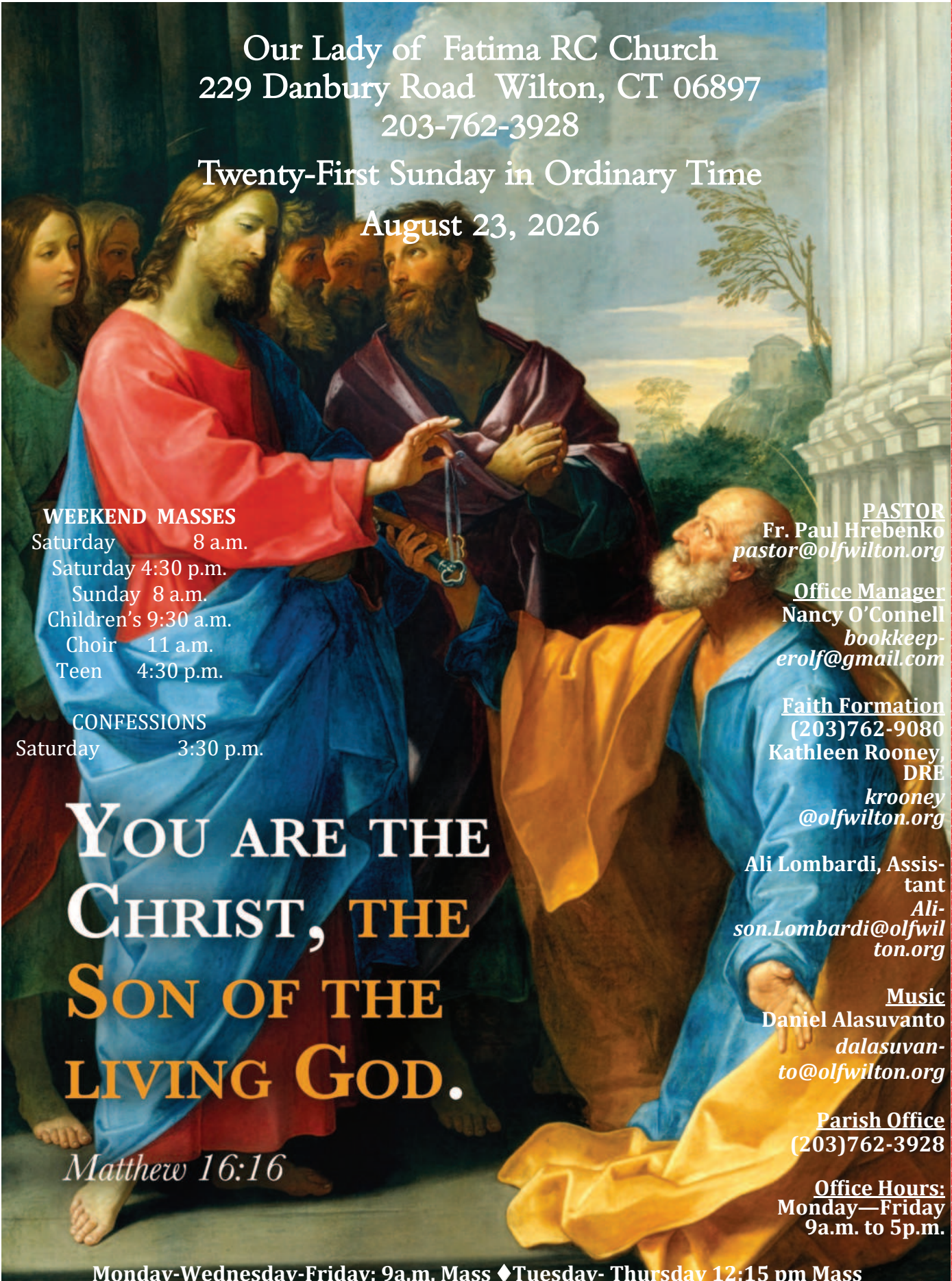




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Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2026

