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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 3, 2023

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR OF GRACE 2024

12/3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 63:16b-17,19b;64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3,9; Mark 13:33-37

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Louis & Rose Panarella
9:00 AM Angela & Ignatius Pizzimenti
11:00 AM Vito & Lena Cutrone (95th Wedding Anniversary)
12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

12/4 Monday John Damascene, Priest & Doctor
Isaiah 2:1-5; Matthew 8:5-11

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society
7:30 PM Spanish Mass

12/5 Tuesday Isaiah 11:1-10; Luke 10:21-24

8:30 AM William Albridge

12/6 Wednesday Nicholas, Bishop
Isaiah 25:6-10a; Matthew 15:29-37

8:30 AM Franco & Marco Pulito

12/7 Thursday Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor
Isaiah 26:1-6; Matthew 7:21,24-27

8:30 AM Frank Mercurio

12/8 Friday IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

8:30 AM Katerine Trapani
11:00 AM Frank Catalano
7:00 PM Josephine, Ernest & Artie Alo , Vivian Ferrara

12/9 Saturday Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26; Matthew 9:35—10:1,5a,6-8

8:30 AM Holy Name Society: Living & Deceased Members



The Bread & Wine
In Memory of
JOANNE & FRANK BROB
Requested by



The Chapel Candles
In Memory of
FREDERICK JAMES COULSON
Requested by
CINDY & DOUG

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, Betty Mezzo, Maggie Avanzino, Rose Panarella, Nicole Pileggi, Vincent Simone, Michael Fiore

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

ROSE PANARELLA, BETTY MEZZO



WEEKLY FAITH SHARING FOR SEASON OF ADVENT (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)
THIS MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH 10:30 AM
THIS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH 7:30 PM
We will be praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the 2ND Sunday of Advent

Preview of Readings:

In today's 1st Reading, it is in the desert that Isaiah imagines a way of the Lord will be prepared. In the Gospel, it is from the desert that John the Baptist appears on the scene. Hearing these prophets today, let us contemplate our own spiritual deserts and listen for John's call for repentance. May we heed that call as we prepare for the Lord with the holiness and devotion we hear called for in the 2nd Reading, devoting ourselves to making holy our lives and our world in preparation for Our Lord's coming,



ALL ARE WELCOME!

WEEKLY COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 19TH

1ST COLLECTION \$1,721.00
2ND COLLECTION \$661.00
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT \$364.00
ON-LINE GIVING \$445.00
THANKSGIVING DAY \$5,000.00
A FAMILY'S DONATION TO THE PARISH IN THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 26TH

1ST COLLECTION \$1,291.00
2ND COLLECTION \$625.00
ON-LINE GIVING \$365.00



As our new liturgical year begins, we listen to Jesus' call to be watchful for his coming in glory and judgment at the end of time and at the end of our lives. Such watchfulness is our best preparation for the Christmas remembrance of Jesus' "first coming among us in the lowliness of human flesh to fulfill God's loving design and open for us the way to eternal salvation."

Over the next three Sundays, the "Advent prophet" Isaiah presents the challenge and comfort that combine to make Advent a unique season of both serious preparation and joyful anticipation. Today, Paul bids the Corinthians use their gifts in a purposeful way while awaiting Jesus' return, thus preparing us for the Lord's Gospel challenge to keep watch for his return: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come... What I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" Let us be mindful of these words as servants working at our appointed tasks; faithful witnesses of discipleship and evangelization. *Be watchful! Be busy!*

WE ARE THE CLAY

Clay was the plastic of ancient times. It could be formed by hand or in molds to any shape and then permanently fixed in that condition by heat. Until casting in an oven it could be reformed in any format. Clay was cheap and readily available. Potters learned to work with it to the right consistency for shaping. They might use a wheel to turn it for symmetrical formats. It was used for bowls, jugs, bottles and other containers. If broken it could be replaced easily.

