THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 2ND, 2022 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



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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.

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SUNDAY: $8:30 \text{ a.m.} \sim 11:00 \text{ a.m.} \sim 4:30 \text{ p.m.}$

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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Chapel

See Schedule Inside Bulletin

FAITH FORMATION: 203-377-4863 ext. 15

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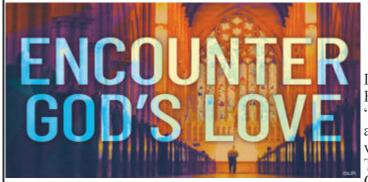
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Gifts and Bequests to Our Lady of Peace Church
are encouraged and gratefully accepted.

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically

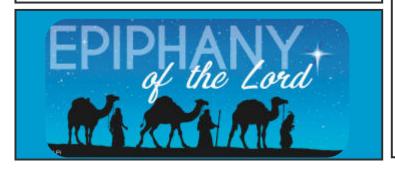
changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Human beings easily get bored. Life's routines can become so predictable that there is often little time for excitement or freshness. Today is all about the new and the wonderful. In celebrating the beauty and simplicity of the Epiphany, we see in tangible ways God's creative, redemptive, and restorative power. This refreshment and revitalization is offered not only to a select few but to everyone throughout the world. There is nothing routine or static about God. Surprises, wonders, miracles, opportunities, healings, and joy without measure are available to those who believe. There are never any endings, just beginnings. And, when darkness, boredom, and gloom seem to be the order of the day, a bright new light now shines pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPi



SAINT OF THE WEEK EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "saint."

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FAITH FORMATION

Classes are in the Parish Center and in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall
January 2022 Classes
16th, 23rd, 30th

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.



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 over flowing 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

PARISH CALENDARS FOR THE YEAR 2022

are at the entrance to the Church and Chapel.

They were graciously supplied by
William R. McDonald Funeral Home.

Please take one.

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.

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 12/1/2021): \$178,070

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



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

To date Our Lady of Peace has raised 165 gifts totaling \$38,670 from 119 donors bringing the parish to

91.20% of its \$42,400 goal. Thank you and God bless everyone for your generosity.

OLOP DONATION CENTER AND THRIFT SHOP

Parish Center-10 Ivy Street

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

The shop is now closed after a very profitable six months for the parish. During January we welcome donations of clean items that are ready for resale. We will see you Thursday, February 4th with tables and shelves filled with an abundance of newly donated items. Mark your calendar!

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.



January 1, 2022 to January 9, 2022

Saturday, January 1st

8:30 A.M. The Parishioners 4:30 P.M. The Parishioners

Sunday, January 2nd

8:30 A.M. Karen Newall

11:00 A.M. Richard Kelly (30th Anniv.)

4:30 P.M. Gerald Kueoghlian

Monday, January 3rd

No Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

No Mass

Wednesday, January 5th

8:30 A.M. Manual Pedreira

Thursday, January 6th

8:30 A.M. Ashli Babbitt

Friday, January 7th

8:30 A.M. Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 8th

8:00 A.M. Members of the Men's Group

4:30 P.M. The Parishioners

Sunday, January 9th

8:30 A.M. James O'Grady
11:00 A.M. Guy Richard Gallo
4:30 P.M. Dan and Emma Riccio

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

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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, Terry Culver, 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, Doug Knapp, Blanche Loparco, Leona May, Alyssa Miller, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Grace Parisi, Rocco Parisi, Natalie Ramadanovic, Marjorie Rindos, Nancy Roberts, Tony R, Matteo S, Danny Stenson, Dennis Stratford, 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 GOOD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 72

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 50-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We Remember

Marty Gillick

who has gone home

to the Lord.

Observances for the week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen,

Bishops and Doctors of the Church

Monday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

Wednesday: St. John Neumann, Bishop

Thursday: St. André Bessette, Religious

Friday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord ©LPi



January 10th

The Lord's Kitchen

January 28th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

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 *Closed-reopens February 4, 2022

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: Which sacraments can only be received once?

Answer: Confirmation, Baptism, and Holy Orders

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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 better, 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.

PLASTIC BOTTLE/CAN COLLECTION AND REDEMPTION PROGRAM

On an ongoing basis. we collect clean, returnable cans and bottles large quantities can be left any time at the rear of the Parish Center along side of the garage. Please use plastic bags as paper bags tear apart in the inclement weather.

Small bags of bottles and cans can be left any time on the front porch of the Parish Center.

Thank you to all who participate.
The program proceeds help to support the parish.

Please Note: we cannot accept glass bottles.

Plastic and cans only.

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.

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*.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Ouestion:

Why is it so important that we register in a parish? Isn't it good enough that we go to Mass

Answer:

Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish they automatically belong. At times, young adults who have moved away for years think they are still signed up under their parents. But membership requires signing up, formally enrolling yourself in a parish. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to be included in the religious, social, and ministerial activities of your parish. Your registration affects the parish in many ways. Census numbers can determine how many priests are assigned to a church, what benefits and obligations the community has to the diocese, and how Masses, Confessions, and devotions are planned and scheduled.

Registration shows you belong. It is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, and getting donation statements for taxes. Most importantly, it lets the parish count on you, to call on you to assist in its mission. Registering in your parish is a statement of faith and confidence in the life and work of your parish.

Welcome So glad you're here.....

Interested in becoming a Parishioner of Our Lady of Peace?

Please complete the following and deposit in the Offertory Basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Email		
Telephone No		
Comments		

We look forward to hearing from you!

Our Lady of Peace welcomes anyone who is new to our area, anyone who is searching for the truth, or anyone who is looking for a spiritual home. We are joyfully and faithfully Roman Catholic in belief and practice, a community of faith, worship, service, and formation, and with open hearts we invite all our brothers and sisters into a living and saving friendship with the Lord Jesus Christ, in the communion of His One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

A PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

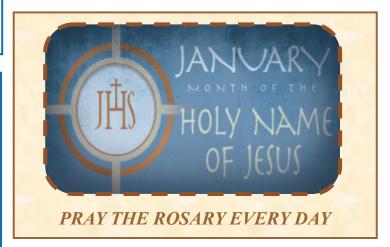
O Most Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, at this most critical time, we entrust the United States of America to your loving care.

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 2022 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. Checks only payable to OLOP. Stop in the Parish Office, during regular business hours, to request a mass.



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