

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ DECEMBER 12TH, 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.



The Sanctuary Candle
burns this week in memory of
The Parishioners

Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church

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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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PARISH OFFICE: 203-377-4863 ext. 10

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Hours: Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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Closed Monday and Tuesday

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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.**



GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE
DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

3rd Sunday of Advent

"From silly devotions and sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" St. Teresa of Avila

We've all heard the adage, "Laughter is the best medicine." In many ways, it really is. When was the last time you really laughed? The gift of imagination allows us to see possible things that are yet to be. Imagine a world filled with laughter. We take life too seriously sometimes. Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of the joy needed for laughter. God never promised us an easy road, and we do have to take the course of our lives seriously. However, there is a balance to be sought and a possible joy that can be brought even to the darkest and most challenging of encounters.

St. Therese of Lisieux reminds us that, "Joy is not found in the material objects surrounding us but in the inner recesses of the soul. One can possess joy in a prison cell as well as in a palace." Falling in love with God, who is present in all of creation, allows us to bring a depth of understanding to everything we do and experience. We can more easily see above and beyond things while pursuing the only One who can truly satisfy our hearts. When we realize that God, the king of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We can celebrate the wonder and beauty of God's gift of joy. It is no wonder that many saints radiate joy and have no reservations expressing laughter. They are happy because they have found a pearl of great price.

We celebrate with joy today with hearts filled with expectation, wonder, awe, and beauty as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. If you haven't laughed in a while, why? Something is preventing you from expressing the magnificence of your soul and the presence of God who dwells within. God's power and presence within us assures us that we are loved and kept in that presence. What more is really needed? Rejoice and laugh in the presence of God! It really is the best medicine and a most perfect way to convince others that God is really with us. "Go ahead, laugh! Live your life with joy and serve the Lord with laughter! Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity. Serve the Lord with laughter." (St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina) ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Shout for joy! When was the last time you ever felt like doing that? Fear, uncertainty, pressure, negativity, disappointment, and myriad other human experiences can rob us of joy. We can never predict what life will bring. As unsettling as that can often seem, life's unpredictability is also the very thing that allows it to be exciting and adventuresome! We know that life can be difficult, and it is unrealistic to expect it to be otherwise. God never promised an easy road. But, when a person truly falls in love with God and discovers the peacefulness and assurance of God's presence, then a depth of understanding will be brought to everything they do and experience. Nothing will be able to rob them of joy! When we realize that God, the King of Israel, is in our midst and with us, there is no further misfortune to fear. We celebrate the beauty and wonder of God's gift of joy today as we ready ourselves, even more excitedly, for the coming of our Savior. Do not fear and do not be discouraged. There is a power and presence within us, our God, who has made us, who loves us and who will keep us. What more do we need? Rejoice! ©LPi



Faith formation

FAITH FORMATION 2021-2022

Classes are in the Parish Center and
in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall
Class: December 12th, 19th

If you have any questions, contact
Susan Padua at 203-377-4863 ext. 15 or 203- 278-4347
(CELL) or by email at olopreled@sbcglobal.net
or SusanPadua@msn.com

Faith Formation is an important part of family life not
only in your own family but in the life of our Parish
Family here at Our Lady of Peace where we grow
together towards the Lord.

OLOP DONATION CENTER AND THRIFT SHOP

Parish Center-10 Ivy Street

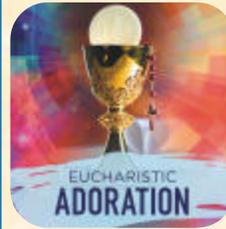
Thursday and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to Noon

The Christmas season is in full swing with a wonderful
selection of decorations for the holiday and all
Christmas items are half price all month. In addition
there is a good selection of clothing and jewelry.
Because the shop will be closed the month of
January we are no longer accepting winter clothing and
hope you'll be able to wait until later to bring it. Please
help us and donate only those items that are ready for
sale--clean and free of tears, chips, etc. Thank you for
your cooperation.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE DECEMBER 11TH AND 12TH

Knights of Columbus will conduct a membership drive
next weekend after each of the Masses. Fr. Pavia has
invited the Connecticut Knights to form a new council
at Our Lady of Peace. Please consider joining us and
helping to establish this council for our parish. For
more information contact olopknights@gmail.com or
speak to Fr. Pavia.

Right now membership is free to join. Knights of
Columbus membership is open to practicing Catholic
men 18 years of age or older. To join the Knights of
Columbus, go online to kofc.org/join and list "Our
Lady of Peace" as your parish to be included on our
list.



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 - In the Church Chapel

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

****Schedule****

Monday - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - Noon - 3:00 p.m.

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

First Fridays of the month only - 9:00 a.m. - Noon

MEN OF OUR LADY OF PEACE PROJECT

Phase Two

Breakfasts featuring "Into the Breach"

Save the Date for Breakfast Number 3

Saturday, January 8, 2022

**The video episode and discussion will be
"Leadership".**

Free will offering.