Isaiah likens the work of a potter to the reformation of our souls by God. If we turn out badly, God can reshape us at will. With God's grace we can change at any point in our lives until we are "fixed" in shape by death.



LIGHT, SCRIPTURE, HYMNS AND PRAYER: ADVENT IS HERE

Advent has a twofold character: as a season to prepare for Christmas when Christ's first coming to us is remembered; as a season when that remembrance directs the mind and the heart to await Christ's second coming at the end of time. Advent is thus a period of devout and joyful expectation.
(General Norms for the Liturgical Year and Calendar # 39)

Advent is a season of Longing. The Scriptures and Hymns we proclaim are full of words of Desire, Hope, Longing and Expectation. These characteristics are manifested, as with every Advent Season, in the beginning of our new Church Year (Year B—The Gospel of St. Mark & St. John).

Advent is a time, as the Preface of the Mass proclaims that: "we who watch for that day may inherit the great promise in which now we dare to hope". When our desire becomes more intense and hearts, already enflamed, burn with a new yearning for fulfillment. We express this desire, hope and expectation by our participation in the Advent Masses and Prayers, the preparation for the Sunday Advent readings in the Faith Sharing groups, by lighting the candles of the Advent Wreath, by our generosity toward others in the Advent Giving Tree Program for the Homeless and the Toy Drive for the families in our Food Pantry and the Reaching-Out Community Services and by being a light for others as we decorate our Church with Wreaths and outside live-lighted Christmas Trees.

The Advent Liturgy was fashioned by the community of the early Church as a progressive entering into the Feast of Christmas. The word Advent, from the Latin word *Adventus*, means "coming". We celebrate and remember that *God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.*(John 3:16)

The Season of Advent becomes for us a month of increasingly progressive expectation that the Christ of Glory will come to save us. Let us pray as we "AWAIT THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE COMING OF OUR SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST."





IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8TH A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Originating in the 7th Century as the Feast of the "Conception of Mary by St. Anne" it was established as a solemnity for the entire Church by Pope Clement XI in 1708. Under this title we honor Mary as Patroness of our Country and our Diocese. Chosen by God, Mary reverses the sin of Eve and because of her obedience God's salvation is made known to the nations. Mary is a symbol of the Church, she represents all that we are called to be. Her willing response to God's invitation is a model for us when, we, too are invited to acknowledge God as the center of our lives. We pray for the grace to respond to God as willingly as Mary did.



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THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THE THANKSGIVING MEAL A SUCCESSFUL ENDEAVOR FOR THE HOMELESS. TO OUR PASTORAL COUNCIL WHO BROUGHT BACK THIS MEAL AFTER THE TIME OF COVID. TO JAMIE MACFARLAND & PAT MAROTTA FOR CO-CHARING THE EVENT. FOR DONATION OF TURKEYS: DOMENICK RECCHIA, THE CONEY, GARGIULO'S, GRISTEDES AND BROOKLYN USA SPORTS, A & S PORK STORE, MEATS SUPREME, CUCCIO'S BAKERY AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: VIVIAN & JOE SALVANO, MARIA PELLICONE, THE BRUNO FAMILY: MIKE, IRMA, MIKE & VICTORIA, JOHN & JOANN CASSATA, DANNY & COLIN THOMPSON, JOEY ROTONDI, LISA GUARINO & DENISE SCOTTO FOR PROVIDING HATS, GLOVES AND SOCKS, VICTOR COSME, THE DEMARTINO FAMILY, PAOLILLO FAMILY: PARIS, JOSEPH, GIANCARLO, VIENNA, MARTINO & SANTINO, THE PRAKOPE FAMILY: JEN, THOMAS & KATIE, OUR LADY OF GRACE PACK & TROOP 376 & 673, THE COLUMBIETTS, COUNCIL OF PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION AND THE OUR LADY OF GRACE CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR HOSTING THE MEAL. THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS EVENT

