

**Our Lady of Fatima RC Church**  
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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**May 21, 2023**



*Congratulations to our Second Graders who received  
their First Holy Communion on May 6th*



# MASS INTENTIONS

## Saturday May 20 (St. Bernardine of Siena)

- RN 8 a.m. Vasco Massi  
PS/TC\* 4:30 p.m. Stephen LaSala

## Sunday May 21

- JV/TC\* 8 a.m. Paul Jarboe  
RN/TC 9:30 a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased  
RN 11 a.m. John Michael Dougherty  
RN 4:30 p.m. Harold Britto

## Monday May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)

- PS 9 a.m. Jane Colihan

## Tuesday May 23

- RN 12:15 p.m. Harold Francis Britto  
1 yr. anniversary

## Wednesday May 24

- RN 9 a.m. Sheila Moore

## Thursday May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable, St. Gregory VII, St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi)

- RN 12:15 p.m. Rita Caruso

## Friday May 26 (St. Philip Neri)

- RN 9 a.m. Albert V. Galasso

## Saturday May 27 (St. Augustine of Canterbury)

- RN 8 a.m. John Mascolino

- RN 4:30 p.m. Paul Jarboe

## Sunday May 28 Pentecost Sunday

- RN 8 a.m. Frank Bartolomeo, Pat Russo and Jack Nolan

- RN 9:30 a.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

- RN 11 a.m. Dr. Joseph Scavetta

- PS 4:30 p.m. Erasmo & Rosalia Albano

**Second collection today: Catholic Communications**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Kathleen Dillon**, mother of parishioner Christine (John) Macken. May Christ, our Savior, grant her eternal rest.



# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 18	4:30 p.m. 7 p.m.	Children Choir Adult Choir
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The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima was May 13. Unfortunately this bulletin needed to be sent to print on May 12th and therefore we were

not able to put the pictures in of this year's award winners. On the 100th Anniversary of the Feast, we started a tradition here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, presenting to a recipient a plaque for their goodness and kindness to our Parish. These "heroes" in our eyes give of themselves and are always so ready and willing to help. This year we are presenting the award to three people. **Erasmo Signore, Lou Furlo and Deacon Tony Conti**. From the bottom of our hearts we thank you and bless you for all your hard work.



**SECOND CALL:**  
*Susan Butler and Brendan Donahue*



Diaconate Formation Program supports men who feel "called" to the diaconate at all phases of their discernment. From inquiry to formation, ordination, and beyond, we support and guide our candidates through four and one-half years of study, prayer, and discernment. Following ordination, we continue to support the newly ordained with three additional years of continuing formation. Through prayer, study, and the grace of the Holy Spirit, those in the diaconate formation program, focus on the human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral dimensions of their development – all supported through gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal. This past June, five candidates were ordained as deacons and they now serve their assigned parishes throughout our diocese. In addition, we have six men currently in the formation program, along with additional inquirers and applicants. In total, we have 88 deacons in our diocese, 48 who are active and 40 retired, most to whom continue to serve in their parishes. "Through your donation to the Annual Catholic Appeal, the financial burden of our formation program is minimized. This allows our deacon candidates to focus on their studies and discern their vocation in preparation for supporting our diocese and serving in their assigned parishes upon ordination." - Dcn Jerry Lambert, Director of the Diaconate



## Our Lady of Fatima Parish

### 2023 Bishop's Appeal as of May 12

Goal	\$140,000
Total Pledged	<b>\$112,516 (80.37%)</b>
Donors to Date	149

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## Welcome Home!

Whether you are a visitor or a Parishioner, welcome! We hope you find Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family spiritually nourishing, warm and welcoming. Thank you for joining us for Mass.

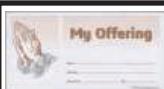
## Please Pray For Our Military



Sat 4:30	\$683.00		Sunday May 7	Monthly
Sun 8	\$1,168.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,008.00 102	\$1,258.00 41
Sun 9:30	\$1,479.00	Online Giving Online users	\$2,280.00 83	\$1,238.00 19
Sun 11	\$1,162.00	TOTALS	\$8,288.00	\$2,496.00
Sun 4:30	\$432.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,030.00	
Mail	\$1,084.00	Shortfall	\$4,742.00	

## Ways you can give:

1. Use weekly envelopes for your tax-deductible donation. *Mail them in for continued deductions.*
2. Online Giving is an automated means to support our parish.
3. Go to our website: [www.olfwilton.org](http://www.olfwilton.org). There are video tutorials available or please contact the office for assistance.
4. Please remember us in your estate planning by including our church in your will.



In an effort to save money, if you are receiving Sunday envelopes and have switched to online giving or just don't want to receive the envelopes anymore, please contact the parish office either by phone (203) 762-3928 or by email to: [secretaryol@ gmail.com](mailto:secretaryol@ gmail.com).

