

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Blessed are those servants
whom the master finds
vigilant on his arrival.

LUKE 12:37

August 10, 2025

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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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday	3:30 p.m.
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Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9 a.m. Mass ♦ Tuesday- Thursday 12:15 pm Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 9 (St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross)

PH 8 a.m. ☩ Rosalba Fantini
PH 4:30 p.m. ☩ Catherine & William Coupe

Sunday August 10 (Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

VP 8 a.m. ☩ Flora Mazzucco
PH 9:30 a.m. ☩ All Parishioners Living & Deceased
PH 11 a.m. ☩ Jerry Nazzaro
VP 4:30 p.m. ☩ Patricia O'Neil

Monday August 11 (St. Clare)

PH 9 a.m. ☩ Maria Manuela Silva

Tuesday August 12 (St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

PH 12:15 p.m. ☩ Elizabeth Condren

Wednesday August 13 (Sts. Pontian, and Hippolytus)

VP 9:00 a.m. ☩ Bruce A. Clark 1 yr anniversary

Thursday August 14 (St. Maximilian Kolbe)

VP 12:15 p.m. ☩ Fr. Michael C. Palmer
PH 5:30 p.m. ☩ Carmen Minikes

Friday August 15 (The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

PH 9 a.m. ☩ Julia Bartolomeo
PH 12:15 p.m. ☩ Pam Parrot

Saturday August 16 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

PH 8 a.m. ☩ Elizabeth Carney
VP 4:30 p.m. ☩ Don Mahon

Sunday August 17 (Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

VP 8 a.m. ☩ Janice Carol Bonomo
PH 9:30 a.m. ☩ Deacon Thomas McManus
PH 11 a.m. ☩ Terry Hynes 1 yr anniversary
VP 4:30 p.m. ☩ All Parishioners Living & Deceased

This week's readings for August 10, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time #909 C are

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12

Gospel : Luke 12:32-48

Assumption Vigil: 964
Assumption Day: 965

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 13	12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
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One Collection this weekend

August 15 is the feast day of the Assumption of Mary, which is an important day on the Church calendar. On this day each year, Catholics celebrate the assumption of Mary into heaven.



It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Mass schedule is:

Thursday, Aug. 14 (Vigil): 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 15:

9 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Signs of Hope (July)

See the Doors of Faith Opening in our Parish! God invites us to see the "signs of hope" in our midst. Here are the sacramental celebrations and additions to our Liturgical Ministries last month.

- 4 Infants Baptized
- 2 more parishioners volunteered to become a Eucharistic Minister or Reader
- 2 couples were married in the Catholic Church
- 1 First Communicant
- 3 First Reconciliations
- 5 new families registered



God is at work making our Parish Family vibrant and alive! Let us all be pilgrims of encouragement and welcome them into the Doors of Faith.

"Hope does not disappoint" Romans 5:5

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 8/1/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$140,000
Total Pledged:	\$128,421 (91.73%)
Donors to Date:	186 Donors



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Entrance Antiphon

At the beginning of Mass, please join Daniel as he sings the Entrance Antiphon.

The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

The Order of the Mass #1 to 26

4:30 p.m. \$1,481.00		Sun. July 27	Monthly
8 a.m. \$924.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,636.75 108	\$1,161.00 31
9:30 a.m. \$820.75	Online Giving Online users	\$2,675.33 79	\$1,496.00 24
11 a.m. \$2,127.00	TOTALS	\$9,312.08	\$2,657.00
4:30 p.m. \$748.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,750.00	
Mail \$536.00	Shortfall		\$1,780.92

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 at Mass.

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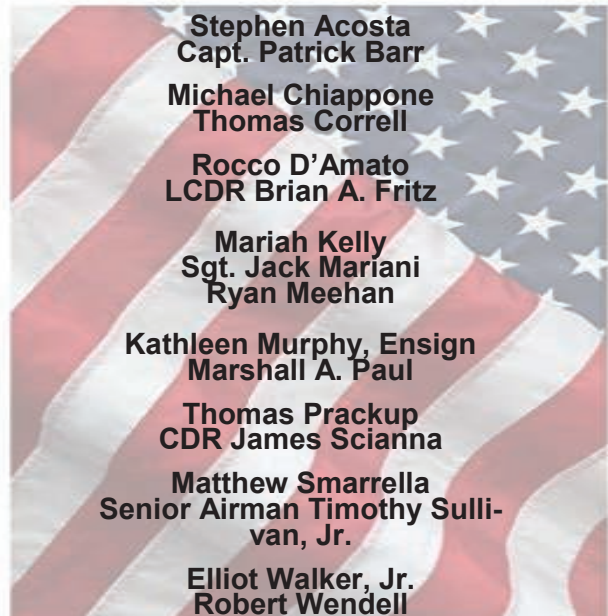
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Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
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John Esposito
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Janet & Chris Karabin
John Kealy

Special Intention
Jack Kelly
Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
June Lentini
Mark Montesano
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Jack Scofield
Erasmio Signore
Cliff Smith
Carl & Kay Ullman
Joshua Vahlsing
Donald Verrilli
Karen Volpe

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

The Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Please e-mail or call Daniel
dalasuvanto@olfwilton.org

(516)697-7960

Children's Choir - Grades 1-5
Thursday Rehearsals at 4:30

Rehearsal: Sunday 9am

Mass: Sunday 9:30am



Adult Choir - 7th grade and up
Thursday Rehearsals at 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal: Sunday 10:15am.

Mass: Sunday 11am



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

Annie Andersen

Congratulations to her parents, family, and friends.



