

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE ~NOVEMBER 24, 2024 A.D.**



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### **SACRAMENTS**

**BAPTISMS:** Contact the Parish Office

**RECONCILIATION-CONFESSION-PENANCE:**

Before all Masses -See schedule in Bulletin

Other times by appointment

**MATRIMONY:** Arrangements must be made with the Parish Office.

**O.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.



## **Our Lady of Peace Roman Catholic Church**

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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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Parish Leadership Team: olopllt@gmail.com

Facilities Committee: olopfacilities@gmail.com

Urgent Prayer Request: olopurgentprayer@gmail.com.

### ***NEW PARISHIONERS:***

***Welcome to Our Parish Family!***

Please visit the Parish Office or online

to register. Scan the QR Code and you

will be directed to our Registration Site.

Scan Code for registration.



**Gifts and Bequests** to Our Lady of Peace Church are encouraged and gratefully accepted. When a loved one dies, please consider advising friends and relatives to make a memorial donation to the "Our Lady of Peace Sanctuary Fund" and include this wish in the obituary



**The Sanctuary Candle  
burns this week in memory of  
Condolina Vincenzi**

# Happy Thanksgiving

## THANKSGIVING DAY MASS THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28th AT 8:30 A.M.

We invite all to begin Thanksgiving Day with your parish family by attending Mass followed by coffee an' in the Monsignor Gilmartin Hall.

Thanks to the generosity of a parishioner, loaves of blessed bread will be available for you to take one home with you to "break bread" with your family.

The Parish Office will close Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of the Holiday.

Father Peter, Fr. Mark Pinto, Deacon Tom and the Staff of Our Lady Peace wish you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

### *Prayer for Thanksgiving*

*Dear Lord, We raise our thanks to You, the giver of every good gift.  
Thank You for the ways You have blessed, guarded,  
and guided us this past year and always.  
Keep us in Your hands, and close to Your heart. Amen*

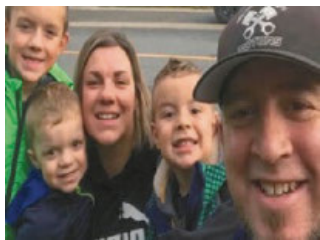
### "A HEARTFELT REQUEST"

Dear Friends, as you know, Fr. Peter lost his nephew last week. D'Arcy Rousseau leaves behind his wife, Crystal and three boys, Rylan, Cohen, and Tristan.

Many of you have asked if there is anything you can do to help the family. A "GoFundMe" has been set up to help Crystal with funeral expenses and also to establish a college fund for the boys.

As parishioners we are taking the initiative to pass along the information to you. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting Crystal and her children. Thank you! God Bless.

Laurie Collins. Jack Connell, Chris Feeley



[Donate to The D'Arcy Rousseau Memorial Fund, organized by Laura and Paul Rousseau](#)

"He executes justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the sojourn... Laura and Paul

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**Thank you!** Fr. Peter wants to thank everyone for remembering his nephew D'Arcy Rousseau with Mass Cards, Candles, Prayers, GoFundMe donations and support. He is grateful and appreciates your thoughtfulness.



All children Faith Formation Sessions are in the Parish Center on Sunday, 9:40-10:45 a.m.

**NOVEMBER CLASSES**

November 24th

**DECEMBER CLASSES**

December 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

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

Any questions regarding Faith Formation contact Susan Padua at [susan.padua@olopct.org](mailto:susan.padua@olopct.org)

**REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

**DAILY MASS:**

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday  
8:30 a.m.

Holy Hour 7:30 a.m.

Holy Rosary 7:55 a.m.

Except Solemnities, Feasts and Special Occasions at 7:45 a.m.

No Mass, Holy Hour or Rosary on Monday

SATURDAY: Vigil ~ 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY: 8:30 a.m. ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ 4:30 p.m.

The Church is open for private prayer seven days a week beginning at 7:15 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS:** Before all Masses. Other times by appointment by calling the Parish Office.