ALSO FOR YOUR CHARITY IN THIS SEASON OF THANKSGIVING



ADVENT GIVING TREE PROGRAM

Gifts will go to our Parish Food Pantry Program, The Reaching-Out Community Services for their Christmas Give Away for the children of our community and Catholic Charities They are asking for toys & games & winter clothes & items, coats for children & gift cards.. We ask you to buy a NEW GIFT OR NEW CLOTHES AND BRING UNWRAPPED. The party is for families and the gifts for infants, toddlers, children & teens. Bring the gifts to Mass or the Parish Office during office hours. Please bring all gifts by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8th.



JESSE TREE: Please take a tag from the baskets in front of the Jesse Tree. Purchase the gift that is printed on the tag and return the gift unwrapped and place it around the Jesse Tree

Gifts for Woman's Safe Start: boys and girls (toddlers to age 15) underwear, gloves, scarves, toys

Homeless in Coney Island: lap blankets, men's socks, men's underwear, hats (no scarves), tooth brushes & paste

Please bring all gifts by FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

SUNDAYS THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED

TUESDAYS 12:00—3:00 PM GOLDEN AGE CLUB VELTRI HALL

BINGO, COFFEE/TEA, CAKE, MUSIC, DANCING, 50/50 NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

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

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!



***The Columbiettes of the
Msgr. Cafiero Council of
the Knights of Columbus
invite you to their Tree
Lighting Ceremony &
Chinese Auction this
Thursday, December 7th
6:00-9:00 PM in Veltri
Hall. All are Welcome!***

Followed by light refreshments

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AFTER 4:00 MASS
FLYER WITH ALL INFORMATION & FORM TO PURCHASE TREES & WREATHS ON
PAGE 6 THERE IS THE ADDITION OF SMALL WREATHS FOR THE FENCE AROUND
THE CHURCH

THIS SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "A MERRY BINGO"
7:30 PM VELTRI HALL \$20.00 per person \$25.00 at the door 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, DECEMBER 10TH PARISH BLOOD DRIVE VELTRI HALL 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
FOR AN APPOINTED TIME TO GIVE BLOOD CALL/TEXT LYDIA 646-208-6777
CATHOLIC ADULTS OF BROOKLYN ARE SINGING CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR THE
RESIDENTS OF STS. JOACHIM & ANN NURSING HOME GIVING CARDS AND GIFTS

FOR 2024

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH PARISH CARNAVALE DINNER/
DANCE IN ACADEMY GYM**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND PARISH & ACADEMY CARD PARTY
IN ACADEMY GYM**





Christmas Tree & Wreath Dedications



Family Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of: _____

Other Message: _____

Tree Selection: _____ \$150 _____ \$250 _____ \$350 _____ \$400

Wreath (Church) _____ \$75.00 Wreath (Fence) _____ \$30.00



Thank you to the vendors-without them there is no Christmas Fair, to the volunteers who helped over the weekend:

Mary Ann De Luca. Thrift Shop Ladies
-Phyllis Niwinski-Marie De Luca-Irma Bruno, Msgr. Cafiero Columbiettes, Little Golden Light. Roseann Silvery,



Barbara Callaso, Tony Verducci, Angela Capriola, Maria Piccolo, Francesco DeLorenzo-Velez, Victor Cosme, Andrew Butta, Michal Mattera, Michael DeMartino, Rosey Somma, Bill Georges, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy Students who painted the posters to decorate the gym, and all who attended the Fair & Italian Café. Many thanks to Boy Scout Troop #376 & Girl Scout Troop #673 and Scouting Family Members who set up the gym and cooked and baked all weekend in the Italian Café. Thank you to all who brought in a toy or game for Little Golden Light to be distributed to children with cancer. Thank you to Santa Claus for stopping by and spending time at the Christmas Fair

There is nothing stronger than the heart of a volunteer!

First
Sunday
of Advent



Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man.

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