

# OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH

*Westport, Massachusetts*



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

## PARISH STAFF

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Parish Office located in the Parish Center*

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

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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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, March 19, 2023

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

(Followed by Confessions)

**Stations of the Cross will be held on the following Fridays:  
(please note time change)**

**March 24 @ St. George 7 pm**

**March 31 @ Our Lady of Grace 7 pm**

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### Spiritual Blindness

What if we could live our lives over again? What if we had a second chance to live life again? What would we change? What would we keep the same? OR to put it terms of our encounter with St. John's Gospel today, what would we want to see differently?

Fr. William Bausch who's a retired Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey, once wrote a beautiful essay on the stories throughout Sacred Scripture where Jesus healed those who were blind. Fr. Bausch suggested that (if given the opportunity to live our lives over again) there are three things which he believes we would want to see differently.

The first thing Fr. Bausch wrote that we would want to see differently is that our relationships with others are an incredibly important part of our lives. I think that his assertion would lead us to ask ourselves:

"Why have some of us allowed the madness of individualism and consumerism to get ahead of our relationships? Why have we allowed our careers and our schedules, our entertainment and our desire to accumulate things, and our addictions with the 'virtual' world - the internet and social media to push the people in our lives to the side?" When we look at our lives, all too often our most important relationships—are not as treasured as we know they should be. We don't eat together; we don't take time for the people we love. Yet, in our most sober moments we know that nothing is more important than our relationships – especially with those we love. Then Fr. Bausch asks: "Why don't we see it?"

The second thing that Fr. Bausch wrote in his essay is that if we were given a second chance, we would ask to clearly see those we overlooked in our lives. He clarifies that the overlooked are those who are the poor, the needy, the troubled, the ones who suffer because they have value or human dignity in the eyes of so few; BUT he also referred to the overlooked as those people in our lives who have tried to love us and we did not love them in return (even family members); the people who cried out to us and we didn't even hear them, and every person we did not treat with the value that they deserved as fellow human beings who are created in the same image and likeness of God as we are.

The third and final thing that Fr. Bausch wrote that we would be called to see is the presence of God in our lives; the hints of God's presence that surrounds us. The beauty of God pulses through our daily routines. Yet how infrequently do we clearly see His Presence and take comfort and strength from it. How much deeper, how much more rewarding our lives would be if we could have an increased sensitivity to the ways in which God is present in our lives.

For all of us, the cry of the blind man in today's Gospel is this: "Help me to see Lord!!!" It is the cry of every disciple; the cry of every person who wishes to be cured of spiritual blindness, and I would suggest that it can (and should) be our cry as well.

~Fr. Peter

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**MERCY  
MONDAYS**

Monday, March 20

Monday, March 27

6:00 to 7:00 pm @ St. George

6:00 to 7:00 pm @ Our Lady of Grace

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MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK  
No Masses on Mondays or Wednesdays

Saturday, March 18 -- Fourth Sunday of Lent  
5:30 pm – **PARISHIONERS of the PARISH**  
Sunday, March 19 – Fourth Sunday of Lent  
8:30 am – **NOE & MARIA SILVA**  
By their Son & Family  
10:00 am – **LORI ANN MEDEIROS**  
By Our Lady of Grace Council of Catholic Women  
5:00 pm – **HENRY (SPUD) SANTOS (20<sup>th</sup> Anniv)**  
By his wife, Connie

Tuesday, March 21  
9:00 am – **DAVID & PAUL LEVESQUE**  
By their Mom & Family  
Thursday, March 23  
9:00 am – **GENEVIEVE ZEMBO (Birthday)**  
By daughter Mary Anne & Family

Friday, March 24  
9:00 am – **DECEASED PARISHIONERS**  
**7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (St. George)**  
Saturday, March 25  
9:00 am – **FRANK RUTKOWSKI (44<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)**  
By his Family

Saturday, March 25 -- Fifth Sunday of Lent  
5:30 pm – **DAVID LEBLANC, SR. (Birthday)**  
By his Family  
Sunday, March 26 – Fifty Sunday of Lent  
8:30 am – **DAVID & LIDUINA CARRELAS & SON** By son, Marcelino Carrelas & Family  
10:00 am – **MARGARET BERNIER (1<sup>st</sup>. Anniv.)**  
By Our Lady of Grace Council of Catholic Women  
5:00 pm -- **GLORIETTE AUDET (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)**  
By her Children



The Altar Breads which will be  
Consecrated during the Mass for the  
Month of March is in memory of  
**SILVA FAMILIES** By Noe & Maria Silva  
And

The Sanctuary Lamp that burns at the Tabernacle  
for the month of March is in Memory of  
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By Sisters & Daughters



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donations.  
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**FISH & CHIPS**

Friday, March 31  
Eat-in or Take-out  
from 4:00 to 6:00 pm  
followed by  
Stations of the Cross  
at 7:00 pm.



Tickets will be sold at the OLOG parish office  
until Tuesday, March 28 the deadline.

**WEEKLY OFFERING:**

March 11/12  
Weekly Offering: -- \$3,850.00

Thank You to all parishioners including  
the shut-ins who continue to support the  
parish. Please keep our parish in your  
prayers.

Enclosed in this week's bulletin is an envelope for  
the **Easter Floral Memorials**. Please write the  
names you wish to be remembered  
for Easter Sunday and return by  
Palm Sunday. Names will be placed  
at our Blessed Mother's statue for  
the Easter Season. Donations  
collected will be used to decorate  
the parish for Easter Sunday to enhance the  
celebration of the



*Risen Lord! Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**SWEET BREAD & MALASADAS SALE**

Sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Society will be  
held the weekend of April 1 & 2. The 5:30 pm.  
Mass on Saturday and the 5:00 p.m. on Sunday will  
only sell Sweet Bread. Sweet Bread & Malasadas  
will be sold after the 8:30 and 10:00 am Masses on  
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