**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 17, 2024**

See next week's bulletin

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**THE RORATE MASS**

SOMETHING OLD AND

SOMETHING NEW

SATURDAY,

DECEMBER 7TH

BEGINNING SHARP

AT 6:30 AM

MASS WILL BE SAID AD ORIENTEM (FACING THE EAST)

IN BOTH LATIN AND ENGLISH WITH ROMAN VESTMENTS

THIS MASS DURING ADVENT IN HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY RECEIVES ITS NAME FROM THE FIRST WORDS OF THE OPENING CHANT IN LATIN, RORATE CAELI, OR IN ENGLISH "SHOWER, O HEAVENS". THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST IS IN THE DARK, ONLY ILLUMINATED BY CANDLELIGHT. THE WARM RAYS OF THE WINTER SUN SLOWLY LIGHT UP THE CHURCH. BY THE END OF MASS THE ENTIRE CHURCH IS FILLED WITH LIGHT BY THE SUN. THIS SPEAKS OF THE GENERAL THEME OF ADVENT, A TIME OF EXPECTATION EAGERLY AWAITING THE ARRIVAL OF THE SON OF GOD, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD.

**OLOP THRIFT SHOP - 10 IVY STREET  
THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, 10:00A.M.-12:00 NOON**

**Please note we will be Closed on Thanksgiving Day and Saturday, November 30.**

**We will re-open on Thursday, December 5. Enjoy a Blessed Thanksgiving!**

MAKE YOUR DAY EXTRAORDINARY BY EXPLORING SPECTACULAR BARGAINS AND AN ABUNDANT DISPLAY OF CHRISTMAS ITEMS FOR ALL YOUR DÉCOR NEEDS, PLUS a huge selection of fantastic clothing, shoes, jewelry, kitchenware, glassware, candles/candleholders, frames, lamps, linens, small furniture, and miscellaneous items. Rather than leave your practical or whimsical belongings behind, we would be most grateful if you would pass them on by utilizing the shed next to the entrance of the shop. As a reminder, we DO NOT accept children's clothing or equipment, books, or electronic items such as CDs or DVDs. All items must be clean, clean, intact, and ready for sale. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to seeing you!

# Calendar of **EVENTS**

## November 24th

Second Collection-Health and Welfare Fund for Retired Priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport

## November 28th

Thanksgiving-Parish Office Closed

## November 29th

Parish Office Closed

## December 2nd

Saint of the Month Prayer Group

## December 7th

Rorate Mass-6:30 a.m. Sharp

## December 8th

Second Collection  
Retirement Fund for Religious

## December 9th

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
A Holy Day of Obligation  
Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

## December 11th

The Lord's Kitchen

## December 13th

"Light Has Come Christmas Tour" with Sarah Kroger

## December 21st

Knights of Columbus Food Collection

## December 23rd

Knights of Columbus Meeting

## December 25th-The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas

### WEEKLY MEETINGS

#### **Wednesday: Parish Center**

Mediation and Art Group 9:15-10:30 a.m.

**Thursday: Parish Center-Ivy League -12:30 p.m.**



**URGENT PRAYER REQUESTS**  
Simply send a text message or an email  
[olopurgentprayer@gmail.com](mailto:olopurgentprayer@gmail.com).

### THANKSGIVING FOOD DONATIONS

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive will take place during the month of November with donated items delivered, on a weekly basis, to Blessed Sacrament Church. Our **Share Baskets** are located at the entrance to the church and chapel.

The parishioners at Blessed Sacrament do not make a "traditional" Thanksgiving Day dinner. They have asked for side items for chicken dinners: Rice; Beans (especially black beans); Stuffing; Gravy (chicken); and other items of Canned meats; Tuna fish; Spaghetti sauce; Pasta; Cereal; Chef Boyardee; Canned soups; Peanut butter; brownie or cake mix and any other items you can think of. If possible, choose the smaller size items as the elderly parishioners at Blessed Sacrament walk to and from their food pantry. In addition to non-perishable food items, we will provide donations to Blessed Sacrament for chickens and donations for turkeys to St. Charles Church.

