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# Our Lady of Grace Church

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 4<sup>th</sup> 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 25, 2024 2ND WEEK CENT

**MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**2/25**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Romans 8:31b-34; Mark 9:2-10**

Saturday Vigil 4:00 Louis & Rose Panarella, Rocco Natale,  
Sal Vindigni, Lawrence Shallis, Laura Bruno,  
Sue Ann Tramontano

9:00 AM Rosary society

11:00 AM John Holmes & Matthew Grimaldi

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**2/26 Monday Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38**

8:30 AM Sofia Sbordone

7:30 PM Spanish

**2/27 Tuesday Isaiah 1:10,16-20; Matthew 23:1-12**

8:30 AM Hung Li Wai Ngan

**2/28 Wednesday Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28**

8:30 AM Salvatore, Maria & Raffaele Ercole

**2/29 Thursday Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31**

8:30 AM Thomas J. Tesoriero

**3/1 Friday Gen 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a;; Matthew 21:33-43,45-46**

8:30 AM Deacon Carlo V. Mellace

**3/2 Saturday Katharine Drexel, Virgin**

**Micah 7:14-15,18-20; Luke 15:1-3,11-32**

8:30 AM Lena Cutrone: Birthday



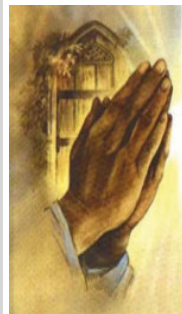
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***The Sanctuary Candle***  
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**In Memory of**  
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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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 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 Cacciouttolo. Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano, Shana Rivas, Louisa Manna, Thomas Foti, Michael Sinatra, Daniel Stracquadaine, Ella Sclafani

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

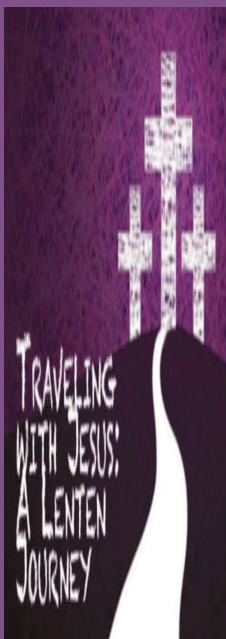
**FRANK BUCCIANO**

**WEEKLY FAITH SHARING FOR LENT(VELTRI HALL KITCHEN)**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH 10:30 AM**

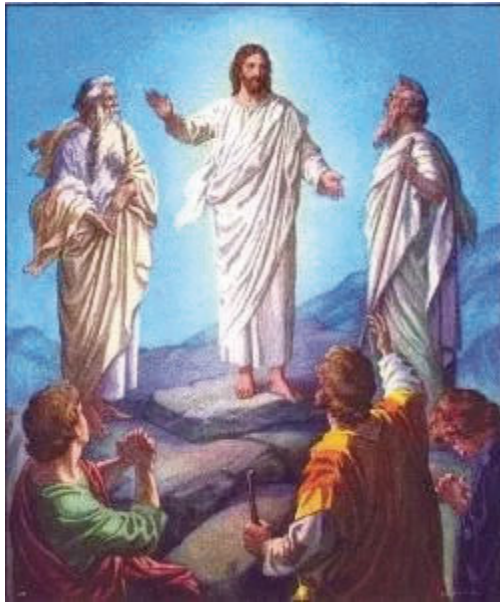
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH 7:30 PM**

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



Today's readings are very familiar. We hear how the law is given through Moses, the ten commandments. They provide a way for us to live up to our part in our covenant relationship with God. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changes out of the temple, overturning their tables and spilling their coins. Let us challenge ourselves to listen to these words as if God is personally speaking to us, telling us how to live and reminding us of the purpose of worship. As the focus of our Lenten journey is the Cross, St. Paul reminds us that we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to many, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God. Let us take to heart the words of the psalmist: "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life."

