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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 28, 2024 4TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1/28 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mark 1:21-28

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Marie Frontera, Rosa & Vincenzo Balbi,
Joseph & Anthony Balbi, Diana Velilla

9:00 AM Rosary Society

11:00 AM Ciro & Concetta D'Istria & Francesco Mentasana

12:30 PM (Spanish) Ruth & Johnny Alicea

1/29 Monday 2 Samuel 15:13-14,30;16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20

8:30 AM Maria Panora

7:30 PM Spanish

1/30 Tuesday 2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25a,30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43

8:30 AM Sean Michael & James Toner

1/31 Wednesday John Bosco, Priest

2 Samuel 24:2,9-17; Mark 6:1-6

8:30 AM Graciela Panora

2/1 Thursday 1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; Mark 6:7-13

8:30 AM People of the Parish

2/2 Friday THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

8:30 AM Angelo Bonvino

2/3 Saturday Blasé, Bishop & Martyr

1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34

8:30 AM Dr. Angelina DeRosas



The Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
GENEROSA CAIAFA
Requested by
LORRAINE AFFLITTO*



The Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory of
CLAIRE SBORDONE
Requested by
FAMILY*



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VETERANS &
FIRST RESPONDERS*

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 Griffio, 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
Cacciottolo. Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano, Frank
Bucciano, Shana Rivas*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

*MARY JANE VENTURA, PATRICIA BRENNAN,
SOFIA SBORDONE*



**THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY
3RD IS THE 1ST SATURDAY OF
THE MONTH.**

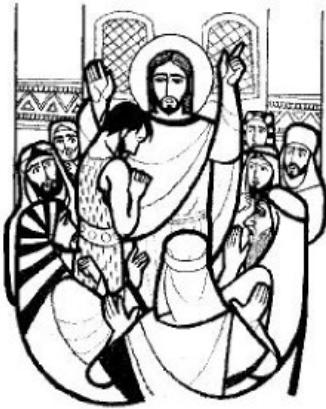
**IT IS OUR PARISH AFTERNOON
OF PRAYER. WE WILL GATHER
FOR OUR PARISH ROSARY AT
1:00 PM IN THE CHURCH**

**PRAYING THE HAIL MARYS IN ENGLISH,
ITALIAN, SPANISH, POLISH AND LATIN**

**FOLLOWED BY THE DIVINE MERCY CHAP-
LET & PRAYERS IN HONOR OF PADRE PIO.**

**WE WILL CONCLUDE OUR PRAYER WITH
THE BLESSING OF THROATS IN HONOR
OF ST. BLAISE**

ALL ARE WELCOME!



How faithful is our God to saving promises made from of old. Today, we hear Moses promise the people of Israel: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen." He speaks of a future prophet who will speak in God's name. In Mark's Gospel we see that promise fulfilled beyond all expectations in Jesus, who both teaches with authority and heals the deepest wounds of the human spirit. In the proclamation of God's Living Word in our community now, Jesus again stands in our midst, teaching, healing and saving us, his chosen people.

"Gathered from the nations to give thanks to God's holy name, for "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving", we come together at the Table of God's Word and the Altar of Jesus' sacrifice to hear him teach with authority the message by which we find fullness of life and to experience, both in our community and our own hearts, the spiritual healing he gladly imparts to all who come before him in faith. For as "today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts".



The Acts of St. Blaise

Blaise, who had studied philosophy in his youth, was a doctor in Sebaste in Armenia, the city of his birth, who exercised his art with miraculous ability, good-will and piety. When the bishop of the city died, he was chosen to succeed him, with the acclamation of all the people. His holiness was manifest through many miracles: from all around, people came to him to find cures for their spirit and their body; even wild animals came in herds to receive his blessing. In 316, Agricola, the Governor of Cappadocia and of Lesser Armenia, having arrived in Sebastia at the order of the Emperor Licinius to kill the Christians, arrested Bishop Blaise. As he was being led to prison, a mother set her only son, choking to death of a fish-bone, at his feet and the child was cured straight away. Regardless, the governor, unable to make Blaise renounce his faith, beat him with a stick, ripped his flesh with iron combs, and beheaded him.

PRAYER TO ST. BLAISE

For Protection, Particularly From Afflictions Of The Throat

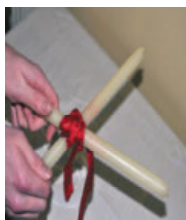
O glorious St. Blaise, who by your martyrdom left to the Church a precious witness to the Faith, obtain for us the grace to preserve within ourselves this divine gift and to defend both by word and example the truth of that same Faith, which is so wickedly attacked and slandered in these our times.

You miraculously restored a little child who was at the point of death because of an affliction of the throat. Grant us your mighty protection in similar misfortunes. And, above all, obtain for us the grace of Christian mortification, together with faithful observance of the precepts of the Church, which keep us from offending Almighty God. Amen.

Through the intercession of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

BLESSING OF THROATS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD 8:30 AM MASS & 1:00 PM



This Friday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, a traditional day to bless candles. You may bring to Church any candles you use at home to be blessed.

Following this feast on Saturday, February 3rd, is the Feast of St. Blasé and the blessing of throats.

We will have the Blessing of St. Blasé as part of the final blessing at all the Masses on Sunday, February 4th. Individual blessings will take place, on the Feast Day, Saturday, at the 8:30 AM Mass & as the conclusion of our Parish afternoon of Prayer.



