



PASTOR

Fr. Guy Sbordone

PAROCHIAL VICAR

Fr. Nodius Tancial

RETIRED IN RESIDENCE

Fr. Dominick F. Cutrone

PASTOR EMERITUS

- RECTORY OFFICE HOURS -

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

9AM TO 12NOON AND 1PM TO 4PM

SATURDAY

9AM TO 1PM

- THE OFFICE IS CLOSED ON SUNDAYS -

PHONE: (718) 627-2020 FAX: (718) 336-8033

FAITH FORMATION

Ms. Phyllis Niwinski, Director
(718) 375-0404

CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mrs. Kelly Wolf, Principal
(718) 375-2081

PASTORAL MINISTRY

(718) 645-2120

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Mr. Larry Esposito, Director
(718) 627-2020

**UPPER & LOWER CHURCH
ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE**

ourladyofgrace7@gmail.com
www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org



Follow us on Facebook:

**Our Lady of Grace Parish
Gravesend**

And Instagram:

Ourladyofgracechurch

Our Lady of Grace Church

"A Family Tradition"

430 AVENUE W BROOKLYN, NY 11223

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 18, 2024 1ST WEEK CENT

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

2/18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Raffaele Persechino
9:00 AM Frank Catalano
11:00 AM Giavanna Pasini
12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

2/19 Monday Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18; Matthew 25:31-46

8:30 AM Salvatore Gallaro
7:30 PM Spanish

2/20 Tuesday Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15

8:30 AM Mary Farranto

**2/21 Wednesday Peter Damien, Bishop & Doctor
Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32**

8:30 AM Gertrude Garbacky

**2/22 Thursday CHAIR OF PETER THE APOSTLE
1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19**

8:30 AM Santo & Antonia Gagliano

**2/23 Friday Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26**

8:30 AM In Thanksgiving

2/24 Saturday Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48

8:30 AM Suzi Marziotto, Anthony LoPiccolo



The Bread & Wine

*In Memory of
SOFIA SBORDONE*

*Requested by
GIL & JOSEPHINE BORRERO*



The Chapel Candles

*In Memory of
JOHN & MARIE MINSQUERO*

*Requested by
MARIE & DAN DELUCA*



The American Flag

Flown In Honor of Our

***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 Griffò, 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, Michael Sinatra, Daniel Stracquadaine

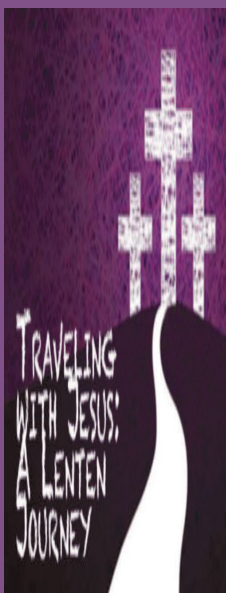
PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

GIOVANNI MONACO

WEEKLY FAITH SHARING FOR LENT(VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 10:30 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH 7:30 PM



Praying and discussing the Scripture Readings for the **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Old Testament meets New Testament in this weeks Gospel, which figures Jesus, the center of the NT, with two of the main figures from the Hebrew Scriptures, Moses and Elijah. The two people who represent the Law and the Prophets of old join with the Son of God, who said that he had come to fulfill them. In the company of Moses and Elijah, with his disciples Peter, James and John, Jesus is transfigured giving us a brief taste of his glory. Let this glorious vision continue to sustain and strengthen us on our Lenten journey

ALL ARE WELCOME!



This First Sunday of Lent is often called “*The Sunday of the Lord’s Temptation*”, since on this Sunday we listen to a Gospel of Jesus’ fasting and temptation in the desert. But just as appropriate would be the title “*The Sunday of the Lord’s Victory*”, for Jesus emerges victorious over Satan and strengthened for a ministry that will culminate in his Passion, Death and Resurrection for our Salvation. Not only in Lent, but throughout life’s journey we know testing and temptation. So we confidently begin our Lenten journey remembering that Jesus’ victory is our victory, too. With Jesus we call on God, who will answer us, deliver us by Christ’s Passion and give us glory through his Resurrection.

