

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
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Twenty-Third Sunday in
Ordinary Time
September 6, 2026



a day of
national tribute
to the
contributions
workers have
made to the
strength,
prosperity, and
well-being of our
great country

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday Sept. 7 (Labor Day)

PH 9 a.m. †Vincenzo Trichilo

Tuesday Sept. 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

PH 12:15 p.m. †Lesko Family

Wednesday Sept. 9 (St. Peter Claver)

VP 9 a.m. Collective Intentions

Thursday Sept. 10

VP 12:15 p.m. †Margaret D. Moriarity

Friday Sept. 11

PH 9 a.m. † 9-11 Victims

Saturday Sept. 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary)

PH 8 a.m. †Maria Andriano

VP 4:30 p.m. †Carmelo Tomas

Sunday Sept. 13 (Twenty- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

PH 8 a.m. †Jane Colihan

PH 9:30 a.m. †Peggy Sullivan

VP 11 a.m. †Anthony Francisco

PH 4:30 p.m. †Ronald Calabrese

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Cheryl Littlefield**, wife of David. May Christ, Our Savior, grant her everlasting rest.



**This week's readings for September 6,
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time #919 A**
First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

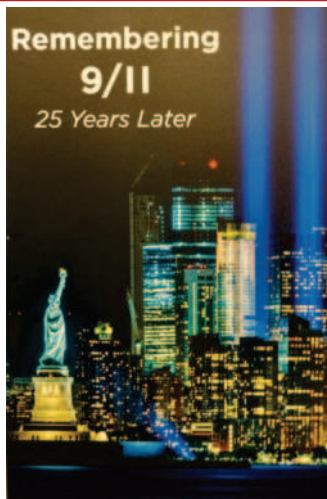
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sept. 7

7pm

Mahjong

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SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL SERVICE will be held before the 9 am Mass (8:30 am) on **Friday, Sept. 11** out side by the memorial. Please join the OLF Knights of Columbus and the OLF Parish families. We especially remember on this the 25th anniversary our former parishioners:

Edward Fergus, Peter Fry, John Henwood, John Iskyan, Edward York, Tyler Ugolyn. We keep in our prayers parishioners who had relatives who were lost on that day as well as all the victims of 9-11.



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

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4:30 p.m. \$1,224.74		Sunday Aug. 30
8 a.m. \$1,696.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$6,591.74 80
9:30 a.m. \$1,466.00	Online Giving Online users	\$3,186.00 92
11 a.m. \$1,000.00	TOTALS	\$9,777.74
4:30 p.m. \$870.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,966.00
Mail \$335.00	Shortfall	\$4,188.26

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We welcome the newly Baptized into
the family of

Our Lady of Fatima Parish:

Ella Mae Politano

Congratulations to her parents, family, and friends.



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.



Please Pray For Our Military

Stephen Acosta
Michael Chiappone
Thomas Correll

Rocco D'Amato
LCDR Brian A. Fritz

Sgt. Jack Mariani
Ryan Meehan

Kathleen Murphy, Ensign
Marshall A. Paul

Thomas Prackup
Arnie Rey
CDR James Scianna

Matthew Smarella
Senior Airman Timothy Sullivan, Jr.

Elliot Walker, Jr.
Robert Wendell

Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

Sean Allan
Baby Gracie
Jacqueline Benson
Donna Britto
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Greg Cottone
Mia Cunningham
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
James Gunther
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
John Kealy
Special Intention
Jack Kelly

Mackenzie Keogh
June Lentini
Baby Evelyn Minchin
Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
Erasmus Signore
Cliff Smith
Jennifer Smith
Carl & Kay Ullman
Joshua Vahlsing
Donald Verrilli
Karen Volpe
Emily Wilkinson
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



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!



PARISH BIBLE STUDY

Please join our Bible Study this September.

We start up again on September 15th at 6:30 in the Conference Room. No need to sign up. We provide the book. Open to ALL.



PIZZA PARTY MEETING

for the High School Youth Group will be held on Sunday, September 27th from 6:30-7:30pm in the OLF Parish Center (room attached to Church) if completed—if not Office Conference room. All teens, including Freshmen, new students, and those who've never participated in youth group before, are invited. Join us for brainstorming, planning, and implement various programs & activities for you and your peers and have fun while doing it!



