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## **SACRAMENTS**

**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.

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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**

Email: [olopreled@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olopreled@sbcglobal.net)

**PARISH OFFICE: 203-377-4863 ext. 10**

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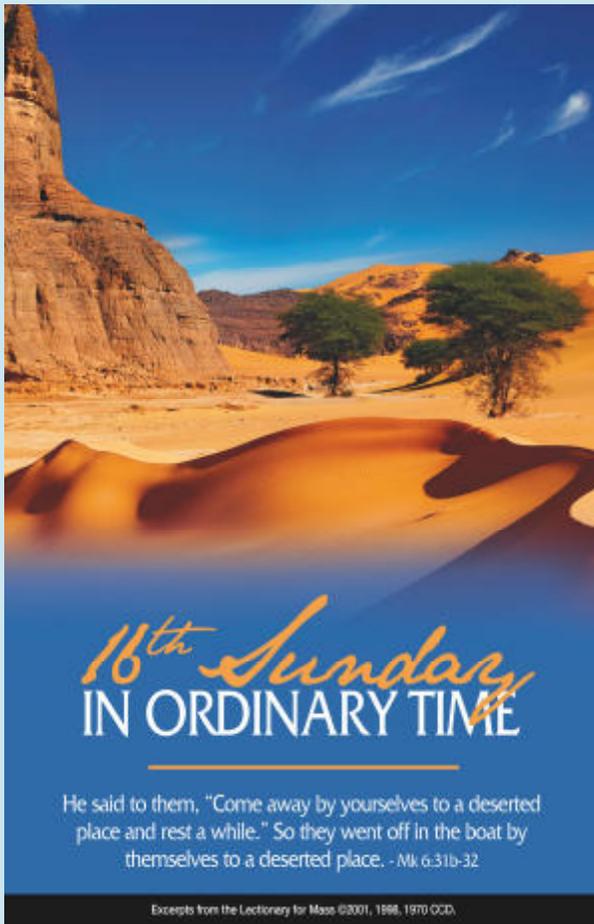
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The Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week in memory of  
Mary Kemmesigs

**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.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -  
RECOGNIZE GOD IN  
YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

**The Steward's Work Is Never Done**

Woe to the shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock! When you hear these strong words from the Old Testament, you're probably thinking, thank goodness I don't have any sheep — dodged that bullet. Nobody misled here! No flock scattered on my watch! However, we are all shepherds of a kind, called to tend our own sheep: our families, our parishes, our communities.

But it's exhausting. Don't we all sometimes just want to take a break from being a steward? The excuses are so familiar: we're tired, we've done enough, we've given all we can, what more does the parish (or my spouse, or my kids, or my boss, or my friends, or my community) want? We give ourselves permission to be selfish. So, what if the flock scatters just a little?

Jesus gets that. We can just imagine him weary with exhaustion, can't we? We see him on his boat, attempting to sneak away for a quick break — maybe just a chance to eat a bite of food in peace. He is God, but he was still human, after all. Even the most dedicated shepherds need to sleep. But people couldn't leave him alone. They were hungry for him. They needed what he could offer, and they needed it now.

As tough as it is, that's the example we are tasked with imitating. Everyday Stewardship demands accountability. It demands our showing up even when we are tired. It demands that we look at our lives, our time, our energies, our talents, our hearts, our bank accounts and think: where do I still have more to give? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS-©LPi

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

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

There's an ordinary pine grove located on a tree farm not too far from town where life's stresses and demands seem to melt away. It is here that all that seemed so important out there no longer is and one can get lost in the rows of trees and majestic beauty. God is here and all is good. We need to connect with the Divine Source of all that is in order to understand what it is we are doing and why we are doing it. Otherwise, things stop making sense and bitterness can overcome one's spirit. It's okay to play once in a while and to discover that place of profound life and peace. People always have needs and there is constantly something to do. And while all of that is necessary and we are needed, there is also that inner solitude within that needs to be celebrated and released.