And if you are not receiving Sunday envelopes and would like to get them—please let us know too!

## Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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Jacqueline Benson  
Donna Britto  
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Jane Cavanna  
Gregory Clarke  
Ethan Collins  
Mary Ann Cote  
Mia Cunningham  
Darcy Driscoll  
Joseph Filardi  
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John O'Connor  
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Carl & Kay Ullman  
Karen Volpe  
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*Please inform our office (203) 762-3928, of anyone who needs to be added or removed from the list or anyone who has been hospitalized.*

# MINISTRY

## A HOLY FAMILY CANDLE

Will burn for Seven Days starting  
May 21 for

Chris Terranova  
and  
Paul Jarboe



Ask Your Pastor A Question

Question:

What about the Anti Christ? - The church will not be defeated and will not go underground.

The Catholic Church teaches that the Antichrist is a figure who will appear before the end of time and will oppose Christ and his Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that the Antichrist is "the personification of the 'lawlessness' that will reign at the end of time" (CCC 675). This lawlessness will be characterized by a rejection of God's law and a rebellion against his authority. The Antichrist is often associated with the Book of Revelation, which describes a figure known as the Beast who will deceive many and lead them away from the truth (Rev 13:1-8). The Catechism notes that the Antichrist will be a "pseudo-messianism by which man glorifies himself in place of God and of his Messiah come in the flesh" (CCC 675). In other words, the Antichrist will claim to be a savior or messiah but will actually be a false one who leads people away from the true Messiah, Jesus Christ. The Church teaches that the Antichrist will ultimately be defeated by Christ at his second coming (CCC 677). Until then, Christians are called to remain vigilant and to resist the temptations of the Antichrist and his followers. The Catechism reminds us that "the Church has rejected even modified forms of this falsification of the kingdom to come under the name of millenarianism" (CCC 676). This means that we should not be deceived by false teachings that claim to offer a utopian future apart from Christ's second coming. In summary, the Catholic Church believes that the Antichrist is a figure who will appear before the end of time and will oppose Christ and his Church. The Antichrist will be characterized by lawlessness, a rejection of God's law, and a false claim to be a savior or messiah. Christians are called to remain vigilant and to resist the temptations of the Antichrist and his followers, and to look forward to Christ's ultimate victory over evil.



**May Crowning—May 7th  
Our First Communicants came on  
Sunday to Crown Our Lady**

## FAITH FORMATION

The final Faith Formation class for the first through fifth graders will be held on June 4. Grade 6-8 students will have their last class on June 11. We will have a Prayer Service and a short lesson on each of those days during class time and celebrate with some treats. Dismissal will be at the regular time for both groups.



We need more members of the Faith Formation Team for the 2023-24 school year! Please give some thought to bringing the word of God to our parish children. Perhaps you would like to teach your child's class. It is amazing to watch the children grow in their faith and become good disciples of Jesus. Please call 203-762-9080 to talk with Kathleen or Alison to learn more about this rewarding ministry within our parish.



Registration for fall classes will take place in June. You will be notified through email of the date that online registration will be open. Please sign up early so we can plan for class size, number of catechists needed, and supply orders. Thank you!

## SHARING OUR FAITH

"There's no place like home" is a familiar saying which we can also apply to church. If you are aware of any Catholic adult who has been away from "home," please warmly encourage him or her to call Father Reggie to talk about returning to the church family. The call will be most welcome and confidential.



Many of us have non-Catholic relatives or friends who may attend Mass with us or ask questions about the Catholic faith. Why not suggest to that person that he or she should call Kathleen Rooney to learn about the RCIA process?

Many have joined our faith through this process and would be happy to talk with anyone who is interested.

**WHY DO WE DO THAT?**  
*Sign Before the Gospel*

Catholic Life Explained:



**Question:**

I have been going to Mass for years and have always wondered why we make the three signs of the cross before the Gospel?

**Answer:**

Many of us go to Mass and do things out of habit or reverence, not really understanding the reasons behind some of these things. But everything we do has a meaning or purpose that helps us to worship better, proclaim our beliefs, or focus the attention of the people on something that has a greater importance or significance. A review of the meaning of various gestures and practices can help us have a deeper appreciation for what we do.

There is a little prayer that goes with the three crosses before the Gospel: "May the words of the Holy Gospel be on your mind, on my lips and in my heart." In standing to hear the Gospel, we acknowledge that Jesus is present, and the words of the Gospel are addressed to us. All of the gestures and special postures we adopt before the Gospel are intended to help us to prepare for hearing the Word as well as act on it. The incense, the Alleluia, the deacon or priest, and the special dialogue and announcement that introduces the Gospel News help us to focus our attention on the Good News we about to hear. The three signs of the cross show our desire and good intention to hear and live the Gospel.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

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## ***Life's Teachable Moments..... Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***

No matter what effort we may make to soften it, "good byes" are never easy. This is especially so either for people for whom our love goes way back in time, or for those people we have learned to love more recently. Any depiction of farewells in books, plays or movies can turn on the tears despite our best attempt to be stoic about it.

