

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ JANUARY 9TH, 2022 A.D.



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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.



The Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week in memory of  
The Parishioners

## 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.**

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**

Address: 10 Ivy Street, Stratford, CT 06615

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

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Closed Monday and Tuesday

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

Fax Number: 203-378-5253

Website: [www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com](http://www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com)

**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

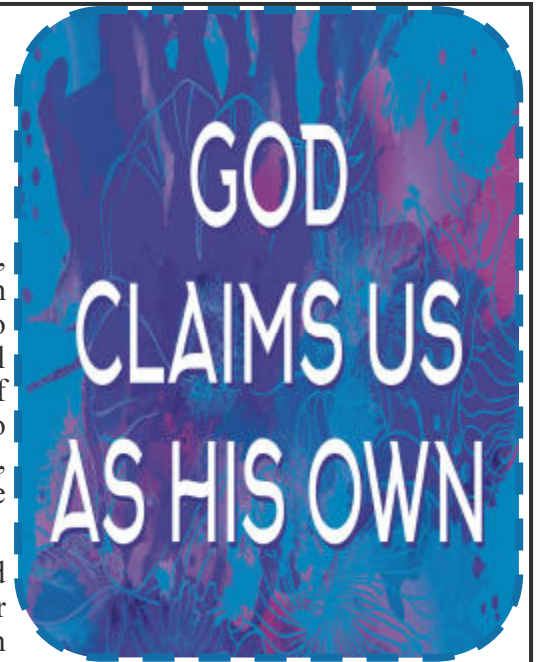
#### **The Baptism of the Lord**

*“We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ.” - Pope Francis*

What reference point do you use when making decisions? Many times, impulse takes control and decisions are made based solely on emotion and desire. We all know that these types of decisions can often get us into trouble. When a person has a confident sense of who they are and a real understanding of what is important and of value, the likelihood of kneejerk impulsive choices diminishes. Baptism gives us what we need to make well informed and purposeful decisions. By this simple gesture, God claims us as His own and provides us with the identity and purpose we need to properly live life.

It is tremendously reassuring, when we truly embrace this revelation and realize that we no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. The answer of who we are in God has been given to us. We no longer have to fumble around, trip over ourselves or walk aimlessly about. Issues surrounding the sacredness of life, the meaning of death, the protection of those most vulnerable, care for the weak and the poor, offering hospitality to those in search of a home, the purpose and proper place of work, how to create a just social order, caring for creation, and understanding our roles as heralds and stewards are just a few of the wonderful gifts baptism brings. When we make decisions based on things such as these core Gospel truths we really act as Christ himself, revealing to others the new creations that we are. This is how we live our baptism.

It is difficult to walk against the tide. Yet, that is precisely what baptism calls us to do. Although we are sinners, in need of mercy and far from perfection we are called to order our life and make decisions based upon the wisdom and guidance of Almighty God. He alone is the one who can claim us as His sons and daughters. Standing up for our principles will not make us popular. But who ever said Christianity is a popularity contest? Baptism calls us to stand up for that which goes against the grain of secularism. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor to steady us in the tempests of life and God is very pleased. Forge ahead. There is nothing to fear. ©LPi



## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

### RECOGNIZING GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

#### **I Hope I Am Like Him**

“Who is this Christ? Is he like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the one in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist — a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power — a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ — and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament — he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan? - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## **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](mailto:olopreled@sbcglobal.net)  
or [SusanPadua@msn.com](mailto: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  
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.

\*\*\*\***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**

# 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.

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Immaculate Conception \$ 503.00

### **Week of December 19th, 2021**

Offertory \$ 3,244.00

Online Giving \$ 2,359.00

Christmas Collection \$ 4,881.00

### **Week of December 26, 2021**

Offertory \$ 4,098.00

Online Giving \$ 1,701.00

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[www.osvonlinegiving.com/119](http://www.osvonlinegiving.com/119)**

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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**

## **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  
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## **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.



