



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH

*Please join us to Pray, Smile, Listen, Encourage,  
and Invite Others to Come Home!*

June 19, 2022

## SABBATH MASSES

Saturday

4:00 pm.

Sunday

8:00 am & 12:00 pm.

\*Videos Mass available on  
Saturday & Sunday

## DAILY MASS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,  
Friday at 9:00 am.

Wednesday  
Communion Service

## CONFESSION

Saturday 1:15 pm - 2:15 pm

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Monsignor Martin P. Ryan,  
D. Min.  
Pastor

Mrs. Denise Bartelson  
Director of Faith Formation

Mrs. Stacey Breyan  
Office Staff

Ann Baker  
Bookkeeper

Mr. Matthew Roumeles  
Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Howard Wardlow  
Finance Council Chairman

Parish Website: [www.olgstratford.com](http://www.olgstratford.com)

THE MOST  
HOLY BODY  
AND BLOOD  
OF CHRIST

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. - Lk 9:16

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## Sacrament of Baptism

If you wish to have your child baptized at Our Lady of Grace, we ask families to register in the parish and attend "Growing-up Catholic," our parish baptism program.

For information regarding dates and times of baptisms, please speak with Stacey at the Parish Office: (203)377-0928 x113 during the week or email: [staceybreyan@olgstratford.com](mailto:staceybreyan@olgstratford.com). For additional information regarding "Growing-Up Catholic," contact Melissa Lembo by email: [baptismprogram@olgstratford.com](mailto:baptismprogram@olgstratford.com).

## Sacrament of Matrimony

For those wishing to enter the Sacrament of Matrimony, please contact the Parish Office (203)-377-0928 x113 one year prior to the date of your wedding. The couple must meet with the parish priest to review all the legal and canonical requirements.

## PARISH INFORMATION

**Office/Rectory:** 203-377-0928 x113  
**FAX:** 203-377-5235  
**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Religious Education:** 203-375-6133  
**Bingo:** 203-375-2005  
**Finance Council Chairman:** 203-745-6655  
**Parish Website:** www.olgstratford.com

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

*Please pray for:* Bernard Ardry, Diane Bajorinas, Ted Balga, Nina Sica Collins, Anna Curry, Barbara Dlouhy, Sandy Erickson, James Farrell, Dennis Festa, Joan Figula, Joanne Giba, David Gombos, Mike Gorlo, Roberta Greiner, Stephen Hutton, Marie Iannucci, Carolyn Kordish, Lesley Kostyszyn, Allen Lagor, Elaine Lagor, Lee Lagor, Annette LaFleur, Joshua Craig LaFleur, Barry Latham, Mary Ann Mainak, Mary Maraczi, Marge Martire, Cindy Maurer, Owen McNaboe, Michael Meade, Arline Nelson, David Oleynik, Sal Pace, Marion Petrino, Debbie Pfeifer, Mert Pruzinsky, Eugene Richard, Jamie Rivera, Dhia Shubber, Michael Shulick, James Sinnott, Rev. Leo Spodnik, Phil Stinson, Andrew Yankowski

*Welcome to  
 "Our Little Church."*



## Online Giving Program

Another easy way to manage your church giving is with Online Giving. You can manage your giving or give a one-time gift right from home. Visit our church website (olgstratford.com) and click the Online Giving link and register with our church. Your support during the year helps sustain our church. Please contact Stacey Breyan at (203) 377-0928 x113 or staceybreyan@olgstratford.com with questions.

**Second Collection: June 19: Hope for the Future**

**June 26: Holy Father - Peter's Pence**

## World-wide Synod

We will soon submit our parish report. We thank those members of the parish who participated in the parish process. We pray for the success of the Synod process. Thank you!

## Brochure Rack

We have ordered a new group of "Care Notes". Please watch the church book racks for new arrivals.

## Bishop's Statement on Stopping Gun Violence

The Bishop's of the United States have issued a letter to Congress regarding Stopping Gun Violence. Copies of the letter are on the table by the sacristy door.

## Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our parish staff and myself, we would like to ask God's blessings upon the Father's of our parish. We will be having a special blessing for you at Mass. We ask the parishioners to join us in prayer for all our fathers who have gone home to the Lord.

