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February 26, 2023

First Sunday of Lent

One

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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday	8 a.m.
Saturday	4:30 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m.
Children's	9:30 a.m.
Choir	11 a.m.
Teen	4:30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday	9 a.m.
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.
Thursday	12:15 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.
Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.

CONFESIONS

Saturday 3 p.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 25

PS 8 a.m.. Stephen LaSala

RN/TC* 4:30 p.m. Frank Calo

Sunday February 26

RN/TC* 8 a.m. Stephen Bartek, Sr.

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

JV 11 a.m. Theresa & George Carabin

RN 4:30 p.m. Judy Roy

Monday February 27 (St Gregory of Narek)

PS 9 a.m. Collective Intention

Tuesday February 28

RN 12:15 p.m. Alfred Sanseverino

Wednesday March 1

9 a.m. Carole DiGiovanni

Thursday March 2

12:15 p.m. Carmella Giuliano

Friday March 3 (ABSTINENCE, First Friday, St. Katherine Drexel)

9 a.m. Joseph Pascarella

3 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 4 (St. Casimir)

8 a.m.. Alice G. Sharkey

4:30 p.m. Carmela Frattaroli

Sunday March 5

8 a.m. Anthony & Rose Galasso

9:30 a.m. Joseph Colbert

11 a.m. Angie, Carmela Frattaroli and Maria Laracca

4:30 p.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

WE also have an OUTSIDE STATIONS OF THE CROSS that is available to everyone— anytime you'd like to do your own stations in private. It's at the bottom of the Church parking lot.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **parishioner, Vincent Callanan, father of Terry (John) D'Elisa and Pasquale "Patsy" LaSorsa**. May Christ, our Savior, grant them eternal rest.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feb. 28	6:00 p.m. 8 p.m.	Holy Hour Against Racism with Bishop Caggiano Mom's Book Club
March 2	4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Choir WWP
March 3	3 p.m.	Stations of the Cross



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST

will be on **FRIDAY, March 3**.

Daytime adoration

begins downstairs after the 9 am Mass for the first hour & moves to the upstairs chapel & concludes at 9 pm when the Eucharist is brought to the main church altar for nocturnal adoration until the 8 am Mass on Saturday. To join the Daytime Team, or for the Nocturnal Team, email Brian Highland at olnocturnaladoration@gmail.com.



Stations are a spiritual devotion that dates back to the 15th century. They are a spiritual pilgrimage of prayers and meditations on the chief scenes of Christ's suffering and death. They are prayed in the spirit of reparation for the sufferings and insults Jesus endured during His passion. The Stations have remained universally throughout the ages not because they concentrate on suffering, but because they give us a model of how to live life when our suffering is unavoidable & life seems most impossible. During Lent, we are encouraged to join together in community to pray the Stations: Next Stations are **Friday, March 3, at 3 p.m. and Friday, March 10 at 7 p.m.** They will continue to alternate through Lent offering everyone a chance to attend.



The Respect Life Ministry supports the diocese's efforts to promote and uphold the Church's teaching on the dignity of human life in all its stages. The ministry works to support parish efforts to educate the laity on life issues, which include Catholic teaching, legislative initiatives and public policies that impact the dignity and respect of the human person. It also supports parish efforts to promote peaceful prayer initiatives in the public square, which include supporting the 40 Days for Life Campaign as well as Holy Hours and Rosary Rallies throughout the year. The Ministry provides pastoral care through the Project Rachel Ministry to address the wounds of abortion. These care efforts consist of Days of Prayer and Healing throughout the year and continued support with monthly gatherings for individuals suffering from past abortion experiences. The Ministry will expand its pastoral reach to mothers in need by providing resources to pregnant and parenting mothers. The Respect Life Ministry would welcome your gift to the Bishop's Appeal to help support the work of this vital ministry. Thank you for your support.



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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. We are happy you came.

Please Pray For Our Military



	Sunday Feb. 19	Earthquake
Collection Envelopes used	\$6,204.00 118	\$1,374.00
Online Giving Online users	\$4,503.66 101	
TOTALS	\$10,707.66	
Weekly Goal	\$13,030.00	

An hour's wage per week is considered a generous return to God for His gifts to us!

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. 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: secretaryolf@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
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
Darcy Driscoll
Marilyn Dugan
Joseph Filardi
Walter Fritz
John Kealy

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Mackenzie Keogh
June Lentini
R. Metz
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Armando Payawal
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
Carl & Kay Ullman
Karen Volpe
Rose Zarb

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



Our Lady of Fatima will host a Holy Hour Against Racism on February 28th starting at 6 P.M. in Our Lady of Fatima Church with **Bishop Frank Caggiano** celebrating. All are welcome.

