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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 14, 2024 2ND WEEK ORDINARY TIME

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1/14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19,; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a,17-20; John 1:35-42

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Morello Family

9:00 AM Novoselsky & Gebarovitz Families, Anna
Mercurio, Carmela Ida, Patricia Faint: For Healing

11:00 AM Maria Obrzut

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

1/15 Monday 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22

8:30 AM Giovanna LoPopolo

7:30 PM Spanish Mass

1/16 Tuesday 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28

8:30 AM Annette Bonvino

1/17 Wednesday Anthony, Abbot

1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51; Mark 3:1-6

8:30 AM Joan Klasky

1/18 Thursday 1 Samuel 18:6-9;19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12

8:30 AM Marco & Madalena Verga

1/19 Friday 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19

8:30 AM Cora & Joe Reveruzzi

1/20 Saturday Fabian & Sebastian, Martyrs

2 Samuel 1:1-4,11-12,19,23-27; Mark 3:20-21

8:30 AM Yolanda & Frank Cavell

FAITH SHARING (VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

NEXT MONDAY, JANUARY 22ND 10:30 AM

NEXT TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD 7:30 PM

We will be praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WEEKLY COLLECTION

JANUARY 7TH

1ST COLLECTION	\$1,345.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$317.00
ON LINE	\$550.00
50/50	\$255.00
DIOCESAN MISSION	\$381.00
TREES & WREATHS	\$4,670.00



The Bread & Wine

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ISABELLA SKIRIC
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*Requested by
CATHY CORTES*



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*In Memory of
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GOLDEN AGE CLUB*



The American Flag

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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 Schlegel,
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 Stracquaddaine, 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

*ESTHER SOSCIA,
VINCENT PARASCANDOLA*

THIS MONDAY THE PARISH OFFICE IS
CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE MARTIN
LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY



As we begin our Sunday Season of Ordinary Time, the Gospel continues to center on the manifestation of Jesus, which we celebrated last Sunday in the Feast of the Epiphany and Monday in his Baptism. Today Jesus is revealed to us as “*the Lamb of God*”. From the Old Testament we hear Samuel’s vocation story, a call personal and persistent, prompting Samuel’s response: “*Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening*”. Then Paul reminds us that our call to discipleship makes us members of Christ’s Body and Temples of the Holy Spirit. After John the Baptist points out Jesus as “the Lamb of God” two disciples leave him and follow Jesus. Jesus asks them; “*What are you looking for?*” They ask Jesus where he is staying and they go to stay (abide, remain) with Jesus. After “*abiding*” with Jesus the rest of that first day, Andrew hastens to the first task of anyone who has discovered Jesus, finding someone with whom to share his discovery, he seeks out Simon his brother: “*We have found the Messiah*”. Andrew matches words to deeds, both telling Simon and bringing Simon to meet Jesus personally. Jesus said: “*You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas*”—which is translated *Peter*.” Being a disciple means not only staying with Jesus ourselves, but leading others to meet Jesus as well.

Every year on this Second Sunday of Ordinary Time we read a passage from the Gospel of St. John that subtly points toward the Lord’s Passion, reminding us that discipleship requires Baptism into Jesus’ Death and Resurrection. Today the disciples “*abide*” remain with Jesus.(1:39) At the Last Supper Jesus asks his disciples to “*abide in him, to abide in his love.*” (15:4,9-10)

THE SEASON OF ORDINARY TIME

Apart from those seasons having their own distinctive character (e.g. Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter), there remains in the yearly cycle those weeks (33/34) that do not celebrate a specific mystery of Christ. Rather, especially on Sundays, they are devoted to the mystery of Christ in all its fullness. This period is known as Ordinary Time. (General Norms,43)



Most of the **Seasons of the Church Year** are organized around the two major festivals that mark sacred time, Christmas and Easter. The Christmas Season encompasses the time of preparation during Advent, the celebration of the Twelve Days of Christmas, Epiphany in early January and ends with the Baptism of the Lord. The Easter Season encompasses the time of preparation during the 40 days of Lent and Holy Week and is linked with Pentecost Sunday 50 days later. While there are other individual holy days within the church year, these seasons mark the movement of sacred time within the church calendar.

The rest of the year following Epiphany and Pentecost is known as **Ordinary Time**.

Rather than meaning “common” or “mundane” this term comes from the word “ordinal” (derived from the Latin word “*ordo*”) which simply means **counted or ordered time** (Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Third, Fourth.....). Ordinary Time is the liturgical period outside of the distinctive liturgical seasons. In Latin, Ordinary Time is called “*Tempus Per Annum*” (“time throughout the year”). Ordinary Time falls between Christmas and Lent and between Easter and Advent. The Feast of Christ the King is the last Sunday of Ordinary Time and of the liturgical year. The liturgical color is green, a sign of hope and growth in our love and knowledge of Jesus and the Church as we reflect on Jesus’ preaching and teaching mission.

A Symbol for Ordinary Time

The Chi Rho is a Christian symbol that dates from the early Church. It is comprised of the first two letters of the Greek word for Messiah, *Christos*—the letter Chi looks like the letter “X”, and the letter Rho looks like the letter “P.”

This abbreviation became a symbol representing Jesus Christ.





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United in Faith and Community



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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 29—FEBRUARY 2

The Catholic Schools Week (CSW) 2024 theme is “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community.” Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church’s evangelizing mission. Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, Catholic schools teach and embrace the whole person, body, mind and spirit. The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Holding this tenet, Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community. Together teachers, administrators, staff, students and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

The CSW logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools - not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others. No Catholic school can fulfill its educational role alone. As a community, Catholic schools are nourished and stimulated by the centrality of the word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, scripture and sacramental tradition. Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community is a theme on which to build a spirit of the gospel to benefit the human family.



