



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!*

July 3, 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

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



14TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“The kingdom of God
is at hand for you.”
- Lk 10:9

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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. For additional information regarding “Growing-Up Catholic,” contact Melissa Lembo by email: 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: July 3: Capital Improvement
July 17: Mission Co-op Sunday

World-wide Synod

We have submitted our parish report to the Diocese. We would like to thank Bob and Debbie Scott, Linda Skowronski, and Sue Zello for representing the parish as Synod delegates. We thank Judy Mudre for preparing the final report.

Brochure Rack in Church

We have recently filled the book racks in Church. There are several new "Care Notes" pamphlets. You may make a free-will offering!

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

We would like to ask all our parishioners to become a "welcoming committee" for our parish. Please take an extra bulletin with you on the next weekends. Speak to your neighbors about coming and praying with us at Our lady of Grace. Many changes have occurred during pandemic. People have been disconnected from places and services. Will you take the time to invite someone back to church.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan

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".

Parish Registration

We have noticed many new faces at weekend Mass. We would like to invite you to complete the parish census and become an active member of the parish. You may use the coupon on the back page of the bulletin, or contact the parish office at 203-377-0928x113.



Growing up Catholic Pre-Baptism Class

We will be conducting a GUC Baptism Class on Tuesday, July 12th at 7:00 pm. The GUC class will be conducted by videoconference. We ask all parents wishing to baptize their children to join us for the class. Please register for the class by Tuesday, June 28th by contacting Stacey Breyan at 203-377-0928 x113 or email at staceybreyan@olgstratford.com.

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

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

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

Book of Healing Prayer

We thank the Lord Jesus for his continued healing presence 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 remember 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 Prayer". 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 2

4:00pm John Buynak r/b Elaine Penny

SUNDAY, JULY 3

8:00am Our Parishioners

12:00pm Mary C. Pilosa r/b Son Paul

MONDAY, JULY 4

9:00am Alvin & Catherine Corra r/b Lynn Corra

TUESDAY, JULY 5

9:00am Robert Rourick r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

9:00am Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JULY 7

9:00am Josephine Konn r/b Husband Vincent

FRIDAY, JULY 8

9:00am Zofia Gutowska r/b Friend

SATURDAY, JULY 9

4:00pm George Zamary, Sr. r/b Richard & Annette Arthur

SUNDAY, JULY 10

8:00am Our Parishioners

12:00pm John Pyatak r/b Family



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions



July 3, 2022 - July 9, 2022

Lamp I: Our Parishioners

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. 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 projectrachel@diobpt.org. God's mercy, healing and forgiveness are waiting for you!

Come Holy Spirit Prayer

Please pray this prayer for the success of the Global Synod!

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

And You shall renew the face of the earth. O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

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 a child entering 1st grade; if you are new to the Parish; if you have any questions on our programs; if would like to know when the registrations are available call 203-375-6133 or email Denise at denisebartelson@olgstratford.com

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. Classes will resume in September so if you would like further information on this program call 203-375-6133 or email Denise at denisebartelson@olgstratford.com.

PRAYER WALK THE FRIEND OF JESUS PRAYER

The Prayer Walk that will resume in October. You can email denisebartelson@olgstratford.com with your name and email to get on the list to start receiving the Prayer Walk email. 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.

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"!

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.

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.

Marriage Moments

What does Independence Day look like in marriage? Does it mean being free to do whatever you want? Of course not. Perhaps it's closer to being "interdependent" - knowing your strengths and weaknesses and helping each other out.

Parenting Pointers

Last week's *Parenting Pointer* asked you to identify some things that clutter your home. Now, what do you do with it? Give it away of course. Let your kids help you find people who need your extras. Give it away, recycle it, or if it's really useless, dispose of it responsibly.

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Questions of the Week

JULY 3 • 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Accepting the Christian Message

Jesus said to the disciples, "Whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet. We wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near." (Lk. 10:10-11)

- Isaiah 66:10-14c - Mother Zion
- Galatians 6:14-18 - The Cross, our true boast
- Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 - Mission of the 72
- Adults: Where do you see the message of Christian faith being rejected in the world today? What is your response to that?
- Kids: What can you do when you are generous with others, and they do not want what you give them?