Black History Month celebrates the depths of Black history and achievements. Black History Month facts you may not know

First Lawyer: John Mercer Langston was the first Black man to become a lawyer when he passed the bar in Ohio in 1854. When he was elected to the post of Town Clerk for Brownhelm, Ohio, in 1855 Langston became one of the first African Americans ever elected to public office in America. John Mercer Langston was also the great-uncle of Langston Hughes, famed poet of the Harlem Renaissance.

Famous Protestors and Activists: While Rosa Parks is credited with helping to spark the civil rights movement when she refused to give up her public bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955—inspiring the Montgomery Bus Boycott—the lesser-known Claudette Colvin was arrested nine months prior for not giving up her bus seat to white passengers.

Supreme Court Justice: Thurgood Marshall was the first African American ever appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. He was appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson and served on the court from 1967 to 1991.

A HOLY FAMILY CANDLE

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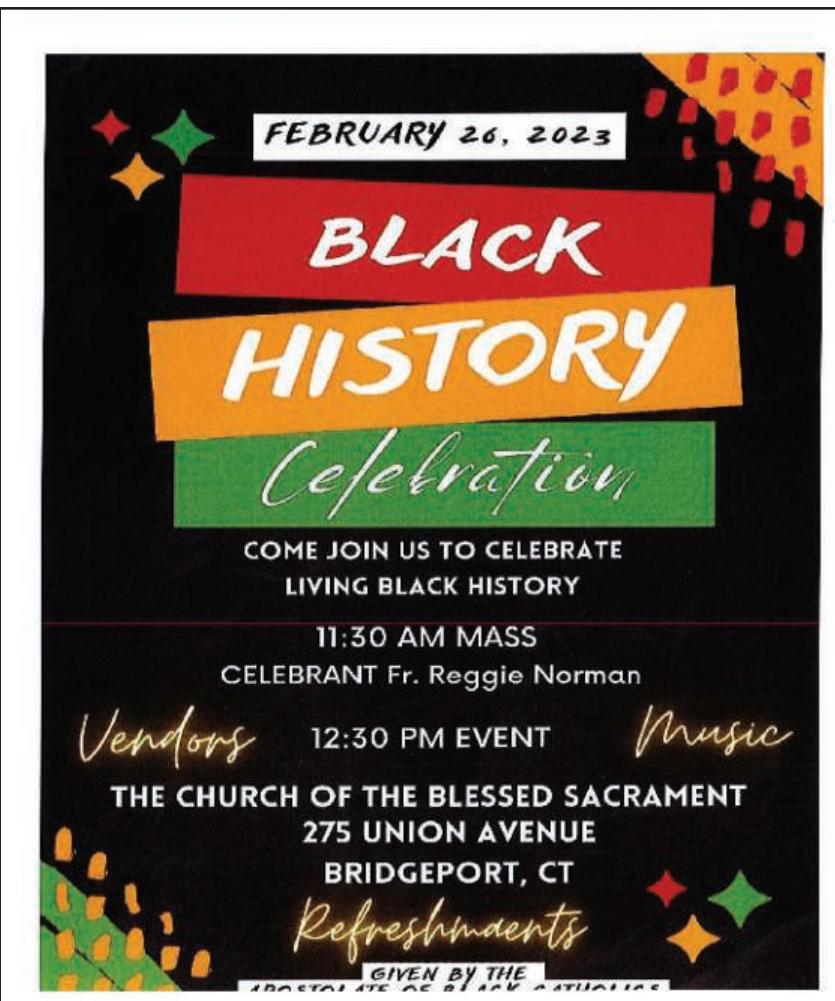
Are you confused about the different requests that you receive in the mail by the Diocese? Many are. Here is a short synopsis that may help.

The **Annual Bishop's Appeal** is a yearly Diocesan fund raiser. The Annual Bishop Appeal (**ABA**) supports daily operations and the overall diocese mission of renewal through works of charity, pastoral services, Catholic education, catechesis, evangelization and the development and preparation of clergy and seminarians. Each parish is given a goal to reach and then you are asked to donate to reach that goal. Look for the ABA symbol on your mailings to see which appeal you are giving to.

As you know, Parishes in the Diocese of Bridgeport depend on Offertory donations for on-going expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staff and other pressing needs. Those donations are collected either at Mass or online through our website and clicking on the online giving button. **Our parish keeps Sunday and Monthly collections.**

National Special Collections like Loaves & Fishes, Catholic Relief Services etc. are collected at the parish level and sent by the Diocese to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in DC.

If you ever have any questions about any of these collections, please reach out to Fr. Reggie or the Parish Office. We thank you for your commitment to our Parish and our Diocese.



