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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.

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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.

Live Streamed on YouTube
our lady of peace stratford ct

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

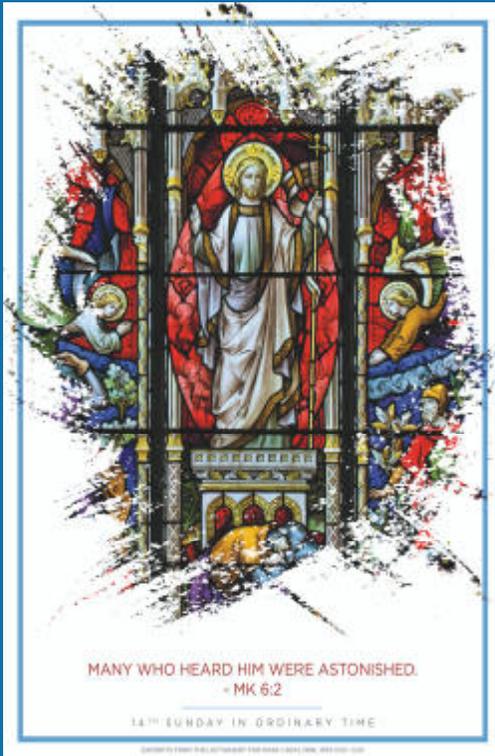
Gifts and Bequests to Our Lady of Peace Church
are encouraged and gratefully accepted.
A Suggestion: When a loved one dies, advise friends
and relatives to make a donation to the
“**Our Lady of Peace Sanctuary Fund**”
in memory of the deceased, and include this wish in
the Obituary Notice.

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

God never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE



It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine

spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.

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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

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Eucharistic Adoration - In the Church 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.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP ~ RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Prophecy of You and Me

Prophet. There's a heaviness to this word. It's weighted down with meaning. We think of prophets and we think of Charlton Heston with wild hair and a booming voice, reaching out his hand to work wonders of nature by the grace of God. We think of prophets and we think of ancient Biblical history — someone far away, someone so removed from our everyday life. A prophet is someone who knows something we don't.

When I let you in on this secret, it might scare you at first: in a way, God is calling you to be a prophet. He is calling me. He is calling anyone who hears the truth of the Gospel. However, there is no need for the megaphone and the wild locusts. This prophet gig might not be what you're thinking.

What does a prophet do? He hears and testifies to the truth, even when it's uncomfortable, even when it's unpopular, even when it results in, as Paul says, "weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints." A prophet doesn't have to be smart or rich or ordained; heck, he doesn't even have to be particularly willing.

All a prophet has to do is listen to the truth. The truth we receive from Christ, through the Gospel and the sacraments, is a mighty gift. But it is a gift that we are not meant to simply keep for ourselves. In possessing it, we are compelled to also pass it on, to share it, to let the Spirit set us on our feet. - *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPi



Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights. Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God, you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.

You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely, even if they have not yet found you.

Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom, and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds, and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord, who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross. Amen.

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 27, 2021

OFFERTORY \$ 5,723

SECOND COLLECTION \$ 355
(Collection for the Holy Father)

ONLINE GIVING \$ 1,526

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or www.osvonlinegiving.com/119**

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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

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

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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.



Banns of Marriage
2nd Time
Victoria Lynne Wetmore
and
Jake Attilio DeLuca



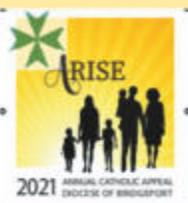
We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Maura Jane Donnelly

May the grace of God they received at their rebirth, remain with them always and may they grow in the love and friendship of our loving Father.

JULY
Month of the
Precious Blood

PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY



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

**To date Our Lady of Peace has raised 119 gifts worth \$24,875
from 93 donors bringing the parish to 58.67% of its \$42,400 goal.**

Thank you and God bless everyone for your generosity.

Calendar of **EVENTS**

July 10th and 11th
Sisters of the Poor

July 12th
The Lord's Kitchen

July 17 and 18th
Second Collection
(Co-operative Mission Sunday)

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
Men's Group - 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Parish Center
OLOP Shop - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Parish Center



Saturday, September 11th
Parish Block Party

Saturday, October 16th
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More information to follow



Belgian Block Project
The Our Lady of Peace Garden Club has only one Belgian Block available to add to the landscape surrounding our Flag Pole. Memorialize a loved one with an engraved (12x8) Belgian Block. The cost of the block is \$100.00 payable by check to Our Lady of Peace (no cash please). Stop by the Parish Office, during regular business hours, to pick up and complete the required form to purchase the Belgian Block.

