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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*

DECEMBER 31, 2023

CHRISTMAS

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

12/31 HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14; Colossians 3:12-21; Luke 2:22-40

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Vincenza & Joseph LaForgia, Fred & Jean Moreo, Maria, Giuseppe & Silvo Iacono, Frankie Davis, Robert Stracquadaine, Gene Ragusa

9:00 AM Rosary Society

11:00 AM Gina & Angelo Sedita

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

1/1/24 Monday MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

10:00 AM Giuseppe Berlingerio

1/2 Tuesday Basil & Gregory, Bishops & Doctors
1 John 2:22-28; John 1:19-28

8:30 AM Carolina & Gaetano Restivo

1/3 Wednesday The Most Holy Name of Jesus
1 John 2:29-3:6; John 1:29-34

8:30 AM Vito Cutrone

1/4 Thursday Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious
1 John 3:7-10; John 1:35-42

8:30 AM Catherine Voso

1/5 Friday John Neumann, Bishop
1 John 3:11-21; John 1:43-51

8:30 AM Rosina Parlagreco

1/6 Saturday Andre Bessette, Religious
1 John 5:5-13; Mark 1:7-11

8:30 AM Stella Kinsella

**NEXT WEEKEND SPECIAL COLLECTION:
DIOCESAN MISSION**

The revenue from this collection will be used when the Bishop receives appeals from various missions for support from the Diocese and when Mission appeals are requested from the Society of the Immaculate Conception. Please be generous!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

DECEMBER 24TH

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,559.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$616.00
CATHOLIC CHARITIES	\$512.00
ON LINE	\$445.00
<u>CHRISTMAS</u>	
COLLECTION & GIFT	\$8,225.00



The Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
MARIE GEORGES & FAMILY
Requested by
GEORGES FAMILY*



The Sanctuary Candle

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



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, Sophie Decapua, Maggie Avanzino, Rose Panarella, Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore, Michelle Rutter-DeVito, Betty Ann Volpe, Louis Cacciouttolo, Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*ANNETTE BONVINO, MARY PALUMBO,
JAMIE ROSE AIOSA*

WEEKLY COLLECTION **DECEMBER 17TH**

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,178.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$622.00
ON LINE	\$450.00
FLOWERS	\$1,640.00



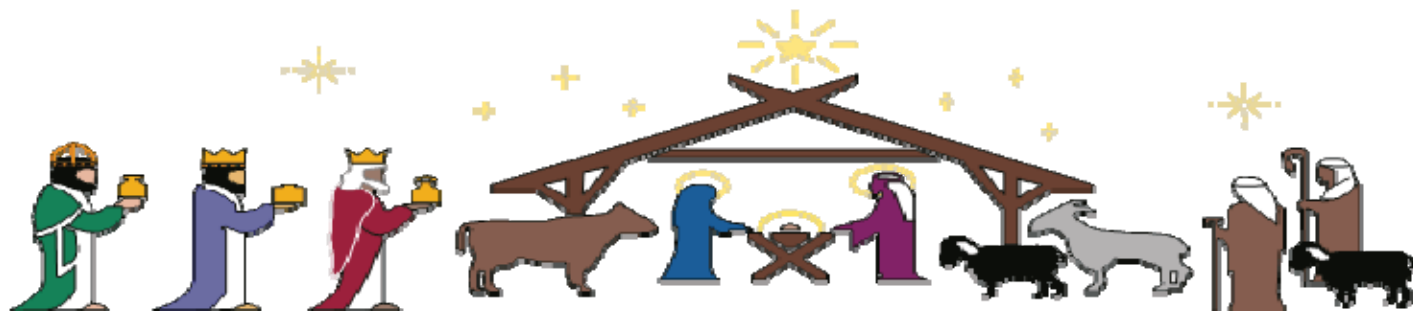
This Feast is given to us as a way to honor our Christian Family. As we honor the Holy Family we focus on our own families and consider how we can be like them. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, in their devoted love and care for each other and in the way Mary and Joseph raised and cared for Jesus can be a model for our own family life. The reading from Sirach and St. Paul concentrate on the family and our calling to treat each other as believers and as Christians. The Gospel portrays the devotion of Mary and Joseph traveling to Jerusalem to present Jesus to God. Let this Holy Feast remind us that we are the family of God gathered in faith. A family with joys and sorrows, triumphs and sins. A family that prays and celebrates together.