In this year’s cycle of readings our first reading will present God’s successive covenants offered to the human race; we hear about Noah, Abraham, Moses and the Prophets. Today God enters into a covenant with all living creatures, through Noah, after the great flood. The second reading will link the Old Testament with the Gospel. Peter sees the purifying flood of Noah’s time as foreshadowing the cleansing waters of Baptism, while Mark’s Gospel shows Jesus fasting and being tempted immediately after his Baptism. Through these readings we make the forty days in the Lenten desert a preparation for renewing our own Baptismal covenant, a time of being strengthened to bear more fruitful witness to Jesus in the world.

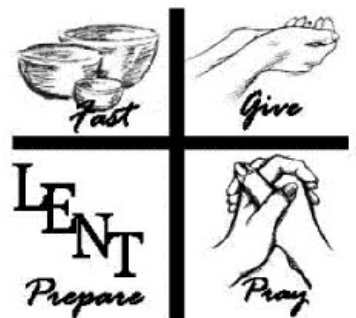
LENT The word **Lent** has an obscure origin and is probably a corruption of similar terms in ancient Anglo, Saxon and Germanic languages, all of which referred to spring, new life and hope. Although it is generally considered to be a time of mourning and repentance, it is also designated as a time of new life and hope because by means of the death of Christ, we receive new life.

The Lenten period is calculated to extend from Resurrection Sunday back for forty days, not including Sundays. Sundays are not included because they commemorate Christ's glorious resurrection on "the day after the Sabbath," "the first day of the week," "the Lord's day".

The forty days commemorate the significant "forty" periods in Scripture: including the time of Noah and the forty days and nights of the flood, the forty years the Jews wandered in the desert after they had been rescued by God from Egypt and which did not end until they repented. Jonah preached to Nineveh that God's judgment would come on them in forty days. During that time the people repented and thus were spared God's judgment. Jesus was tested by the Devil in the desert for forty days before He began His public ministry, announcing salvation to the repentant and judgment to those who continued to rebel against God. Jesus prophesied that God's judgment would come against Israel for rejecting Him as Messiah within the time of His own generation. (Matt. 24; Luke 21; Mark 13) Within forty years of His death, burial and resurrection, Jerusalem was destroyed and the temple was so ravaged that "not one stone was left here upon another". (Matt. 24:2) The Jewish Christians, however, escaped this judgment of God by fleeing to "the mountains" before the final Roman siege, just as Jesus had warned them to do. (Matt. 24:16-21)

During Lent we are to contemplate our sinfulness, repent, ask God's forgiveness and realize the infinite sacrifice God made on our behalf. It is to be a time of quiet contemplation, but not a time of despair, since it culminates in the commemoration of the Resurrection. Traditionally, those who are joining the church spend this period in special instruction regarding Christian doctrine, practice and responsibility. Historically, prospective members ("catechumens") did not participate in the Lord's Supper portion of the Sunday services until they were received into full membership on the Vigil of the Resurrection of Our Lord. For them, this first experience of Ash Wednesday and Lent has special significance as God's eternal plan of salvation is applied to them personally.

Some Christians abstain from a normal part of their daily routine during Lent to remind them of the sacrifice of Christ. Some might refrain from eating certain favorite foods or from frivolous entertainment, etc. In following the disciplines of Lent; of fasting, prayer and almsgiving we are uniting our sacrifice to Christ and renewing our life as we prepare for to focus on the events of Holy Week leading up to the Last Supper, Christ's betrayal, arrest, crucifixion, burial and finally, His triumphant Resurrection.





PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER THE 8:30 AM MASS
SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM
MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK MARCH 25TH



ALMSGIVING:

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL AND ANY SACRIFICIAL GIVING YOU WISH TO MAKE CAN BE PUT IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "MY LENTEN OFFERING" WITH YOUR NAME & ENVELOPE

NUMBER. THE OFFERING WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY AND HOMELESS PROGRAMS



BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION OFFICE EST.1884

THIS WEEKENDS SPECIAL COLLECTION IS FOR THE CATHOLIC MISSION AMONG BLACK AND INDIAN PEOPLE (BIMC)

These funds are distributed as grants to dioceses throughout the US supporting and strengthening evangelization programs. Please be generous!



BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU

Good day; I am ecstatic to report our February Drive succeeded to become the best Drive ever here at Our Lady of Grace with a total of 68 pints donated.

Congratulations! These 68 pints can serve up to 204 patients. Just unbelievable; and Thank You! But, most importantly; we did it at a time when the need was greatest! It seems the NYBC anticipated this great turnout by providing great support. Danny and his crew worked tirelessly throughout the entire day, and your appointment scheduling allowed the balanced and continuous flow of donors (as

opposed to a mad rush). I/we cannot amply express our gratitude, but know all those recipients are truly, truly grateful. I believe, in your heart, you know.

Our next Blood Drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 7th from 9:00 AM—3:00 PM. I hope to see you there!

Sincere regards, Carl



THE ITALIAN APOSTOLATE OF THE DIOCESE & RADIO MARIA ARE PRESENTING A LENTEN DAY OF SPIRITUALITY IN ITALIAN THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Siete tutti invitati ad una GIORNATA DI SPIRITUALITÀ

Sabato 24 Febbraio 10:00 am — 3:30 pm

Sarà una giornata di preghiera e di riflessione in preparazione alla Santa Pasqua

BASILICA OF REGINA PACIS (1230-65 Street) 718-236-0909

SUNDAYS THRIFT SHOP OPEN 9:00 AM—1:30 PM **NO DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED**
TUESDAYS 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
 LEARN ABOUT ITALY: CUSTOMS—CULTURE—LESSONS---DISCUSSIONS
 CALL JEANNE 718-336-3533
THURSDAYS ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO

Your Child Deserves a Catholic Education
 Registration open for all grades

Pre 3 ~ Pre 4 ~ K—8
 Register at www.olgbk.org
 Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy
 385 Avenue W

Helping students grow in Faith and Wisdom

CALL 718-375-2081 FOR A TOUR

**SPANISH AND RUSSIAN
 TRANSLATORS ON SITE**

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.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

FEBRUARY 11TH

1ST COLLECTION \$1,682.00

2ND COLLECTION \$821.00

ON LINE \$370.00

Monday February, 19th PARISH OFFICE IS
 CLOSED—PRESIDENTS' DAY HOLIDAY



NEXT WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

LECTOR MEETING 7:00 PM

RECTORY MEETING ROOM

Meeting for all Lectors and
 anyone interested in becoming
 a Lector is invited to attend



**Lenten
 Soup
 Supper**

UPCOMING PWARISH 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 & MINISTRONE 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 OFFICES (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
 SPONSORED BY OUR PARISH SCOUT TROOP #376B & 673G FORMS TO PURCHASE
 TICKETS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH OR IN THE PARISH OFFICE



Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Welcome to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal: a journey of faith, unity, and purpose. This year, we are *Called to Communion, Participation, and Mission* – a powerful theme that encapsulates the essence of our shared commitment to make a meaningful impact.

Individually, none of us can fully address the needs of our diocese. However, when we come together, we have the power to accomplish remarkable things! The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us the chance to continue spreading Christ's love throughout Brooklyn and Queens, providing hope in the process.

This year, we urge you to become a beacon of light and hope for those facing challenges. Assume a leadership position by actively participating in the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal, setting a model of Christian stewardship for others to follow. Acknowledge the abundance in our lives and demonstrate gratitude through dedicated support for the mission and initiatives of the diocese, as they work tirelessly to bring the Gospel to those in greatest need..

If you choose to become a sustaining donor, opting for the "Recurring" option when pledging online, you will further advance the Church's mission. Your monthly commitment will automatically renew each year, offering convenience and efficiency, ensuring that more of your gift goes towards supporting the crucial ministries outlined on this webpage.

We appreciate your partnership in the Lord's work and invite you to join forces with your neighbors again in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Together, we can make a significant impact.

annualcatholicappeal.org



Campaña católica anual 2024

Este año, te instamos a que te conviertas en un faro de luz y esperanza para quienes enfrentan desafíos. Asumir una posición de liderazgo participando activamente en la Campaña Católica Anual de 2024, estableciendo un modelo de mayordomía cristiana para que otros lo sigan. Reconozca la abundancia en nuestras vidas y demuestre gratitud a través del apoyo dedicado a la misión y las iniciativas de la diócesis, mientras trabajan incansablemente para llevar el Evangelio a los más necesitados.

