THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ JANUARY 23RD, 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 ~ <u>Lordship</u> ~ 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: $8:30 \text{ a.m.} \sim 11:00 \text{ a.m.} \sim 4:30 \text{ p.m.}$

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:

See Schedule Inside Bulletin

FAITH FORMATION: 203-377-4863 ext. 15

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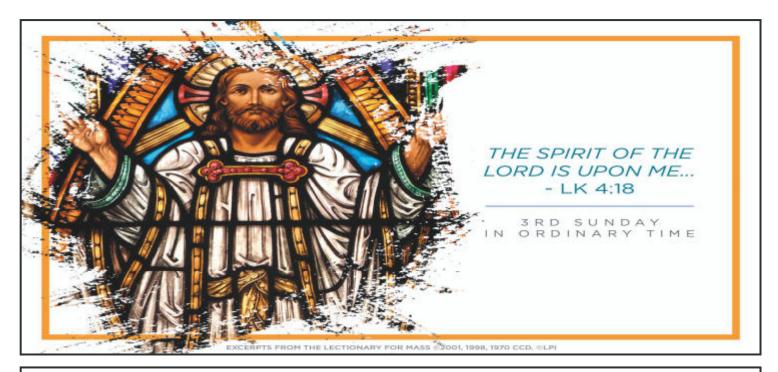
Hours: Wednesday and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed Monday and Tuesday Email: ourlady@sbcglobal.net Fax Number: 203-378-5253

Website: 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.



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION-ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is - the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.



As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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FAITH FORMATION

Classes are in the Parish Center and in the Msgr. Gilmartin Hall on Sunday from 9:40 –10:45 A.M.

January Classes:23rd, 30th

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.

Faith Formation Needs You!

We have children from Kindergarten through 4th grade who are learning about Jesus and the Catholic faith.

You can help them grow in their faith by becoming a Catechist. Weekly lesson plans and teacher guides are available for all grade levels.

No prior experience required. Virtus training provided.

If you can help, even as a substitute, and would like more information, please call Susan Padua at 203 278-4347 or email to susanpadua@msn.com.

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

Week of January 9, 2022

Offertory \$ 2,583.00 Online Giving \$ 995.00 Capital Improvements \$ 364.00

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



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

Shea Eleanor Stanczyk

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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA - JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who is the patron saint of lost things?

Answer: Saint Anthony of Padua ©LPi

OUR LADY OF PEACE ~ WE STAND WITH CHRIST CAMPAIGN REDEMPTION

Total Pledged: \$342,175 Total Collected (as of 12/30/2021): \$181,984

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.

<u>Contribution Statements</u> 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) and We Stand with Christ (Janis Baldino, The Catholic Center, 203-648-9050 jbaldino@diobpt.org). Contact the Diocese if you do not receive a statement



January 22nd, 2022 to January 30, 2022

Saturday, January 22nd

4:30 P.M. Jean Ruggerio

Sunday, January 23rd

8:30 A.M. The Parishioners

11:00 A.M. Louise Dobos (12th Anniv.)
4:30 P.M. Deceased members of the

Graham and Benedetti Families

Monday, January 24th

No Mass

Tuesday, January 25th

No Mass

Wednesday, January 26th

8:30 A.M. Helen Onkey

Thursday, January 27th

8:30 A.M. Rose Pavia Gresh

Friday, January 28th

8:30 A.M. Helen Wilsom

Saturday, January 29th

4:30 P.M. Jack Flynn

Sunday, January 30th

8:30 A.M. Jacqueline Dolce 11:00 A.M. Chuck Buynovsky 4:30 P.M. William Castlelot

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

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 or 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

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Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4-14-21 ©LPi

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

During a snow storm or inclement weather, all Our Lady of Peace services and activities will follow the Town of Stratford school delay/closure policy.

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, Father Michael Boccaccio, 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, Alyssa Miller, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Grace Parisi, Rocco Parisi, Natalie Ramadanovic, Marjorie Rindos, Nancy Roberts, Tony R, Matteo S, Patricia Santone, 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.

