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Take Up Your Cross

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 30, 2026

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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.

Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9 a.m. Mass • Tuesday-Thursday 12:15 p.m. Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday August 31

PH 9 a.m. †Jackie Messina and Anna Messina

Tuesday Sept. 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)

PH 12:15 p.m. †Jane Colihan

Wednesday Sept. 2

VP 9 a.m. Intentions of Christina Vlahos & Family

Thursday Sept. 3 (St. Gregory the Great)

VP 12:15 p.m. †Paul Napoli

Friday Sept. 4 (First Friday)

PH 9 a.m. †Dorothee Bonnet

Saturday Sept. 5 (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

VP 8 a.m. †Michael Millard
PH 4:30 p.m. †Louis Palomba

Sunday Sept. 6 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

PH 8 a.m. †Helen M. Chmielewski
3 yr anniversary
PH 9:30 a.m. †Jim House
VP 11 a.m. †Alice Sharkey
VP 4:30 p.m. †All Parishioners Living & Deceased

All Parish Offices will be Closed on Monday September 7 for Labor Day and will reopen Tuesday, September 8 at 9 a.m.

This week's readings for August 30, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #916 A
First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 1	10 a.m. 7pm	Soup Kitchen Food Pickup Mahjong
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2026 Parish Raffle Winners

1st Prize. \$20,000 – Jody Miska - St Mary's Parish Greenwich - Ticket # 300686
2nd Prize. \$6,000 – Jose Lugi St. Joseph Shelton -Ticket # 43383
3rd Prize. \$4,000 – Anibal Reyes - St Maurice Stamford Ticket # 4831
4th Prize. \$1,000 – Victor Iraola - St Roch Greenwich - Ticket # 8774
5th Prize. \$1,000 – Stephen Posner - St Roch - Greenwich - Ticket # 80128
6th Prize \$1,000 - Linus Cooke - Our Lady of Fatima - Wilton Ticket # 300401
7th Prize \$1,000 - Brian Hatcher - St. Edward the Confessor - New Fairfield - Ticket # 847
8th Prize. \$1,000 – Carmon Montoya - St Roch - Greenwich - Ticket # 81623
9th Prize. \$1,000 Veronica Hernandez – Our Lady of Fatima - Wilton - Ticket # 301238
10th Prize. \$1,000 – Tom Larkin - St Paul's - Greenwich - Ticket # 52267
11th Prize. \$1,000 – Rudy Mendez - St Peters - Bridgeport - Ticket # 4038
12th Prize. \$1,000 – Nancy Borchetta - St Roch - Greenwich - Ticket # 9805
13th Prize. \$1,000 Manolo Palencia - Sacred Heart - Greenwich – Ticket # 29915

We had two winners this year!
Thank you everyone for your support!



Traffic and Route Details

Route: The motorcycle procession enters Wilton via Route 33 (Wilton Road) from Westport, moving toward Danbury Road (Route 7) and up Route 107 (School St/Georgetown).

Delays: Expect temporary road closures and significant traffic delays along Route 33, Route 7, and Route 107 as police escort the large motorcade through town. Intersections typically close about 15–30 minutes before the bikes arrive and remain blocked until the entire procession clears.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH



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4:30 p.m. \$1,426.00		Sunday Aug. 16
8 a.m. \$985.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,226.50 102
9:30 a.m. \$1,246.00	Online Giving Online users	\$4,761.00 106
11 a.m. \$1,896.00	TOTALS	\$10,987.50
4:30 p.m. \$491.50	<i>Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses</i>	\$13,966.00
Mail \$182.00	Shortfall	\$2,978.50

4:30 p.m. \$1,446.00		Sunday Aug. 23
8 a.m. \$706.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,770.50 101
9:30 a.m. \$1,323.00	Online Giving Online users	\$2,790.00 87
11 a.m. \$959.50	TOTALS	\$9,560.50
4:30 p.m. \$1,172.00	<i>Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses</i>	\$13,966.00
Mail \$1,164.00	Shortfall	\$4,405.50



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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Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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Baby Gracie
Jacqueline Benson
Donna Britto
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
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Mia Cunningham
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Vivienne Wilkinson
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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



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. BYOB and see you there!

A "Blessing of the Backpacks" is a church tradition held at the start of the school year to pray for students, teachers, and school staff. The blessing will be at the 9:30 Mass on Sept. 13th. Tags will be handed out at Mass.

Blessing of the Backpacks



Wilton Land Trust, a non-profit organization that is focused on conserving and restoring our town's open space. Fall Stewardship Sundays are coming up!

These **volunteer work days** bring neighbors and families of all ages together to help with ecological restoration efforts at our public preserves. This can look like **native tree and shrub planting, invasive species removal, and trail maintenance**. There is a task for everyone and no personal equipment is needed!

Join us at our two Stewardship Sundays planned for the fall:

Guided Hike & Tree Planting at Marble Van Haelweyn Richards

Sunday, September 20
12:00-1:30pm

Trail entrance at the end of Abbott Lane

Meadow Maintenance at Slaughter Fields

Sunday, October 25
12:00-1:30pm

Corner of Nod Hill Road and Pipers Hill Road



Fall Mum FUNDRAISER

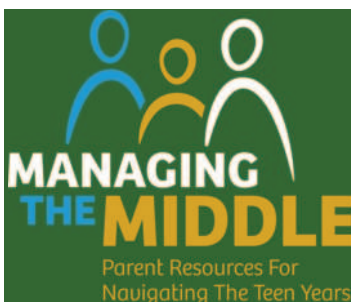
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Life Outdoors

Spending time outdoors is incredibly beneficial for teens. Studies show that just two hours a week in natural settings can significantly reduce emotional distress, especially among teens with mental health challenges. This includes improvements in anxiety, depression, and social interactions. Additionally, 34% of teens reported a decline in their connection to nature, which correlated with a 52% decline in mental well-being. Simply put, nature acts as a natural stress reliever and mood booster, promoting overall mental health and resilience.