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

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE EMPHASIS ON CATHOLIC VALUES
HEALTHY SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS A CARING COMMUNITY

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: 11:00 AM MASS TO KICK OFF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

MONDAY: MISSION MONDAY “SOUP”-ER BOWL BEGINS! STUDENTS ARE ASKED TO BRING IN CANS OF SOUP FOR THE FOOD PANTRY AND STUDENTS WILL MAKE CARDS FOR THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB MEMBERS



TUESDAY: BLUE AND WHITE DAY GYM UNIFORMS WITH ACCESSORIES REPRESENTING TEAM COLORS 9-10:00 AM GRADES K-4 10:30-11:30 GRADES 5-8 PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOM TO COME CHEER US ON!

WEDNESDAY: CULTURAL DAY 1:00 PM PARENTS AND PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

Escuelas Católicas
Unidos en Fe y Comunidad

THURSDAY: MISSION THURSDAY SUPPORT ANGELS FOR MISTREATED ANIMALS WITH A \$5.00 DONATION AND DRESS DOWN IN ANYTHING ANIMAL RELEATED

FRIDAY: LEGO-STEM CHALLENGE
6:00 PM SOMEONE SPECIAL DANCE

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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 21ST

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,324.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$674.00
ON LINE	\$495.00

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.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

THIS 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

NEXT 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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH ASH WEDNESDAY BEGINNING OF LENT

DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES MASS: 8:30 AM & 7:30 PM

PRAYER SERVICES: 12:00 PM & 3:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 2ND LENTEN SOUP SUPPER 5:00 PM ACADEMY CAFETERIA
 GUEST SPEAKER: SR. AVE CLARK, O.P. "HOLDING THE GRACE OF JESUS' LOVE"
 CHEF RAY WILL BE SERVING LENTIL & MINESTRONE SOUPS SR. AVE REQUESTS
 DONATIONS OF CAKE, COOKIE OR BROWNIE BOX MIXES FOR HER RETREATS

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 & 673 TICKETS \$80.00 (before
 March 19th) \$90.00 (March 20th-April 1st) INCLUDES: LIVE ENTERTAINMENT,
 HOT FOOD, SODA, WATER, COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT. BEER & WINE AVAILABLE
 FOR PURCHASE. RAFFLES, 50/50, DANCING & FUN. TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE

This Thursday, February 2nd the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in this liturgy.

The Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple is a celebration of a mystery of the life of Christ, linked to the precept of the Mosaic law that prescribed for parents, 40 days after the birth of their first-born, to go to the Temple of Jerusalem to offer their son to the Lord and for the ritual purification of the mother. (cf Exodus 13:1-2.11-16; Leviticus 12:1-8)

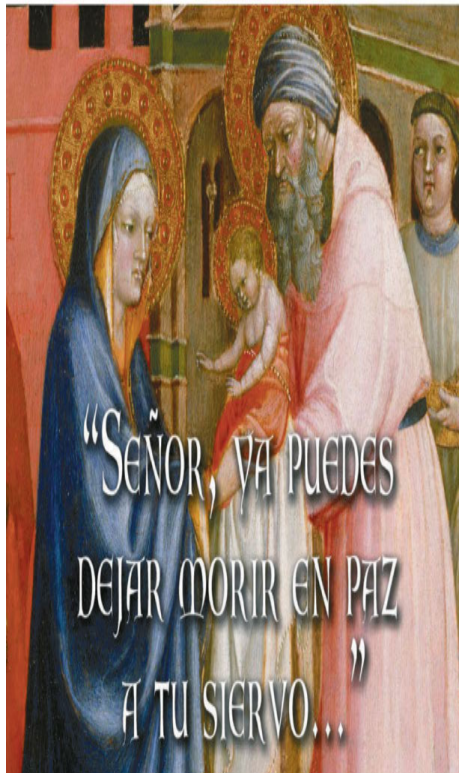
Mary and Joseph also fulfilled this rite, offering according to the law a couple of turtle doves or pigeons. Reading things in greater depth, we understand that at that moment it was God himself who presented his Only-begotten Son to humanity, through the words of the elderly Simeon and the prophetess Anna. Simeon, in fact, proclaimed Jesus as "salvation" of humanity, as "light" of all nations and "sign of contradiction," because he would reveal the thoughts of hearts. (cf Luke 2:29-35)



Canticle of Simeon

Lord, now let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

- Ministerios Hispanos -



La Presentación de Jesús en el Templo se celebra cada año el 2 de febrero, 40 días después de Navidad, debido a una antigua tradición judía según la cual la madre que daba a luz a un hijo debía realizar un rito de purificación 40 días después del nacimiento.

Conocida como "Candelaria" o "Fiesta de la Luz", la Presentación de Jesús a Simeón anuncia que Jesús es la "luz para iluminar a las naciones".

Las lecturas de hoy invitan a los cristianos, siguiendo las huellas del sabio Simeón, a dejarse iluminar por el Espíritu Santo y acoger a Cristo en sus vidas.

La Iglesia celebra la Presentación de Jesús en el Templo el 2 de febrero, 40 días después de Navidad, porque la "Purificación" de la Virgen María tuvo lugar 40 días después de la Natividad.

Según la ley judía, recogida en el capítulo 12 del Libro del Levítico, la mujer que acababa de dar a luz debía observar un período de purificación, que duraba 40 días si era niño, y 80 días si era niña. Al final de este periodo, las madres judías acudían al templo para realizar el rito de la "purificación". En esta ocasión, se les pedía que sacrificaran un animal, normalmente un cordero o, si resultaba demasiado caro, dos palomas o dos tórtolas.

"Cuando se cumpla el tiempo de su purificación, sea niño o niña, traerá al sacerdote, a la puerta de la Tienda del Encuentro, un cordero del año para holocausto, un pichón o una tórtola para expiación" (Lev 12,6).

Concebida sin pecado, la Virgen María no tenía necesidad de purificación, pero, por humildad, obedeció el mandamiento de la Ley.

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