Observances for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time;

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr;

St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Monday: St. Francis de Sales,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin St. Thomas Aquinas,

Priest and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week ©LPi



January 22nd and 23rd

Second Collection-Church in Latin America

January 28th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

January 29th and 30th

Food for the Poor

February 4th

Men's Group Breakfast

February 5th and 6th

Blessing of Throats

February 5th

Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer Group

February 7th

The Lord's Kitchen

February 25th

Prayer Shawl Ministry

WEEKLY

Tuesdays - Church:

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

Wednesdays - Church

The Mediation Group - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays:

*OLOP Shop – 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Parish Center Ivy League - 12:30 p.m. - Msgr. Gilmartin Hall

First Fridays of the Month Only - Church

Eucharistic Adoration - 9:00 - 12:00 Noon

Saturdays:

Our Lady of Montligeon Prayer Group - Church

First Saturdays of the month only - 7:30 a.m. Men's Group - 8:30-10:00 a.m. - Msgr. Gilmartin Hall Eucharistic Adoration -10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Church *OLOP Shop - 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon - Parish Center *Closed-reopens February 3, 2022

A representative from **Feed the Poor** will be at all Masses on January 29th and 30th to speak about their organization.

OLOP DONATION CENTER AND THRIFT SHOP Parish Center-10 Ivy Street

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

Although the shop is closed for the month of January, we continue to accept donations and we are looking for Valentine, St. Patrick and Easter items. A Reminder: we do not sell men's and children's clothing, books, DVD's, and CD's so please do not bring them as they will be discarded. All items must be gently used and ready for sale. Thank you for your generosity and continued support and cooperation.

The shop is in need of volunteers. If you can help, please call the Parish Office and leave your contact information. Virtus training provided.

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.



THE FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

IS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD WE WILL BLESS THROATS AFTER ALL MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 5TH AND 6TH

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY-Friday, January 28th Parish Center from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The meetings are comprised of prayer, reflection, conversation and prayer shawls. All are welcome to join us to knit/crochet and bond in prayer, friendship and compassion to help others. The blessed shawls are available to anyone seeking God's embracing love during times of sickness, healing and transition.

> They are available at no cost by contacting Rosemarie Pentangelo at 203-380-0022.

In addition to making prayer shawls and prayer blankets, our ladies make chemo caps, preemie caps and tied fleece blankets All are welcome!

OUR LADY OF MONTLIGEON PRAYER GROUP

Our Lady of Peace has formed a new prayer group. The purpose of this group is to pray for the deceased (Souls in Purgatory), in union with the main Shrine in France, as well as all Montligeon Prayer Groups throughout the world.

The newly formed group will meet on the first Saturday of every month beginning February 5th at 7:30 a.m. in the church followed by Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Please join us to pray for the Souls in Purgatory and attend Mass as part of the First Five Saturdays Devotion in reparation for offenses against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Information on Our Lady of Montligeon, the Prayer Group and the First Five Saturdays Devotion are on the table at the front entrance of the church as well on February 5th.

We are forming a **Parish Young Adult Ministry** and all we need is you! If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office 203-377-4863 extension 10 and leave your contact information.

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION "Share Our Faith"

This weekend we take up the collection for the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Very often there are too few priests to meet the needs of the many communities they serve; or the communities they serve are too isolated to have access to needed personnel or resources to learn and live the faith we all share together. Your financial generosity makes a difference in the lives of the Catholic Faithful in Latin America and the Caribbean. Please be as generous as your means allows.

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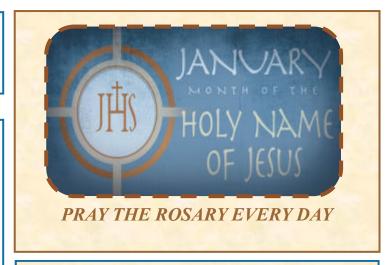
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On Sunday, January 30th from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., St. Mark School will host private school tours for prospective families. Visit our classrooms, meet our teachers and school community, and hear about how we have safely welcomed students to school, in-person and 5 days a week since fall 2020. Tuition assistance available. Limited school tours are available by reservation only. Visit www.stmarkschool.org to reserve your tour today!

We follow social distancing best practices. Prior, throughout, and after the event, surfaces will be sanitized and masks are required.

For more information, contact us at (203) 375-4291 or www.stmarkschool.org

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When you are away from the Parish and would like to keep up with the Parish *Bulletin and* news, please visit our Web Site www.ourladyofpeacestratfordct.weconnect.com



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 - Please enter through the side doors

****Revised Schedule****

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

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

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