

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17, 2025

A Faith That Divides

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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

WEBSITE: OLFWILTON.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday August 18

PH 9 a.m.. †Roseanne De Simone

Tuesday August 19 (St. John Eudes)

PH 12:15 p.m. †Anthony & Rose Galasso

Wednesday August 20 (St. Bernard)

VP 9:00 a.m. †Gene Rooney

Thursday August 21 (St. Pius X)

VP 12:15 p.m. †Andy Camelio

Friday August 22 (The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

PH 9 a.m. †Collective Intentions

Saturday August 23 (St. Rose of Lima)

PH 8 a.m. †Deacon Thomas McManus

VP 4:30 p.m. †Sam Johns

Sunday August 24 (Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

PH 8 a.m. †All Parishioners Living & Deceased

PH 9:30 a.m. †Lenny Ghorbi

VP 11 a.m. †Donald & Maureen Trishsett

VP 4:30 p.m. Intentions of Catherine McRoy Mendell

Funeral Mass for Frances Dunn will be held on August 19 at 10 a.m. here at Our Lady of Fatima.

This week's readings for August 17, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time #912 C are
First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4
Gospel : Luke 12:49-53

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 18	7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Mtg
Aug. 19	10 a.m.	Soup Kitchen Food Pickup
Aug. 20	12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge Columbiettes Mtg

One Collection this weekend

Due to the early transmission of this bulletin—the lottery winner will need to be announced next week!

Fr. Paul (Pawel) our Pastor will be heading back to Poland to see his family for vacation for a couple of weeks. Please keep him in your prayers as he travels.

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, Monthly and Holy Days 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. Paul or the Parish Office. We thank you for your commitment to our Parish and our Diocese.

- September 14: Catholic University
- October 19: World Mission
- November 9: Archdiocese for the Military Services USA
- November 23: Health & Welfare of Diocesan Retired Priests
- December 14: Retired Fund for Religious

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 info, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org , call (203) 416-1470.	

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

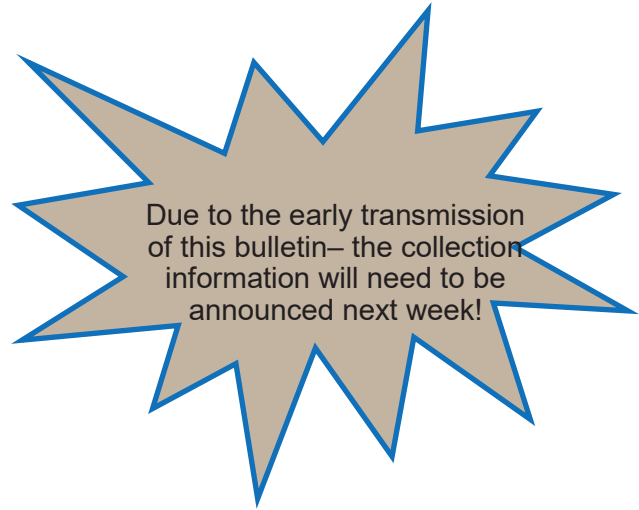
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Entrance Antiphon

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

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on
the face of your anointed one; one day within
your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere*

The Order of the Mass #1 to 26



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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Ryan Meehan

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Marshall A. Paul

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Matthew Smarrella
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Elliot Walker, Jr.
Robert Wendell

Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

Sean Allan
Baby Gracie
Jacqueline Benson
Donna Britto
Kathleen Canarro
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
Janet & Chris Karabin
John Kealy

Special Intention
Jack Kelly
Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
June Lentini
Mark Montesano
John O’Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
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



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

The Face of Prayer: Celebrating 40 Million Prayers and Counting

Joining the movement is easy. Simply text the word PRAY from your smartphone to 55778. You will automatically receive a response to confirm your subscription (standard texting rates apply). Each day around 3 pm, you will receive a text from Bishop Caggiano inviting you to stop whatever you are doing and to pray for a specific intention. All prayers end with an invitation to recite one Hail Mary.



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

James Robert and Luca Paul Wenger

Congratulations to their parents, family, and friends.



BANNS I

*Tara Downey &
Johnny Davis*

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Contemporary Ensemble -
6th grade and up

Rehearsal: Sunday 3:45pm



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ARTISTS OF NORWALK HOUSE TOUR OCTOBER 19, 2025

Step aboard for a guided bus tour exploring the homes of the artists who helped shape Norwalk's rich creative heritage.

This tour will visit historic neighborhoods that once nurtured thriving artistic communities.

Discover the spaces where art was made, lives were lived, and stories began. Go to [Norwalk Preservation Trust](https://www.norwalkpreservationtrust.org) webpage for more information.



FAITH FORMATION



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated backpacks and gift cards.
We greatly appreciate your help.

