

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

*Westport, Massachusetts*



*“God is light; In him there is no darkness...”*

## PARISH STAFF

Father Paul Bernier  
Father Peter Scheffer  
*Co-Pastors*

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*In Residence*

Susan M. Santos  
*Parish Secretary*

Jane Callahan  
*Religious Ed. Coordinator*

Father Justin Brophy, OP  
Father Augustine Reisenauer, OP  
*Weekend Assistants*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Parish Office located in the Parish Center*

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday..... 9:00 am to 1:30 pm

## PARISH DIRECTORY

569 Sanford Rd. Westport, MA 02790..... 508-674-6271

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## LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

### MASSES

*Saturday Vigil* ..... 5:30 pm

*Sunday* ..... 8:30 & 10:00 am & 5:00 pm

*Daily* ..... 9:00 am (Tues., Thurs., Fri. & Sat.)

*Holy Days* ..... Feast Day: 9:00 am & 5:30 pm

### ADORATION

Friday, 9:30 am to 12:00 noon

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please introduce yourself to the priest after any Mass you attend. If you want to register with the parish, give us a call or stop by the office during office hours.

## SACRAMENTS

### *Baptism*

Sundays (after the 10:00 am Mass) by appointment only.

### *Reconciliation (Confession)*

Saturdays, 9:30 am to 10:00 pm.

### *First Eucharist and Confirmation*

Two-year preparation necessary. Call the Religious Education Office.

### *Matrimony*

Please call Fr. Peter at least six months prior to date of marriage.

### *Sacrament of the Sick*

Please notify us if you know someone who would like to receive the Sacrament, or someone who is unable to come to Mass, but would like to receive the Eucharist.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

Adult Choir -- Prayer Line -- Alanon & AA

Pro-Life Programs -- Bingo -- Bible Study

Senior Club -- Council of Catholic Women

St. Vincent DePaul Society

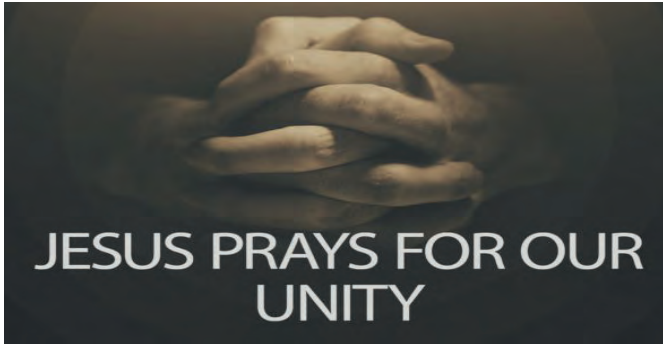
For information on these organizations, please call the Parish Office at 508-674-6271.

*Sunday, May 21, 2023*  
*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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*Unity in Christ...*

As the Easter Season comes to a close, one word is essential to understanding the



central theme of Jesus' Words in St. John's Gospel today – and that theme is **Unity**. These were His Words: ***I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you gave me is from you, because the words you gave to me, I have given to them, and they accepted them and truly understood that***

***I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. I pray for them. (John 17:8-9)***

And in order to put His Words into the proper context as part of the *Final Discourse* – Jesus then offered these words as well in the verses that followed today's: ***Holy Father, I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, so that they may all be one...as We are One... (John 17:21-22)***

Jesus said, just before He was about to leave His human companions, that we must be *united* in one mind and in one heart; that we must recognize and act with one mind and heart toward one another and toward the rest of creation. To be very clear, we do not belong to God, and we do not live in God's Reign, unless we can love one another so completely that our very existence, in *union* with others, proclaims all that God is.

Simply put, whenever we (as men and women created in the image and likeness of God) are at war with one another, there can be no faith in Jesus Christ. The world cannot know or believe in God – and we (who are meant to proclaim the Gospel in faith) – because of our divisions - tragically become barriers to that faith and ultimately to *unity in Christ*.