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:  
**Seton Tomiko Massey**

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

# MASST INTENTIONS

January 8, 2022 to January 16, 2022

**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*

**Monday, January 10th**

No Mass

**Tuesday, January 11th**

No Mass

**Wednesday, January 12th**

8:30 A.M. *Deceased members of the  
Ruggiero and Mastriano Families*

**Thursday, January 13th**

8:30 A.M. *Ed Monahan*

**Friday, January 14th**

8:30 A.M. *Angie West*

**Saturday, January 15th**

8:00 A.M. *No Mass -Resumes March 5th for Lent*  
4:30 P.M. *Marty Gillick*

**Sunday, January 16th**

8:30 A.M. *Frances McMenamin*  
11:00 A.M. *Guy Gallo*  
4:30 P.M. *John O'Hare*

**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](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, 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

**First Reading:** Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7  
or Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 29 or Psalm 104

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38  
or Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

**Gospel:** Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

## **Observances for the week of January 9, 2022**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord  
Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church  
Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time ©LPi



The Baptism  
of the Lord

## Calendar of **EVENTS**

### January 10th

The Lord's Kitchen

### January 22nd and 23rd

Second Collection-Church in Latin America

### January 28th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

### February 7th

The Lord's Kitchen

### February 25th

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 3, 2022**

### **OLOP DONATION CENTER AND THRIFT SHOP**

**Parish Center-10 Ivy Street**

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

A happy and healthy new year to all. The shop ended the first half of this fiscal year breaking all records, thanks to you and your generosity and support. Though the shop is closed during January we continue to accept donations and we are looking for holiday items for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter.

**A REMINDER: WE DO NOT SELL MEN'S AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, BOOKS, DVD'S AND CD'S SO PLEASE DO NOT BRING THEM. THEY WILL BE DISCARDED.** Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

### CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

**Question:** Who designed the dome of the cathedral of Florence?

**Answer:** Filippo Brunelleschi

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### MEN OF OUR LADY OF PEACE PROJECT

Phase Two

**Breakfasts featuring "Into the Breach"**

**Save the Date for Breakfast Number 4**

**Saturday, February 4th**

**The video episode and discussion will be "Fatherhood"**

**Free will offering**

**Menu to be determined**

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

Please sign up as early as possible for planning .

Text message to Bud at 203-545-9612

or email to Budh@optonline.net

or respond to Flocknote invitation when received.

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 other Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall with Coffee an' where we discuss these and other videos, ways we can be doers in our parish, and current Catholic topics.**

**Contribution Statements** will be mailed to all individuals who contributed \$250.00 or more to Our Lady of Peace in 2021. Statements will be ready by January 31, 2022. If you do not receive a statement, please contact the Parish Office and a copy will be provided.

The Diocese will handle contribution statements for Annual Catholic Appeal

(Med DiCamillo, The Office of Development  
203-416-1313, [acamillo@diobpt.org](mailto:acamillo@diobpt.org))

and We Stand with Christ

(Janis Baldino, The Catholic Center, 203-648-9050  
[jbaldino@diobpt.org](mailto:jbaldino@diobpt.org)).

Contact the Diocese if you do not receive a statement

**Please Note:** The Diocese of Bridgeport is strongly recommending that people wear masks while attending Mass in the interest of protecting others during the Covid surge.

### 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.

**SAINT OF THE WEEK**  
**EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH**

**St. Hilary of Poitiers -January 13**

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ's divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West, his writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX. ©LPi

**LIVE THE LITURGY**  
**INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased. ©LPi

**OUR LADY OF PEACE**

**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2021-2022**

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Jo Giudice, Bud Hewitt, Jon Janik, Charles King,  
Marty Tristine, Finance Chairperson, Brian Norris,  
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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.



***PRAY THE ROSARY EVERY DAY***

**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.

**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.***

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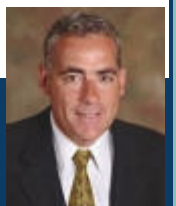
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