

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

229 Danbury Road ♦ Wilton, CT 06897 ♦ 203-762-3928

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Strive to enter through the narrow gate.

August 24, 2025

Luke 13:24

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Monday—Friday
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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: 9a.m. Mass ♦ Tuesday- Thursday 12:15 pm Mass

WEBSITE: OLFWILTON.ORG

MASS 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

Monday August 25 (St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz)

VP 9 a.m. ☩ Patrick Adams

Tuesday August 26

VP 12:15 p.m. ☩ Stephen LaSala and Joan LaSala

Wednesday August 27 (St. Monica)

VP 9:00 a.m. ☩ Carole DiGiovanni

Thursday August 28 (St. Augustine)

VP 12:15 p.m. ☩ Rhonda Marie Chaflos

Friday August 29 (The Passion of St. John the Baptist)

VP 9 a.m. ☩ Donald O'Keefe

Saturday August 30

VP 8 a.m. ☩ Patricia Rose Sullivan Ewing
VP 4:30 p.m. ☩ All Parishioners Living and Deceased

Sunday August 31 (Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)

VP 8 a.m. ☩ Jane Colihan
VP 9:30 a.m. ☩ George Marino
VP 11 a.m. ☩ Giovanni & Maddalena Iacono
VP 4:30 p.m. ☩ Larry Kochiss

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Veronica Furlo**, mother of Louis (Barbara) Furlo. May Christ, Our Savior, grant her everlasting rest.



This week's readings for August 24, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time #915 C are
First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
Gospel : Luke 13:22-30

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aug. 27	12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
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One Collection this weekend
Next weekend, two collections, Sunday & Monthly

HAVE A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR!



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.

Unfortunately, we did not have any winners from Our Lady of Fatima
Grand Prize Winner: Ticket# **145318 Tracey Healy - St Mary Greenwich**
2nd Place Winner: Ticket# **10030 Jim Geissler - St Joseph, Shelton**
3rd Place Winner: Ticket# **145729 Allison Marchand - St Roch Greenwich**
4. Ticket# **32865 Michael A. Marchetti - Saint John the Evangelist, Stamford**
5. Ticket# **12256 Mr. John Finn - St Joseph, Shelton**
6. Ticket# **36359 Matthew O'Brien - St. Joseph Church, Brookfield**
7. Ticket# **15014 Ben Ramaley - Saint Clement, Stamford**
8. Ticket# **15049 Michael Killeen - Saint Clement, Stamford**
9. Ticket# **45833 Michael Pellegrini - St. Paul's Church, Greenwich**
10. Ticket# **61364 Geancarlos Sanches - St. Roch's Church, Greenwich**
All winners can be found on St Roch's website

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$140,000
Total Pledged:	\$128,531 (91.81%)
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 Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save
the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have
mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the
day long.*

The Order of the Mass #1 to 26

4:30 p.m. \$1,315.00		Sun. Aug. 10	Sun Aug. 17	Assumption
8 a.m. \$738.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,464.00 91	\$5,211.00 79	\$985.26 23
9:30 a.m. \$777.00	Online Giving Online users	\$4,397.00 96	\$4,151.00 91	128 4
11 a.m. \$896.00	TOTALS	\$10,861.00	\$9,362.00	\$1,113.26
4:30 p.m. \$1,232.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,750.00	\$13,750.00	
Mail \$1,506.00	Shortfall	\$2,889.00	\$4,388.00	

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.