OLOP DONATION CENTER
AND THRIFT SHOP
Parish Center 10 Ivy Street
Thursday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The month of July will be full of fantastic sales as we purge the rooms and ready them for the fall-winter season. The month will end with the last week having our famous "fill your bag for \$3.00 for anything you can fit into it" and half price for items that don't fit! We will close for August and bring out "new" things. Please think of us if you are moving, downsizing or just changing your decor. We ALWAYS need costume jewelry and kitchenware. Please remember that your clean, gently used items make our work easier.

Thank you very, very much for your support.

MEN'S GROUP *Men, are you seeking to strengthen your relationship with the Lord? Would you like to learn a little more about your Faith in an enjoyable and painless way? Do you have questions about how your Faith relates to your being a husband, father or employee?*

If so, you might be interested in the **Men's Group** which meets **Saturday mornings 8:30-10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome!**

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR
WILL VISIT
OUR LADY OF PEACE ON JULY 10TH AND 11TH

A collection will be taken for them exclusively for the care of the elderly poor who reside with them at St. Joseph's Residence in Enfield. The Little Sisters of the Poor have been serving the needs of the elderly poor in Connecticut and Western Massachusetts for over 100 years. They are most grateful for your generosity.



Father Pavia will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 11th for all graduating students of Our Lady of Peace Parish Family. All graduates, their families and friends are welcome to attend the Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

July 3, 2021 to July 11, 2021

Saturday, July 3rd

4:30 P.M. Robert Blouin

Sunday, July 4th

8:30 A.M. Robert Blouin

11:00 A.M. Eileen Salig

4:30 P.M. Robert Blouin

Monday, July 5th

No Mass

Tuesday, July 6th

No Mass

Wednesday, July 7th

8:30 A.M. Deceased Members of the
Graham and Benedetti Families

Thursday, July 8th

8:30 A.M. St Anthony

Friday, July 9th

8:30 A.M. Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, July 10th

4:30 P.M. Deceased Members of the
Ruggiero and Mastriano Families

Sunday, July 11th

8:30 A.M. Vincent Griffin

11:00 A.M. For all Graduating Students
of Our Lady of Peace

4:30 P.M. Rosemary Graham

Watch Saturday Mass on YouTube

You can view our 4:30 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass live, or at any time after, by visiting our YouTube page at

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A link to the YouTube page is available on our website:

www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com

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.

Prayer REQUESTS

Please remember in prayer those who are unable to worship with us—the sick, the hospitalized, the home bound, elderly and nursing home residents and those in need of the comfort of prayer.

Hold especially in your prayers:

Davidson Alagno, Richard Antonelli, Alicia Bingham, Frieda Canelli, Jan Cassidy, Joseph Crudo, Jr., Anne D'Andrea, Brandon D'Andrea, Angela D'Nardo, Robert D'Nardo, Frank D'Orio, Anthony Flamini, Elena Flamini, Deacon Joe Gagne, Guy Gallo, Marc Gangi, Janine Goldsnider, Rose Iacomacci, Blanche Loparco, Matteo S, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Grace Parisi, Rocco Parisi, Dorothy Pavia, Rees Family, Marjorie Rindos, Nancy Roberts, Tony R, Danny Stenson, Kaiden Velez, Condolina Vincenzi, Joseph Vincenzi, Sal Vizzio, Dennis White

Please let the Parish Office know if there is a loved one you wish to add to the list. The names of those we are praying for should remain current. Please contact the Parish Office with changes.

In addition, if you would like Deacon Fekete or Father Pavia to visit someone, please let the Parish Office know.

Also remember in your prayers, all caregivers, First Responders, Priests, Deacons and the men and women of our Parish Family who are in the Military.

Ask God's mercy for those who have died from the Coronavirus, His healing for those suffering from it and His protection for all others against it.

SUNDAY READINGS



First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 123

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6a

Observances for the week of July 4, 2021

Monday: St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 Tuesday: St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 Friday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
 Next Sunday: 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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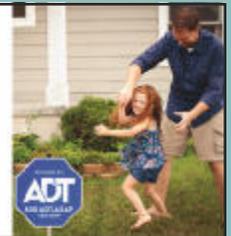


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