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# Our Lady of Grace Church "H Family Tradition"

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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.

<u>DEVOTIONS</u>: 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* 

4 2NO WEEK EASTER

#### MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### 4/7 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; John 20:19-31

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Anna DiNardo, Giuseppe Intogna, Sofia Sbordone, Andrew Padulano, Waclaw Garbacki, Pompeo Primavera, Easter Remembrance Intentions

9:00 AM Concetta & Ciro D'Istria, Francesco Mentesana

11:00 AM Rosina & Maria Morosini

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

### 4/8 Monday THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Isaiah 7:10-14:8:10: Hebrews 10:4-10: Luke 1:26-38

8:30 AM Sofia Sbordone

7:30 PM Spanish

4/9 Tuesday <u>Easter Weekday</u> Acts 4:32-37: John 3:7b-15

8:30 AM Giuseppe & Maria Angelino

4/10 Wednesday Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21

8:30 AM Vito Cutrone: 41st Anniversary

4/11 Thursday <u>Easter Weekday/ Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr</u>

Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36

8:30 AM Pierre Pierce Heurtelou

4/12 Friday Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-5

8:30 AM Tony Gentile & Loretta Rinaldi

4/13 Saturday Easter Weekday/ Martin I, Pope & Martyr

Acts 6:1-7 John 6:16-21

8:30 AM Holy Name Society: Living & Deceased Members





The Bread & Wine
IN HONOR OF THE
PEOPLE OF THE PARISH



The Altar Candles
IN THANKSGIVING
Requested by
MARIE DELUCA



The Chapel Candles
In Memory of
FRANCES & DOMINICK
DELUCA
Requested by
MARIE & DAN DELUCA

#### **COLLECTION**

#### **MARCH 31ST**

1ST COLLECTION \$2,825.00 2ND COLLECTION \$1,540.00 HOLY LAND \$617.00 RETIRED PRIEST 571\$.00 EASTER GIFT \$4,323.00 EASTER FLOWER \$1,134.00 ON LINE \$475.00



AFTER MASS TODAY IN THE GROTTO OUR CUB SCOUT PACK 376 IS HAVING A FUNDRAISER BAKE SALE 9:00 AM-1:00 PM COOKIES-CAKES-BROWNIES-CUPCAKES AND MORE COME, HELP SUPPORT THE CUB SCOUTS!

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 Griffo, 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, Louis Cacciouttolo. Jo Ann Conenna, Sal Schiano, Shana Rivas, Louisa Manna, Thomas Foti, Michael Sinatra, Daniel Stracquadaine, Ella Sclafani, Lauren Dugan, Maryann Monaco, Nikki Russo, Barbara Iomarini, Sofia Russo

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED** BERNICE D'ERAMO, ROSEMARIE LEWIS, ROBERTA STORNIOLO



On this Divine Mercy Sunday, one week after our Easter Celebration, we return at God's invitation to continue our great Easter celebration of Fifty Days. We follow the example of the early Christians, "who devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of the bread and to prayer." We who have not yet seen and yet believe in the Resurrection are called to be signs of the Resurrection to others. The Eucharist this day and every day nourishes us for the task, in imitation of the first Christians, we now devote ourselves to listening to the teaching of the Apostles. Let us experience with them the joy of seeing the Risen Lord and being granted his Peace. Our hearts rejoice with glorious joy as we hear the familiar Gospel story of Thomas, the Apostle who doubted. As we are nourished at the table of the Word, let our response be the same as that of Thomas. With joy we acclaim the Risen Christ with the words: "MY LORD AND MY GOD"

Mercy is a virtue influencing one's will to have compassion for, and, if possible, to alleviate another's misfortune.

#### SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

To counsel the doubtful \*\* instruct the ignorant \*\* admonish the sinner \*\* comfort the sorrowful \*\* forgive all injuries \*\* bear wrongs patiently \*\* pray for the living and the dead

#### CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

To feed the hungry \*\* give drink to the thirsty \*\*clothe the naked \*\* shelter the homeless \*\*visit the sick \*\* visit the imprisoned\*\* bury the dead

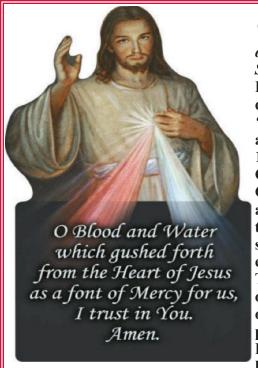


#### EASTER THANK YOU

As you behold the beauty of the Church a word of thanks for your generosity that makes it all possible (collection totals on page 2)
Thank you to all who participated in the Liturgies of Holy Week and those who decorated the Sanctuary on Holy Saturday morning. May the Risen Lord continue to Bless You and Your Families and all you do for OLG

