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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*

FEBRUARY 11, 2024 6TH WEEK / LENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2/11 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46; 1 Cor 10:31--11:1; Mark 1:40-45

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Anna DiNardo

9:00 AM Johnny Storniolo

11:00 AM Gloria Broad, Michael Ingram, Richard Pacifico,
Louis & Rose Prezioso, Patrick Ida, Camille Lombardo

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

2/12 Monday James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13

8:30 AM Sofia Chiodi

7:30 PM Spanish

2/13 Tuesday James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21

8:30 AM Frank, Helen & Frank, Jr. Thomas

2/14 ASH WEDNESDAY

Joel 2:12-18; 2 Corinthians 5:20—6:2; Matthew 6:1-6,16-18

8:30 AM Frank, Helen & Frank, Jr. Thomas

12:00 & 3:30 PM PRAYER SERVICES

7:30 PM People of the Parish

8:45 PM Spanish

2/15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Luke 9:22-25

8:30 AM Giovanni & Carmela Cuzzolino

2/16 Friday after Ash Wednesday

isaiah 58:1-9a; Matthew 9:14-15

8:30 AM Sofia Sbordone

2/17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday

The Seven Founders of the Servite Order

Isaiah 58:9b-14; Luke 5:27-32

8:30 AM Lesette Vittime della Omega: 50th Anniversary



The Bread & Wine

**IN HONOR OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH**



The Sanctuary Candle

**In Memory of
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Requested by
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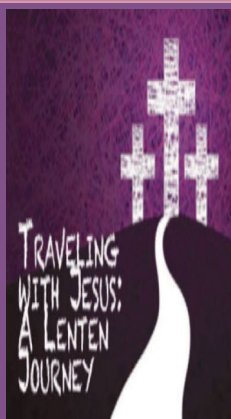


PRAY FOR THE SICK

Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes, Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone, Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla, Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria Isabella, Paula Borrero, Bonnie Schlegal, Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffio, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, Valentina Lucia, Janet Sobolow, Luigi 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, 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, Louisa Manna, Thomas Foti

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

**ALFRED (AL) DENIGRIS, FRANCES WILL,
ALBERTA SOTTO**



**WEEKLY FAITH SHARING FOR LENT
BEGINS THIS WEEK (VELTRI HALL
KITCHEN)**

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH 7:30 PM

Praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

After the Great Flood, God made a covenant with Noah and us. Never again would a flood destroy the whole earth. Centuries later, God sent Jesus as the new covenant. We will hear in the 2nd reading how Jesus suffered for our sins to lead us to God. In

the Gospel Jesus emerges from forty days in the desert, proclaiming that this is the time to repent and believe. Let us heed Jesus' message as we listen and reflect on God's Word.

ALL ARE WELCOME!



On this Lord's Day we gather to pray and remember that God *"abides in hearts that are just and true"*. In the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist, God leads us and guides us for the sake of his name and for the sake of our growth in holiness especially as the time of Lent draws near. Let us ask that Jesus' healing touch cleanse us of sin's leprosy so fashioned by God's grace, we may become a dwelling pleasing to God. As we listen to the Old Testament's Book of Leviticus and its strict rules segregating people with leprosy from the rest of the community, we who are blessed with the wonders of modern medicine must remember that Leviticus was trying to protect the whole community from a contagious disease. But precisely because Leviticus is so reasonable for those times, Jesus daring to break its boundaries challenges us to reflect on our own exclusion of others and our own need of Jesus' healing touch. *"Jesus stretched out his hand"*, bridging the distance that separated him from the leper. Jesus daringly goes where ritual purity forbade and touches the leper. Jesus acts before he speaks, teaches by actions then by words. And in that moment, by that touch, Jesus effects a change far beyond healing the man's disease. We learn not to be afraid to come to the Lord in time of need. We trust that the Lord will give us comfort in time of need.

