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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*

4TH WEEK EASTER

MASSES & READINGS FOR THE WEEK

4/21 GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

Saturday Vigil 4:00 PM Sofia Sbordone, Rose, Vincenzo, Joseph, Anthony & Salvatore Balbi, Antonio Cantania, Stephen Bosze, Easter Remembrance Intentions

9:00 AM Giovanna & Antonio Pasini

11:00 AM Salvatore Giglio, M.K. Varghese, Alfred Denigris,

Vincenzo Purpura, Maria Angela Antonucci

12:30 PM (Spanish) People of the Parish

4/22 Monday Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10

8:30 AM Nancy Timmons: For Healing

7:30 PM Spanish

4/23 Tuesday <u>George, Martyr & Adalbert. Bishop & Martyr</u> Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30

8:30 AM Sofia Sbordone

4/24 Wednesday Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest & Martyr
Acts 12:24—13:5a: John 12:44-50

8:30 AM George Kordela

4/25 Thursday <u>MARK, EVANGELIST</u> 1 Peter 5:5b-14: Mark 16:15-20

8:30 AM Julia Perez

4/26 Friday Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6

8:30 AM Waclaw Garbacki

4/27 Saturday Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14

8:30 AM Michael DeVito



FAITH SHARING FOR THE EASTER SEASON WILL MEET IN THE VELTRI HALL KITCHEN

THIS MONDAY, APRIL 22ND 10:30 AM AND TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD 7:30 PM REFLECTING AND DISCUSSING THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ENVELOPES TO REMEMBER YOUR MOTHER LIVING OR DECEASED ARE AT THE ENTRANCES OF THE CHURCH. PRAYERS WILL BE OFFERED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF MAY



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



The Sanctuary Candle
In Memory of
SOFIA SBORDONE
Requested by
ANGELA CAPRIOLA



The Chapel Candles
In Memory of
JOHN & MARIE MINSQUERO
Requested by
MARIE & DAN DELUCA

PRAYFOR 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

MARY SARTINI, ELIZABETH MANDERINO, VICTORIA RODRIGUEZ





esus in the today's Gospel describes himself as the Good Shepherd and his followers as the sheep of his flock. He also proclaims his loving care for those who do not yet belong to his fold. As we gather for this celebration, let us resolve to hear and heed our Good Shepherd's voice, to know and follow where Jesus leads.

The first reading begins just after the Church's first earthly shepherd, St. Peter, heals a man paralyzed from birth. Peter courageously proclaims to the hostile authorities that this miraculous cure was done in the power of Jesus' name, the Jesus they arranged to have crucified! Let us take comfort that, from the beginning, the Christian community grows not in spite of difficulties but because of them. St. John deepens our Easter joy by reminding us that we are already God's children now. And in the Gospel, that Jesus our Good Shepherd will never abandon us his flock, but lay down his life for his sheep.



n 1963, Pope Saint Paul VI designated Good Shepherd Sunday as *World Day of Prayer for Vocations* (WDPV). Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us well and gives his life for us. In the name of Christ Jesus we rejoice in the Good Shepherd who leads us into fullness of life. The purpose of this day is to publically fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38;

Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes

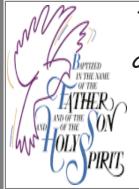


TODAY IS KNOWN AS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY in each year of the liturgical cycle on this 4th Sunday of Easter, the Gospel is always taken from the 10th chapter of John where Jesus speaks of himself as the Good Shepherd. Jesus says: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them and they follow me, I give them eternal life and they shall never perish." Jesus knows his sheep and they know him. There is a mutual bond of love and intimacy. That love is compared to the deep mutual relationship that exists between Jesus and his Father, "The Father and I are one" and with Jesus and the Church. Why today is also a WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS, we are reminded, as baptized Catholics and all Christians, that our central vocation is both a call to holiness and to service. "Holiness is the vocation of our times, of all of us," said Saint Paul VI in Vatican Council II. Saint John

Paul II constantly called upon young people and all of us to give our lives in service as followers of Jesus Christ. And Pope Francis gives a reminder of this in his example of service for all people, especially the poor.