Blessing of your backpacks will take place at the 9:30 Mass on September 13.



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Growing for Good Update

Late August continued to bring all the bounties of nature to our Growing For Good garden. As we harvest tomatoes, squashes, peppers, beans, and the last of the red Russian kale, we watch as winter squashes, pumpkin, corn, and turkey crow beans grow plentifully. The summer lettuce bed has given way to a new planting of hardy arugula.

So far this year we have harvested well over 250 pounds for distribution to the Thomas Merton Family Center of Catholic Charities in Bridgeport. Poundage is an imperfect measurement of vastly varying vegetable, so to put it in perspective, that represent a gift of thousands of dollars on behalf of our parish to those who are fed in our Diocese. This is a drop in the bucket to the needs we have to assist those who suffer with food insecurity for themselves and their family, but we are proud to be a part of the effort.

As always, if you would like to get involved in anyway for the remainder of this season or at the beginning of next, please contact Kathy Rooney at [203-762-8053](tel:203-762-8053) or roonskath@gmail.com

Thank you to all who supported the Stop & Shop Blooming for Good program which donated \$90 to our garden last month. This will be put to winterizing needs.

FAITH FORMATION



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. Pickup 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. Pickup 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!



NEW THIS YEAR

We are having a Pumpkin Patch as a fundraiser this year. Not only will it build community among us—it will raise money that will help offset the reconstruction of the Parish Center.

More information will be forthcoming—but if you are looking for something to do to help—we can always use volunteers. Please call the office if you'd like to help. 203-762-3928.



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Christian Tough Love

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Long before Labor Day became known as the unofficial end of summer and the vacation season, the day of the last beach barbecue and the opening of the school year, it was the one annual federal holiday that “honors the social and economic achievements of the American labor movement. It recognizes the sacrifices and contributions workers have made to build the nation’s strength, prosperity, and standard of living.”



The holiday is rooted in the harsh realities of the late 19th-century Industrial Revolution and the brutal conditions that then existed. “At the time, the average American worked 12-hour days, seven days a week, often in unsafe and unsanitary conditions, while children as young as 5 toiled in factories and mines.”

Those times are well past, although we also know that developments in artificial intelligence (AI) pose a new threat to workers. We will need new guidelines and protections. Pope Leo’s new encyclical is a very good source for the same.

All of this leads up to a consideration of the guidelines and protection Our Lord offers in the Gospel for the difficult labor of what we call “fraternal correction.”

Sometime in life, nearly all of us will face the sad event of a family member or a close friend who is slowly but surely slipping into a life-altering problem. Most often, that takes the form of some addiction, whether to alcohol, drugs, gambling (even online), food, or fame. We note its development. We want to help. We hesitate to hurt. We know we will likely face the other’s denial, anger, and strong resentment of our perceived intrusion.

That’s when we must bear in mind that such intervention is a form of that brotherly or sisterly Christian love to which fidelity to Christ compels us. It is certainly difficult, but a lot less difficult than the love the Lord has for each of us, made manifest and proven by His crucifixion and death, and so often unrequited by us sinners.

We also need to remember the spiritual strength we receive from the Holy Eucharist. St. Paul makes that declaration in his letter to the Philippians (4:13): “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

All that’s left then, for you and me, is a firm resolve to get to work, as we are doing a labor of love.

God love you and give you His strength.



Let us welcome into
Our Lady of Fatima
Parish Family
**Robert, Dominika, Greta, &
Antoni Lewandowski**
and
Lukasz, Sarah, Julian, & Olivia Dec
and
Carolyn, Michael, Mark, & John Raguzin



Do you
want to
serve
God?
Do you
want to
serve your
church?

Do you
want
to be
an altar
server?
Talk with
your
parent.

Calling 4th graders and above that would like to be an Altar Server. Training is on Sept. 22 at 4:30 pm in the Church. Please call the office to let us know if you will be joining us.



A special thank you Tracy Banahan (and her granddaughters) for making the Church entrances so beautiful with her talent. The plantings look amazing and we can't wait to see what you do with the Fall ahead. Thank you!



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



Saint David of Scotland was the son of Saint Margaret, the queen. David's religious devotion and generosity to the poor was legendary. He endowed the funding of several dioceses and many monasteries.

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