MONDAY, JANUARY 1st: SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
THE MOTHER OF GOD
A HOLY DAY BUT NOT A DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS MONDAY MORNING AT 10:00

SOLEMNITY OF MARY: Today we combine several celebrations: The blessing of our New Year, A World Day of Prayer for Peace, The end of the Octave of Christmas and Honoring Mary as the Holy Mother of God. The readings are very much part of this Christmas Season. With gratitude for God's blessings we are invited to call God "Abba" our Father. The Gospel recaps the one on Christmas Day with the shepherds glorifying and praising God and Mary keeping all these things in her heart. The thread that runs through all of them is thanksgiving for what God has done. We begin this New Year asking the Lord to bless us and keep us and to give us peace!

Today, as we celebrate a World Day of Prayer for Peace, we look to Mary, the Queen of Peace— who bore the Prince of Peace— as our model and inspiration for holding peace in our hearts, our homes and in our world. Let the blessing of God be ours in this New Year: *"May the Lord bless you and keep you! The Lord let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace!"*

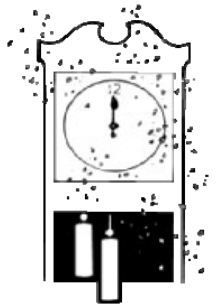




NEW YEAR'S BLESSING PRAYER FOR CLOCKS AND CALENDARS

Lord, you who live outside of time and reside in the imperishable moment, we ask your blessing this New Year's Day upon your gift to us of time.

Bless our clocks and watches, you who kindly direct us to observe the passing of minutes and hours. May they make us aware of the miracle of each second of life we experience.



May these our ticking servants help us not to miss that which is important, while you keep us from machine-like routine.

May we ever be free from being clock watchers and instead become time lovers.

Bless our calendars, these ordered lists of days, weeks and months; of holy days, holidays, fasts and feasts —all our special days of remembering. May these servants, our calendars, once reserved for the royal few, for magi and pyramid priests, now grace our homes and our lives.

May they remind us of birthdays and other gift-days, as they teach us the secret that all life is meant for celebration and contemplation.

Bless, O Lord, this New Year and each of its 366 days and nights.

Bless us with new moons and full moons.

Bless us with happy seasons and a long life.

Grant to us O Lord, the New Year's gift of a year of love and peace. Amen.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



THIS SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH IS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH.

AN AFTERNOON OF PRAYER FOR OUR PARISH. 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 & PRAYERS IN HONOR OF PADRE PIO

ALL ARE WELCOME!



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

Envelopes are available for any offering you wish to make for the Christmas Poinsettias that will decorate the Sanctuary. If you do not receive the Parish Offering Envelopes, Flower Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS

**** GIVE THE GIFT OF LIGHT — HAVE A CANDLE LIT BY ANY SAINT IN HONOR OF SOMEONE LIVING OR DECEASED FOR THE COMING YEAR (INQUIRE IN THE PARISH OFFICE)**

**** "BE AN ANGEL" ASSIST A STUDENT AT OUR PARISH CATHOLIC ACADEMY** A tuition assistance program funded by our Diocesan Futures in Education. It provides a student with a need-based scholarship and the chance for a Patron to change the life of a child through the gift of Catholic education. "An Angel" is a concerned individual who provides a scholarship to a student. Starting at \$1,500.00 a year. You become involved in the school life of a child receiving notes and progress reports and the opportunity to visit our Academy. For more information call 718-965-7308 or info@futuresineducation.org

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 NO MEETING THIS WEEK
THURSDAYS 10:30 AM — 12:00 PM ITALIAN LESSONS RECTORY MEETING ROOM
THURSDAYS ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO



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All information on the website under For Parents.

