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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*

**MARCH 31, 2024 OCTAVE OF EASTER**



# Rejoice at EASTER



## MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**3/31 EASTER SUNDAY**  
**Acts 10:34a,37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9**  
 Easter Vigil 7:30 PM People of the Parish  
 9:00 AM Rosary Society  
 11:00 AM Sofia Sbordone, Aurora Rosado, Betty Mezzo,  
 Joyce & Nino Biase, Generoso Caiafa, Salvatore Giglio  
 12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

**4/1 Monday within the Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 2:14,22-23; Matthew 28:8-15**

8:30 AM Purgatorial Society  
 7:30 PM Spanish

**4/2 Tuesday Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18**

8:30 AM Johnny Marro

**4/2 Wednesday Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35**

8:30 AM Vito Cutrone: Birthday;  
 Jerome Corvo

**4/4 Thursday Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48**

8:30 AM Waclaw Garbacki

**4/5 Friday within the Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14**

8:30 AM Giuseppina, Salvatore & Antonia Fabella

**4/6 Saturday within the Octave of Easter**  
**Acts 4:13-21 Mark 16:9-15**

8:30 AM Vito & Teresa Conenna  
 1:00 PM Parish Rosary & Prayers



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



*The Sanctuary Candle*  
*In Memory of*  
**SOFIA SBORDONE**  
*Requested by*  
**GOLDEN AGE CLUB**



*The Altar Candles*  
*In Loving Memory of*  
**ROCCO FERRIGNO**  
*Requested by*  
**JOSEPHINE BORRERO & FAMILY**



*This Saturday, April 6th, is  
 the 1st Saturday of the month.  
 We will have our afternoon of  
 prayer beginning at 1:00 PM,  
 with the Rosary, praying the  
 Hail Mary's in English, Spanish, Italian,  
 Polish & Latin. Followed by the Divine  
 Mercy Chaplet and prayers in Honor of St.  
 Padre Pio. All are welcome!*

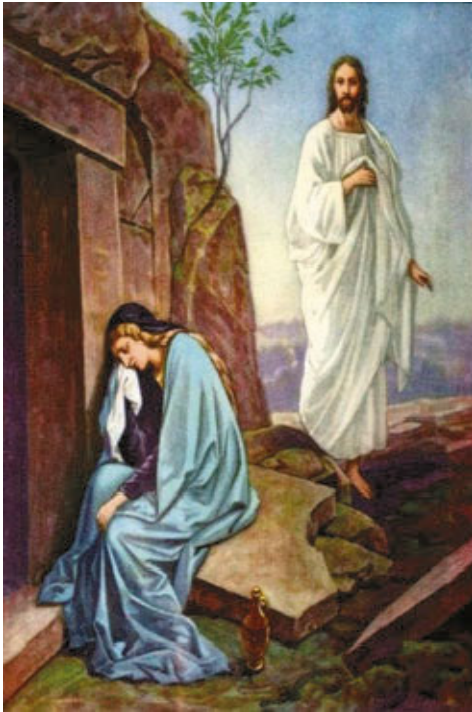
### COLLECTION

#### MARCH 24TH

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2ND COLLECTION	\$883.00
ON LINE	\$405.00

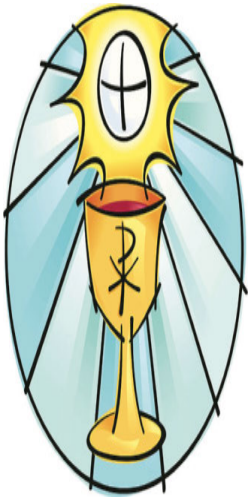
**PRAY FOR THE SICK** Maria Palmieri, Patricia Holmes, Oliver Hughes, Grace Dolitrone, Isabelle Grenier, Danny Zappulla, Stephen Liell, Ericka Alivez, Gloria Isabella, Paula Borrero, Bonnie Schlegal, Anthony Barbaro, Margie Thomas, Simone Oliva, Ronnie Centaro, Marco Griffo, Jose Guevara, RoseMary Leporati, 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 Cacciottolo, 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** ROSE SPHATT, GERARD DIMONDA