<u>PASTORAL MINISTRY THANK YOU</u>: On behalf of OLG Pastoral Ministry, we wish to thank all Parishioners who donated to our Easter Food Drive. your generosity allowed us to give extra to those who came to the Pantry, as well as the Ministry to the Homeless. Thank You to those who gave a Lenten Sacrificial Offering, \$800.00 was given to the Pastoral Ministry Program. May God's Easter Blessing be with you in this Easter Season and throughout the year!

EASTER FAIR THANK YOU: Mary Ann DeLuca—Scout Troops 376B & 673G—Carl Bergpnzo—John & Joann Cassata—Doreen Roman— Pat Marotta—Lou Vingelli—Michael Bruno, SR.—Colin Thompson—Nicholas Cannizzo—Bill Georges—Angela Capriola—Barbara Calasso—Lou Cornacchia—Victor Cosme—Giovanna Goeebel—Gen Lanzarone—Roseann Silvery—Msgr. Cafiero Columbiettes—Thrift Shop Ladies: Phyllis Niwinski—Irma Bruno—Marie DeLuca—Mimi Camera—Cuccio's Bakery—All the Vendors—To all who helped make the Easter Fair-Easter Egg Hunt 2024 a success—And to all who supported & visited the Fair & Kitchen & to all the children who participated in the Easter Egg Hunt. A good time was had by all!



Pope John Paul II, proclaimed to the world, that "from now on throughout the Church this Sunday will be called Divine Mercy Sunday". The occasion was the Mass for the canonization of Sister Faustina Kowalska, known as the "Apostle of Divine Mercy". Her deep interior faith revealed to her and ultimately the world, the "limitless mercy of Jesus". From the diary of this young Polish nun, a special devotion began spreading throughout the world in the 1930s. The message is nothing new, but is a reminder of what the Church has always taught through Scripture and Tradition: that God is merciful and forgiving and that we, too, must show mercy and forgiveness. But in the Divine Mercy devotion, the message takes on a powerful new focus, calling people to a deeper understanding that God's love is unlimited and available to everyone — especially the greatest sinners.

The message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message of mercy is that God loves us — all of us —no matter how great our sins. He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy. It is a message we can call to mind simply by remembering ABC.

A — Ask for God's Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.

B — Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.

C — Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

#### **DIVINE MERCY AND THE FEAST OF EASTER**

The idea of this special celebration of God's mercy on the Sunday after Easter is not a new or radical idea stemming simply from a private revelation. Our Lord, through St. Faustina, is simply reemphasizing what was strongly urged by Saint Thomas the Apostle in the earliest liturgical document in existence, the "Apostolic Constitution". There we read: "After eight days following the Feast of Easter, let there be another feast observed with honor, the eight day itself, on which He gave me, Thomas, who was hard of belief, full assurance, by showing me the print of the nails and the wound made in His side by the spear." What assurance did Thomas receive by the sight of the Lord's wounded side? Not that Christ was truly risen (for that was obvious), but that He is divine and therefore has the power of reversing sin. This assurance was accomplished by the sight of the wounded source of the "stream of mercy", the source of Christ's "transfusion" of His life-blood to the Church through the Sacraments, especially of Baptism, Reconciliation and the Eucharist. "From within Christ rivers of living water shall flow". Here we have the key to understanding the Image of the Divine mercy with its rays signifying the Blood and the Water that flowed from Christ's pierced side. We can also see these rays as simultaneously symbolizing the Holy Spirit, whom Christ breathed into the disciples during the same Octave-Day appearance. On the strength of that Holy breath, all sins are forgiven and atonement with the Father is accomplished. Here, God is reconciling the world to Himself (2 Cor 5:18) And here the Church, the newly-born Body of Christ, is commissioned to be the instrument of reconciliation down through the ages.

This is Christ's Great Promise of complete pardon of sin and punishment on Divine Mercy Sunday through the reception of the Sacrament which is a participation in His death to sin and rising to divine life. How grateful we should be for being drawn into the depths of God's Mercy!

