

Everyone who exalts himself will
be humbled, but the one who
humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 31, 2025

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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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday Sept. 1 (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, Labor Day)

- VP 9 a.m. ✠ Jane Colihan

Tuesday Sept. 2

- VP 12:15 p.m. ✠ Richard Thomas Blakeslee

Wednesday Sept. 3 (St. Gregory the Great)

- VP 9:00 a.m. ✠ Enrico & Bernadette Luchetta

Thursday Sept. 4

- VP 12:15 p.m. ✠ Dorothee Bonnet

Friday Sept 5

- VP 9 a.m. ✠ Collective Intentions

Saturday Sept 6

- VP 8 a.m. ✠ Noel Snell
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠ Mary Ann Rubsam

Sunday Sept. 7 (Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- VP 8 a.m. ✠ Helen Chmielewski
VP 9:30 a.m. ✠ Anthony & Rose Galasso
VP 11 a.m. ✠ Carlo Chiulli
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠ Robert Hurley

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Robert Calabrese**, husband of Maria Calabrese. May Christ, Our Savior, grant him everlasting rest.



This week's readings for August 31, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #918 C are
First Reading: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,, 22-24a
Gospel : Luke 14:1, 7-14

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 1	All Day	Office Closed
Sept. 2	10 a.m.	Soup Kitchen Food Pickup
Sept. 3	12:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge
Sept. 4	4:30 p.m. 6 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Choir

This weekend, two collections, Sunday & Special Collection for Victims of Gaza

Next weekend, two collections, Sunday & Monthly



Considering the tremendous devastation and loss of life experienced by the people of Gaza, and in response to an appeal made by Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Catholic Conference, Bishop Caggiano is asking us to take up a special collection at all Masses this weekend for humanitarian relief. Thank you for your generosity. He is deeply grateful for your prayers for the tens of thousands of people who have suffered terribly during this catastrophe. Please make checks out to OLF with the notation Gaza



Please be aware that next Sunday—Sept 7th, the annual motorcade ride for Freedom will take place along route 7 near noon and might cause some delays of departure from Church.

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

The Order of the Mass #1 to 26

Votive
\$1,077.98

4:30 p.m. \$938.00		Sun. Aug. 24
8 a.m. \$1,145.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,442.00 91
9:30 a.m. \$1,095.00	Online Giving Online users	\$2,668.00 82
11 a.m. \$1,022.00	TOTALS	\$9,110.00
4:30 p.m. \$1,354.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,750.00
Mail \$888.00	Shortfall	\$4,640.00

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.

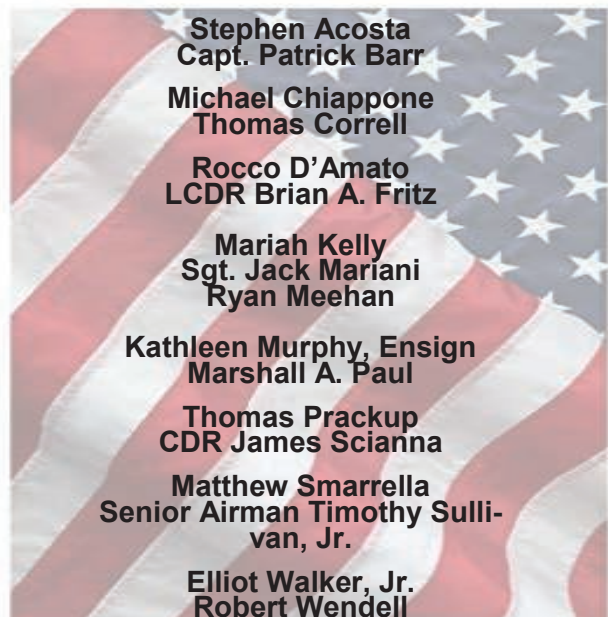
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Baby Gracie
Jacqueline Benson
Vikram Bhandari
Donna Britto
Kathleen Canarro
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
James Gunther
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
Kim Juhase
Janet & Chris Karabin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

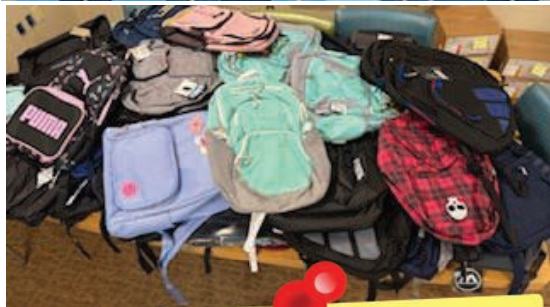
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Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
June Lentini
Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
Erasmus Signore
Cliff Smith
Carl & Kay Ullman
Joshua Vahlsing
Donald Verrilli
Karen Volpe
Vivienne Wilkinson
Rose Zarb

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
ANNUAL PARISH
COOKOUT
FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 26
6 PM in lot behind
the Parish Center**

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



Thanks to you and to the Our Lady of Fatima community for once again supporting the Wilton Social Services Back to School program by providing backpacks for 30 children and \$1800 in gift cards for families to purchase school supplies for their children. I am so grateful that year after year for many years you have taken on this project and the OLF congregation has responded with such generosity.

Lauren Hughes



Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 1 for Labor Day and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2.

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

BANNS II

Alyssa Rubsam & Oliver Pflieger



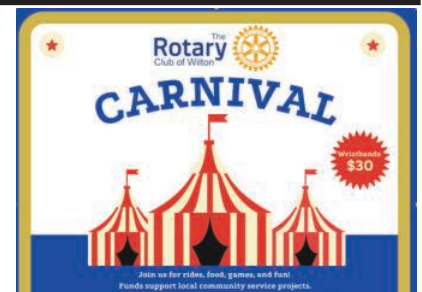
BANNS III

Tara Downey & Johnny Davis



**SUMMERTIME
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**
PLEASE NOTE that during THE SUMMER we will have Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for one hour after the 9 a.m. Mass Friday, **September 5.**

Support the Wilton Rotary Carnival coming soon.