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

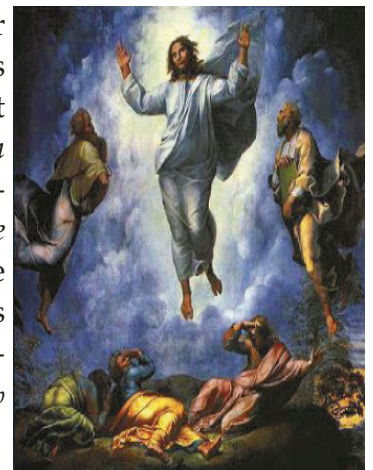


Every Second Sunday of Lent, the Lord offers us in his Transfiguration, a glimpse of the glory that is his with the Father. This glory will one day be ours too, when the Pascal Mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus is brought to fulfillment in us. Our Baptism into Jesus calls us to follow him faithfully, on the path of discipleship, through the Passion and Cross to Risen Glory. Our Lenten journey and the Eucharist help us to seek the Lord's face. We rejoice in his living presence among us and find strength for bearing more faithful witness to Jesus in the world. Our time in this holy season of prayer, fasting, abstinence and charity prepares us to renew our Baptismal (Covenant) Promises at Easter. In our reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, the Book of Genesis, we listen once again to God offering a covenant (last week to Noah and all creation) this week to Abraham. A covenant that calls us to obedience. The Lord says to Abraham: *I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command.* St. Paul celebrates the perfect obedience of Jesus, whose radiant glory, glimpsed in the Transfiguration, will one day be ours. The Collect (Opening Prayer) of the Mass and the Gospel remind us that *"we must listen to God's beloved Son and respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him in obedient faith and selfless love."*

LENTEN REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND WEEK OF LENT  
FROM THE WRITINGS OF POPE BENEDICT XVI

The Lenten season offers us once again an opportunity to reflect upon the very heart of Christian life: charity. This is a favourable time to renew our journey of faith, both as individuals and as a community, with the help of the word of God and the sacraments. This journey is one marked by prayer and sharing, silence and fasting, in anticipation of the joy of Easter. This year I would like to propose a few thoughts in the light of a brief biblical passage drawn from the *Letter to the Hebrews*: (Chapter 10) *"Let us be concerned for each other, to stir a response in love and good works"*. These words are part of a passage in which the sacred author exhorts us to trust in Jesus Christ as the High Priest who has won us forgiveness and opened up a pathway to God. Embracing Christ bears fruit in a life structured by the three theological virtues: it means approaching the Lord *"sincere in heart and filled with faith"* (v. 22), keeping firm *"in the hope we profess"* (v. 23) and ever mindful of living a life of *"love and good works"* (v. 24) together with our brothers and sisters. The author states that to sustain this life shaped by the Gospel it is important to participate in the liturgy and community prayer, mindful of the eschatological goal of full communion in God (v. 25)

The Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord (this week) puts before our eyes the glory of Christ, which anticipates the resurrection and announces the divinization of man. The Christian community becomes aware that Jesus leads it, like the Apostles Peter, James and John *"up a high mountain by themselves"* (Mt 17: 1), to receive once again in Christ, as sons and daughters in the Son, the gift of the Grace of God: *"This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favor. Listen to him"* (Mt 17: 5) It is the invitation to take a distance from the noisiness of everyday life in order to immerse oneself in God's presence. God desires to hand down to us, each day, a Word that penetrates the depths of our spirit, where we discern good from evil (cf. Heb 4:12), reinforcing our will to follow the Lord.



## PARISH LENTEN ACTIVITIES

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

ENGLISH: FRIDAYS AFTER  
THE 8:30 AM MASS

SPANISH: FRIDAYS 7:30 PM

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

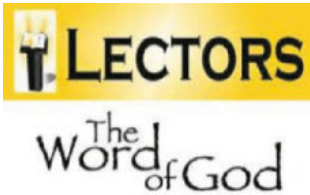
SATURDAY FROM 3:30 - 3:45 PM

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK MARCH 25<sup>TH</sup>



### ALMSGIVING:

DIOCESAN CATHOLIC APPEAL  
AND ANY SACRIFICIAL GIVING  
YOU WISH TO MAKE CAN BE  
PUT IN AN ENVELOPE  
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VELOPE NUMBER. THE OFFERING WILL BE  
USED TO SUPPORT OUR PARISH FOOD  
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THIS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

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

**THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**After the 4:00 PM MASS**

**LENTEN SOUP SUPPER**

**in the Academy Cafeteria**

**A light Sacrificial Supper of Lentil or Minestrone Soup**

**Prepared by Chef Ray along with Water, Bread,**

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**THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**IS THE 1<sup>ST</sup> 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 CHAPLET**

**& PRAYERS IN HONOR OF PADRE PIO.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**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  
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**THURSDAYS** ROSARY SOCIETY 1:00 PM RECTORY MEETING ROOM PRAYER & ITALIAN BINGO



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 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](http://www.ourladyofgrace-brooklyn.org)  
 All information on the website under For Parents.

<b><u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u></b>	
<b><u>FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup></u></b>	
1ST COLLECTION	\$1,666.00
2ND COLLECTION	\$592.00
ON LINE	\$590.00
BLACK & INDIAN	\$441.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$1,953.00

**UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> EASTER FAIR** IN VELTRI HALL

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22<sup>ND</sup> 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 13<sup>TH</sup> DISCO UNLIMITED** 7:30 PM IN ACADEMY GYM  
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS SATURDAY, MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> 10:00 AM  
 ST. BERNARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY \$50.00 CALL ANDREA FOR INFORMATION & TO REGISTER 718-965-7375 ext 1601



## Annual Catholic Appeal 2024

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**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.

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### **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.

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