Holy Matrimony

CONGRATULATIONS TO
Caleigh McMorris & Griffin Sponenberg
who were recently married

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Contemporary Ensemble -
6th grade and up

Rehearsal: Sunday 3:45pm



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Mark Durma**, husband of Teresa and our long time parishioner **Fran Dunn**. May Christ, Our Savior, grant them everlasting rest.



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Thank you for all the support. GOOD LUCK and hope we have a winner here at OLF.

We made over \$11,000!

That's one
extra collection.....



Let us welcome into
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Family

Brydon, Mirna, Brydon & Marcelo Fajardo

Annual Diocesan Jubilee Mass is on Saturday, October 4 at 11 am at the Cathedral of Saint Augustine in Bridgeport. Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 45th, 50th and more years of marriage are eligible to attend. All couples who are recognized at the Mass will receive a commemorative certificate in recognition of the important milestone in their married life. Please contact Sharon Colihan, who can be reached at sharon.colihan@diobpt.org or 203.416.1454



FAITH FORMATION



It's that time of year again...Project Backpack!
Once again Wilton Social Services has asked for our help in providing children in need with back to school essentials. If willing and able please purchase a new **Large Black** or **Navy Backpack**.

We ask that along with the backpack you purchase a \$50+ gift card to either Walmart or Staples.

Please return backpacks to the Parish Center or the Parish Office by Monday, August 11th

Please know we do accept monetary donations and will purchase the backpacks and gift cards for you if you are unable to do so yourself.



Faith Formation classes for grades 6-8 begin on Sunday, September 14. Students should attend the 4:30 Mass and after Mass move to the school for class until 6:30PM. Pick up is in the church parking lot. Look for an email within the next two weeks from your child's catechist.



Faith Formation classes for grades 1-5 will start on Sunday, September 21, after the 9:30 Mass. Children should go to the school after Mass and pick up is at the classroom door at 11:30AM. Parents will be receiving an email from the catechist before classes begin.



Today, August 10, after the 9:30 Mass, we look forward to meeting with our Faith Formation catechists for the 2025-26 school year. Catechists, please come to the Conference Room (in the Parish Office) immediately after Mass. We are excited to welcome our new teachers as well as those who are returning. God bless these wonderful men

and women!

SHARING OUR FAITH



Do you know a man or woman who has strayed from active practice of our faith? This person may be hurting and needing God more than ever. Maybe he or she does not know how to go about re-joining the family of faith. Help fill the emptiness by encouraging this adult to call a priest to talk about why he or she left the Church. Perhaps that is all it will take to bring a lost sheep back to the fold.

Do you know a non-Catholic adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Reach out to that person who may want to join us at our next inquiry session. Find out details from Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or krooney@olfwilton.org.

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Speaking Heart to Heart

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

This weekend's Scriptures led me to do some research about a modern health problem we live with in present day America. Call it "heart disease." The results I found online were gruesome, to say the least.

First, heart disease is a major health concern in our beloved country, with about 1 in 5 deaths attributed to it. Cardiovascular disease (CVD) affects nearly half of American adults.

Overall, 77.5% of men and 75.4% of women ages 60 to 79 have some form of CVD as found in a 2021 report. Approximately 6.7 million Americans over 20 years of age have heart failure, and that number is expected to rise to 8.7 million by the year 2030.

Enough with the numbers. Certainly, they indicate that we have a heart problem in our land. This blood pump that we nickname a "ticker," is a crucial organ and no amount of Valentine wistfulness will lessen the threats to it.

May I suggest, as a preacher and not a cardiologist, that we Catholic Christian believers could have a similar problem with our spiritual hearts? Unfortunately, with our desire as Catholics to "fit in" with the prevalent culture, we've absorbed its values all too well, to the point that we don't look much different from everybody else. The ultimate danger is that we could forget our real destination in life and not be ready for it. St. Luke, who composed today's Gospel with its account of a parable in which Jesus talked about readiness, was also a doctor. Of course, not a cardiologist. No such specialization existed in his time.



Still, as an early Christian believer, asked to diagnose one of our main problems thinking and acting like Christ, I believe that Luke would certainly be able to suggest a cure. It would begin with our owning up to whatever it is that is our real heart's desire. He would remind us of one of Our Lord's most perceptive observations: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be." That reminder would set us up for a Christian cure for all the consumerism and lack of genuine detachment and authentic chastity all around us. So, ask yourself: "What do I treasure most in my life? Does it conflict with my friendship with Christ? Or would He smile at my wise choice?"

Some people's "treasure" winds up being funny. Here's an example from an ad placed in a Nebraska newspaper: Farmer with 160 irrigated acres seeks marriage-minded woman with tractor. When replying, please show photograph of tractor."

God love you and give you, His peace.



Through Mary, we come to our second birth, our spiritual birth, because when she became the Mother of Christ, she was made the source of our life too, our life in Christ. At the cross, she is declared to be the spiritual Mother of all of us.

Servant of God Ida Peterfy
(from the meditation of August 16)



5th Anniversary on August 15th!

It's five years since Bishop Frank Caggiano came to Our Lady of Fatima parish on Aug. 15, 2020 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 75 plaques are in place. More are available. Information on how to purchase a space is available at the Parish Office: (203) 762-3928; bookkeeper@olfwilton.org.

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Clare was the foundress of the "Poor Clares", an order of nuns. After listening to St. Francis of Assisi preach, she was moved to imitate him and serve Jesus. St. Francis himself cut her hair short and gave her a rough brown robe to wear.

She and her fellow nuns wore no shoes, ate no meat lived in a poor house and kept silent most times.

She carried the Blessed Sacrament to the walls of the convent to ward off attackers. She dropped to her knees and prayed and the attack was aborted. Her feast day is August 12th.



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