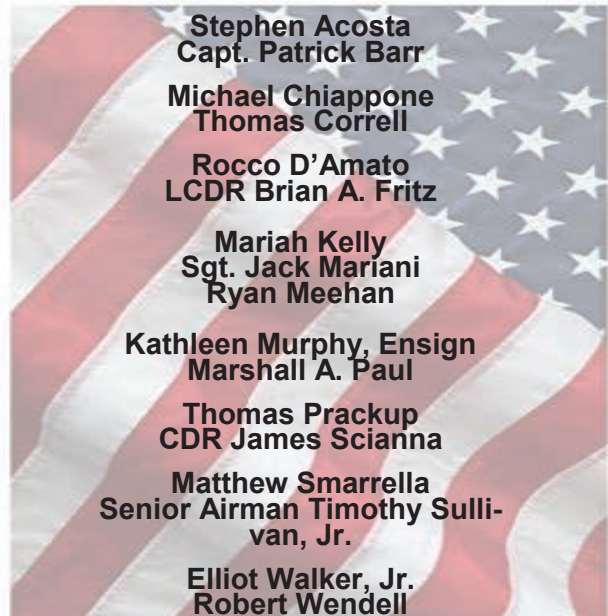
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Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
James Gunther
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
Janet & Chris Karabin
John Kealy

Special Intention
Jack Kelly
Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
June Lentini
Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
Erasmus Signore
Cliff Smith
Carl & Kay Ullman
Joshua Vahlsing
Donald Verrilli
Karen Volpe
Vivienne Wilkinson
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

**JOIN US FOR OUR
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FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
6 PM in lot behind
the Parish Center**



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OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLE
Will burn for Seven Days starting

**August 24 for the
Intention of safe travel of Fr. Pawel**



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

Robert Matthew Ligouri

Congratulations to his parents, family, and friends.



**Adult Choir - 7th grade and up
Thursday Rehearsals at 6:00 p.m.
Rehearsal: Sunday 10:15am.
Mass: Sunday 11am**



BANNS I

Alyssa Rusbam & Oliver Pflieger

BANNS II

Tara Downey & Johnny Davis

The Music Ministry is looking for
new members!

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

(516)697-7960

Contemporary Ensemble -
6th grade and up

Rehearsal: Sunday 3:45pm



Is there a member of your family who is away at college and
could use a little encouragement in the form of a care package?

The Columbiettes would love to include them in our annual fall semester
mailing. The package generally includes snacks and treats as well as small
personal care items, spiritual items and a note of encouragement so that
they know their home parish family is praying for their success.



email OLF.Columbiettes@gmail.com

Please consider a donation to cover the cost of postage. We'll handle the rest.
Respond by September 15

Tota Pulchra

Marian Conference

An Evening with the All Beautiful

Saturday, September 13th
3:00-9:00 pm (Check in begins at 7:00 pm)

LOCATION | Saint Matthew Parish
216 Scribner Avenue | Norwalk, Connecticut

FEATURED SPEAKERS

DR. JOHN-MARK MIRAVALLE

is Professor of Sacraments and Moral
Theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary
in Maryland. He received his doctorate
in Sacred Theology from the Regium
Academica in Rome.
He is the author of *Amoris*.



FR. JUSTIN CINNANTE, O. CARM.

is a Carmelite priest at Our Lady of
Grace in Norwalk. He is the Chaplain
of Saint Joseph High School,
and the Chaplain for Adored Daughters
Ministry. He is a board member
in the Midland Valley, thanks to his loving
ministry, to various staff, and his wife.



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Bishop of Bridgeport

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Evening includes Talks, Dinner and Adoration
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www.bridgeportdiocese.org/guilds/tota-pulchra-marian-conference



Artist | Michael Goulet

FAITH FORMATION



On September 14, the sixth through eighth graders will have their first Mass and class. Mass is at 4:30, followed by class at the school until 6:30. Pick up is in the church parking lot. We are excited to greet our middle school students in three weeks!

Our elementary Faith Formation students (grades 1-5) will meet at the 9:30 Mass on September 21 and move to the school after Mass. Pick up will be at the classroom door at 11:30. We especially welcome our first graders as they will attend Faith Formation class for the first time, and we look forward to seeing our students from last year.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Many former non-Catholic men and women have embraced the Catholic faith through the RCIA process (now called OCIA). The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults invites all inquirers to "Come and See" what the Catholic Church is all about. A small group of parishioners meets each week with the inquirers to facilitate a discussion on one of the Church's teachings. There is time for clarification and questions, as well as personal stories of our journeys of faith. Please contact Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or krooney@olfwilton.org if you know someone who may want to learn more about RCIA.