Prayer for Vocations

Generous God. you show us the way that leads everlasting life. Through baptism you have called us to proclaim the Good News. Bless and strengthen those who have made a commitment of service in the Church. Guide and give wisdom to those discerning their vocation. Enrich our Church with dedicated married and single people, with Priests, Deacons and with people in Consecrated Life. Filled with your Holy Spirit we ask this blessing that we, your people, may follow Jesus, our Good Shepherd, now and always. Amen.



THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST, AT
THE 11:00 MASS WE WILL
CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF
BAPTISM FOR 2 CHILDREN
FROM OUR ACADEMY
KAELYN PAULK
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WEEKLY COLLECTION APRIL 14TH

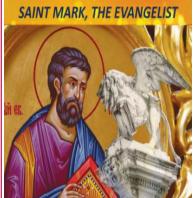
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THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 21st FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Hosted by The Columbiettes

After all the Sunday Masses they invite you
to come to Veltri Hall for
fellowship and light refreshments



THIS THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH IS THE FEAST OF ST. MARK, WHO IS OUR GOSPEL LEADER FOR THIS LITURGICAL YEAR (YEAR B)

The church celebrates St Mark the Evangelist, who wrote the first Gospel. He was not one of the 12 Apostles but he was a disciple of Jesus who was right at the heart of the events which surrounded the explosion of the Good News of Jesus and it was he who first put into writing the eye witness accounts of the life and times of Jesus. His writing about Jesus was so good that 90% of it is used by Matthew and over half by the Gospel of Luke. His writing has been dated soonest after the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus, between AD60 and 70.

In the earliest Christian art the four Gospel writers were represented using the symbolism recorded in Revelation (4:7) of winged creatures. St Mark a lion, St Matthew a creature with a face like a human face, St Luke an ox, and St John a flying eagle. The lion symbolism also appears in a vision of the Prophet Ezekiel (1:10). Mark begins his Gospel with the mission of John the Baptist "crying out in the wilderness." His voice is said to have sounded like that of a roaring lion. St Mark the Evangelist is specially remembered in the church year on 25 April with this prayer: Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your Evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the Gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, now and for ever. Amen



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

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

NEXT SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH & SUNDAY APRIL 28TH AFTER MASS HOLY LAND SALE OF OLIVE WOOD RELIGIOUS ARTICLES FOR THE CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN BETHLEHEM

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

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

SUNDAY MAY 5TH (CINCO DE MAYO) PASTA & TACO DINNER 11:00 AM-5:00 PM ACADEMY CAFETERIA SPONSORED BY OUR SCOUT TROOPS \$20.00 (ADULTS) \$15.00 (CHILDREN 12 & UNDER) CALL: JOSEPH ROTONDI 917-414-0881 OR COLIN THOMPSON 347-764-2701 EARLY RESERVATION \$5.00 OFF PER PERSON

<u>SATURDAY, MAY 11TH</u> <u>NIGHT AT THE RACES</u> 7:00 PM ACADEMY GYM \$20.00 INCLUDES: Hot Dogs, Snacks. Water, Soda, Coffee/Tea & Dessert TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE PARISH OFFICE





MONDAY MAY 13TH FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA 8:00 AM DEPARTURE FOR BLUE ARMY SHRINE DAY OF PRAYER & MASS \$50.00 FOR RESERVATIONS CALL: PARISH OFFICE (718) 627-2020 OR THERESA HOME (718) 375-3864 CELL (929) 309-8440

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



Monday April 22nd EARTH DAY

In the words of Pope Francis: "Take good care of creation St. Francis wanted that. People occasionally forgive, but nature never does.

If we don't take care of the environment there's no way of getting around it." As good stewards, it is our duty to faithfully care for all God's creation.

Creation



APRIL 23rd IS THE FEAST OF ST. GEORGE & THE PATRONAL FEAST OF OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS (JORGE)

It is likely that Saint George was born to a Greek Christian noble family in Lydda, Syria Palaestina, during the late third century between about 275 AD and 285 AD. He died in the Greek city of Nicomedia in Asia Minor. His father, Gerontios, was a Greek from Cappadocia, an officer in the Roman army; and his mother, Polychronia, was a Greek native of Lydda. They were both Christians from noble families of the Anici, so their child was raised with Christian beliefs. They decided to call him Georgios (Greek), meaning "worker of the land" (i.e., farmer). At the age of fourteen, George lost his father; a few years later, George's mother died.