Peace,

Msgr. Ryan

## Peter's Pence Collection

The Peter's Pence Collection, will be taken up on the weekend of June 26 & 27 in the Diocese of Bridgeport, the collection provides assistance for people throughout the world. "Our participation in the Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity to extend a sign of peace to the Body of Christ around the world." The purpose of the Peter's Pence Collection is to provide the Pope with the financial means to respond with emergency assistance to those who are suffering as a result of war, oppression, natural disaster and disease. This collection was started centuries ago to provide financial support for the pope and has evolved to fund the Vatican's charitable actions for those in need.

## Make Up Envelope

Thank you for your support by making up your weekly envelopes! We are entering into vacation time, and a time when we see a decrease in Sunday giving. We ask for your support! We have fallen behind with our weekly giving as we face the end of our fiscal year. We ask that you make up envelopes when you are away. You may drop your donations in the mail or in the parish drop-box at the side of the parish garage. We thank those who make their donations in the mail or in the parish drop-box at the side of the parish garage. We thank those who make their donations by our online giving program. Your consistent giving has been very important to our parish financial stability! We thank you for your generosity in the past and ask all to help us support our "Little Church".

## Hope for the Future

The Hope for the Future campaign has been of great assistance to the parish during these past months. The campaign envelope is dated June 18/19. We hope that you will join us in financially supporting the parish and build this hope for the future of Our Lady of Grace Parish. Thank you for your generosity.

## Confessions

The Sacrament of Penance is celebrated each Saturday from 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m. We ask you to wear a mask when coming to Confession.

## My Spiritual Life

### Mass from Our Lady of Grace

Please join us for Sunday Mass from OLG Parish by  
"Live Stream"

Saturday at 4:00 pm.

You can also find our Sunday Mass on our website:

[www.olgstratford.com](http://www.olgstratford.com)

On Youtube: search Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic  
Church, Stratford, CT

On Facebook: search Our Lady of Grace Catholic  
Church, Stratford, CT

### TV Masses

We invite you to pray with us by watching mass on TV.

Here are the Channels:

Optimum

Channel 137 Catholic Faith Network

Channel 135 EWTN

Frontier TV

Channel 12 Hartford 10:00 am

Channel 562 EWTN

### Formed.org for Children

During the summer we invite parents and grandparents to  
engage their children in learning about their faith.

Find these programs on Formed.org

The wonderful world of Benjamin Cello

Signs of Grace

Catholic Heroes of the Faith

Lukas the Storyteller

Truth to Inspire Series

Brother Francis

The Annie Moses Show

Short Answers for Big Questions

Registering for FORMED is easier than ever:

1. Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)

2. Select your parish: Enter parish zip code 06614 and  
select Our Lady of Grace from the provided dropdown  
menu

3. Register with your name and email address

4. Check that email Inbox for a link to start watching  
FORMED

### Prayer for Youth

God our Father, be with us on our pilgrim journey of  
faith. Give us the grace and courage to step forward in  
faith and hope on the road ahead.

Open our eyes to see your face in all those we encounter.  
Open our ears to hear your voice in those who are often  
ignored. Open our hearts that we might be faithful disci-  
ples of mercy and truth.

Transform us. Empower us to give of ourselves to the  
poor; to welcome the lost; to forgive those who hurt  
us; to comfort those who suffer and are marginalized.  
Through the intercession of Mary, the Immaculate Con-  
ception, patroness of our nation, may we be worthy wit-  
nesses of our faith.

We ask all this through Christ Our Lord. Amen

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JUNE 18

4:00pm Beth, Sam, & Michael DellaGioia r/b Family

### SUNDAY, JUNE 19

8:00am Rose Rick r/b Family

12:00pm Charles Siwicki r/b Doreen Siwicki & Family

### MONDAY, JUNE 20

9:00am Elizabeth O'Keefe r/b Patrick O'Keefe

### TUESDAY, JUNE 21

9:00am Thaddeus Walewski r/b Walewski Family

### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

9:00am Our Parishioners

### THURSDAY, JUNE 23

9:00am Frank Parker r/b Wife

### FRIDAY, JUNE 24

9:00am George Zmary Sr. r/b Sal & Mary Jo Pace

### SATURDAY, JUNE 25

4:00pm Peter Malino r/b Family

### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

8:00am Our Parishioners

12:00pm Barbara Duca r/b Husband Jerry



## Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



June 19, 2022 - June 25, 2022

Lamp I: Louis Mulhall r/b Wife & Family

Lamp II: Souls in Purgatory

### Project Rachel

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and  
sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You are not  
alone! For help, resources or to find out about our  
upcoming Days of Prayer and Healing call Maureen  
at 203.416.1619 or email at [projectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org).  
God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for  
you!

