



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!*

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

July 24, 2022



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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, Rose Nemeth, 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 31: Hope for the Future

August 7: Capital Improvement 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"!

Callingpost

Thank you for receiving our weekly callingpost messages. In the coming weeks, we may skip a weekly announcement if needed!

We are removing the phone numbers of parishioners who have blocked our calls. Please read our parish bulletin and visit the parish website www.olgstratford.com

Pastor's Letter

Dear Friends,

Thank you for supporting the cooperative Mission Appeal. I would like to thank Fr. Joe Chacko for his words about the missions. Please pray for the missionaries throughout the world.

Peace,
 Msgr. Ryan

Parish Finances

Last week I shared with you the budget deficit for the parish. I gave you some reasons for the decrease of donations and I asked your support to make corrections.

Our next challenge will be the needed repairs that are needed. We need to patch and repair the driveway and the parking lot behind the church. You will notice white markings in the parking lot which denote the spaces in need of repair. The side steps of the church need to be prepared and winterized! The awnings above the entrances need to be extended and expanded for winter and icy weather.

Do you know any vendor who does this type of work? Our system of sidewalks are in need of repair. This will be another costly repair bill!

Anointing of the Sick

We will celebrate the sacrament of the sick after the 9:00 am mass on Tuesday, July 26th.

Calendar Process

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

15th Annual Connecticut Catholic Men's Conference

at Northwest Catholic HS, West Hartford, CT
 on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

BUY TICKETS ONLINE www.ctcatholicmen.org
 Doors open 7:30am and the event concludes with the Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm.

We're calling all men of the parish to join us for a day of dynamic speakers, Exhibitors, incredible worship, Confession, Adoration, fellowship, and food! Our lineup includes Fr Chris Alar, Fr Wade Menezes, Fr Larry Richards, Bishop Frank Caggiano.

Special Eucharist Miracles Exhibit. Our Master of Ceremonies will be Sam Todzia.

The ticket price is \$45, includes lunch and we are looking at a full house. Don't miss out on this wonderful event for Catholic men from all over Connecticut! We are part of the National Eucharist Revival! Our theme is the Most Holy Eucharist.

Advertise in the program? Want a vendor table? Go to: <https://www.ctcatholicmen.org/exhibitor>

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

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 3967 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.

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Free Estate Planning Resource

As Catholics, we are called to steward our families, finances, and entire lives in a God-honoring manner. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Bridgeport is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your loved ones and your assets, and create a legacy gift that passes your Catholic faith on to future generations.

Get started today at FreeWill.com/BridgeportDiocese

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JULY 23

4:00pm Jonathan Best r/b Wife & Family

SUNDAY, JULY 24

8:00am Stella Soisson r/b Soisson Family

12:00pm Our Parishioners

MONDAY, JULY 25

9:00am Olegario DePina & Paulo R. Gomes r/b Family

TUESDAY, JULY 26

9:00am Mary Lou Rioux r/b Joe & Gladys Madar

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

9:00am Our Parishioners

THURSDAY, JULY 28

9:00am Carol Vass r/b Mary Meade

FRIDAY, JULY 29

9:00am Albert Rick r/b Family

SATURDAY, JULY 30

4:00pm Thomas & Carmella Ettore r/b Michael Ettore

SUNDAY, JULY 31

8:00am Our Parishioners

12:00pm Marion Sebens r/b The Rosary Group & Friends



Sanctuary Lamp Intentions

July 24, 2022 - July 30, 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!

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".

Wedding Banns III

Jennifer Kusha & Steven Colavito

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 are being emailed and mailed to the families that have been in our program last year in the next couple of weeks. If you missed last year's program; if you have a child entering 1st grade; if you are new to the Parish; if you have any questions on our programs; if you would like to know when the registrations are available call 203-375-6133 or email Denise at denisebartelson@olgstratford.com Parishioners: If you have grandchildren or neighbors that have children in grades 1-9 please pass on this information to them. Thank You!

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 will meet 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 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.

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.

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 July 30/31. 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.

Marriage Moments

Do your kids spend too much time on the computer? Of course the internet can be a font of helpful knowledge, but it can also steal family time. Do you have family friendly computer rules, like only after jobs are done and no more than x hours a day?

Parenting Pointers

“Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.” (Mark 6: 31) Sometimes vacations can be busy and full of visiting people. That's not bad, but is your marriage in need of some quiet time away together - just by yourselves?

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Questions of the Week

JULY 24 • 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Daily Prayer

Jesus said, “So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.” (Lk. 11:9)

- Genesis 18:20-32 - Abraham intercedes for Sodom
- Colossians 2:12-14 - Sovereign role of Christ
- Luke 11:1-13 - The Our Father
- Adults: Have your most recent prayers been prayers of praise, petition, or sorrow? Which kind of prayer do you need to practice more often?
- Kids: What are you most thankful for right now?

Parish Bulletins for Seniors

The Mooney Council Knights of Columbus have been delivering parish bulletin to our homebound for the past months. They extend the friendly contact from our Our Lady of Grace Parish to those at-home! If you are a member of the parish that needs a friendly contact by means of the parish bulletin, please call the parish office at 203-377-0928 x113. Please leave us your name and address.