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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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MASS INTENTIONS

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

PH 8 a.m. †John Vlahos

VP 4:30 p.m. †Veronica Furlo

Sunday August 23 (Twenty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

PH 9:30 a.m. †Phyllis Tousey

VP 11 a.m. †Richard Metz

VP 4:30 p.m. †Ronald Steven Calabrese

Monday August 24 (St. Bartholomew)

PH 9 a.m. †Mary Picco

Tuesday August 25 (Ss. Louis, Joseph Calasanz)

PH 12:15 p.m. †Elizabeth Caruso

Wednesday August 26

VP 9 a.m. †Stephen LaSala

Thursday August 27 (St. Monica)

VP 12:15 p.m. In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima

Friday August 28 (St. Augustine)

PH 9 a.m. †Dominico Caratozzolo

Saturday August 29 (The Passion of Saint John the Baptist)

PH 8 a.m. †Donald O'Keefe

VP 4:30 p.m. †Kathleen Gioffre

Sunday August 30 (Twenty- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

VP 9:30 a.m. †Catherine & Albert DeVito

VP 11 a.m. †Marie A. Beltrami

PH 4:30 p.m. †Serafina Polito

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 25	7pm	Mahjong
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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.**

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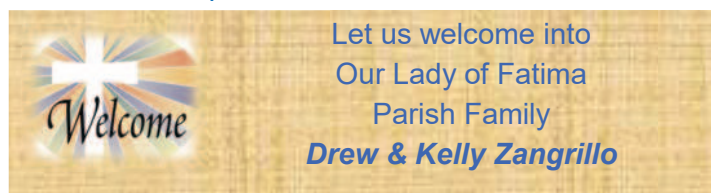
If you ever have any questions about any of these collections, please reach out to Fr. Paul or the Parish Office. We thank you for your commitment to our Parish and our Diocese.

- September 13—Catholic University
- October 11—Diocesan Seminarian Fund
- October 18—World Mission
- November 22—Health & Welfare of Diocesan Retired Priests
- December 13—Retired Fund for Religious



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

As another school year begins, Catholic families are called to reflect on the true meaning of education—not only in classrooms, but in homes. Education has never been merely the responsibility of teachers or institutions; it begins within the family, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church rightly calls the “domestic church.” Parents are the first and primary educators of their children, entrusted by God to form them in truth, virtue, and wisdom. Yet too often, this sacred duty is being forgotten. Wishing all children a happy and safe return to school



***This week's readings for August 23,
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time #913 A***
First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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- We need your support:
- ◆ Remaining air conditioner unit in church
 - ◆ School roof-plan
 - ◆ Convent is getting a small facelift
 - ◆ New windows for the Convent (on hold)
 - ◆ Continued maintenance of trees-happening now
 - ◆ Parish Center needs flooring and painting, lighting
 - ◆ Church parking lot– re-stripped but will need re-paving in the future

This bulletin was sent a week in advance. Collection information will be reported next week.

*While you are enjoying the summer sun and activity, remember your church here at home. Your help is still needed. If while on vacation you cannot contribute regularly, may we suggest that you keep unused envelopes on hand and bring your contributions up to date when you return.
God bless you and keep you all safe.*



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.

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MINISTRY



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

Willow Robin DeArmas

Congratulations to her parents, family,
and friends.

Family Dinner

Family dinners play a crucial role in the mental health and overall well-being of teenagers. According to the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University, teens who have dinner with their families five or more times a week are less likely to engage in substance abuse and experience lower levels of depression and anxiety. Research from the Family Dinner Project also highlights that 80% of teenagers say family dinner is the time they're most likely to talk to their parents, fostering open communication and a sense of belonging.

The Benefits of Family Dinners in Parenting Teens

There are many benefits from eating together as a family. It shows how something so small and simple can be life-changing for a family! . Getting to know one another is a life-long process. So much of that happens over a shared experience of a meal. Also, while reflecting on this with your teen, try to connect this with the Eucharistic meal we are all called to gather around as a family.