### July 9, 2022 - Day of Prayer and Healing

Are you or someone you know carrying the pain and  
sorrow of losing a child to abortion? You do not have  
to suffer alone! Join us on *Saturday, July 9, 2022* for a  
Day of Prayer and Healing. Come experience the  
healing peace of Christ! For more information or to  
register, call Maureen at 203.416.1619 or email [pro-  
jectrachel@diobpt.org](mailto:projectrachel@diobpt.org). God's mercy, healing and for-  
giveness are waiting for you!

### Book of Healing Prayer

We thank the Lord Jesus for his continued healing pres-  
ence in our parish family. There have been many prayers  
heard and more individuals and families are requesting  
"Healing Prayer"! Please remember the requests for  
prayers for the names listed in our book! Please also re-  
member the names of those listed in our parish bulletin.  
We thank you for your many stories of encountering the  
Healing Lord! The Book of Healing Prayer has gathered  
more than 3500 names of people seeking "Healing Pray-  
er". We will continue to have the book available! Please  
feel free to continue to add names and the parish will  
keep you in prayers. May Jesus Heal You.

## Faith Formation

**Faith Formation Office is open Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.**

Registration forms for 2022 – 2023 school year will be available in July. There will be an announcement in our bulletin and website when available. If you have questions on our programs or would like to know when the registrations are available call 203-375-6133 or email Denise at [denisebartelson@olgstratford.com](mailto:denisebartelson@olgstratford.com).

### **PRAYER WALK THE FRIEND OF JESUS PRAYER**

Sign up on Church Bulletin Board to receive our Prayer Walk every month. You can also email [denisebartelson@olgstratford.com](mailto:denisebartelson@olgstratford.com) with your name and email to get on the list to receive emails. All parishioners can add someone or themselves for prayers just email the information to [denisebartelson@olgstratford.com](mailto:denisebartelson@olgstratford.com). Prayer is a powerful tool, and I am sure many of you can witness to that, and it is such an important time for all of us to pray for one another. Faith and prayer can get us through many difficult times.

### **Nazareth Program**

If you have a child that has never started Religious Education class or have missed a few years we offer the Nazareth Program. This program meets the children where it is needed, and they can get caught up with special classes and then can start preparing to make their Sacraments. If you would like further information on this program call 203-375-6133 or email Denise at [denisebartelson@olgstratford.com](mailto:denisebartelson@olgstratford.com).

### **Parish Memorial Books**

Several years ago the parish instituted a Memorial Fund. The purpose of the Memorial Fund was to provide assistance for purchasing new and needed items for our liturgies. (For example: vestments, ritual books, etc.) This is a wonderful way to acknowledge someone living, deceased or in thanksgiving for a prayer answered. For information or to make a donation please call the Parish Office at 203-377-0928.

### **Amazon Smile**

When you do your regular shopping on Amazon, remember that Our Lady of Grace Church is a participant in the Amazon Smile program. A percentage of your amazon order will be donated to our "Little Church". Sign up for "Amazon Smile"!

### **High School Graduates**

We would like to recognize are parishioners who are graduating from High School this month. We congratulate you and wish you well for the future.

We are praying for you!

### **Assistance in Receiving Holy Communion**

Recently, we have had a number of parishioners ask to receive Holy Communion at their seats. Our Parish ushers have been alerted to assist people requesting Holy Communion. Please ask the usher to have the Eucharist brought to you.

## Marriage Moments

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish...Jesus said the blessing and gave them to the crowd. They all ate and were satisfied." (Luke 9:16) Hopefully you eat dinner most days. Ponder how you nourish each other both with food and kindness.

## Parenting Pointers

"Taking the five loaves and the two fish...Jesus said the blessing...and gave them to the crowd. They all ate." (Luke 9:16) Hopefully your family says a blessing before eating. "Communion" happens not only in Church but when you eat together. Try saying something kind to the "communion of saints" sitting at your table this weekend.

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## Questions of the Week

**JUNE 19 • Body and Blood**

### **True Authority**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things...(Mk. 14:22)

- Genesis 14:18-20 - The priest Melchizedek
- 1 Corinthians 11:23 – 26 - The Eucharist
- Luke 9:11b-17 - Feeding the 5,000
- Adults: Have you had an experience of not having enough of some gift or grace, then receiving more than enough? What happened?
- Kids: What do you have a little of that you can share with someone who has less?