If you know a Catholic man or woman who has not attended Mass or received the sacraments for quite a while, now is the time to reach out to this person and encourage him or her to talk with a priest about returning to active participation with his or her family of faith. We are not whole without them.



The Music Ministry is looking for new members for the CHILDREN's Choir!

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



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You Are in God's Plan

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I risk dating myself when I refer to a song from the 60's called "It's My Party." But that teenage pouting came to my mind when I pondered the theme of today's gospel, which is the inclusiveness of God's plan. No one is left out.

The song itself is all about a teenage girl's heartbreak at her 16th birthday party, when her boyfriend Johnny disappears for a while, only to return with another girl named Judy, who boldly wears Johnny's ring. Her lament: "It's my party and I'll cry if I want to."

Allow me to zero in on the young singer's typical faulty reaction to events. Why? Because so many times even we mature Christians ought to know from all that Jesus taught, we are not fully in charge of our lives and our world. No matter how frequently life gives us reminders, we keep finding ourselves foolishly clinging to that delusion. We even start to pout even in our prayer time when we tell God that He is so unfair. After all, this life is "my party and I'll cry if I want to."

If we never learned from our teen-aged years the fact that life here on earth is going to take unexpected turns for the worse, then we better self-educate as fast as we can.

Even for believers the lesson is a tough one, and we can all get frustrated from time to time. Even for saints.

If we were to picture a medieval cloistered nun, we would probably think of a woman kneeling in a church, head bowed, and hands folded in prayer. Someone with a great sense of humor would not quickly come to mind.

That is why it is delightfully refreshing to hear about the good humor of the 16th century saint and Doctor of the Church Teresa of Avila, sometimes called "Big Teresa" to distinguish her from Therese the Little Flower.

A famous story perfectly sums up her spiritual character. As St. Teresa...made her way to her convent during a fierce rainstorm, she slipped down an embankment and fell squarely into the mud. The irrepressible nun looked up and admonished her Maker, "If this is how You treat Your friends, no wonder You have so few of them!"

God love you and give you, His peace.



Let us welcome into
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Family

Timothy, Jaimie and Hayes Cassidy
Alexander, Minjeong and Brooke Yazdani
Christopher Kowalski
Brydon, Mirna, Brydon and Marcelo Fajardo
Mark, Melissa, Juliana and Alexander Guner
Stephen, Christina and Bodhi Robaczynski

All Saints Catholic School **San Gennaro Festival**

September 20th
139 West Rocks Road
Norwalk, CT
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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Raindate 9/21





Consider a Memorial For a Loved One

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.

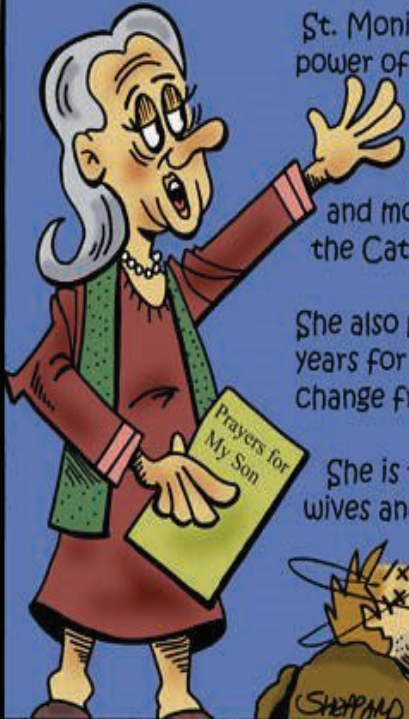
In his comments that day, the Bishop described the memorial as "a garden of dedication and remembrance," calling it "a great gift" to the parish.

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. Monica, thru the power of prayer and patience, converted her pagan husband and mother-in-law to the Catholic faith.

She also prayed for 17 years for her son to change from his life of sin.

She is the patron of wives and abuse victims.

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Feast Day of Saint Monica: Aug. 27



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