**Menu will be Bacon and Egg Sandwiches,
Corn Bread, Danish, Fruit, etc.**

**Fathers and sons, Grandfathers, Godfathers,
Brothers, Uncles, Nephews**

Please plan to attend.

Phase **one** of The Men of Our Lady of Peace project
will continue for many weeks. Men will be at the
entrances of the church introducing themselves to you
and your family.

**Consider coming to the regular Men's Group
meetings on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Msgr.
Gilmartin Hall with Coffee an' where we discuss
"Into the Breach" and other videos, ways we can be
doers in our parish, and current Catholic topics.**

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: While reciting the Angelus prayer, how many times do you pray the Hail Mary?

Answer: Three

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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 November 28, 2021

Offertory \$ 3,704.75

Online Giving \$ 1,076.00

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.

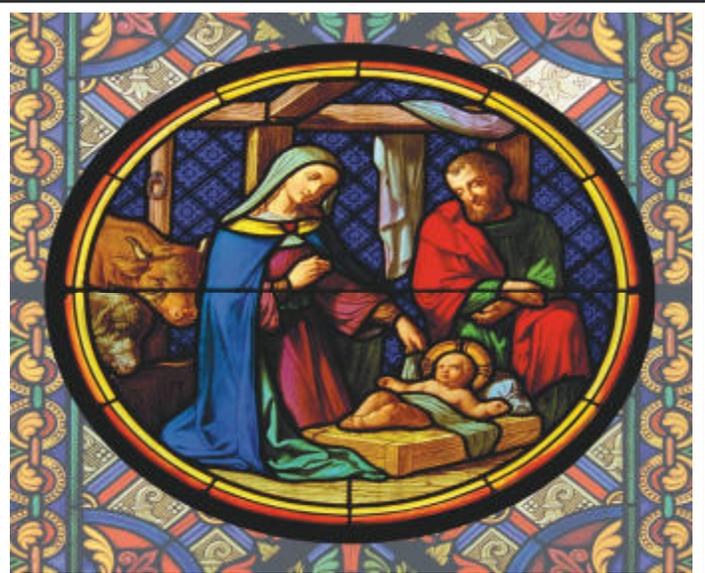
As always thank you for your generosity and support. May the Lord reward your generosity.

Thank You for Make-up Donations

OUR LADY OF PEACE ~ WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN REDEMPTION

Total Pledged: \$342,175
Total Collected (as of 10/29/2021): \$175,012

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



++++**CHRISTMAS**++++

MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th

The Nativity of the Lord ~ 4:30 p.m.

Mass During the Night ~ 10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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GIVING TREE

Once again Our Lady of Peace will collect gifts to brighten the holidays for needy families. We ask for your early unwrapped gifts so they can be distributed in time for Christmas.

Parishioners in need of our help this year are asked to contact the Parish Office at 203-377-4863 ext. 10 or email ourlady@sbcglobal.net prior to December 18th.

ALTAR FLOWERS

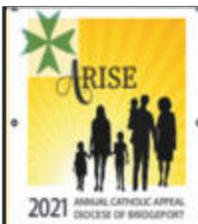
If you would like to make a donation for Christmas Altar Flowers (perhaps in memory of a loved one) envelopes are in your envelope packets.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

In your Christmas gift giving, please remember the needs of your Parish Community. The needs are many and the generous response of each member enables us to meet those needs and strengthens our Community. Christmas Offering Envelopes are in your envelope packets.

LIGHTING OF THE CRÈCHE

Sunday, December 19th at 5:15 p.m.



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

To date Our Lady of Peace has raised 160 gifts totaling \$37,235 from 117 donors bringing the parish to 87.82% of its \$42,400 goal. Thank you and God bless everyone for your generosity.



Calendar of **EVENTS**

December 11th and December 12th

Second Collection

Retirement Fund for Religious

December 12th-3:00 p.m.

Advent Solemn Vespers and Benediction

December 19th-5:15 p.m.

Lighting of the Crèche

December 25th

Christmas

WEEKLY

Mondays - Chapel:

Eucharistic Adoration - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesdays - Chapel:

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

Wednesdays -

Eucharistic Adoration - 3:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Chapel

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

Thursdays:

OLOP Shop – 10:00– a.m. - 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

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 - Noon - Chapel

Saturdays:

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

Men's Group - 8:30-10:00 a.m. Msgr. Gilmartin Hall

OLOP Shop – 10:00 a.m. - Noon - Parish Center



During Advent, Father Pavia will celebrate Mass at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 11th and 18th

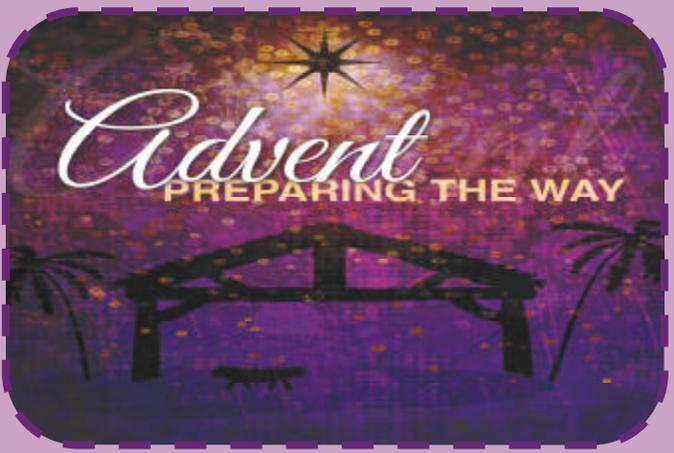
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SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