FAITH FORMATION

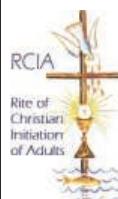


We hope all of our Faith Formation families enjoyed the February break. Mass and classes will resume on March 5 for the middle school students and on March 12 for the elementary school students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

Reminder: Confirmation Service Hour reports are due on Sunday, April 2.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Have you or someone you know been "away" from the Church for either a long or a short period of time? Please know that no matter what the reason, the Lord always welcomes back those who have not been active in the practice of their faith. A call to Father Reggie will be the first step in returning to your parish family. No judgments from Father, just a listening ear. Encourage a person you know to take that first step. We want the "lost" to be "found."



Many times a non-Catholic friend, co-worker, neighbor, or relative asks questions about what Catholics believe and why. The RCIA process is for such people. Please invite this person to an inquiry session---no strings attached, just "Come and See." Call Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) for the date of our next inquiry session.



We welcome the newly Baptized into the family of Our Lady of Fatima Parish:

*James Patrick Costigan
and
Ryan, Landon & Tyler Aloisi*

Congratulations to their parents, family, and friends.

Reading I: Genesis 2: 7-9, 3: 1-7

The first man is created "out of the clay of the ground." So our human story begins. Soon after, the woman (her origin not mentioned in this account) eats the forbidden fruit and gives some to her mate. "Their eyes were opened" and so the human struggle with slavery to sin begins as well.

Reading II: Romans 5: 12-19, or 5: 12, 17-19

St. Paul alludes to Genesis here, but he focuses on the theological truth that sin and death entered into the human story and brought on the terrible enslavement of sin.

The Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

Jesus' desert experience closely parallels that of Israel, but where Israel fell into sin and alienation from Yahweh at times, the "New Moses," Jesus Our Lord, triumphs over Satan's temptations. In doing so, Jesus quotes from Deuteronomy and declares His own obedience to God's First Commandment.

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Time to Become More Saintly Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Some early Winter research yielded me the selling price of an original “Superman” comic book in good condition. The figure is in the hundreds of thousands, which in itself is amazing. After all, it is all about a rather dated superhero, considered in the context of modern versions of superheroes featured in the popular Marvel series of films.

Of course, we have to be very careful of making any comparison of Christ to Superman lest we become disrespectful of Our Lord’s divine nature. On the other hand, in His human nature, struggling after a prolonged bodily fast in a hostile desert climate with a healthy fallen angel and his wily but powerful intellect, Jesus is indeed super in His triumph.

It is this victory of His that the Church offers us as encouragement to us poor sinners as we enter into the Lenten “desert” to begin our pre-Easter repentance and cleansing. None of us would claim to be super. But all of us can admit that we are weak at best, and have often fallen into satan’s trap of making sin appealing.



We might wish that we could have Jesus’ strength of mind and will. But the odd thing is that we can claim some of it if we ask for it. We can reverse course, so to speak, with the direction of our spiritual lives and align ourselves more closely with Him through the traditional triad of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Naturally this effort is difficult, as I can guess it was even for Our Lord, because the pull of the opposite is so strong. Everything looks so attractive about life on Easy Street. Worries vanish. Sickness vacates the premises. Fun tops the activity schedule.

But something disturbs our hard wiring for God when we insist on thinking that way or acting it out. We can try to deny the short circuit all we want. Drench ourselves in delusion. Fearful of moving over to Reality Road. Ah, but if we put aside that fear and link ourselves more closely to the Lord, what a marvelous peace follows. The saints say that each in their own ways.

So here we are at the First Sunday of Lent, 2023. As I want to encourage you in your decision to make amends with the Almighty, I ask also for your good example to keep my decision for same strong. The next five weeks offer strong medicine. Yet there is the satisfaction of doing something good for God. That’s one sure benefit of being part of the Mystical Body which is our Church.

We don’t seek to be super, but just a bit more saintly than we have been so that we can meet our Maker someday with confidence. After all, as an anonymous somebody once wrote: *“The main object of religion is not to get a person into heaven, but to get heaven into them.”*

God love you and have a good Lent!



Bishop: Memorial Garden 'a great gift'

August 15, 2020 marked two years since Bishop Frank Caggiano came to Our Lady of Fatima parish to bless and dedicate our Philip Tai Lauria Memorial/Prayer Garden. It is inspiring to see people come by to remember in prayer family members and friends whose names have been inscribed on the granite plaques and pavers placed on and around the cruciform structure.

In his comments that day, the Bishop described the memorial as "a garden of dedication and remembrance," calling it "a great gift" to the parish.

The garden is a spiritual oasis in the midst of a busy community. Benches on either side of the structure provide comfort to those who use the space as a place to reflect and pray.

Close to 50 plaques are in place. More are available. *Information on how to purchase a space is available at the Parish Office: (203) 762-3928; noconnell@olfwilton.org.*

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SAINTS FUN FACTS

Saint Casimir, a Polish prince, shunned material things and lived a prayerful and religious life. Giving into his father's demands to lead an army into Hungary, many soldiers fled the impending battle. Casimir returned home where his father confined him.



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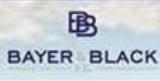
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