We all need a pine grove. It's that little place we can go and leave all that consumes us behind. It's a place where technology can be set aside and wonder, and awe given some time. We don't have to text, calculate, or orchestrate anything in the pine grove. It is a somewhat deserted place where all of that can be set aside and we can just be. The anger, frustration, exhaustion, discouragement, helplessness, and occasional apathy, all can fall to the ground like all of those pine needles that once held their place on the branch of a Frasier Fir. The needles can let go. We can let go. We are beings connected with Being and we all need to remember what really matters, who really matters and what life is truly all about. We need to find that place where we can rest and let go of all of the barnacles we accumulate. Rest, breathe, seek, and love.

The world will need us again when we leave the pine grove. It will all be waiting for us, beckoning for our attention. But we will have prayed and will have marveled at the silence and the beauty of goodness. We can go back, ready, and eager to listen, to help, to heal, to cry, to embrace, and attend to all that is asked of us. But, having let go of the distractions in that deserted place we will have a renewed sense of purpose. We will know better Who it is we serve and what we are meant to do. It will all be clearer now that we have been Divinely touched and refreshed.©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.**

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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.**

**WEDDING JUBILEE MASS**

**Save the Date!** This year's Wedding Jubilee Mass is going to be held at St. Matthew Parish (Norwalk) on September 25, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Bishop Caggiano will celebrate Mass at both times. Since the event did not take place in 2020, the Diocese is anticipating a larger crowd. Couples who celebrate(d) their 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, or 50th+ in 2020 or 2021 are welcome to register via the advertisement which will appear in the August edition of the Fairfield County Catholic or online beginning August 1st. Space will be allotted first-come, first-serve.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CAROLINE HOUSE**

Beginning Saturday, July 31<sup>st</sup> and ending Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Peace will collect school supplies for students of Caroline House on Stillman Street in Bridgeport. Items can be placed in the boxes that say "Back to School Supplies for Caroline House" on the table inside the front entrance to the church. **Items needed: washable paints, Play-Doh, art supplies for preschool aged children, crayons, markers, school scissors, colored pencils, pencils, pens, notebooks (marble composition, single subject, or multi-subject), highlighters, erasers, folders, glue, and glue sticks.** Opened in 1995 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame, the Caroline House Mission is to enable women and children to reach the fullness of their potential through education in English language and life skills. Services include on-site preschool, after-school programs and summer tutoring. Caroline House teaches English as a Second Language and Life Skills to help women adjust to life in a new culture and become confident and contributing members of their families and communities. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Mary Magdalene has been the subject of speculation and scholarship over the last 2,000 years.

Mary Magdalene makes her first named appearance in Luke 8:2. She is one of several women following Jesus. Luke specifically mentions that Mary had previously been delivered from demonic possession. Whatever her life looked like before she met Jesus, it wasn't good! Because of this association with being a repentant sinner, Mary Magdalene has been associated with other similar stories in the Gospel, such as the woman caught in adultery or the woman who bathes Jesus' feet with her tears.

Mary Magdalene shows up again by name at the end of the Gospels, when she stands with the Blessed Virgin Mary at the foot of the Cross. Mary is also present in the garden of the resurrection. She is one of the woman who goes to bring spices to Jesus' tomb, where they find the stone rolled away. Mary stays in the garden weeping, believing his body has been stolen. Jesus approaches her and calls her by name, and she becomes the first witness to the resurrection! While many of the details of Mary Magdalene's life have been lost to time, she is an example of powerful conversion, deep faith, and intimate love for Christ.



# 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 JULY 11, 2021

OFFERTORY \$ 3,120.00

ONLINE GIVING \$ 1,063.00

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

Thank You for Make-up Donations

## 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.

## 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](http://GiveCentral.org/WSWC) or call 203-648-9050.

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 repackaged food items. **Food Pantry Needs:** canned tuna, peanut butter, jelly, breakfast cereals (Wheaties, Rice Krispies, Cheerios) canned vegetables, rice, cookies, crackers, spaghetti sauce, spaghetti and other items are always welcome. Our "Share Baskets" are located at the entrances to the church and chapel. Thank you to all who help on a regular basis. Father Skip, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament, wants us to know that he and the parishioners appreciate our support.