**O**ur Easter refrain begins today, *“This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad!* Christ is risen, truly risen and we are witnesses to God’s glorious deeds. We celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection, as the Body of Christ, in union with our brothers and sisters throughout the world. We begin our celebration of Easter with the Holy Vigil where we gather around the fire to light our Paschal Candle, we bless the waters of Baptism, we renew our Baptismal Promises and are sprinkled with the new water of Easter and we share the Banquet of new life. The darkness of the night gives way to the dawn of rejoicing as we go to the tomb with Mary of Magdala and Peter and John to see the empty tomb and the burial cloths there. With them we see and believe for we understand the Scriptures that *Jesus had to rise from the dead.* The power of this holy day leads us to witness to the Resurrection for the life of the world. The readings celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection. Peter and Paul bring the good news to the Gentiles, Peter giving eyewitness testimony of his time with Jesus before and after his death and resurrection, while Paul points out that the resurrection transforms our lives. In the Gospel, neither angels nor the Risen lord appear to the first visitors to the tomb to testify to the Resurrection, but the disciple Jesus loves believes at once. May God’s Word guide us to belief as well.

**THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION WILL BE CELEBRATED ON APRIL 8TH**



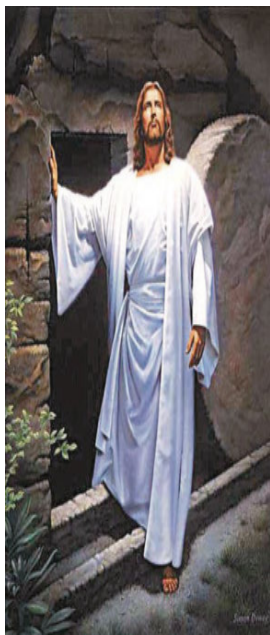
***DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH***  
***LOUIS ARMSTRONG STADIUM OF THE USTA BILLIE JEAN KING***  
***TENNIS CENTER, FLUSHING MEADOWS***  
***ARRIVAL TIME 8:00—9:00 AM DEPARTURE TIME 3:00 PM***  
***OUR PARISH HAS BEEN ALLOCATED 50 TICKETS WITH THE POSSIBILITY***  
***OF MORE DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY***  
***IF YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO GO CALL THE PARISH OFFICE THIS WEEK***  
***GIVE YOUR NAME, EMAIL ADDRESS, PHONE # & IF YOU WANT BUS***  
***TRANSPORTATION. WE WILL COMPILE A LIST OF THE 50 NAMES AND***  
***CREATE A WAITING LIST FOR ALL OTHERS. THE SOONER WE KNOW***  
***THE NUMBER OF TICKETS NEEDED THE GREATER THE POSSIBILITY OF***  
***RECEIVING THEM SINCE THEY WILL BE DISTRIBUTED ON A***  
***FIRST REQUESTED FIRST RECEIVED BASIS***



**ARE YOU AN ADULT BAPTIZED CATHOLIC OR DO YOU KNOW AN ADULT BAPTIZED CATHOLIC WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION OR NEEDS CONFIRMATION? SACRAMENTS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON THE FEAST OF PENTECOST SUNDAY, MAY 19TH.**

**PREPARATION WILL BEGIN THIS TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND 7:00 PM IN THE PARISH OFFICE. TO REGISTER FOR THE CLASSES CALL THE PARISH OFFICE 718-627-2020**

**E**aster, celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead, is our most important holy day. It is a moveable feast because it doesn't fall on a set date every year, as most holidays do. We, follow the Gregorian Calendar which celebrates Easter on the first Sunday, following the full moon after the vernal equinox (this year on March 19th). Therefore, Easter is observed anywhere between March 19th and April 25th every year. Orthodox Christians use the Julian calendar to calculate when Easter will occur and typically celebrate the holy day a week or two after ours.



The exact origins of this religious feast day's name are unknown. Some sources claim the word Easter is derived from *Eostre*, a Teutonic goddess of spring and fertility. Other accounts trace Easter to the Latin term *hebdomada alba*, or white week, an ancient reference to Easter week and the white clothing donned by people who were baptized during that time. Through a translation error, the term later appeared as *esostarum* in Old High German, which eventually became *Easter* in English. In Italian, Easter is known as *Pasqua*; in Spanish, *Pascua*; in French, *Paques*. These words are derived from the Greek and Latin *Pascha* or *Pasch*, for Passover. Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection occurred after he went to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover (or *Pesach* in Hebrew), the Jewish festival commemorating the Israelites' exodus from slavery in Egypt. *Pascha* eventually came to mean Easter.

