, Joyce & Barry
Mione, Timothy Mulvey, Ed Caso, Gianna Bader,
Michael Guadagnoli, Maryann Casalena, Jamie
DiVenere, Craig Concepcion, Stephanie Martin,
Frankie Melendez, Daniel Stracquadaine, Rosanne
Paolillo, Annemarie Makowski, Gladys Cangelosi,
Mary Ghiraldi, Lou Ann Giannotta, John Bonito,
Sally Vitacco, James Connelly, Bridget Buono-
Cipparullo, Edwin Davilla, Maggie Avanzino,
Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore,
Michelle Rutter-DeVito, Betty Ann Volpe, Louis
Cacciouttolo. Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano, Frank
Bucciano*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*STEPHEN F. BOSZE,
JEAN FAILLACE*

FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD 7:30 PM

**Praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



A preview of the readings:

Moses told the people that one day God would send a prophet from among their descendants who would speak God's Word with authority. We believe this promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who in the Gospel speaks God's Word with such authority that even the unclean spirits obey him! We may be anxious about many things, to use St. Paul's words, but let the knowledge that God can dispel the darkness in our lives give us hope.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



In the Collect (the Opening Prayer of the Mass), we ask God to “direct our actions according to your good pleasure”. The Scriptures show the Ninevites responding to the preaching of Jonah and the first disciples responding to the call of Jesus by decisive actions that proclaim their faith commitment: “when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.” “Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.” Let our worship and prayer “in the name of God’s Beloved Son” lead us to “abound in good works”.

Discipleship requires an active response to repent and embrace the Kingdom’s lifestyle. As always in Ordinary Time, the first reading from the Old Testament, prepares us to hear the Gospel. Today, when Jonah preaches repentance, all the citizens of Nineveh respond by dramatic signs of conversion. Likewise, when Jesus calls the disciples: “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men”, they abandon everything to follow Jesus. Deeds and action are our response to God’s Word as Jesus tells us: “This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.”

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

In his Apostolic Letter *Aperuit illis* issued September 30, 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of **Sunday of the Word of God**, which is every year on the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**, this Sunday:

- The Gospels for all three cycles begin the narrative of Jesus’ public ministry. This Sunday follows the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord and the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time, which continues the Advent and Christmas theme of the manifestation of the Lord. This is the beginning of the presentation of the Lord’s life, teaching and preaching.
- For all the Sundays of Ordinary Time, the readings from the Old Testament and the Responsorial Psalms are chosen to harmonize with the Gospel, bringing out the unity of the Old and New Testaments, showing how revelation converges on the person and mission of Jesus.

The unifying principle of the readings is Christ’s Paschal Mystery. This is *the* primary message proclaimed and celebrated during the Liturgy of the Word all throughout the liturgical year.

JANUARY 22nd: A DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE FOR LIFE

In all the dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 (or January 23, when January 22 falls on a Sunday) shall be observed as a particular day of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion, and of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Mass "For Peace and Justice" should be celebrated with violet vestments as an appropriate liturgical observance for this day.

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373)



Teaching on Abortion from the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

"Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person---among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life." (CCC 2270)

For Your Reflection and Prayer:

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is bliss, taste it. Life is a dream, realize it. Life is a challenge, meet it. Life is a duty, complete it. Life is a game, play it. Life is a promise, fulfill it. Life is sorrow, overcome it. Life is a song, sing it. Life is a struggle, accept it. Life is a tragedy, confront it. Life is an adventure, dare it. Life is luck, make it. Life is too precious, do not destroy it. Life is life, fight for it. ~Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

In the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus, we come to appreciate even more fully the sacredness of the family, which in God’s plan is based on the lifelong fidelity of a man and a woman consecrated by the marriage covenant and accepting of God’s gift of new life. How much the men and women of our time need to reappropriate this fundamental truth, which stands at the foundation of society, and how important is the witness of married couples for the formation of sound consciences and the building of a civilization of love! ~Pope Benedict XVI

At every Mass, we should offer special prayers for our nation and her leaders, in order that the culture of death may be overcome and a civilization of love may be steadfastly advanced. All Catholics throughout the nation should take part in Eucharistic Adoration and in the praying of the Rosary for the restoration of the respect for human life and for the safeguarding of the integrity of the family. In our prayers, we should seek, above all, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, under her title of the Immaculate Conception. ~Archbishop Raymond L. Burke

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29—FEBRUARY 2
BENEFITS OF A CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION



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- A safe supportive environment— reverence for the human dignity of every person comes from recognizing Christ in self and others. Our academy is a “Christ-centered zone”
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- NEXT SUNDAY ALL STUDENTS, IN UNIFORM, AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AT THE 11:00 MASS

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SUNDAYS THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED
TUESDAY GOLDEN AGE MEETING 12:00--3:00 PM VELTRI HALL
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM ITALIAN LESSONS RECTORY MEETING ROOM
THURSDAYS ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO



A LITTLE BIT OF GRACE THRIFT SHOP
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Full inventory on flyer in the back of Church
 Any questions call Mary Ann at 718-376-8294

PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO LACK OF STORAGE SPACE WE ARE NOT ACCEPTING DONATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS BY THE THRIFT SHOP OR ON PARISH GROUNDS. THANK YOU!