Save The Date

Sept. 18 in the back of the Parish Center (outside)-
join us for the annual

Parish Picnic

6-9pm

Pizza (Gluten Free Available), Caesar Salad, pulled pork sliders, cheeseburger sliders, hot dogs, loaded Nachos, chicken tenders, potato salad, cole slaw! Lemonade, assorted soft drinks, cookies, brownies and s'mores.
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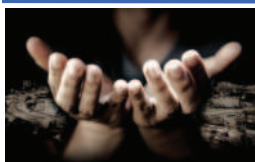


Three weeks remain before Faith Formation classes begin on September 13! Time to register if you have not already done so. Registration has been ongoing since June, and some classes are filled at this time. If this is the case for the grade level for which you are registering, your child will be placed in homeschool. Please understand that if a grade level is skipped, there will be make up required before advancing to the next grade.

Reminder: The Confirmation meeting originally scheduled for September 22 will now be held on September 15 to avoid a conflict with the Eighth Grade Open House on September 22.

Thank you to those who have brought in backpacks for children in need. You have made many children happy with something new to bring to school! God bless you for your generosity.

SHARING OUR FAITH



Let us reach out to our Catholic friends and family who have not been participating in Mass and the sacraments. Maybe they are not sure how to return to active practice or whom to approach with their comments and questions. Encourage them to contact a priest about why they have been away. You may even recommend a priest to them. Help them re-join their family of faith at the Table of the Lord!



Have you thought about how you can help share our faith? Each of us is called to evangelize. Pope Francis said that "Sharing the faith is the oxygen that invigorates and purifies Christian life...Evangelization does not begin by seeking to convince others, but by bearing witness each day to the love that has watched over us and lifted us back up." Please call (203-762-9080) or email (krooney@olfwilton.org) Kathleen Rooney with the name of a non-Catholic person in your life who may welcome an invitation to come and meet a few members of our parish community, hear their stories, and learn about the Catholic faith through the OCIA process. "Go and make disciples!"

Parables

During the summer months, the Gospel of Matthew at Sunday Mass is filled with many of Jesus' parables. These simple but powerful stories help children discover God's love, understand His Kingdom, and learn how to follow Jesus each day.

For additional ideas on how literature can help parents teach their children about God's presence, see **Literature and Young People** as part of **Building a Catholic Culture at Home** at FirstWitnesses.org.



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Two Questions and the Answers

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Surveys are to some web sites like ants to picnics. Part of life and hard to avoid. But if Jesus gets involved in anything, even a survey, we have to pay attention. We just heard (or read about) Our Lord conducting a survey of His chosen men.

First, the locale. Usually significant in the gospels. We're in Caesarea Philippi, a predominantly Gentile city north of Palestine. Originally known as Paniaas because of a shrine built there to honor the god, Pan.

When Herod the Great's son Philip became tetrarch, he rebuilt the city and named it Caesarea to honor Tiberius the emperor...He cleaned and dressed it up (not with a ballroom) and added his name so the emperor would know it.



So here, among impressive Roman marble and plentiful statues of pagan gods, Jesus asks the Apostles two important questions:

"Who do men say that I am?" and then "Who do you say that I am?"

We can assume a stunned silence from the group and then a list of possibilities before Peter pipes up, as he is wont to do, with the correct answer: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" "Wow!" we think.

"Peter sure got it right!" And Jesus wholeheartedly agrees. (Try to remember this scene next Holy Thursday

night, when Peter vehemently denies Jesus to the servant girl in the high priest's garden when she confronts him hovering by the fire.)

Jesus rightly pinpoints the source of Peter's insight as the Holy Spirit within him. Then He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom, with power and authority of office that begins here and brings us right to Leo XIV from Chicago!