And perhaps in our hearing these words – we can't help but think of what's taking place in our own country today – that we're anything but a '*United*' States of America; rather, we're a '*house divided*' – make no mistake about it – Jesus' *Prayer for Unity* over two thousand years ago, is also His prayer for us and for our country here and now – that our United States of America may forever be *E Pluribus Unum* (*Out of Many, One*)...in Him and in Him alone...



Source/Reference: *My Catholic Life & Starting Points Journal*

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**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:**

May : Regular: \$3,945.00  
Mother's Day Memorials: \$480.00

Thank You to all for your generosity and support of the parish. Please keep Our Lady of Grace in your prayers.



May is the month of the Holy Rosary

Here at Our Lady of Grace the recitation of the Rosary will be said after the 9:00 am Mass on Saturday mornings.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

No Masses on Mondays or Wednesdays

Saturday Vigil, May 20 – The Ascension of the Lord

5:30 pm – **VIVIAN OUELLETTE**

By Jeannette Gendreau

Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 am – **JOHN FORTI**

By his wife, Dianne & Family

10:00 am – **KHRISTINE PEDRO-SOUZA and**

**GRANDPARENTS** By their Family

5:00 pm – **ANTERO RAPOSO**

By wife, Debbie & Family

Tuesday, May 23

9:00 am – **HENRY MERCIER**

By his Daughter & Family

Thursday, May 25 – St. Bede the Venerable

9:00 am – **ROBERT GENDRON**

By Bill & Pauline Baraby

Friday, May 26 – St. Philip Neri

9:00 am – **ZACHARY BORGES**

By the Silva Family

Saturday, May 27 – St. Augustine of Canterbury

9:00 am – **JOHNATHAN SOUZA** By his Father

Saturday Vigil, May 27 – Pentecost Sunday

5:30 pm – **RAYMOND & YVONNE BROGAN**

**ZACHARY BORGES and his grandmother,**

**RITA CONLON**

**ALL MOTHERS OF THE PARISH**

**(Living and Deceased)**

Sunday, May 28 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

8:30 am – **RAYMOND LAVOIE and**

**MANNY & MARCELLE SOARES**

10:00 am – **BRITTANY PACHECO**

By her Mom & Family

5:00 pm – **ALBERT SOUZA**

By daughter, Cindy & Al Dupont & Family



The Altar Breads which will be  
Consecrated during the Mass for the  
Month of May is in memory of  
**EUARDO COSTA** By his Family

**And**

The Sanctuary Lamp that burns at the  
Tabernacle for the month of May

Is in Memory of

**ANTONIO & IRENE MEDEIROS,**  
**SON, & DAUGHTER** By Luisa



**Congratulations to Americo Miranda who was ordained to the Order of Permanent Deacon by Bishop Edgar da Cunha on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Cathedral of St. Mary**

**of the Assumption in Fall River.**

Americo is a long-time parishioner of Our Lady of Grace Parish in Westport. He is married to Tina Marie and they live in Fall River. They are the parents of two daughters. He is vice principal and a teacher at Espirito Santo School in Fall River.

Americo will be both serving and preaching at his first Masses (8:30 am & 10 am) on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at Our Lady of Grace Parish.

May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023



82<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL  
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Contributions to the Appeal may be made either through a one-time donation or through monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual pledges. There are many ways to make your gift or pledge:

Mail or drop off to the Catholic Appeal Office:  
450 Highland Ave., Fall River, MA 02720

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Call the Catholic Appeal office at 508-675-1311 to make your gift, setup a pledge, or to ask any questions.

**BINGO** is always looking for Volunteers. Bingo helps the parish to realize many goals that would be otherwise not accomplished. Can you spare a few hours?? See the Bingo Manager, Lucy on any Thursday evening between 4:00 and 6:00 pm at the parish center or call Susan at the parish office.

**THANX** to all the workers for their continued support of Bingo here at Our Lady of Grace Parish.



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