



# Our Lady of Grace R.C. Church

## "A Family Tradition"

430 AVENUE W, BROOKLYN, NY 11223

### PASTOR

Rev. Vincent Chirichella

### PERMANENT DEACON

Deacon Philip J. Siani

### IN RESIDENCE

Rev. Dominick F. Cutrone

PASTOR EMERITUS

Rev. Edward A. Cassar

### - RECTORY OFFICE HOURS -

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

9AM TO 12NOON AND 1PM TO 8PM

SATURDAY: 9AM TO 1PM

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(718) 375-0404

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(718) 627-2020

### YOUTH MINISTRY

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UPPER & LOWER CHURCH  
ARE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE  
PARKING LOT AVAILABLE

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### Our Mission Statement

*The Parish of Our Lady of Grace, Gravesend, as 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: 8:30AM

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 5PM (ENGLISH), 7:15PM (SPANISH)

SUNDAYS: 8:30AM, (BI-LINGUAL), 10:15AM (FAMILY), 11:45AM

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Baptisms are celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month at 1pm. Registration is done at the Rectory. Instruction class is **required** of Parents & Godparents which will be on the Thursday two weeks before Baptism at 7pm.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Confessions are held on Saturdays from 4:15pm to 4:45pm or 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 from 6am to 9pm daily. Enter on E. 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**DEVOTIONS:** *Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal* & *St. Anthony Novena* on Tuesdays and the *Daily Holy Rosary* immediately following the 8:45am daily Mass; 8am Saturday Mass and 8:30am Sunday Mass.

*First Sunday of Lent – February 14th, 2016*

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Saturday, February 13th**

5:00pm Frank, Helen, & Frank Jr. Thomas  
7:15pm *People of the Parish*

**Sunday, February 14th**

8:30am Raffaele Persechino  
10:15am Basilio Princiotta, Vincent Serrentino,  
James Seaman, David Morgani  
Mary D'Agnese  
11:45am Nina Rietta

**Monday, February 15th**

8:30am Julio D'Eramo

**Tuesday, February 16th**

8:30am Anthony Fortunato

**Wednesday, February 17th**

8:30am Frank Catalano

**Thursday, February 18th**

8:30am Michael Desimone

**Friday, February 19th**

8:30am Louis Padulano

**Saturday, February 20th**

8:30am Vincenzo DiFilippo  
11:00am Padre Pio  
5:00pm Louis Panarella  
7:15pm *People of the Parish*

**Sunday, February 21st**

8:30am Gennaro Desiderio  
10:15am Giovanna Pasini  
11:45am Mr. & Mrs. Apicella, Rachel Silecchia,  
Maria Babbario, Linda Nacinovich,  
Anthony Scarangella



**Wine and Hosts**  
have been donated this week  
in memory of  
**Deceased Members of Cacace  
& Fusco families**  
requested by Mary Fusco



**The Sanctuary Lamp**  
has been donated this week  
in memory of  
**Margaret Caruso**  
requested by the Parish Community



**The Altar Candles**  
have been donated this week  
in memory of  
**Rose & Anthony Ferrara**  
requested by Daughter and Grandchildren



**The Chapel Candles**  
have been donated this week  
in memory of  
**Mary Minchilli**  
requested by the Parish Community

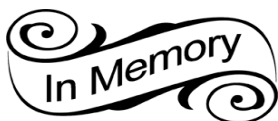


**The American Flag**  
will be flown this week  
in honor of  
**the United States Armed Forces**  
requested by the Parish Community



**Pray for the Sick**

*Anthony LaRocca, John Soranno, Tony  
Cristo, Daniel Stracquadaine, Lauren  
Saxton, Michael Fiore, Lori Sottilotta*



*Please pray for  
the deceased of  
our parish, especially  
Joseph R. Orlando*

**OUR WEEKLY COLLECTION**

- FEBRUARY 7TH -

1ST COLLECTION  
\$5,716

2ND COLLECTION  
\$488

AVERAGE WEEKLY EXPENSES  
\$10,970

# Pastor's Corner

What tempts you? I have a sweet tooth and love sweets. Some of us may be tempted by bread, pasta, or some other goodie. As Christians we all are tempted to sin. Eating sweets, bread, or pasta is not a sin. However, there are things that tempt us that can be sinful. Things like anger, gossip, indifference to the poor and suffering, unforgiveness, laziness or sloth, and the list goes on and on. Lent is a time to face our temptations and with God's grace overcome them. Wouldn't it be nice not to gossip or to forgive someone who has hurt us? Let us spend these 40 days soul-searching and ask our Lord to help us overcome that which hinders our relationship with him and others.

Regards in Christ,  
*Father Vincent*



## Stations of the Cross

**+ JOIN US DURING LENT +**

**THURSDAYS AT 9AM**  
(IN ITALIAN FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS)

**SATURDAYS AT 9AM**  
(IN ENGLISH FOLLOWING THE 8:30AM MASS)

**WIDOWED SUPPORT GROUP**  
WILL BE MEETING ON  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH AT 1:00PM**  
IN VELTRI HALL.



## Alive in the Spirit

### LENTEN MISSION

"Conversion and following Jesus"

Monday, February 22nd - 7:30pm

Tuesday, February 23rd - 7:30pm

Wednesday, February 24th - 7:30pm

+ Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction +

**PRAY WITH FATHER VINCENT ON  
+ A PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY +  
TO OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL SHRINE**

**Saturday, April 9th**

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Shrine  
Middletown, New York

- \$50 per person -

Our bus departs at 7:30am from in front of the church and returns at 6pm. The trip includes breakfast, conferences on Mercy, tour of the shrine, Mass, lunch, shopping in the gift shop, Rosary, and Confessions.