WE ♥ OUR VOLUNTEERS

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.

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.

PARISH CALENDAR, COLLECTIONS

| PARISH FINANCES* | | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Sunday Offertory | Actual | Budget | Over (Under) |
| Income for the week of 7/6/22 - 7/11/22 | \$5,927. | \$7,019. | (\$1,092.) |
| Budget Year-to-date | \$9,130. | \$11,022. | (\$1,892.) |

Capital Improvement \$1448.
 Second Collection: July 31: Hope for the Future
 August 7: Capital Improvement

*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.

| Our Lady of Grace Parish | |
|---|-----------------------|
| 2022 Bishop's Appeal as of July 15, 2022 | |
| ABA Goal: | \$67,800 |
| Total Pledged: | \$61,801. 91% of Goal |
| Donors to Date: | 201 Donors |

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2022BishopsAppeal.org, 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, July 25th. We ask our parish family to keep our volunteers in their prayers as they take care of those who are in need. The OLG volunteers thank you for your support for the ministry of the "Lord's Kitchen". The hearts of the people of Our Lady of Grace bring the "Heart of Jesus" to people in need! May God bless you.

OTHER NEWS

A Stewardship Moment

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A prominent theme in today's Gospel parable is generosity. Late at night, a sleepy friend responds to his neighbor's request for food for an unexpected guest. Jesus suggests that it would be unthinkable for a friend to deny a friend in need. A friend would most certainly give what is asked and more. Through this story, Jesus illustrates God's generosity. Good stewards realize the extraordinary love and graciousness with which God showers us. We need never convince God to be generous. God is already that generous friend. His abundant love bathes us in goodness. This week, prayerfully reflect on God's generosity to us. What should our response be to that generosity?

Covid Protocol

The Town of Stratford is using the CDC Community Alert color code to define Covid-19 alert levels. Stratford is in the medium/yellow category.

Please help us to keep each other healthy and safe!

- 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 out-door 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!

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 203-377-0928 x113.

Diocesan Wedding Jubilee Celebration

Bishop Caggiano will be celebrating the Wedding Jubilee Mass on October 22nd at Saint Mary's Parish in Bethel at 11:00 am. This Mass will be for couples celebrating 25, 40, 45, 50 or more years of marriage. Parishioners wishing to attend may feel free to either email me at phansen@diobpt.org or call me at 203-416-1342.



Knights Corner Msgr. Mooney Council #13228

Knights will lead a **Family Rosary** next weekend preceding the 12 noon Mass beginning at 11:30. All are invited to participate. **Take a FREE bus tour "In the Footsteps of Blessed Michael McGivney"** in celebration of Feast of Blessed Michael McGivney, explore significant sites in Waterbury and Thomaston with the Father Michael J. McGivney Guild and the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Bus will depart from either the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven or the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Waterbury before continuing to the scheduled sites. Bus will return to the location of origin at the conclusion of the tour. In addition to the free bus tour, free parking is available to registrants at the Blessed Michael McGivney Pilgrimage Center or the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Detailed Itinerary to be announced at a later date. For information or to sign up visit eventbrite.com/o/blessed-michael-mcgivney-pilgrimage-center-13400532667 or for specific questions, contact Brian Caulfield at brian.caulfield@kofc.org

DID YOU KNOW the first hit in the oldest, and still active, baseball league was made by a Knight of Columbus member? Heck, even our founder Blessed Michael J. McGivney played ball! Ain't baseball great? Combine that with our rich history and we've got a story to tell. Ain't that just cracker jack!! Why not join our winning team here at Our Lady of Grace and become a Knight of Columbus today - membership is FREE for your first year using promo code **BLESSEDMCGIVNEY** . Run the bases of Charity, Unity and Fraternity with us, and don't forget to check out our online exhibit of **KofC Baseball: An American Story!** at michaelmcgivneycenter.org/en/baseball-intro.html (contact Pat O'Keefe for more information - 203.400.8712) **SAVE THE DATE!** Our next tentatively scheduled **Blood Drive** is just a month away, Saturday, August 20. Watch this space for more information or visit our website at msgrmooneycouncil13228.weebly.com/news.html Learn how to automatically be entered for a chance to **win gas for a year** (a \$6,000 value)! You could be one of three lucky winners. PLUS, you'll also get a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice.

The next **Food Drive** will take place Saturday, August 6 between 10 and 12 noon in the parish parking lot.

Newman Ministry

Did you know that over 80% of students will stop practicing the faith in college? Pass this information on to your college students. Students tell us one of the main reasons they attend mass on campus or join campus ministry is because of an invitation. May we invite you to join us in our catholic Community on Campus! <<https://www.newmanministry.com>>

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 the CDC has a Community Alert color code of low/green. We will follow the directives of the CDC code. 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.

Knights of Columbus Family Rosary

The Msgr. Mooney council Knights of Columbus will pray the family Rosary on Sunday, July 31st at 11:30am before the Noon Mass. Please come and join us for prayer!



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 _____