

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JUNE 13TH, 2021 A.D.



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BAPTISMS: By arrangement

RECONCILIATION-CONFESSION-PENANCE:
Saturday: 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.
Other times by appointment

MATRIMONY: Arrangements must be made with the Pastor at least (8) eight months in advance of the date. *Before social plans are made.*

R.C.I.A.: Adults interested in becoming members of the Catholic Church and those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist, and Confirmation are asked to contact the Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to Our Parish Family!

Please visit the Parish Office to register and complete a Census Card.

**Our Lady of Peace
Roman Catholic Church
651 Stratford Road ~ Lordship ~ Stratford**

MASS SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS:

**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday ~ 8:30 a.m.
Rosary: 8:00 a.m.**

No Mass or Rosary Monday and Tuesday

SATURDAY: Vigil ~ 4:30 p.m.

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SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

DEVOTION:

SUNDAY: DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR ~ 3:00-4:00 p.m.

**The Church is open for private prayer
(except during Mass)**

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Chapel

See Schedule Inside Bulletin

FAITH FORMATION: 203-377-4863 ext. 15

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**The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week in memory of
The Parishioners**

**Gifts and Bequests to Our Lady of Peace Church
are encouraged and gratefully accepted.
A Suggestion: When a loved one dies, advise friends
and relatives to make a donation to the
"Our Lady of Peace Sanctuary Fund"
in memory of the deceased, and include this wish in
the Obituary Notice.**

LIVE THE LITURGY -
INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

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11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants."- Mk 4:30-32b

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

St. Anthony Can Find Anything ~ Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

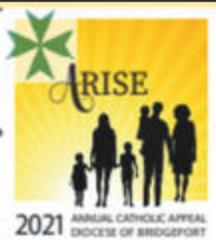
Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics-or people who were never Catholic at all-who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth-okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.

It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition-witchcraft, even?-if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go-straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence- misplacing socks-into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people. -Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

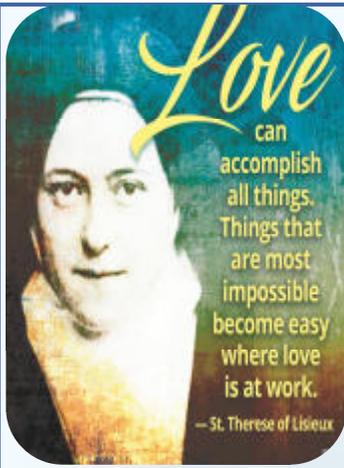


ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL 2021 ARISE IS UNDERWAY
OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$42,400

The Leadership Institute provides formation for those who serve in liturgical and catechetical ministries in the diocese. Through online courses and face-to-face gatherings, the Institute offers opportunities for support, formation and mentoring for parish leaders and parents. The collective mission is that all who are preparing to receive the sacraments and celebrate the Eucharist may be transformed by their encounter with Jesus. When you make a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation.

We have raised 111 gifts worth \$23,270 from 88 donors bringing the parish to 54.88% of its \$42,400 goal.

Thank you and God bless everyone for your generosity.



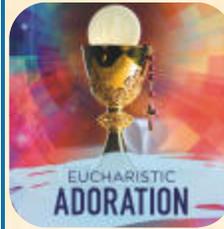
**GOSPEL
MEDITATION ~
ENCOURAGE DEEPER
UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE**

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that

our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!©LPi



Eucharistic Adoration is a personal invitation to you from Jesus. It is you and God reaching out for each other. We remain silent in His presence and open ourselves to His graces and overflowing love for us.

Adoration is our unique opportunity to have a one on one conversation with our God the Father, talk to Him, listen to Him and build a relationship with Him.

Adorers are always welcome. Please consider volunteering a half hour or an hour of your time. Contact the Parish Office at 203-377-4863 ext. 10 or sign up on our parish website www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com

Eucharistic Adoration - Chapel
The Chapel entrance is the only door used for Adoration. Church doors are locked.

Extended Schedule

Monday - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday - Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

First Fridays of the month only - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Our 2021 Mass Book is open. There are Weekday and Weekend Masses available. We also have beautiful Mass Intention Cards for the living who are very special to us for their birthday, anniversary, graduation, hospitalization, birth of a child, adoption, etc. Please call the office to request a Mass.



To all guests and neighbors to Our Lady of Peace Parish. We are grateful you found your way to our parish, whether visiting from afar or for convenience of Mass times. We invite you to consider joining our parish as we reinvigorate into a thriving community.

**A LIGHT GLOWS IN MEMORY OF THOSE
WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US.**

Parishioners may have our **Sanctuary Candle** burn in memory of a loved one *or* for the intentions of a loved one. Their name will appear on the front of the Bulletin. The Offering is \$25. **Please call the Parish Office for more information.**

Financial Blessings

Our Lady of Peace receives no outside financial support. We rely entirely on your generosity to meet our many expenses. Every contribution furthers our Parish's mission of faith, worship, and service, as we seek to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to serve those most in need, and to worship the living God.

WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2021

OFFERTORY \$ 2,737.00

ONLINE GIVING \$ 1,478.00

Online Giving - visit our parish website
or www.osvonlinegiving.com/119

Online Giving provides a secure, time saving solution for weekly offertory and extraordinary collecting giving.