Rather than defend the papacy to all sorts of critics out there in cyberspace, I'd rather reflect on what St. Peter's answer to Christ means for you and me. But what does it mean? Certainly, the endurance of the Church for more than twenty centuries comes to mind. That plus the comfort of knowing with certainty the Church's purpose. The realization that its central truths about Jesus are forever. That no other plan on how to live is as responsive to God's will as that of Christianity. Certainly, I must add that we are part of the only Church with a pope as successor to Peter.

But now comes the question right at you and me this summer Sunday. Who do you say Christ is? Your answer and mine determine everything. We shouldn't need a survey to tell us. Allow me to close with a quote that fits the situation: "The true Christian is a person who is right-side-up in a world that is upside down."

God love you and give you His peace.

Diocesan Novena in honor of St. Padre Pio

This year will mark the inauguration of an annual diocesan novena in honor of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, known as Padre Pio, which will take place from Wednesday, September 23 to October 1, 2026.

Mass will be celebrated each evening at 7:00PM followed by the Litany of St. Pio, and then the veneration of his relics. The following relics will be available for veneration: Saint Pio's brown glove, a lock of his hair, Saint Pio's handkerchief used during the Mass to wipe his tears, crusts of his wounds, and a piece of Saint Pio's mantle. The dates and locations of the Masses follow:

9/23/26 The Basilica of St. John the Evangelist, 279 Atlantic Street, Stamford

9/24/26 Church of the Holy Spirit, 403 Scofieldtown Road, Stamford

9/25/2026 St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, 1719 Post Road, Fairfield

9/26/2026 St. Augustine Cathedral, 399 Washington Avenue, Bridgeport

9/27/2026 St. Catherine of Siena Parish, 220 Shelton Road, Trumbull

9/28/2026 St. Jude Parish, 707 Monroe Turnpike, Monroe

9/29/2026 St. Patrick Parish, 169 Black Rock Turnpike, Redding

9/30/2026 St. Philip Church, 1 Father Conlon Place, Norwalk

10/1/2026 Church of St. Cecilia, 1184 Newfield Avenue, Stamford





Have You Visited Lately?

It's **six 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.

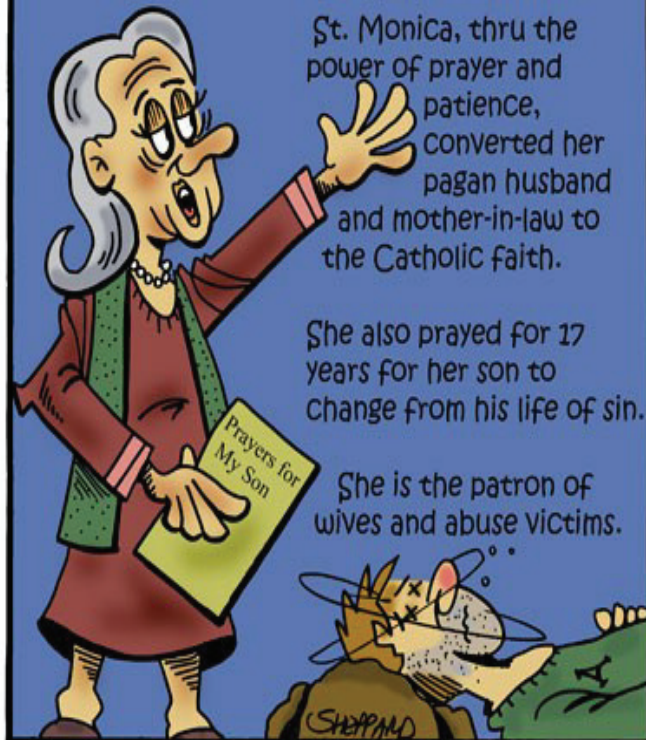
In his comments that day, the Bishop described the memorial as "a garden of dedication and remembrance," calling it "a great gift" to the parish.

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.*

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by John Sheppard



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