## Covid Protocol

The Covid-19 status for Stratford is at a "**Red Alert**" status.

As a parish we need to be considerate and keep each other safe. Therefore we ask that:

1. If you are feeling sick, please stay home and recover!
2. **We recommend all people wear masks in parish buildings.**
3. All unvaccinated persons should follow state guidance in wearing masks inside buildings!
4. We recommend parishioners to sign-in. We have learned through the pandemic that phone is the best way to communicate with our parishioners.
5. May we care for each other in the name of Jesus!

## Parish Bulletins for Seniors

We would like to recognize the members of the Msgr. Mooney council Knights of Columbus, who deliver our parish bulletin to our seniors. If you are a senior and would like to receive a bulletin, please contact the parish office.

**PARISH CALENDAR, COLLECTIONS**

<b>PARISH FINANCES*</b>			
<b>Sunday Offertory</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Over (Under)</b>
Income for the week of 6/1/22 - 6/6/22	\$4,953.	\$7,019.	(\$2,066.)
Budget Year-to-date	\$302,513.	\$340,670.	(\$38,156.)
Second Collection: Capital Improvement \$1,719. Second Collection: June 19: Hope for the Future June 26: Holy Father - Peter's Pence *Please note: Due to the printing deadline, the Parish Finance Report will be delayed by one week.			



\***Parish Office** is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. **Please call prior to visiting the Parish Office (203) 377-0928 x113. We will continue to try and keep everyone safe.**

\***Church** is open for prayer Monday through Friday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

**We Stand with Christ**

<b>Our Lady of Grace Parish</b>	
<b>2022 Bishop's Appeal as of June 3, 2022</b>	
ABA Goal:	\$67,800
Total Pledged:	\$54,866. 80.92% of Goal
Donors to Date:	181 Donors
To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at <a href="http://2022BishopsAppeal.org">2022BishopsAppeal.org</a> , call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	

**Lord's Kitchen**

The volunteers from Our Lady of Grace Parish will be serving the meal at the Lord's Kitchen on Monday, June 27th. We ask our parish family to keep our volunteers in their prayers as they take care of those who are in need. Our volunteers also ask the help of our parishioners by donating bars of soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes and toilet tissue. We are accepting monetary donations to assist with the meal expenses! The collection buckets will be available this weekend to receive your donations. The buckets will be placed outside the rectory garage.

**Diocesan Mandate for Readers and EMHC**

The Diocese will be contacting our Readers and EMHC for further training and to renew their diocesan mandate! You should receive your training instructions during this week!

**OTHER NEWS**

**A Stewardship Moment**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

From the rich Eucharistic themes to be drawn from today's second reading, one stewardship theme stands out: The Eucharist is Christ's gift to us. Good stewards are grateful for this gift and realize that no matter their station in life, they are welcome to come to the table and receive the body and blood of Christ. If Jesus could break bread with his betrayer, Judas, his denier, Peter, and the other ten who deserted him, then he will welcome us. Do we truly appreciate what a tremendous gift it is to approach the Lord's table? Do we realize that the Holy Spirit means to transform us by the gift of Christ's body and blood.

**Virtus Training**

Every parish volunteer must complete the training, background check, and review the Diocesan handbook. Denise Bartelson will create a process where you can check your status as people return to ministry. The process can be as easy of activating your status, but some parishioners will need to update training, complete a background check, and review the Diocesan manual. Denise can be reached at [denisebartelson@olgstratford.com](mailto:denisebartelson@olgstratford.com).

**Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Catholic Charities of Fairfield County is one of the largest private social service providers in Connecticut, offering assistance throughout the 23 towns in the Diocese of Bridgeport. The agency's mission is to help the needy and most vulnerable of all faiths to permanently improve their lives by providing supportive services that enable families to rise up out of poverty, overcome barriers, and achieve self-sufficiency and independence. Catholic Charities envisions a Fairfield County where all individuals have the basic necessities - food, shelter, and support in order to reach their full potential as healthy, educated, and self-sufficient individuals. The agency serves all people without regard to age, race, religion, or ability to pay.

Catholic Charities cannot do it alone; it depends on gifts to the Bishop's Appeal and helps them continue to do the incredible work that it does for our most vulnerable neighbors in Fairfield County.

**Respect Life**

Religious Freedom Week 2022: Life and Dignity for all take place June 22-29. The week begins with the Feast of St. John Fischer and Thomas More, ends with the Solemnity of St. Peter and Paul, and includes the Feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Many resources are available to help the faithful pray, reflect. And take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad. Resources, including graphics, lectionary notes, bulletin inserts, and daily prayers and reflections are available at [uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://uscbb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek).