Time spent in nature can boost physical and mental well-being

FAITH FORMATION



**Registration for Faith Formation closes
September 1, 2026**

Faith Formation classes begin on Sunday, September 13. We are excited to welcome back students from last year and to meet our first-time students. Those in first through fifth grades will begin at the 9:30 Mass and proceed to the school for classes after Mass. Pick up time at the classroom is at 11:30. Students in grades six through eight will begin at the 4:30 Mass and then move to the school for classes. Pick up is in the church parking lot at 6:30.

Reminder: A Confirmation meeting for parents and eighth grade candidates will be held in the church at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, September 15. This is an important meeting at which details and requirements for Confirmation will be discussed.

Another reminder: A homeschool meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 16, at 6:00 PM, in the church. Parents of children who will be homeschooled should attend this meeting for information on how to have a successful homeschool experience.

SHARING OUR FAITH

It is time to reach out and invite that non-practicing/inactive Catholic to return home to the Church and resume active practice. Perhaps there is someone in your family or group of friends or co-workers who just needs a person to show him/her the way back in a non-judgmental and loving manner. Find that person this week and ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words.



Is there a non-Catholic person in your life who has asked you questions about our Catholic faith? Have you invited him or her to attend Mass with you or join you at a parish event? You can follow through with introducing him or her to a priest to continue the conversation. Now is the time!



The Cardinal Virtues: Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, Temperance | Catechism for Kids

Catholic virtues are good habits that help children follow Jesus every day.

Built on the three Theological Virtues (Faith, Hope, and Charity) and the four Cardinal Virtues (Prudence, Justice, Fortitude, and Temperance), these seven virtues guide children to make wise choices, love others, and live as Jesus taught.

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Are You Committed to Jesus

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We have for our late summer reflection today a section of Matthew's gospel that could well be subtitled "Truth or Consequences." How so? Jesus first predicts His future suffering, death, and resurrection. Then Peter, in his usual brash way, rushes in to persuade the Master to change His plan. Jesus then promptly puts him in his place by calling Peter "Satan" for his brash idea.

By now, the rest of the Apostles who had watched all this must have been a bit "gobsmacked," as we might say, by what Jesus said next. He declared that the only way of life for His followers would necessarily be one of self-denial and suffering. That was a lot to take in. After all, had they not been eyewitnesses to signs and wonders Jesus had produced to help so many needy people? What is this talk of opting for pain?



Our Lord clearly wanted His young volunteers to know exactly what they were in for when they "signed up" to join their lives to His. They would not be offered the luxury of ignorance!

During the prolonged wait for my necessary spinal surgery, with setbacks and frustration galore none of my doing, I began to think I was living in a cheap scare novel. But at least I had the good sense to ask the various medical professionals to be as explicit as their ethics allowed. No holding back from the truth of my condition. Of course, I often got to hear what I would not like to hear.

We can suppose that the Apostles may have bought into the popular idea that the Messiah was to be a bold warrior who would lead Israel in a revolt against Rome and triumph over tyranny for bright days of glory. Jesus gave them some "shock and awe" they needed.

It is the same for anyone who is introduced into Christianity with all its positives. Or even we long-time believers can substitute daydreams for reality here below. We can be lulled into the belief that Christian living is not so difficult after all. Just go to Mass on Sunday (unless it's inconvenient). Keep the basic rules of behavior in between. Oh, and say your prayers. Other than that, don't make waves and do what everybody else does.

Not so! We're talking here about a serious commitment to the person Jesus Christ, and everything He stood for. Everything! And unless you've been vacationing on Venus for a while, you know that puts you and me at odds with a nearly pagan culture, with its own gods and false ideas it says are "good."

To take one of many examples, there is the widely held belief that killing a child in the womb is perfectly right and just. Another contradiction of Christ is the decision some people make that God was mistaken when He created them.

Allow me to close by using an image from ski season about how to best live as a Christian that I came across: "There are three ways in which a skier can get to the top of the ski slope. He or she can try to walk up on their own or be pulled up as he or she holds on to a strap, or they can ride up in the chair lift. This illustration depicts the various ways Christians try to live the Christian life. Some try completely using their own strength; others try to combine their own effort with some degree of dependence on God. But the only true way to ultimate victory and peace in every situation is total dependence on the Holy Spirit.

God love you and give you that peace.



Let us welcome into
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Family
Sean, Angela, Lucas & John McNamara
and
Alex, Maureen, Caroline, Patrick & Hailey Egan



Holy Matrimony

***Congratulations to
Olivia & Nick Terranova***

Who were married at Our Lady of Fatima last weekend. May God bless their marriage and may their love grow deeper with each passing year!



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.*

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. John of Sahagun was born in Leon, Spain. He was educated by the Benedictine monks and was ordained in 1445. He was a prolific preacher and spiritual director.

Hmmm... let's see what he says.

He was famous for his miracles and for having the gift of reading men's souls.



Feast Day of St. John of Sahagun: June 12

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