St. Luke lets us in on such a scene involving Our Lord Jesus and His Apostles in today's Gospel reading. The closeness generated over the past three years has not been easy, but it has solidified enough to make the separation painful.

But for Jesus it is also a process. His first step is to pray aloud in their company what we have come to call "His great prayer." He asks His heavenly Father to keep "His side of the bargain," if you will. Jesus has indeed been obedient, having humbly joined the human family through life in a woman's womb; followed by a simple birth in a Bethlehem stable. Later He submitted to hatred and torture, winding up hanging on a Roman cross atop the hill of Calvary.



That tragedy turned out to include a triumph, unique in the annals of human history, with His glorious resurrection "on the Third Day." It was proof positive that all His lofty claims about Himself were true. He reviews them now for His listeners with the conviction that "now is the time". He calls it "His Hour." Yet He makes it the occasion to make a promise of His prayers for His faithful followers. That includes us.

Obviously we do not have the privileges of His Apostles and disciples. We do not know what Jesus looked like, although efforts have been made by artists, some basing their portraits on the Shroud of Turin. We certainly do not know the sound of His voice as He prayed that bittersweet day. We trust that will all be taken care of on the other side of death's door.

Meanwhile, we do see Him with the eyes of faith present completely in the Holy Eucharist. We have His holy Presence among us under the appearances of bread and wine. That means we have the same post-Pentecostal privilege of the Apostles. Like them, we now have the obligation to be Christ's missionary spokespersons, each in our own way. How we do it all depends on humility and faith.

I began this piece thinking about goodbyes. But sometimes human pride steps in, and we can miss the chance to make our goodbyes teachable moments. Consider this story.

*It seems a priest, a Boy Scout and a computer expert were the only passengers on a small plane. The pilot came back to the cabin and said that the plane was going down but there were only three parachutes and four people. The pilot added, "I should have one of the parachutes because I have a wife and three small children." So he took one and jumped.*

*The computer whiz said "I should have one of the parachutes because I am the smartest man in the world and everyone needs me." So he took one and jumped.*

*The priest turned to the Boy Scout and with a sad smile said "You are young and I have lived a rich full life, so you take the remaining parachute, and I'll go down with the plane." The Boy Scout replied, "Relax, Father, the smartest man in the world just picked up my knapsack and jumped out!"*

### **Reading I: Acts 1: 12-14**

Having witnessed Jesus' Ascension, the remaining Apostles, now minus Judas, gather for support and prayer in the Upper Room, anticipating the coming of the Holy Spirit.

### **Reading II: 1 Peter 4: 13-16**

Facing persecution realistically, the author urges the Christian community to be proud of any suffering they endure for Christ.

### **The Gospel: John 17: 1-11a**

In His great prayer, Jesus acknowledges that His work has been completed, and now "the hour has come" for Him to return to His Father.



**MEMORIAL GARDEN**  
We are grateful to the people who have purchased plaques and pavers.

It's a nice way to remember your family either way, living or deceased.

If you would like to purchase either a plaque or paver, please stop in or call the office. We have forms in the office and at the Church doors & will gladly assist you in preparing this honor.

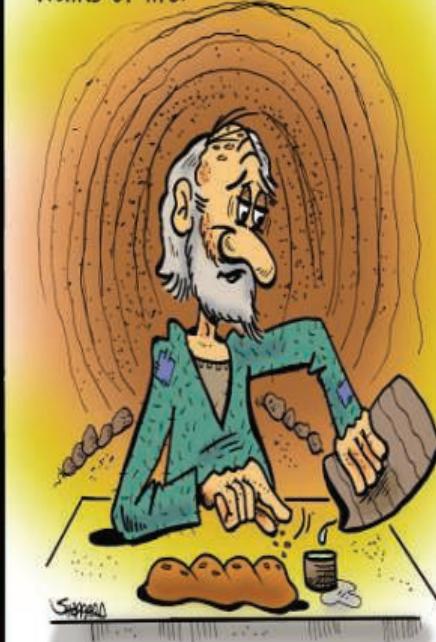
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There is privacy and benches ARE within the structure.

We hope this will be a prayerful place where we can all reflect.

## SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Philip Neri dedicated his life to God. He spent 13 years involved in prayer and building relationships with people from all walks of life.



He lived his private life as a hermit, unknown to all around him. He spent much time in prayer in the catacombs and only ate bread and water, sometimes sprinkled with herbs.

Saint Philip Neri, Feast Day: May 26

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