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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

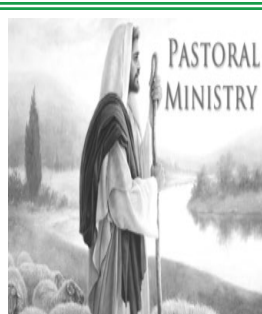
Classes in Religious Education

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 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

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 IN ACADEMY GYM

A CALL FOR PARISH/ACADEMY PARTICIPATION

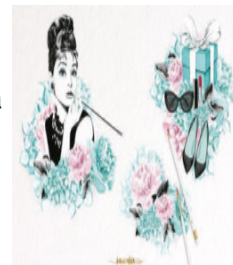
As we prepare for our largest fundraiser of the year, THE CARD PARTY Theme: BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S we are asking for help with the following:

Gift Card Donations, Gift Certificate Donations, Monetary Donations, Prize Donations, Basket Donations to be used for Gift Packing, Please ask your Place of Employment for a Donation. All donations can be sent to the School Office

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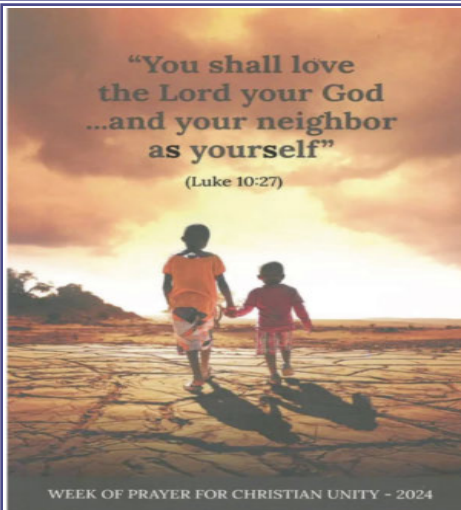
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SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH DISCO UNLIMITED 7:30 PM IN ACADEMY GYM

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



Church Unity Octave, a forerunner of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, was developed by Father Paul Wattson, SA, at Graymoor in Garrison, NY and was first observed at Graymoor from January 18-25, 1908. Today, the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, beginning this Thursday, invites the whole Christian community throughout the world to pray in communion with the prayer of Jesus “that they all may be one”. (*John 17:21*) This year's theme “*You shall love the Lord your God...and your neighbor as yourself*,” is taken from the Gospel of Luke 10:27. The theme reflects the connection between love of God and love of neighbor with a particular concern for challenging the boundaries of who is considered “neighbor”. In this verse, Jesus is questioned as to the path to eternal life. His answer is not to only observe the commandments, but to also imitate the love of God in the giving of self for another. It is a call for love, charity, mercy, justice, and unity. As Jesus prepared to seal the new covenant in His own blood, His earnest prayer to the Father was that those given to Him by the Father would be one, just as He and the Father were one. When Christians discover their unity in Jesus, they participate in Christ's glorification in the presence of the Father, with the same glory that He had lived in the Father's

presence before the world existed. Therefore, God's covenanted people must always strive to be a reconciled community that serves as an effective sign of how to live in justice and peace for all the people of the earth. Today, the Bible continues to be a source of consolation and liberation, inspiring Christians to address the conditions that currently undermine the Body of Christ. The Church, is called to be a sign and an active agent of reconciliation.

In 1966, the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican Secretariat, now Council for Promoting Christian Unity began collaborating as a common international text for worldwide usage. Since 1968 these international texts, which are based on themes proposed by ecumenical groups around the world, have been developed, adapted and published for use in the United States by the Graymoor Ecumenical and Interreligious Institute.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Heavenly Father, we come to you, the Font of life, to ask that you fill your Church with Living Water to quench our thirst on the quest for Christian Unity. Let our hearts be filled with the gift of your Son's love for us. May we find in your Church the living and abiding presence of your love and work together to bring about the desire of your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ when he prayed, “that all may be one”. May the Spirit never lay dormant within us, but sustain us on the path of life. This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and forever. Amen

- Ministerios Hispanos -



El segundo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario es el 14 de enero. ¿Ya es segundo domingo? Pero, ¿qué pasó con el primer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario? No se preocupe. El primer domingo del Tiempo Ordinario simplemente no existe.

Si la Navidad se celebra el 25 de diciembre, se desarrolla en una octava, es decir, durante ocho días, que termina el 1 de enero con la celebración de María, Madre de Dios. Después llega la fiesta de la Epifanía: tras el nacimiento de Jesús, los tres Reyes Magos, Baltasar, Gaspar y Melchor, vienen a adorarlo. Esta fiesta está fijada para el 6 de enero o el domingo entre el 2 y el 8 de enero. El bautismo del Señor, primera manifestación pública de Cristo, se fija entonces para el siguiente domingo disponible después de Epifanía.

Historia del calendario

En la liturgia católica, el tiempo de Navidad termina realmente con el bautismo de Cristo. A partir de esa fecha, la Iglesia entra en el Tiempo Ordinario. En concreto este domingo los católicos entran en el segundo domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Aunque esto pueda parecer un poco confuso al principio, es sobre todo una cuestión de sincronización.

El Tiempo Ordinario dura hasta el Miércoles de Ceniza, este año el miércoles 14 de febrero, y se reanuda entre Pentecostés y Adviento. Es el único tiempo litúrgico del Rito Romano que comienza un día laborable.

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