## Knights Corner Msgr. Mooney Council #13228

This year's recipient to our **Knights of Columbus Annual Scholarship** is a former altar server and member of OLG Youth Group, was club president and founder of the American Sign Language (ASL) club at Stratford High, is a Stratford EMS Explorer, Girls Scouts of America Silver Pin recipient and has volunteered in an Appalachia Service Project, she is a member of Big Sisters mentor program as well as a Stratford High School AP student athlete. Her essay stated in part, *"I learned two important life lessons; to help and serve others. In my heart, OLG became a home to me where I had friends, could make a difference to those in need, and felt loved."*

This is the first year we've opened our Knights of Columbus Annual Scholarship to young women, and we're happy to award this year's scholarship to **Sara Rose Salerno!** Sara will receive a certificate of recognition as well as a \$500 award for her outstanding achievements and in living her faith daily life to help others. Sara plans on attending Eastern Connecticut State University in the fall to earn a bachelor's degree in Special Education and we wish Sara the very best knowing she will continue to impact the lives of others. Sara is the daughter of Past Grand Knight Tony Salerno and his bride Dana.

A total of twenty-seven units were collected during our second **Blood Drive** this past weekend which will help eighty-one people! We're grateful to all who came by and donated. We're already scheduling appointments for *our next Blood Drive for Saturday, August 20*. Contact Pat O'Keefe at 203-400-8712 to schedule your appointment or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

Last weekend a statue of our founder Blessed Michael McGivney was dedicated by Bishop Caggiano at St. Margaret Shrine in Bridgeport, who said, *"Imagine how blessed we are to have this image here in the heart of the Shrine of St. Margaret, which I like to think is in the heart of the Diocese of Bridgeport," said the bishop, who himself is a Knight,..* Msgr. Thomas Mooney Council was an initial financial supporter in this project. *"The project to purchase the statue and create a memorial area was a cooperative effort of Assembly 107, which meets at St. Margaret Shrine and consists of Councils 16 and 12615 of Bridgeport, Council 11077 of Fairfield, and Council 13228 of Stratford."* Take the time this summer to stroll the grounds which also has a shrine to Our Lady of Grace and look for our memorial brick at Blessed McGivney's shrine.

Take advantage of FREE membership for your first year. If you're a practicing Catholic male, 18 years or older and like what you see our local council doing, visit [kofc.org/join us](http://kofc.org/join-us) and use **promo code MCGIVNEY2020** and Council 13228 as your council of choice. Like our founder Blessed McGivney, Bishop Caggiano and our pastor Msgr. Ryan,.. become a member of the knights!

## Parish Senior Call Ministry

We thank our Senior call ministry Team. They make weekly calls to our parishioners and offer support to our senior parishioners.

We have been very successful in keeping in contact with our senior members. A group of volunteers have been calling our parishioner once a week. The callers offer pastoral support. If you are a parish senior and would like to receive a call, contact the parish office with your name and phone number.

## Hospital and Nursing Home

As the rate of Covid infections are increasing and Stratford has a **Red Alert Status**, the visitation of our parishioners in hospitals or nursing homes continues to be dependent on the visitation directives of each medical institution. The local medical facilities are updating their visitation policies. Please let the parish office know when you are in the hospital or in one of the area nursing facilities. When you call the parish office leave the name and the phone where the patient can be reached.

## Funeral Ministry

When we are contacted by a Funeral Home, to schedule a Funeral Mass and Burial, the Parish Bereavement Team will contact the family to extend the sympathy of the Parish. The Bereavement Team will schedule a meeting with the family to plan the readings and sacred music for the Funeral Mass. We invite the family to participate in the Funeral Mass. We have a mass booklet and song list to use in your planning. We can meet in person or through email to plan the funeral.

## Callingpost Follow-up

We have some 850 parish homes that receive our weekly callingpost message. We are being rejected by about 300 homes. We will soon be contacting the 300 households to ask how we might be able to better communicate with you. If you are not receiving our callingpost message, please use the coupon in the bulletin to update your current phone number.

## Parish Registration

We continue to see new faces at mass each weekend! We ask you to register at Our Lady of Grace Church. You may register at our parish office Monday-Friday between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. You may also register by using the registration form below or by submitting a registration through our website.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_