Faith Formation Registration 2023—2024

Classes in Religious Education

WEDNESDAYS

Grades 1—4 3:30 PM

Grades 5—CONFIRMATION 7:30 PM

Download the Faith Formation Registration Form on www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org
 All information on the website under For Parents.

Your charity is being asked to keep the Food Pantry stocked. When you grocery shop keep in mind the needs of your neighbors. Bring to the food pantry Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00-11:30 AM or to the Parish Office or Sunday Mass:

SOUP—CANNED GOODS (VEGETABLES, POTATOES, TOMATO SAUCE & FRUIT)—RICE—PEANUT BUTTER—TUNA—LARGE JUICE (APPLE, CRANBERRY, GRAPE)—APPLE SAUCE—MAC & CHEESE— ELBOW MACARONI—SPAGHETTI—COFFEE/TEA

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 14TH

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,659.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$822.00
ON LINE	\$450.00

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

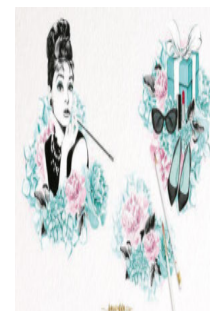
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD BINGO KNIGHT 7:30 PM IN VELTRI HALL \$25.00
INCLUDES: food, soda, water, coffee & tea BYOB and 2 Bingo Cards TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OR CALL ERNIE 973-896-4571 CHECKS PAYABLE TO: KOC #7236

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH PARISH BLOOD DRIVE IN VELTRI HALL 9:00 AM — 3:00 PM
FOR AN APPOINTED TIME TO GIVE BLOOD CALL/TEXT LYDIA 646-208-6777

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND PARISH & ACADEMY CARD PARTY 6:00 PM IN ACADEMY GYM

A CALL FOR PARISH/ACADEMY PARTICIPATION

As we prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year, THE CARD PARTY
 Theme: CARD PARTY AT TIFFANY'S we are asking for help with the following:
 Gift Card Donations, Gift Certificate Donations, Monetary Donations, Prize Donations
 Please ask your Place of Employment for a Donation.
 All donations can be sent to the School Office
 Thank you for your support in making this year's Card Party a great success.
 More information on Ticket Sales coming soon



SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH DISCO UNLIMITED 7:30 PM IN ACADEMY GYM
SPONSORED BY OUR PARISH SCOUT TROOP #376 TICKETS \$80.00 (before March 19th)
\$90.00 (March 20th-April 1st) INCLUDES: LIVE ENTERTAINMENT, HOT FOOD, SODA, WATER, CASH BAR. RAFFLES, 50/50, DANCING & FUN. TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE

Dear Fr. Cutrone,
 Your Parish Family Offers a Prayer of Blessing from the Lord of Life and Birthdays on your 94th Birthday! As the 94 + 1 candles burn bright may they reflect the Light of Jesus that shines through you on your Birthday. May they reveal the Blessing of Your Long Life and Continued Good Health.
 Prayerful Best Wishes as We Wish You
 A HAPPY BIRTHDAY & GOD'S BLESSINGS



FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE

“On his journey, as he was nearing Damascus, a light from the sky suddenly flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?” He said, “Who are you, sir?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.”

(Acts 9:3-5)

When a heart is converted to Christ, it is not only a cause for celebration. It is also a cause to reflect on the reasons for conversion and the impact of those conversions. The readings recount the story of Paul, who had joined the persecution of the first generation of Christians coming face-to-face with Jesus on his way to Damascus. Blinded by a light.

Knocked off his horse. Left in the darkness until he learns and accepts his new mission in life. *“Immediately things like scales fell from his eyes and he regained his sight. He got up and was baptized, and when he had eaten, he recovered his strength.” (Acts 9 1-22)* This was the turning point of Paul’s life, a true encounter with the risen Lord that not only stuck with

him in his heart and his mind, but compelled him to abandon his previous life in order to spread the Gospel to all human beings. He went from participating in the stoning of Christians to converting others to the faith of Jesus Christ. Paul the Pharisee – who had once sought acceptance and good will for hunting down Christians – had suddenly become Paul the Apostle, the first Christian theologian. .” Paul compared his conversion to God’s creation of light. *“For God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of God’s glory on the face of Christ.” (2 Cor 4:6)*

When hearts are converted, it usually follows that our minds and actions soon follow along the same path. Former religious faiths are abandoned, secular activities that had at one time been so important to one’s identity are often placed properly in perspective, replaced by faith and family. Paul, too, experienced a major shift in his own understanding of faith. Up until the moment he was blinded by Christ and converted, Paul had a theory of salvation history that fell into three parts: Abraham to Moses (pre-law period); Moses to the Messiah (post-law period) and the coming messianic age (whenever that would be). After his conversion, Paul became convinced that the messianic age had already arrived, giving rise to a brand new perspective on salvation history. In other words, the “end times” that had been anticipated for so long, had in fact already started. As Paul spread this Good News around the world, he no doubt shattered the beliefs and customs many had been holding onto. He would change hearts and minds. It would not be easy. It is similar to what Jesus did in the synagogue at Nazareth where a rather normal day in the synagogue is suddenly thrown into turmoil. *“He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:16-21)*

Imagine the headlines, the scandals, the hype if Jesus suddenly appeared to you on this day and knocked you off your horse. How would you respond when the scales fell from your eyes?

May God continue to knock all of us off our high horses whenever he sees fit to remind us that it is He who must increase ... and it is we who must decrease.

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