## 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.

## 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!*

## CATHOLIC TRIVIA—JUST FOR FUN

How did God reveal himself to Elijah?

- a) Earthquake
- b) Fire
- c) A dream
- d) Flood

Answer b

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# Calendar of **EVENTS**

**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 -**

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

The Mediation Group - 7:00 p.m. - Church

**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

**THE MEDITATION GROUP** meets on **Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.** in the Church. *All are welcome!* Call Donna Codeghini at 203-375-8850 if you have any questions about the Group.

**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.*

**IVY LEAGUE** open to all wishing to gather for friendship, conversation and games on **Thursdays in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
*All are Welcome!*



**OLOP DONATION CENTER**

**AND THRIFT SHOP**

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

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**Important**-Please be cognizant of your donations. We cannot accept items that are not ready for sale. We do not have the facilities to clean items nor do we have the manpower. We ask that all items be gently used, clean and ready for sale. Items that do not meet this criteria are discarded. Sorting through items that do not sell takes time away from volunteers restocking the rooms with new items. Volunteers only staff the OLOP shop. We appreciate your donations, but we also would like you to be aware of our dilemma. We can no longer donate items that we cannot sell because of their condition to Goodwill, Salvation Army, Habitat, Big Brothers and other thrift stores, as they only want items in good condition. The items that we cannot sell go in the trash. Again, we appreciate your support and generosity, but please help us to ensure our time is spent updating our rooms with merchandise we can sell so our customers keep coming back as the sales help others (because of our prices) and the parish.

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On July 29th and 31st, bring your own bags and for \$3.00 each fill them with anything that will fit from the OLOP shop rooms. Best offer for furniture! The shop will be closed the month of August as we restock. Shop reopens at 10 a.m. on September 2nd. You won't want to miss it!!

**Thank you very, very much for your support.**



**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** enjoyed their visit to Our Lady of Peace on July 10th and 11th. They are most grateful for your generosity. They collected \$1,953.00.

# MASS INTENTIONS

July 17, 2021 to July 25, 2021

**Saturday, July 17th**  
4:30 P.M. *Mary Kemmesies (8th Anniv.)*

**Sunday, July 18th**  
8:30 A.M. *Carolyn Angelo*  
11:00 A.M. *Leo Lohrman*  
4:30 P.M. *Ron Rome*

**Monday, July 19th**  
No Mass

**Tuesday, July 20th**  
No Mass

**Wednesday, July 21st**  
8:30 A.M. *Richard and Shirley Wilson*

**Thursday, July 22nd**  
8:30 A.M. *Mary Martinelli*

**Friday, July 23rd**  
8:30 A.M. *Katherine Metzger*

**Saturday, July 24th**  
4:30 P.M. *Brian Dusiewicz*

**Sunday, July 25th**  
8:30 A.M. *Robert Blouin*  
11:00 A.M. *Forgotten Souls in Purgatory*  
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 [YouTube our lady of peace strafford ct](#)

A link to the YouTube page is available on our website: [www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com](http://www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com)

# 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, Alyssa Miller, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Grace Parisi, Rocco Parisi, Dorothy Pavia, 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.*

### 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.

### SUNDAY READINGS



**First Reading:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm 23

**Second Reading:** Ephesians 2:13-18

**Gospel:** Mark 6:30-34

### Observances for the week of July 18, 2021

Tuesday: St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr  
Wednesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
Thursday: St. Mary Magdalene  
Friday: St. Bridget, Religious  
Saturday: St. Sharbel Makhluf, Priest; Blessed Virgin Mary  
Next Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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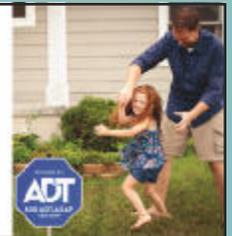


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