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

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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



THOSE ON THE MAILING LIST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PLEDGE IN THE MAIL. ALL OTHERS CAN MAKE A PLEDGE IN THE CHURCH DURING THE IN-PEW WEEKENDS NEXT MONTH. I ASK ALL PARISHIONERS TO CONSIDER MAKING A PLEDGE SO WHEN WE GO OVER OUR GOAL OF Annual Catholic \$44,663.00 ALL MONEY OVER GOAL WILL COME BACK TO OUR PARISH. THIS MONEY WILL BE USED TO PURCHASE A NEW BOILER AND HOT WATER HEATER FOR THE RECTORY & PARISH MEETING ROOM.

#### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH PARISH BLOOD DRIVE 9:00 AM-3:00 PM VELTRI HALL

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH DISCO UNLIMITED 7:30 PM THE 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. \$90.00 NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR INCLUDES: HOT FOOD, SODA & WATER, COFFEE, TEA & DESSERT, BEER & WINE FOR PURCHASE. BASKET RAFFLES & 50/50

APRIL 21st FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY AFTER SUNDAY MASSES IN VELTRI HALL SPONSORED BY THE COLUMBIETTS & THRIFT SHOP LADIES

SATURDAY, APRIL 27th & SUNDAY APRIL 28th AFTER ALL THE MASSES HOLY LAND SALE OF OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES TO BENEFIT THE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN BETHLEHEM



SATURDAY, MAY 4TH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

11:00 AM ACADEMY CHILDREN 1:00 PM FAITH FORMATION CHILDREN



SATURDAY, MAY 11TH NIGHT AT THE RACES

7:00 PM ACADEMY GYM \$40.00 INCLUDES: Hot Dogs & Knishes. Snacks. Water, Soda, Coffee/Tea & Dessert TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE

SUNDAY MAY 19TH FEAST OF PENTECOST 11:00 MASS CELEBRATION OF PARISH PATRONAL FEAST, ADULT CONFIRMATION, CEREMONY TO REPLACE FLAGS FOLLOWED BY BLOCK PARTY IN THE GROTTO

4:00 PM ACADEMY & FAITH FORMATION CONFIRMATION

THRIFT SHOP INVENTORY: DO YOU EVER WONDER WHAT IS IN THE THRIFT SHOP? THE LADIES HAVE PUT TOGETHER A LIST OF THE MANY ITEMS THAT ARE ON SALE: Angel Items Arts and Crafts Artwork Belts Bike Helmets Blankets Blue Jeans GO THRIFT Bowls Candlesticks CD's Cell Phone Accessories Children's/Infants Clothes

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#### Domingo de la Divina misercodia

La octava de la resurrección del Señor, la fiesta más grande de la Iglesia católica, termina con el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, comúnmente conocido como la Fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. El establecimiento de esta fiesta fue pedido por Jesús en las apariciones de Santa Sor Faustina, cuando dijo repetidamente que quería que el primer domingo después de Pascua fuera la Fiesta de la Misericordia: "Deseo que la Santa Misericordia sea el recurso y el refugio de todas las almas, y especialmente de los pobres pecadores. En este día se abren las compuertas de Mi misericordia. Derramo todo un océano de gracias sobre las almas que se acercan a la fuente de Mi misericordia. Cada alma que se acerque a la confesión y a la Santa Comunión recibirá el perdón completo de sus pecados y la remisión de sus penas. En este día se abren todas las fuentes divinas por las que fluye la gracia. Que ningún alma tenga miedo de acercarse a Mí, aunque sus pecados sean como la grana abierta; que ningún alma tenga miedo de acercarse a Mí, aunque sus pecados sean como la grana" (Diario 299).

En este día, no sólo podemos recibir la gracia del "perdón completo" (una de las gracias del Santo Bautismo), sino también pedir muchos otros favores y beneficios temporales, si son compatibles con la voluntad de Dios. La condición es un corazón puro, sin apego al pecado, y una actitud de confianza en Dios, es decir, el deseo de cumplir su voluntad y el amor activo al prójimo. El único recipiente para agotar la gracia es la confianza, como Jesús enseñó a Santa Faustina, porque la misericordia de Dios no tiene límites, y es alegría de Dios dar mucho. Es el Amor Misericordioso lo que llegamos a conocer y adorar cuando celebramos esta fiesta.

Confiemos nuestro mundo a la Divina Misericordia: que el resplandor y el reinado del Señor resucitado ahuyenten la noche de este mundo. Con la Virgen María, Madre de misericordia, y con santa Faustina, Apóstol de la misericordia, pidamos la gracia de la fe, del valor y de la confianza para todos los hijos de Dios. Con la mirada fija en Jesús Vencedor, digámosle juntos: "Jesús, confío en Ti".

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