Si elige convertirse en donante sustentador y opta por la opción "Recurrente" al realizar una donación en línea, avanzará aún más en la misión de la Iglesia. Su compromiso mensual se renovará automáticamente cada año, ofreciendo comodidad y eficiencia, asegurando que una mayor parte de su donación se destine a apoyar los ministerios cruciales descritos en esta página web. Apreciamos su colaboración en la obra del Señor y lo invitamos a unir fuerzas con sus vecinos nuevamente en la Campaña Católica Anual de este año. Juntos podemos lograr un impacto significativo.

annualcatholicappeal.org

NEVER MISS OUR BULLETIN!

SUBSCRIBE

Have our
bulletin
emailed to
you every
week.



VISIT WWW.PARISHESONLINE.COM



Cusimano & Russo Funeral Home

SERVING THE COMMUNITY SINCE 1929

718-372-1348 | 800-759-2383 | 2005 West 6th Street, Brooklyn, NY | www.cusimanoandrussofuneralhome.com

Cusimano & Russo Funeral Home is owned by a subsidiary of Service Corporation International, 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston TX 77012

Here in the community, Here to serve you
Pre-Arrangement Specialists

Michael G. Rizzotto, Licensed Manager



Tel (718) 336-5550



Fax (718) 336-8466

LAW OFFICE OF DOMENIC M. RECCHIA, JR.

FOR ALL YOUR LEGAL NEEDS

Personal Injury, Real Estate, Wills, Estates,
Medical Malpractice, Government Relations

172 GRAVESEND NECK ROAD
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11223
DOMRECC@GMAIL.COM

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

Jason Sciuvara
Broker/Owner

Doreen Alfano
Broker/Owner

BERGEN BASIN REALTY

Since 1981



Marine Park
3120 Quentin Rd
718-787-4110

Mill Basin
5817 Avenue N
718-763-4110

bergenbasin.com

FERRANTINO FUEL

FFC ENERGY

Same Great Service for Over 80 Years

Heating Oil • Natural Gas
Electricity • Diesel • Bio Fuels

718.832.6700

www.FFCenergy.com

SUPPORT
OUR
ADVERTISERS!

LOCONSOLO PAINTS



2662 Coney Isl. Ave.

2211 Ave. U

718-332-1111

718-676-1622

10% Discount With Ad

Place Your Ad Here and
Support our Parish!

Instantly create and
purchase an ad with

AD CREATOR STUDIO



4lpi.com/adcreator



SUPPORT
OUR PARISH

QUALITY GERIATRIC HOME CARE AGENCY

YOUR DAILY COMPANION & CARE PROVIDER



Geriatric Private Care Duty Nursing
Personal Care Companion Services
Alzheimer's & Dementia Care • Diabetes
Hospice Care, Cancer, Stroke, etc.
Long & Short Term Care
Live In & Live Out Service

Putting Ease and Comfort
to Family Needs

347-893-8868

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

Place Your Ad Here
and Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Christopher Guldager

cguldager@4LPi.com
or (800) 477-4574 x6829



FREE
AD DESIGN

with purchase
of this space

CALL
800-477-4574

DOES YOUR NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATION NEED
A NEWSLETTER?



Engaging,
ad-supported
print and digital
newsletters to reach
your community.



Scan to
contact us!

Visit lpicommunities.com

A Family Tradition Since 1929
ANDREW
TORREGROSSA
& SONS INC.
"AN INSTITUTION OF COMMUNITY SERVICES"

DIGNITY — SERVICE — LOW COST
INQUIRIES WELCOME WITHOUT OBLIGATION
1305 79TH ST. • 2265 FLATBUSH AVE.

24 Hour Phone: 718-232-8844



Ad info. 1-800-477-4574 • Publication Support 1-800-888-4574 • www.4lpi.com

Our Lady of Grace, Brooklyn, NY

03-4065