Please place your donations for turkeys and or chickens in the designated box in front of the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please make checks payable to Our Lady of Peace and in the MEMO indicate "Thanksgiving Donation".

The individuals helped are grateful to Our Lady of Parish Family for your continued support and generous donations.

If you are a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace and need our help this year, please contact the Parish Office at 203-377-4863.



### INTERCESSORY PRAYER MINISTRY

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION-CHURCH**

*"Eucharistic Adoration is the secret to knowing the love of Christ."*

**Every Tuesday-9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.- First Thursday of the month only-7:00-8:00 p.m.**

**First Fridays of the month only-9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon**

Adorers are always welcome! Books and Devotions provided.

#### **DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET AND LITANY TO DIVINE MERCY-CHURCH**

Every Friday-3:00 p.m.

#### **THE SAINT OF THE MONTH PRAYER GROUP-CHURCH**

The next Saint of the Month Session is December 2nd at 10:30 a.m.

The Saints will be St. Lucy and St. Francis Xavier.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Names are listed in the bulletin.

#### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER BOOK**

Please use the Intercessory Prayer Book to request prayers for your intentions that will be remembered during Mass Intentions and by the Intercessory Prayer Ministry participants during Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy Chaplet on Fridays, and Saint of the Month prayer meetings.

# MASST INTENTIONS

November 23, 2024 to December 1, 2024

**Saturday, November 23rd**

4:30 P.M. *Condolina Vincenzi (1st. Anniversary)*

**Sunday, November 24th**

8:30 A.M. *All Parishioners Living and Deceased*

11:00 A.M. *Therese Massey*

4:30 P.M. *D'Arcy Rousseau*

**Monday, November 25th**

*No Mass*

**Tuesday, November 26th**

8:30 A.M. *Priestly, Diaconal, Religious and Marital Vocations*

**Wednesday, November 27th**

8:30 A.M. *Peter Faustine*

**Thursday, November 28th-Thanksgiving**

8:30 A.M. *All Parishioners Living and Deceased*

**Friday, November 29th**

8:30 A.M. *Anthony Brienza*

**Saturday, November 30th**

4:30 P.M. *Albert Gammarati*

**Sunday, December 1st**

8:30 A.M. *Patricia Callan*

11:00 A.M. *All Parishioners Living and Deceased and D'Arcy Rousseau*

4:30 P.M. *Mary and Tom Mehalick*

## SUNDAY READINGS

### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 24th

**First Reading:** Daniel 7:13-14

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 93

**Second Reading:** Revelation 1:5-8

**Gospel:** John 18:33b-37

First Sunday of Advent

December 1st

**First Reading:** Daniel 12:1-3

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 16

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 10:11-14,18

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-32



There are 7 day votive candles, to the left and right of the images of Divine Mercy and St. Michael the Archangel available to memorialize loved ones who are sick, deceased or for special intentions. Please contact the Parish Office. There is a donation of \$10.00 for each candle.

# 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, John Auger, Bianca S, Alicia Bingham, Lucille Blouin, Barbara Brown, Eileen Cahill, Jan Cassidy, Nadia Celli, Gary Depeano, Angela D'Nardo, Robert D'Nardo, Anne D'Orio, Frank D'Orio, Richard Diedrichsen, Parker G, Yolanda Gammarati, Cindy Gombar, Sharon Hendrickson, Bobby Hill, Matt Lambro, Rosa Longo, Blanche Loparco, Barbara Moroson, Gary Normandin, Edith Orlando, Marilyn Owen, Ken Paul, Father Nicholas Pavia, Dora Reyes, Marjorie Rindos, Ziggy Rogowski, Tony R, Matteo S, Nicholas S, Juliet Sclafani, Henry Showah, Sue W, Sandy Thibodeau, Kate Tourigny, Joseph Vincenzi, Eva Young

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.