**E**aster is really an entire season of the Church Year, We have just finished Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, which has been a time of reflection and penance and represented the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting his ministry, a time in which Jesus survived various temptations by the devil. The week preceding Easter is Holy Week and includes the *Triduum* (the three days) Holy Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of his crucifixion and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the crucifixion and resurrection. The week of Easter is called the Octave of Easter which begins the Great 50 Days of the Easter Season. The Octave ends with Divine Mercy Sunday. Included in the Easter Season is the celebration of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven (40 days) and the conclusion of Easter on the 50th day, Pentecost.



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:**

(Next weekend)

In 2000 our Holy Father, Saint 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



**Easter Love**

On Easter we celebrate love,  
 love coming down from heaven,  
 love blanketing the earth  
 in a transforming embrace;  
 unique and infinite love,  
 giving more than we can imagine  
 for us, to cleanse our sin,  
 a perfect sacrifice, Lamb of God,  
 the walking, talking Word.  
 He is teacher, role model, friend,  
 this God in human form,  
 dying, then rising from the dead,  
 proving all who believe  
 will also rise  
 to have eternal life, with Him,  
 Lord of all.  
 Oh, Happy, Happy Easter!



**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



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 \$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 SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BINGO KNIGHT** 7:30 PM  
 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, APRIL 7TH PARISH BLOOD DRIVE** 9:00 AM—3:00 PM VELTRI HALL  
 FOR AN APPOINTED TIME TO GIVE BLOOD CALL/TEXT LYDIA 646-208-6777  
 Remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card



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

**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 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 GROTTA



**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**  
**Bowls Candlesticks CD's Cell Phone Accessories Children's/Infants Clothes**  
**Children's Toys Christmas Items (on sale all year) Coats (for men, women and children)**  
**Coasters Collector Pins Cooking Utensils Crafts Crystal Items Crystal Trays Cups**  
**Curtains Dishes Draperies Decorative Pillows DVD's Formal Shoes Formal Wear Glasses**  
**Gloves Golf Bag Golf Shoes Greeting Cards Halloween Decorations Handbags Hats**  
**House Ware Items Jackets Jewelry Lingerie Men's Suits Mugs Nostalgic Items Pet**  
**Supplies Picture Frames Pots Platters Plastic Cannisters Pocketbooks PJ's Precious**  
**Moments Purses Puzzles Religious Statues Rosary Beads Scarfs Seasonal Holiday Items**  
**Baby, Ladies & Men's Shoes & Boots Shower Curtains Silver Items Silverware Snow Babies**  
**Sports Items Stemware Stockings Sweaters Swim Ware Tablecloths Travel Bags Trays**  
**Vases Wallets Wicker Baskets Wine Decanters And Much More.... COME IN AND VISIT**

## - Ministerios Hispanos -



Querida comunidad,

*¡Cristo no está en el sepulcro, no está muerto! ¡Ha Resucitado!  
¡Verdaderamente, ha Resucitado!*

Este es el saludo que sigue resonando con gran gozo en el corazón de toda la Iglesia desde hace más de dos mil años. Es el gran anuncio que nos ha comunicado la proclamación solemne del Pregón en la Vigilia Pascual, y en donde se invita a toda la Iglesia a participar de esta gozosa noticia: *«Alégrense también nuestra Madre la Iglesia», porque «rotas las cadenas de la muerte; Cristo asciende victorioso del abismo» (Pregón Pascual).*

### **Les deseo a todos ¡Feliz Pascua de Resurrección!**

Hoy es un día especial, la primavera se hace presente augurando vida entre nosotros, todo florece, y esperamos que nuestros corazones también.

Hemos recorrido la cuaresma de preparación de nuestro corazón, para humanizar más nuestra vida en torno al ejemplo de Jesús. Hemos ejercitado nuestro pensar, sentir y actuar para asemejarnos un poco más a Jesús de Nazareth.

Este tiempo de pascua es tiempo de alegría, esperanza y gozo. Tiempo de mover las losas de nuestra vida, como decía San Pablo *“quiero experimentar el poder de su Resurrección” (Filipenses 3, 10). Que este sea nuestro deseo y a la vez la promesa cumplida. Es tiempo para levantar el ánimo, para levantar la estima personal, para levantar el corazón dolido, y tener un corazón en gratitud.*

Es momento de comprometernos a dar vida a nuestro alrededor, a los necesitados y desesperanzados. Es tiempo de levantar la mirada, de tener una actitud resucitada en casa, en el trabajo, que se nos note que seguimos a Jesucristo Vivo.

Les deseo en esta cincuentena pascual, mantener la llama de la fe, la esperanza y el amor, para llegar a Pentecostés, y celebrar que estamos habitados por el Espíritu.

Un abrazo a todos.

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