A LITTLE BIT OF GRACE THRIFT SHOP

Open Sundays 9:00 AM —1:30 PM

Full inventory on flyer in the back of Church

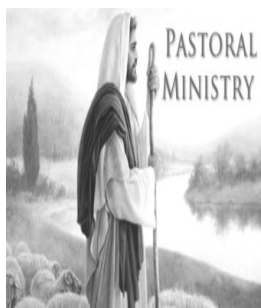
Any questions call Mary Ann at 718-376-8294

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!



PARISH EMAIL BLAST

In order to keep our Parishioners informed about the goings on in the Parish and to communicate up coming events we will send a “PARISH EMAIL BLAST”
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS AND YOU WILL BE INCLUDED IN ALL PARISH NOTIFICATIONS



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 or to 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

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU FROM YOUR PARISH

I invite you to take advantage of the Christmas present I presented to you last year and hope you will subscribe to FORMED. There are many books, audio talks, movies, documentaries and studies along with prayers, novenas, the rosary and reflections on the lives of the saints. Programs for adults and children to help you grow closer to Christ and his Church. For Advent:

- Daily Advent reflection on the Readings for Mass
- ADVENTUS: A SPIRITUAL PILGRIMAGE — journey to the Holy Land to uncover the beauty of the place where Christ was born, preparing your heart for Christ’s coming so you can enter more deeply into this season
- ADVENT THROUGH THE CENTURIES — an exciting and thorough presentation on the celebration of Advent throughout the centuries
- MAKING ADVENT GREAT FOR KIDS — Advent is a time where we seek to grow in intimacy and relationship with the Lord. But this does not have to be only for adults! This program discusses different ways you can make Advent great for your kids

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- Ministerios Hispanos -

Feliz Año Nuevo



Como cada año, nos tomamos el tiempo de desearnos lo mejor. Hay que decir que cada año pasamos simbólicamente una página para abrir un nuevo capítulo, con la esperanza de que el año que viene sea mejor que el que acaba de terminar. Para algunos, 2023 fue un buen año, con novedades, proyectos exitosos y sorpresas felices; para otros, fue un año difícil, marcado por pruebas, fracasos, cuestionamientos y quizás incluso luto.

El duelo y las dificultades han dejado huella en algunas familias, y tengo un pensamiento conmovedor para todos los que nos han dejado, para los que han pasado por momentos dolorosos, tanto en la carne como en el corazón. Esto nos lleva cada vez a la experiencia pascual, misterio de muerte y de resurrección, misterio de fe y de esperanza: que el amor del Dios que vence el mal y la muerte les conforte, les eleve y les sostenga.

En primer lugar, quiero transmitirles mis mejores deseos para este nuevo año 2024. Pido al Señor que conceda la paz a cada uno de nosotros, para que podamos afrontar este nuevo año con serenidad. También le pido que bendiga y apoye a todas nuestras familias, especialmente a las que están en proceso. Y, por último, pido al Señor que conceda salud y fortaleza a todos los que están pasando por el calvario de la enfermedad.

Con él, estemos seguros de que nuestro año será bueno, pase lo que pase. Si permanecemos en comunión con Él perseverando en la oración, si nos alimentamos de los sacramentos y si nos esforzamos por vivir lo mejor posible nuestra caridad hacia todos, nuestro año será un éxito en cualquier caso.

Deseo a cada uno de Ustedes la oportunidad de inspirarse en la oración y en la palabra de los Evangelios. No olvides la dimensión espiritual de tu existencia, es un escudo contra el pesimismo. Aprovecha este nuevo año para cuidar tu cuerpo, tu familia y tu hogar. Debemos aprovechar la ocasión para escuchar mejor a los demás, no para juzgarlos, sino para comprender lo que les motiva a actuar.

¿Qué ocurrirá en Año Nuevo? En su mayor parte, no lo sabemos. Dios lo sabe. Por eso ponemos nuestra confianza en Él, "*porque Dios es fiel*" (1 Co 1,9).

Por último, espero que tenga la oportunidad de reír más a menudo. Me refiero a una risa contagiosa que limpia los pulmones y calienta el corazón.

Feliz Año Nuevo a todos.

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