Third Sunday of Advent

December 12th at 3:00 p.m. in the Church

This service is in place of the regular Holy Hour



THE BLESSED MICHAEL MCGIVNEY

PILGRIMAGE CENTER

(formerly the Knights of Columbus Museum)
1 State Street, New Haven, CT

has opened its Christmas 2021 exhibit,
“*The Nativity Story: Art of the Crèche.*”

Admission and parking are free and the Center is open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please go to michaelmcgivneycenter.org or call 203-865-0400 for more information and to obtain tickets.



In an effort to enhance our Advent and Christmas celebrations, our Music Director, Michael Petreycik, is requesting the services of a few good voices for Advent Vespers and Benediction and Christmas Carols prior to the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Rehearsals on Sunday after the 8:30 a.m. Mass (around 9:40 a.m.) in the church for about one hour. If interested, please see Michael at the organ.



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

Caleb Michael Scholl

May the grace of God he received at his birth, remain with him always and may he grow in the love and friendship of our loving Father.

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.

MASST INTENTIONS

December 11, 2021 to December 19, 2021

Saturday, December 11th

8:00 A.M. *Sick of the Parish*
4:30 P.M. *William Soldi*

Sunday, December 12th

8:30 A.M. *George O'Connor*
11:00 A.M. *Janet LaReau*
4:30 P.M. *Mary Jane Codeghini*

Monday, December 13th

No Mass

Tuesday, December 14th

No Mass

Wednesday, December 15th

8:30 A.M. *Marty Gillick-Special Living Intentions*

Thursday, December 16th

8:30 A.M. *Arlene Elizabeth O'Leary*

Friday, December 17th

8:30 A.M. *Souls in Purgatory*

Saturday, December 18th

8:00 A.M. *The Parishioners*
4:30 P.M. *Margaret Cassella*

Sunday, December 19th

8:30 A.M. *Louis Salig*
11:00 A.M. *Zulmira Crespo*
4:30 P.M. *Mae Connors*

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 stratfordct**

A link to the YouTube page is available on our website:
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, Barbara Brown, Frieda Canelli, Jan Cassidy, Joseph Crudo, Jr., Anne D'Andrea, Brandon D'Andrea, Renee D'Andrea, Angela D'Nardo, Robert D'Nardo, Frank D'Orio, Anthony Flamini, Elena Flamini, Parker G, Deacon Joe Gagne, Marc Gangi, Janine Goldsnider, Bobby Hill, Rose Iacomacci, Blanche Loparco, Alyssa Miller, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Grace Parisi, Rocco Parisi, Natalie Ramadanovic, Marjorie Rindos, Nancy Roberts, Tony R, Matteo S, 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 or delete 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

WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a

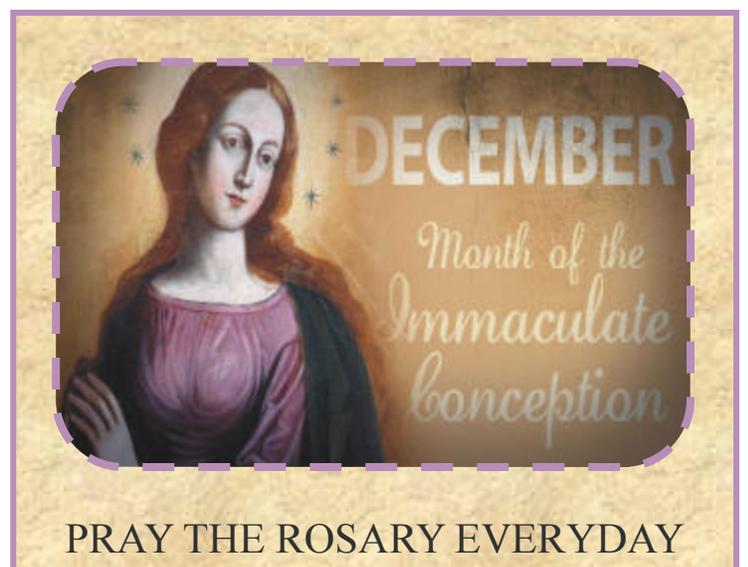
Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 3:10-18

Observances for the week of December 12, 2021

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday: St. John of the Cross,
Priest and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent ©LPi



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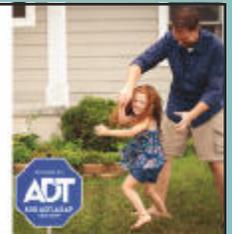


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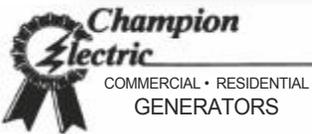
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