

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

*Westport, Massachusetts*



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

## PARISH STAFF

*Pastor*

Father Peter Scheffer  
Our Lady of Grace, St. George,  
St. John the Baptist

*Retired Priest in Residence:*

Father Paul Bernier  
Father Mick McCullough

*Deacon:*

Rev. Mr. Timothy Flaherty

*Parish Office:*

Susan Santos

*Religious Ed. Coordinator:*

Jane Callahan

*Weekend Assistants:*

Father Justin Brophy, OP  
Father Augustine Reisenauer, OP

## 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 (Wed. & Sat.)

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

## ADORATION

Friday, 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm

## 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 10:30 am.

### *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 April 14, 2024*  
*Third Sunday of Easter*

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*You are Witnesses of these things... (Luke 24:48)*



What is a *witness*? Well, when in doubt in today's world – all we need to do is to make a quick Google Search and access Merriam Webster. And so, here's what it reads:

- Verification of a fact or event: TESTIMONY
- One that gives evidence; *specifically*: one who testifies in a cause or before a judicial tribunal
- Something serving as evidence or proof: SIGN
- Public affirmation by word or example of usually religious faith or conviction; the heroic *witness* to Divine Life

The *works* performed by Jesus offer *testimony* to His *mission* given to Him by His Father in Heaven. And our own understanding of this notion of bearing *witness* will help us to embrace our own *missions* in life.

First of all, let's look at the fact that Jesus' works offered *testimony*. In other words, His works spoke a message to others about who He was. The *witness* of His actions revealed His very essence and His union with the Will of His Father.

So, this now begs the question, "*Which works offered this testimony?*" Now, one might immediately conclude that the works Jesus was speaking of were His miracles. When people witnessed the miracles that He performed, they would have been convinced that He was sent from the Father in Heaven. Right? Well, not really. The fact of the matter is that there were many who saw Jesus perform miracles and remained stubborn because of their disdain for Him; refusing to accept His miracles as proof of His divinity. Even the disciples remained doubtful following His Glorious Resurrection.

And though His miracles were extraordinary and were signs to those who were willing to believe, the most profound "*work*" that Jesus performed was that of His humble and genuine love. Jesus was genuine, He was honest and He was pure of heart. He exuded every virtue one could have. Therefore, the testimony that His **ordinary actions of love, of care, of genuine concern for others, and His teaching** were what would have won over many hearts first and foremost. In fact, for those whose hearts were opened, His Resurrection was, in a sense, the icing on the cake. The "cake" was His genuine presence revealing the *Mercy* of God the Father.

Now, let's bring it back to us, we know that we cannot perform supernatural miracles from God (unless we were given an extraordinary Charism enabling us to do so), but we can act as *witnesses* to the Truth and share the Heart of the Father in Heaven if we humbly seek to be pure of heart and allow the Heart of the Father in Heaven to shine through us in our daily actions. Even the smallest action of genuine *love* speaks volumes to others. Perhaps the greatest example to us in our lifetime is St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta – whose genuine acts of *love* and care for others made her a *witness* to the Truth as her simple day-to-day actions bore her *testimony* of Christ's *Love* in the world today. She called her acts '*little*' – but she performed them with *great 'love'* in her heart...

And so, for all of us, let's reflect upon our own calls to bear *witness* and to give *testimony* to our Father in Heaven. We are all called (somehow and in some way) to share the *love* of the Father with everyone we meet. If we embrace this mission, in big ways or small, the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be made manifest to others through each of us, and the Will of the Father will be more fully accomplished in our world. And let's face it, we certainly live in a world that desperately needs more witnesses.

Source/Reference: *My Catholic Life*

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, April 13 -- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:30 am – **MARIA FERNANDES & LEO GOMES**  
**GLORIA PEMULT & GLORIA MARTIN**

Sunday, April 14 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

8:30 am – **LUCILLE BERNIER (Birthday)**  
10:00 am – **ANDRÉ & LUCILLE DOLBEC**  
**BRYAN M. DESMARAIS**  
**LORRAINE BANVILLE**  
5:00 pm – **GLORIANNE DUPONT (Birthday)**

Wednesday, April 17

9:00 am – **MR. & MRS. MANUEL CABRAL**  
Saturday, April 20

9:00 am – **ALFRED & MEDORA ROBILLARD**  
**POORS SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Saturday, April 20 -- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

5:30 am – **PAT DEAN**  
**NAMES on the EASTER FLORAL MEMORIALS**

Sunday, April 21 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am – **FLORIAN & GERMAINE CORRIVEAU**  
10:00 am – **PAUL G. LEITE, JR.**  
**LUIS SOARES**  
**HENRY ETHIER**  
5:00 pm – **NAMES on the EASTER FLORAL**  
**MEMORIALS**

Tuesday, April 23 –

7:00 p.m. – **CONFIRMATION of CANDATIES**  
**for all three Catholic Churches In Westport.**



The Altar Breads which will be  
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AND

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A huge heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all volunteers who helped in any way to make our Easter Celebration prayerful and meaningful. From decorating, music, the organist, choir, and vocalist, cleaning and making ready the church and its altar, Altar servers, Readers, taking care of candles etc.--- whatever you did!

**Thank You**  
**Thank You**  
**Thank You**

### WEEKLY OFFERING:

Weekend of April 6/7

Weekly Offering: \$5,155.20

Thank you to all for your continued generosity. Please keep Our Lady of Grace Parish in your prayers.



**St. John the Baptist Church Basement**

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**Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 12:30pm**

Attached to next week's bulletin will be a **Mother's Day Floral Remembrance Envelope**. Please list the mother's, god-mother's aunts etc. some special women that has touch your life and return to the parish office before Sunday, May 12, Mother's Day. Names will be placed at our Blessed Mother's Statue to be remembered through the month of May.

**CLOTHING DRIVE** coming up Monday, April 15 through Sunday, April 21. Please save your clothing, linens, shoes, books, hand bags, and belts in plastic bags. Items may be dropped off on during the week starting Monday, April 15 through Sunday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 12 noon.



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