We are limited to 40 people. To reserve a seat, call Carol at the rectory 718-627-2020. Make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace Church. Payments must be made by March 28th.

## Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

Our **Lenten Food Drive** has begun. We are in need of pasta, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, canned or dried soup, canned vegetables, canned peaches or pears, cereal, tuna fish, etc. Our Pastoral Ministry food pantry distributes food to the needy and provides hot meals to the homeless. The food you give is greatly needed and appreciated. May God bless you for your generosity and kindness.

Baskets for receiving food are located on the left side of the church in front of the statue of Saint Joseph. Monetary donations are also accepted. You can leave such donations with Ed Radonic, our Music Director, after any of the weekend masses or drop them at the Rectory Office during office hours.



# Join Father Vincent on a Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

AUGUST 8TH THROUGH 16TH, 2016

\$3,359 PER PERSON FROM NEW YORK

+ *Spiritual Directors* +

*Father Charles Mangano*

*and Father Tony Stanganelli*

[www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frmangano)

## YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

*Round-trip airfare from New York plus add-on per [www.206tours.com/addon](http://www.206tours.com/addon)*

*All airport taxes and fuel surcharges*

*7 nights at a Hotel / Pansion*

*Daily breakfast and dinner (wine with dinners)*

*Assistance of a professional local Catholic guide*

*Daily Mass and Spiritual Activities*

*Visit to Community Cenacolo*

*Transfers as per itinerary - Luggage handline (1 piece per person)*

*Flight bag and portfolio of all travel documents*

To book or for more information, please contact Yaritza or Sandra at 800-206-8687 ext. 102 or 104 or go online to [Yaritza@206tours.com](mailto:Yaritza@206tours.com) or [Sandra@206tours.com](mailto:Sandra@206tours.com)



## Restoration of Our Historic Grotto with Beautiful Water Fountain

- JOIN US IN THIS PROJECT TO RESTORE OUR BLESSED MOTHER GROTTO -

Memorial Paving Stones \$250 each

Memorial Benches \$1,000 each (4 available)

Waterfall Memorial plaques \$500 each (located near fountain)

For more information, call the Rectory at 718-627-2020



(Return this portion to the Rectory)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Memorial Stone Inscription: \_\_\_\_\_
- Memorial Bench Inscription: \_\_\_\_\_
- Waterfall Memorial Plaque Inscription: \_\_\_\_\_

(make checks payable to Our Lady of Grace)

# Healing Ministry

## St. Terese Prayer Group

Come experience the Power of the Holy Spirit at 7pm on Tuesday, February 16th in conjunction with the St. Terese Prayer Group, with Adoration and Benediction followed by a Healing Mass including a blessing with the Relic of Saint Terese. Invite you family and friends.

### MONTHLY 50/50

50% to the Winner  
50% to Our Lady of Grace

Drawing will be held on the last Sunday of each month

- \$5 per ticket (envelope) -

Envelopes are available at the rear of the church



## Easter Fair

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH  
10AM TO 7PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH  
10AM TO 4PM

IN THE FATHER CUTRONE GYMNASIUM

VENDORS SELLING NEW ITEMS

ITALIAN CAFÉ - RAFFLES

PHOTOS WITH

THE EASTER BUNNY - \$5

EGG HUNT ON SATURDAY - \$5

BREAKFAST WITH

THE EASTER BUNNY ON SUNDAY

9AM TO 10AM - \$10

Boy Scouts sponsoring table games for kids. The Msgr. Cafiero Columbiettes will be collecting used eye glasses. Teens selling "gently used" books.

~ *Help the Fair* ~

Donate hot dishes such as eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, baked macaroni, etc. Call the Rectory and leave your name and phone number.



## WE NEED YOU TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER!

We're looking for really good people like you to be altar servers. If you have received your First Holy Communion and wish to serve the Lord and our Parish, please fill out the information below and return it to Deacon Phil or Joseph Lanzarone at the Rectory Office. Email: [psiani1@verizon.net](mailto:psiani1@verizon.net)



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass usually attended:

Saturday 5pm  Sunday 8:30am  10:15am  11:45am

## - Many Ways To Give -

*There are many ways to give to support Our Lady of Grace's mission of spreading the Gospel here in Gravesend, Brooklyn. Please consider:*

- 1. Cash, check or weekly envelope donations. If you are not currently receiving envelopes, please call rectory office to register.*
- 2. Bequests - Have you included the Church that you love in your will? No gift is too small.*
- 3. Gifts of real estate or property - houses, vehicles, boats, etc.*
- 4. Gifts of appreciated securities - gold, silver, and artwork.*
- 5. Life insurance gifts - annuities or gifts payable upon death.*
- 6. Stocks or bonds.*
- 7. Combined federal campaign and other workplace matching contributions.*

## RCIA

Lent is a time of preparation, reflection, and especially to grow closer to God. This year our parish has been blessed with two Catechumens: Guadalup Hernandez for full initiation into the Catholic Church and Nicholas Suarez for Communion and Confirmation which they are now preparing to receive at the Easter Vigil. Also preparing for Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday is Constance DiBona. God has called these young adults to be initiated into the Sacramental life of the Church this Easter. Please pray for them as they continue their studies and to be welcomed into our Church community this Easter.

## SchoolNews

### WINTER RECESS CAMP

February 15th-19th

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Academy  
Contact Rosemarie Stern for more information  
917-442-4967

### *Ladies Night Out Card Party Extravaganza*

Friday Evening, April 8th  
at the Dyker Beach Golf Course Grand Ballroom  
For information, call the school office at 718-375-2081



### YOUTH MINISTRY

will meet in Veltri Hall  
on the following  
Saturdays

2/06 @ 6:00PM  
2/13 @ 6:30PM  
2/20 @ 6:30PM

*We look forward to seeing  
you!*