If you would like Deacon Fekete or Father Towsley 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 and the victims of the war in the Middle East, Bangladesh and Ukraine and especially all children who are victims.*

## OBSERVANCES

For the week of November 24, 2024

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe  
Monday: St. Catherine of Alexandria,  
Virgin and Martyr  
Thursday: Thanksgiving Day  
Saturday: St. Andrew, Apostle  
Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

## **REMINDER: SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

Bishop Caggiano would like to remind us to consider participating in the Seminarian Appeal. The formation of our future priests is a critical responsibility for our diocese, and we rely heavily on the support of generous donors like you to make this possible. The cost of educating and training a seminarian for the priesthood has risen to over \$60,000 annually, and it is becoming increasingly challenging to meet these expenses without additional assistance from our faithful community. Please support our future priests who will serve our communities for many years to come! Please give online at [www.bridgeportpriest.org/give](http://www.bridgeportpriest.org/give)



## CCS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, INVITES, WELCOMES, ACCOMPANIES, PRAYS WITH, AND EDUCATES DISCIPLES TO MINISTER, AND SERVE.

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TOGETHER, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS) we serve the needs of our community more effectively.

### How are you entering more deeply into the season of Advent?

Please join us on Wednesday, December 4th from 5:30-7:00 pm at Our Lady of Peace Parish Hall for our Catholic Community of Stratford **Advent Evening of Reflection**. This event is open to all parishioners in Stratford and beyond. There will be food, reflection, and fellowship. Free will offering to attend. Please RSVP to [Imelgar@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:Imelgar@setoncollaborative.org)



As we prepare for Thanksgiving this week, we recall the words of Meister Eckhart who said that if the only prayer we ever say is thank you, then we will have said enough. May we know the joy that comes with gratitude this week and always. May the presence of our loved ones be a blessing during this sacred time of gratitude. And may the memory of our deceased loved ones comfort us as we hold tightly the love they gave to us.



**We are looking for feedback on our newsletter!** After our first few editions, we are wondering how you like the newsletter. Is it useful/good? What would you like to see in it? Please send any feedback to [stratford@setoncollaborative.org](mailto:stratford@setoncollaborative.org)



The sacraments remind us that God is always with us, upholding and encouraging us to grow in deeper relationship with Christ and with our communities of faith. **If you are an adult looking to make your sacraments** (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation), we have a place for you to connect and grow deeper in faith. Reach out to Colin for more information.



Beginning the first weekend of Advent, our Christmas Giving Tree will be in the Church with gift tag ornaments. Each gift tag will list a requested item or a gift card. Please take a gift tag (more than one if you can).

This year, Our Lady of Peace will help three organizations: Blessed Sacrament Parish outreach, Lord's Kitchen, and The Missionaries of Charity outreach in Bridgeport.

Please place your gift cards for the **Lord's Kitchen** in the offertory basket or bring them to the parish office. When purchasing gifts for **Blessed Sacrament**, please remember they are a diversified parish, and some dolls of color would be appreciated. Gifts are to be unwrapped but can be in a gift bag, with the tag from the tree attached.

The items requested by the **Missionaries of Charity** are to help their outreach to those who are in need of outdoor labor/work clothing items. Gifts are to be unwrapped but can be in a gift bag. The sisters have requested that all tags are attached to the gift bags to enable them to be easily distributed.

Thank you for placing items in gift bags under the tree by Sunday, December 15th or sooner, to ensure distribution in time for Christmas. Gift cards are returned by then as well. Your generosity helps spread the love and joy of Christmas and deeply appreciated.



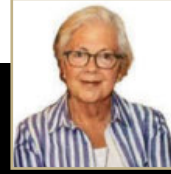
### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING

If you would like to donate for Christmas flowers, in memory/honor of a loved one, envelopes are in your envelope packages and at the entrances of the church and chapel.

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