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.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR, COLLECTIONS

| PARISH FINANCES* | | | |
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| Sunday Offertory | Actual | Budget | Over (Under) |
| Income for the week of 6/14/22 - 6/20/22 | \$6,263. | \$7,019. | (\$756.) |
| Budget Year-to-date | \$315,781. | \$354,865. | (\$39,083.) |
| <p>Hope for the Future \$1139. Second Collection: July 3: Capital Improvement July 17: Mission Co-op Sunday</p> <p><small>*Please note: Due to the printing deadline, the Parish Finance Report will be delayed by one week.</small></p> | | | |



***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

| Our Lady of Grace Parish | |
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| 2022 Bishop's Appeal as of June 24, 2022 | |
| ABA Goal: | \$67,800 |
| Total Pledged: | \$61,236. 90.32% of Goal |
| Donors to Date: | 192 Donors |
| To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org , call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone. | |
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Lord's Kitchen

The volunteers from Our Lady of Grace Parish will be serving the meal at the Lord's Kitchen on Monday, July 25. 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 express! The collection buckets will be available July 16 & 17 to receive your donations. The buckets will be placed outside the rectory garage.

OTHER NEWS

A Stewardship Moment

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting his disciples to be evangelizers. "The harvest is abundant," Jesus says. But those who are willing to invite others to a deeper relationship with the Lord are few. Good stewards who are willing to witness their Catholic faith to others know they are "like lambs among wolves." They are encouraged to be gentle, patient and loving, knowing they may face rejection and even fierce opposition. Jesus invites us to be better stewards of our faith, to give positive, courageous, joyful witness to others who have turned away from their relationship with him. Is there someone we should be reaching out to this week?

Bishop's Annual Appeal

As the 2022 Bishop's Appeal continues, we are grateful to the parish families who have already made their gift or pledge. For us to achieve our overall goal, it will require the active involvement and personal sacrifice of all members of our family community. If you have not yet responded to the 2022 Bishop's Appeal, please set aside a moment to prayerfully consider a gift amount that reflects your blessings. Your gift will help tremendously and, together with your fellow parishioners, will enable the diocese to provide essential pastoral, educational and human needs throughout Fairfield County. Thank you for your support.

Covid Protocol

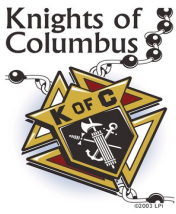
Stratford Covid Alert

Beginning on June 21st, Stratford will only use the CDC Community Alert color code to define Covid-19 alert levels. Fairfield County is in the Medium/Yellow Category.

- Stay up to date with Covid-19 vaccines
- Get vaccinated and boosted
- Wear a face mask in public indoor settings where vaccine status is not known
- Get tested if you have symptoms, were exposed, traveled or were at a large event
- Stay home if you are sick
- If you are unvaccinated or are at high risk for severe Covid-19 illness, or if working, living, or interacting with high-risk individuals take additional precautions. (for example avoid crowded indoor and outdoor settings)

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!



Knights Corner
Msgr. Mooney Council #13228

The Fourth of July evokes summer celebrations; family gatherings in the sun, cook outs, fireworks, sparklers and parades! All wonderful activities! Officers and members of Msgr. Mooney Council wishes you all a wonderful and safe Fourth of July weekend.

The Declaration of Independence states "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness" ?

This Independence Day take a moment to reflect on how you protect Religious Freedom. The Right to Life, of True Liberty (and as the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops state, our first and most cherished liberty is Religious Freedom), and Pursuit of Happiness as understood by the Church (becoming the person God has called you to be), and have a safe and wonderful Holiday.

Patriotism is one of the principles of the knights of Columbus, join us in being a patriotic catholic citizen! Contact Grand Knight Terry Morgan (paxterry@gmail.com) or Deputy Grand Knight Pat

O'Keefe (virtualpat@yahoo.com) for more information.

Our next Drive Through Food Drive will be Saturday, July 9 from 10:00 a.m till 12:00 noon. Please be as generous as you're able. A listing of items needed is listed on our website:

Canned ravioli, Boxes of macaroni and cheese, Jars of Pasta Sauce, Flavored rice (e.g. Rice a Roni, Lipton), Instant boxed potatoes (all types), Cans of baked beans/pork and beans, Pancake mix and syrup, Dry milk, Jelly/Jam, Cold and hot cereal, Condiments: ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, relish, Canned fruit, Canned meals: ravioli, hash, beef stew, DIAPERS-ALL SIZES

Thank You for your continued support of the Food Collection Program, to learn more contact Tony Salerno at 203-615-1932 or Bob Sliwinski at 203-377-3786.

Calendar Process

We are beginning our parish calendar process. We ask all group leaders to complete the parish calendar request form for your organization and submit the forms to the parish office by July 15th.

The parish calendar request form is available on the parish website, picked up from the folder on the sacristy bulletin, or by contacting the parish office at 203-377-0928 x113 or by email at staceybreyan@olgstraford.com.

Cooperative Mission Appeal Sunday

This year we are returning to hosting a Mission Priest for the Appeal weekend. Fr. Joe Chacko will be speaking at all masses on July 16/17. Fr. Chacko will be representing the Diocese of Balasore, India. We ask your generosity for the work of the Church in the missions.

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 continue to fluctuate 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 _____