REFLECTION FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



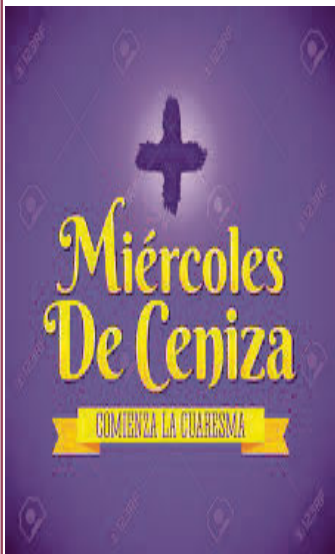
Now is the acceptable time to return to the Lord God with our whole heart. Now is the day of our salvation, the day on which our merciful and gracious Lord summons us to repentance. As we pray together and listen to the Scriptures we will hear God's invitation to reform our lives. We will mark our foreheads with the sign of our salvation, the sign of the cross, using ashes made from last Palm Sunday's branches as a reminder to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel. As we begin our Lenten journey we are mindful of our need to implore God's mercy, seeking clean hearts and steadfast spirits. As Psalm 51 tells us: *"Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned"*. And the Gospel of Matthew sets the tone as it gives us the disciplines for Lent: *prayer, fasting and almsgiving*. Attentive to the call of the Lord, we humbly open our hearts, receptive to the work God has in store for us during this Holy Season.

"REPENT AND BELIEVE IN THE GOSPEL"
"REMEMBER, YOU ARE DUST AND TO DUST YOU WILL RETURN"

ASHES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED

MASS: 8:30 AM, 7:30 PM & 8:45 PM IN SPANISH
PRAYER SERVICES: 12:00 & 3:30 PM

Este año 2024, la Cuaresma comienza hoy, 14 de febrero, con la celebración del Miércoles de Ceniza.



La Cuaresma es el tiempo litúrgico de conversión, que marca la Iglesia para prepararnos a la gran fiesta de la Pascua. Es tiempo para arrepentirnos de nuestros pecados y de cambiar algo de nosotros para ser mejores y poder vivir más cerca de Cristo.

En estos 40 días Cristo nos invita a cambiar de vida. La Iglesia nos invita a vivir la Cuaresma como un camino hacia Jesucristo, escuchando la Palabra de Dios, orando, compartiendo con el prójimo y haciendo obras buenas. Nos invita a vivir una serie de actitudes cristianas que nos ayudan a parecernos más a Jesucristo, ya que por acción de nuestro pecado, nos alejamos más de Dios.

Somos llamados a ser instrumentos de sanación y para eso quiere transformarnos. Pidamos al Espíritu Santo el don de la conversión y entreguemos al Señor nuestra humilde ofrenda para que Él nos transforme.

Jesús quiere renovarnos no de cualquier forma, sino desde lo más profundo de nuestras entrañas. No son parches lo que quiere regalarnos, Él apunta al alma, cambiando el corazón desde la oración, el ayuno y el camino penitencial.

La Santa Misa en Nuestra señora de la Gracias se celebra a las 08:45 PM les espero



PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

**ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER
THE 8:30 AM MASS**

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM



**ALMSGIVING:
THE ANNUAL
DIOCESAN
CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK MARCH 25TH**

REGULATIONS FOR LENT

Abstinence: All of the faithful who have reached the age of 14 years are required to Abstain totally from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, All of the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

Fasting: All of the faithful who are between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day. The Church also requests that pastors and parents see to it that young persons, who are not bound to follow the above requirements, are educated in an authentic sense of penance.

Easter Duty: After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season. By special indult in the Dioceses in the United States, the time period for fulfilling this obligation has been extended to include the period from Ash Wednesday, February 14th to Pentecost Sunday, May 19th.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED:

By Divine Law, all the faithful are required to do penance. In view of this, the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially" the penitential days specified by the Church, is a serious one. All other Fridays of the year remain as days of penance in prayerful remembrance of the Passion of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. While abstinence, in a true spirit of penance, is commended, the Bishops of the U.S. have indicated that each individual may substitute for that tradition some other practice of voluntary self-denial or personal penance. This may involve acts of prayer or charity.



Since February 11,1992 the memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, has been observed as the World Day of Prayer for the Sick. "When the Church cares for the sick, it serves Christ himself in the suffering members of his Mystical Body". (Decree on the Pastoral Care of the Sick, December 7, 1972) Saint John Paul II saw it as: "a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising achieved the salvation of humankind." (Letter Instituting the World Day of the Sick, 13 May 1992, 3)

Father, your Son accepted our sufferings to teach us the virtue of patience in human illness. Hear the prayers we offer for our sick brothers and sisters. May all who suffer pain, illness, or disease realize that they have been chosen to be saints and know that they are joined to Christ in his suffering for the salvation of the world. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

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www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org

All information on the website under For Parents.