George decided to go to Nicomedia and present himself to Emperor Diocletian to apply for a career as a soldier. Diocletian welcomed him with open arms, as he had known his father one of his finest soldiers. By his late 20s, George was promoted to the rank of Tribunus and stationed as an imperial guard of the Emperor at Nicomedia.

On 24 February AD 303, Diocletian issued an edict that every Christian soldier in the army should be arrested and every other soldier should offer a sacrifice to the Roman gods of the time. However, George objected, and with the courage of his faith approached the Emperor and ruler. Diocletian was upset, not wanting to lose his best tribune. But George loudly renounced the Emperor's edict, and in front of his fellow soldiers and tribunes he claimed himself to be a Christian and declared his worship of Jesus Christ. Diocletian attempted to convert George, even offering gifts of land, money and slaves if he made a sacrifice to the Roman gods; he made many offers, but George never accepted.

Recognizing the futility of his efforts and insisting on upholding his edict, Diocletian was left with no choice but to have George executed for his refusal. Before the execution George gave his wealth to the poor and prepared himself. After various torture sessions, including laceration on a wheel of swords in which he was resuscitated three times, George was executed by decapitation before Nicomedia's city wall, on 23 April 303. His body was returned to Lydda for burial, where Christians soon came to honor him as a martyr.

PRAYER FOR THE POPE'S CONTINUED HEALTH AND WELL BEING: Almighty ever-living God, who chose blessed Francis to preside over your whole people and benefit them by word and example, keep safe, we pray, by his intercession, the shepherds of your Church along with the flocks entrusted to their care, and direct them in the way of salvation.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

Las siete semanas del tiempo pascual, hasta Pentecostés incluido, están dedicadas a la alegría y la acción de gracias por la gran bendición de la Redención, una alegría que se expresa principalmente en la liturgia



con la palabra Aleluya, que se repite sin cesar en todos los himnos. Sin embargo, en este segundo domingo después de Pascua, la expresión de esta alegría es menos exterior y más contemplativa. Este domingo se llama; Domingo del Buen Pastor por el Evangelio que se lee en este día, y encontraremos dos veces en los himnos de esta misa la frase central de este Evangelio; Yo soy el buen pastor, conozco a mis ovejas y mis ovejas me conocen". La devoción a Jesús Redentor en la figura del Buen Pastor penetró en el corazón de los primeros fieles desde muy pronto. Abercio, en su inscripción funeraria, habla del Buen Pastor que, con sus ojos siempre vigilantes, vela por su rebaño: La tierra está llena de la misericordia del Señor, aleluya; los cielos han sido fortalecidos por la palabra del Señor, aleluya, aleluya. Alegraos en el Señor, justos; la alabanza es debida a los rectos. Este domingo es la Jornada Mundial de Oración por las Vocaciones. Cada vez se nos recuerda la importancia de rezar para que, como dijo Jesús a sus discípulos, "el Dueño de la mies envíe obreros a su mies" (cf. Lc 10,2). Jesús expresa este mandato en el contexto de un envío misionero: además de los doce apóstoles, ha llamado a otros setenta y dos discípulos y los envía de dos en

dos en misión (Lc 10,1-16). En efecto, si la Iglesia "es por naturaleza misionera" (Concilio Ecuménico Vaticano II, Decreto Ad Gentes, n. 2), la vocación cristiana sólo puede nacer de una experiencia de misión. Escuchar y seguir la voz de Cristo Buen Pastor, dejándonos atraer y conducir por Él y dedicándole nuestra vida, significa dejar que el Espíritu Santo nos introduzca en este dinamismo misionero, suscitando en nosotros el deseo y la valentía gozosa de ofrecer nuestra vida y gastarla por la causa del Reino de Dios. Queridos hermanos y hermanas, dejémonos guiar por el Cordero, Cristo Buen Pastor. Escuchemos su voz que nos llama y respondamos a ella en cada momento de nuestra vida. No tengamos miedo de seguir al Buen Pastor que nos conduce a la vida eterna. Así podremos ayudar a los jóvenes a escuchar la voz del Señor y responder a su llamada a seguirle como sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos y misioneros.

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