If you need to modify your account contact Donor Support at 1-800-348-2886, ext. Option 2.

As always thank you for your generosity and support. May the Lord reward your generosity.

Thank You for Make-up Donations

OUR LADY OF PEACE ~ WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN REDEMPTION

Total Pledged: \$342,075
Total Collected (as of 5/6/2021): \$152,491 (45%)

To make a payment on your pledge,
please visit GiveCentral.org/WSWC
or call 203-648-9050.

IS YOUR INFORMATION UP TO DATE?

If your address, email or family information has changed, your parish information needs to be updated and can be done by contacting the Parish Office at 203-377-4863, ext. 10. *Thank you!*

Our Out Reach Ministry volunteers, on a weekly basis, deliver donated non-perishable food items to Blessed Sacrament Church Food Bank. The food bank serves many families to feed their families.

We appreciate all donations, however we cannot accept expired, opened or re-packaged food items.

Food Pantry Needs - Toilet Tissue, Soap, Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Fruit, Canned Meats, Chef Boyardee. Our "Share Baskets" are located at the entrances to the church. **Thank you to all who help on a regular basis!**

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

Most Holy Mary, we beg you to reclaim this land for the glory of your Son. Overwhelmed with the burden of the sins of our nation, we cry to you from the depths of our hearts and seek refuge in your motherly protection.

Look down with mercy upon us and touch the hearts of our people. Open our minds to the great worth of human life and to the responsibilities that accompany human freedom.

Free us from the falsehoods that lead to the evil of abortion and threaten the sanctity of family life. Grant our country the wisdom to proclaim that God's law is the foundation on which this nation was founded, and that He alone is the True Source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

O Merciful Mother, give us the courage to reject the culture of death and the strength to build a new Culture of life. Amen.



END OF SCHOOL/SUMMER

YOUTH GROUP

KICK-OFF PARTY

FRIDAY, JUNE 18TH

6:00-8:00 P.M.

All rising 6th graders through high school seniors are invited to an *End of School/Summer Kick-Off Party* on the Rectory lawn. Pizza will be provided and we will have a fire pit for making s'mores! Bring a friend. The more, the merrier!

Please RSVP to Emily Rauser
at olopyouthcorp@gmail.com.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Calendar of **EVENTS**

June 25th
Prayer Shawl Ministry

June 26th and 27th
Second Collection
(Collection for the Holy Father)

July 12th
The Lord's Kitchen

August 9th
The Lord's Kitchen

September 8th
The Lord's Kitchen

September 11th
Parish Block Party

Saturday, October 16th
Padre Pavia Presents Cabaret Night

WEEKLY

Mondays - Chapel:
Eucharistic Adoration - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays - Chapel:
Eucharistic Adoration - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Wednesdays - Chapel:
Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Thursdays:
OLOP Shop - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Parish Center
Eucharistic Adoration - Noon - 3:00 p.m. - Chapel
Ivy League - 12:30 p.m. - Msgr. Gilmartin Hall

First Fridays of the Month Only - Chapel:
Eucharistic Adoration - 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays:
Eucharistic Adoration - 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Chapel
OLOP Shop - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Parish Center

IVY LEAGUE
The Our Lady of Peace Ivy League is looking to expand their membership. If you are interested in friendship, conversation and games consider joining. There is no age requirement. Men and women are welcome.

For more Information contact
Bobbi Vanderhoef at 203-216-2299.

Meetings are weekly on
Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall.

SAVE THE DATE

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Parish Block Party

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More information to follow



OLOP GARDEN CLUB
BELGIAN BLOCK PROJECT

We are again taking orders to add Belgian Blocks to our Lady of Peace landscape. Memorialize a loved one with an engraved Belgian Block (12x8) installed around the Flag Pole. There are four blocks available. If interested, please stop by the Parish Office, during regular business hours, to pick up and complete the required form to purchase the Belgian Block. The cost of each block is \$100.00 payable by check to Our Lady of Peace (no cash please).

OLOP DONATION CENTER
AND THRIFT SHOP

Parish Center 10 Ivy Street
Thursday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The fiscal year for 2020-21 is winding down and will end Saturday, June 26th. It has been a fantastic year for the shop and its contribution to the parish.

Presently we are still collecting items to be sold this fiscal year. Donations have been most generous but we still need more to keep our tables filled. Beginning July we will save merchandise to fill the rooms for a September reopening. (Remember we are closed the month of August when we rejuvenate the rooms in all their splendor). We are asking for your continued support and hope you find things in your home that you are tired of and ready to part with as they become someone else's treasure for a reasonable price. Your donations of clean, gently used items help to make our work easier and are a joy for the new owner.

Thanks again for your support!

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH ~ "There are many saints to whom God has given the power to assist us in the necessities of life, but the power given to Saint Joseph is unlimited: It extends to all our needs, and all those who invoke him with confidence are to be heard." *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

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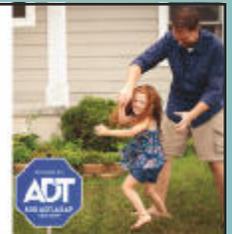
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