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FEBRUARY 4TH

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2ND COLLECTION	\$853.00
ON LINE	\$420.00

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NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AFTER ALL THE SUNDAY MASSES

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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.

\$10.00 ADMISSION — SIGN UP SHEET IN PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE
 INFORMATION AND ALL QUESTIONS CALL MARY ANN 718-376-8294

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND PARISH & ACADEMY CARD PARTY 6:00 PM IN ACADEMY GYM
 TICKETS \$40.00 INCLUDES COFFEE/TEA & COOKIES PURCHASED AT THE ACADEMY
 OFFICE PRE-SALE OF PACKETS \$45.00 OR 2 FOR \$80.00 RAFFLES FOR A GRAND
 PRIZE OF \$1,000.00 ARE BEING SOLD AT THE ACADEMY & PARISH OFFICE (1
 TICKET FOR \$5.00 OR A BOOK OF 10 TICKETS FOR \$40.00) CONTINUE TO BRING
 YOUR CERTIFICATES AND DONATIONS FOR PRIZES TO THE ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH DISCO UNLIMITED 7:30 PM IN ACADEMY GYM
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024 IS A SUPER SUNDAY! YES, THERE IS A FOOTBALL GAME

BUT IT IS ALSO THE CELEBRATION OF WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

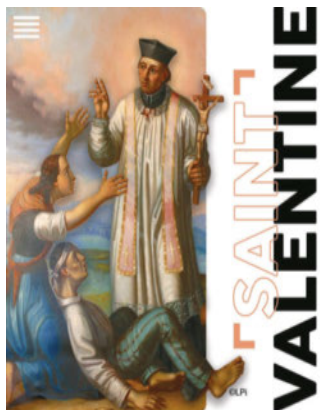
Statement of Purpose: World Marriage Day honors husband and wife as head of the family, the basic unit of society. It salutes the beauty of their faithfulness, sacrifice and joy in daily, married life.

History: The idea of celebrating marriage began in Baton Rouge, La., in 1981, when couples encouraged the mayor, the governor and the Bishop to proclaim St. Valentine's Day as "We Believe in Marriage Day". The event was so successful; the idea was presented to and adopted by Worldwide Marriage Encounter's national leadership. By 1982, 43 Governors officially proclaimed the day and celebrations spread to U.S. military bases in several foreign countries. In 1983, the name was changed to "World Marriage Day", designated to be celebrated each year on the second Sunday in February. WMD celebrations continue to grow and spread to more countries and faith expressions every year.



Symbol: Our World Marriage Day Symbol speaks of the role and values we proclaim. Husband and wife are symbolically seen as two candle-like figures, reminding us that married love calls us to help enlighten the world. The couple is joined by a heart, focusing on love as the power that fosters unity within the couple and generates the capacity to be life-giving and inspire others to fruitfulness and unity.

Father, as we celebrate World Marriage Day, we thank you for your tremendous gift of the Sacrament of Marriage. Help us to witness to its glory by a life of growing intimacy. Teach us the beauty of forgiveness so we may become more and more One in Heart, Mind and Body. Strengthen our communication and help us become living signs of your love. Make us grow more in love with the church so we may renew the Body of Christ. Make us a sign of unity in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen



The history of Valentine's Day — and its patron saint — is shrouded in mystery. But we do know that February has long been a month of romance. Who was St. Valentine? One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men — his crop of potential soldiers. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death. Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons where they were often beaten and tortured.

According to one legend, Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine fell in love with a young girl — who may have been his jailor's daughter — who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter, which he signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories certainly emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and most importantly, romantic figure. It's no surprise that by the Middle Ages, Valentine was one of the most popular saints.

In Great Britain, Valentine's Day began to be popularly celebrated around the 17th century. By the middle of the 18th century, it was common for friends and lovers in all social classes to exchange small tokens of affection or handwritten notes. By the end of the century, printed cards began to replace written letters due to improvements in printing technology. Ready-made cards were an easy way for people to express their emotions in a time when direct expression of one's feelings was discouraged. Cheaper postage rates also

Happy Valentines Day

contributed to an increase in the popularity of sending Valentine's Day greetings. Americans probably began exchanging hand-made valentines in the early 1700's.

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