Faith Formation classes for grades 6-8 begin on **Sunday, September 14**, at the 4:30 Mass. All students should move to the school for class after Mass. Pickup is at 6:30 in the Church parking lot.



The first class for students in grades 1-5 begins at the 9:30 Mass on **September 21**. **There will be a blessing of backpacks at this Mass.** Parents should walk their children to the school after Mass. You will be directed to the appropriate classroom. Pickup is at 11:30 at the classroom door.

SHARING OUR FAITH



OCIA is a process within the Catholic Church through which non-Catholic adults explore the teachings of the Catholic religion. Parishioners facilitate the process and provide guidance to those seeking a relationship with Christ in the Catholic

Church. After a period of prayer, reflection on Sunday Scripture, instruction, and discernment, it is time to decide whether to proceed with the next step---receiving the sacraments---and becoming a Catholic. Many men and women have experienced this process and joined our family of faith. They would be happy to talk with anyone interested in hearing of their journey through OCIA (formerly RCIA). Please call (203-762-9080) or email (Krooney@olfcatholic.org) Kathleen Rooney if you know someone who would like more information.



Is there someone in your family, at your workplace, or in your circle of friends who was "once a Catholic" but no longer practices his/her faith? Be

God's instrument and reach out to this person. With kindness and compassion, encourage him/her to talk with a priest about what is standing in the way of returning to active practice of the faith. Pray for this person and ask our dear Lord to lead this man or woman back to Him.

Take Time To Listen

Four zany young Catholic adults, seeking God amid this crazy, mixed up world, discuss life, relationships, work, fun and everything in-between through the lens of our Catholic Faith.

Take a few moments to listen to **RESTLESS**, a podcast created right here in the Diocese of Bridgeport.

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A Lesson From Jeremiah

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

When anyone in a crowded space suddenly shouts "Fire!" there is a mass exit that could be dangerous. But when Our Lord says that He came to start a fire, nobody moves because we want Him to explain. And so, He does by way of the Holy Spirit's help. The "fire" Our Lord refers to is the presence of God, embracing both His love and His judgment.

Some background: For the past few weeks in our Sunday Gospel readings, Our Lord has been instructing His chosen Apostles. You may recall Him warning them (and us) to be prepared for our eventual demise. We are not going to be here on earth forever.

Then last weekend we pondered what Jesus said about the good and faithful servant: who is he and what is he like. That amounts to a portrait of success for a Christian believer.

Today, one can almost hear Our Savior's frustration. Why? Because He wants His chosen Twelve to understand His mission and bring it to its fulfillment. He is almost weary of the time delay, although, as always, He accepts the Father's will. He wants to let the Apostles know that the Father's presence is genuine and loving, but that if they're unresponsive, there will be judgment and a necessary purification. (Read "purgatory") He stresses that loyalty to Him is more important than family unity.

All of this should bring to our attention not only the imperative He felt about His mission, but also that the same should motivate us as His followers, as we go about fulfilling our Baptismal obligation to spread the Good News.

The threat of non-acceptance is always there, so we go forth with eyes wide open. Christ always threatens the comfortable. Anticipating the message centuries before, note how scary things came for poor Jeremiah, as the "powers-that-be" had him tossed in a deep cistern. Only the fervor of a true believer got him rescued.

Jeremiah did not give in to discouragement, nor should we. Yes, we live in an apathetic world that only yawns at our fervor, but heaven is with us to cheer us on, if only we would listen. That is the blessing of God.

When you think about God's blessings, remember one child's description of an elevator: "I got in this little room and the upstairs came down."

God love you and give you His peace.



It's more than a club.....it's a unity of friends that enjoy each other and enjoy giving of themselves to others.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Meetings are monthly in the Parish Center at 7:30 PM for one hour. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may attend any meeting or request further info from Mike Healy, Grand Knight at: Wilton-

KnightsOfColumbus@gmail.com . Next meeting is **August 18**.



OUR FATHER prayer explained for kids!

Juice Box is a new online children's show and YouTube channel designed to entertain kids and grown-ups alike while teaching the Catholic faith. This is a safe YouTube channel that you can finally feel good about your kids

watching.

San Gennaro Festival

September 20th

139 West Rocks Road

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11am - 4pm

Kids Zone

Vendor Market

Music Food Fun

Pizza Fritta By St. Ann's Club

1pm Procession

Performances by Allegro Dance Company

Music by DJ Serg

Best Tasting Meatball contest



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Visit Our Prayer Garden!

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 mario d. macari

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Feast Day of Saint Rosa of Lima: Aug. 23

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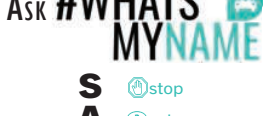
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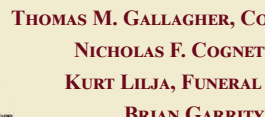
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