

Our Lady of Grace

R.C. Church

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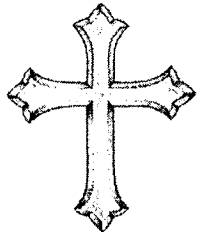
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Pastor Emeritus

Fr. Dominick F. Cutrone

Director of Faith Formation

Phyllis Niwinski



Registration

Registration forms are available at the Faith Formation Office, Rectory, in Church and on line at:

www.ologchurch.com

For new students, a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate **must** be included.

All registration can be done by mail by simply filling out the form and enclosing a check for the registration fee and mailing it to:

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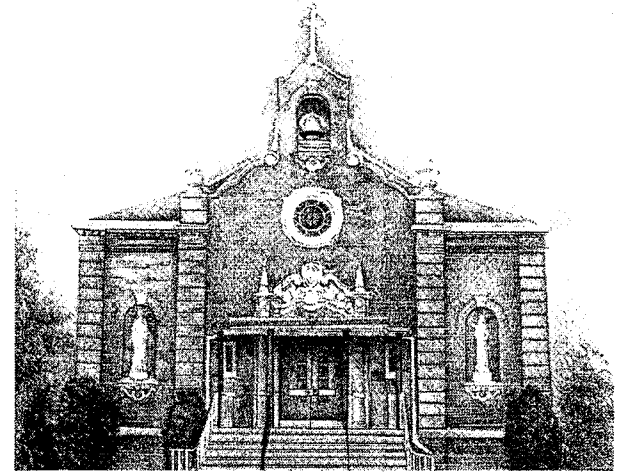
Our Lady of Grace School

385 Avenue W
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Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

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Faith Formation



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." —MARK 1:17

(718) 375-0404

What is Faith Formation?

The Faith Formation Program ministers to children in the Public Schools from grades 1 through grade 8, offering faith formation classes based on the guidelines established by the Dioceses of Brooklyn. Our goal is to bring children a more loving and personal relationship with God, and help to build the foundations of faith that will last throughout their lives.

It is an eight-year program, with one year building on what was learned in the previous year. Children are prepared to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the proper grade levels.

There is also a class for those students past the usual age of reception of sacraments. Children who have not been baptized are prepared for the sacraments and given an understanding of what it means to become a part of the Christian community.

Our adult faith formation program engages the particular needs and interests of adults who wish to continue their sacraments or become fully initiated into the Roman Catholic faith.

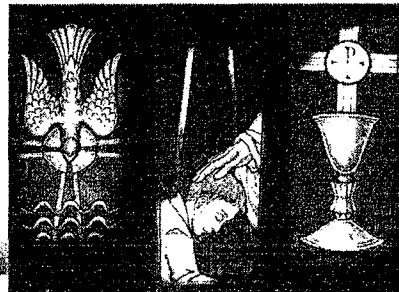
Who are our Catechists?

Our catechists are members of the Parish Community who give their time, their faith and themselves to teach the children of our Parish.

A catechist is not a professional, but someone who shows others the way. Like Christ, they teach by example. Our final goal is to lead others to Christ. Even though we have a well-formulated curriculum, teaching about Christ is not always through a textbook, even if a student memorizes it. The encounter is with God through us, the Catechists, the parents and the Mass. Christ didn't come with a textbook; He came as a person.

Our Catechists come from all walks of life: retired police officers, teachers, the business field, medical field; some are homemakers, community and church volunteers. Catechists are trained and are VIRTUS certified.

Please consider being a Catechist, teacher's helper or a substitute. If interested, please call the Faith Formation Office.



Schedule

Grades 1 through 4 meet on Wednesday afternoon from 3:15–4:30pm and grades 5 through 8 meet Wednesday evening from 7:30pm–8:30pm. All grades initially meet in the school cafeteria and then proceed to the respected classes.

A calendar will be provided with the scheduled classes. Your child's school should dismiss children that attend Faith Formation classes with sufficient time allowed. Children are expected to be on time for afternoon and evening classes. The Parish does not provide transportation for pick-ups at Public Schools.

Mass Schedule

Mass attendance is required for all grades. Faith Formation is the cooperative effort of parents/guardians and Parish community. In order for students to understand the Catholic faith, it is important that all students attend the Mass every Sunday and Holy Days. Mass attendance is taken weekly. Faith Formation classes and attending Mass works hand in hand.

SATURDAYS: 5:00PM (VIGIL), 7:15PM (SPANISH)
SUNDAYS: 8:00AM, 9:00AM (ITALIAN),
10:15AM, 11:45AM, 6:30PM
HOLY DAYS: PLEASE REFER TO THE
CURRENT BULLETIN.