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
Mass: Sunday 4:30pm**

Faith FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Only two weeks until the sixth through eighth graders begin their 2025-26 Faith

Formation classes! Please remember that class starts with 4:30 Mass, so we expect all middle school students to attend that Mass on scheduled class dates. Students will be dismissed at 6:30 and meet their parents in the church parking lot.

We will see the first through fifth graders on September 21 at the 9:30 Mass after which the children will move to the school for class until 11:30. Parents should pick up their children at the classroom door.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE NOT ABLE TO REGISTER ANY CHILD ON CLASS DAYS.

All books will be distributed in the classrooms on the first morning/evening of class. If your child is absent, please call Kathleen or Alison at 203-762-9080 to arrange a time to pick up the book before the next session.

Please refer to the Faith Formation Handbook throughout the year for meeting dates, absence policy, requirements, and other pertinent information.

SHARING OUR FAITH



OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process through which non-Catholic adults explore the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. If you know a person who is interested in learning more about our faith, please contact Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) for information on first steps to take. We welcome all inquirers!

Many non-practicing Catholics may be wondering what steps they need to take to return to the Church. They should know that our loving Lord always welcomes back with open arms those who have been "away." The first step would be to go to confession at any Catholic Church. There you can discuss what has kept you away and what concerns still linger. Then start attending Mass again. Read the Bible and reflect on the message. Most importantly, remember that you are not alone. Your local parish community is here to help you, and our heavenly Father will guide you.



The Music Ministry is looking for new members!

Please e-mail or call

**Daniel dalasuvanto@olfwilton.org
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**Children's Choir - Grades 1-5
Thursday Rehearsals at 4:30**

Rehearsal: Sunday 9am

Mass: Sunday 9:30am

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Pope Leo and the Virtue of Humility

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It was a relatively minor event that took place on the afternoon of Sunday June 1. Pope Leo XIV, who had just finished celebrating a Mass for 70,000 people gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Jubilee of Families, from children to grandparents. But now it was time for him to relax and have a scheduled lunch with friends for a special occasion. It was the 70th birthday party of an old friend, the head of the Augustinian Order, a post the pope himself had once held. It was at their world headquarters only a block away.

Security demanded the pope ride an SUV, and it arrived with no fanfare. His Augustinian hosts greeted Leo; and then with a quick wave to the video photographer, the pope entered the building. Nobody else was around. But I noted Pope Leo's humility in that brief incident. No ceremony with a squad of monsignors in tow. It was one man joining his longtime friend at the friend's home.

It may not always be obvious where humility ranks among the virtues. Suffice it to say it is tops with the Trinity, holy as they are. All the holy people we know, beginning with our Blessed Mother Mary, had it as part of their nature.

In today's Gospel, humility is being talked about out loud and clear in the lesson Our Lord teaches the guests at another dinner party in another house long ago,

Let's be clear. Humility is not denial of the obvious. Often such denial takes place when we're complimented for some reason or another. Do you recall a scene in many old Hollywood westerns? The hero gets praise from the pretty girl for his skill at riding the bucking bronco. Then he shyly replies, "Aw shucks, Ma'am, 'twere'nt nuttin'." Actually our young cowboy is wrong. What he did was something; something done well.



You see, humility is truth. The root of the word itself is "humus", or "dirt." We are nothing more than dust but created from it by a loving God. That's the great lesson for us on Ash Wednesday.

Besides Our Lady of Good Counsel, another of Pope Leo XIV's models is St. Augustine, the guide of the Augustinian community of which he is a member. Here is one of that saint's appropriate insights from a long-ago conversation.

A certain public speaker asked the saint one day what was the chief rule of eloquence? Augustine replied, "Delivery." "Ah, but what is the second rule?" Again, the saint replied "Delivery." "Then what is the third?" "Delivery." came the reply. But then Augustine changed the subject. He said, "Sir, were you to ask me concerning the precepts of the Christian religion, first, second, third, and always, I would only answer this one way: Humility, humility and humility."

God love you and give you His peace.



Let us welcome into
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Family

Greg and Andrea Condron

John, Nancy, Caroline, John and Grant Moore
Lawrence, Bridget, Genevieve and Joseph Hughes

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The staff, volunteers, moms, and babies send their heartfelt gratitude for the generous in-kind gift of garden produce.
The mothers and babies have enjoyed the fresh produce from the garden.
Thank you to Kathleen Rooney and her volunteers in the "Growing for Good" garden.



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.*



Sunday, Sept. 7, 2025, the Church will canonize two inspiring young saints: **Carlo Acutis**, the first Millennial Saint and **Pier Giorgio Frassati**, "The Man of the Beatitudes."

Witness the Canonization Mass from St. Peter's Square in Rome. Watch live on September 7 at **3:00AM ET** or catch the replay at **6:00 PM ET** on your local cable/satellite provider, the [EWTN App](http://EWTN.com), streaming devices, or at EWTN.com. Available in English and Spanish.

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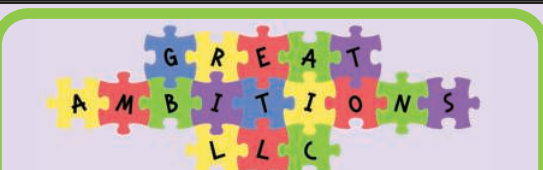
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