

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
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Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will
be taken away from you and given to a people
that will *produce its fruit.*

MATTHEW 21:43

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Oct. 4, 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: 9a.m. Mass ♦ Tuesday- Thursday 12:15 pm Mass
WEBSITE: OLFWILTON.ORG

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Oct. 3

PH 8 a.m. †Philip Cannella 1 yr. anniversary

PH 4:30 p.m. †Gabriel DeVito

Sunday Oct. 4 (Twenty– Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

VP 9:30 a.m. †Joan McCallip

PH 11 a.m. †Dee Nazzaro

VP 4:30 p.m. †Phyllis Tousey

Monday Oct 5 (St. Faustina Kowalska and Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos)

VP 9 a.m. †Alice Sharkey

Tuesday Oct. 6 (St. Bruno, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher)

VP 12:15 p.m. †Rene Encontre

Wednesday Oct. 7 (Our Lady of the Rosary)

VP 9 a.m. †Bernard Buisson

Thursday Oct. 8

VP 12:15 p.m. † Bernard Buisson

Friday Oct. 9 (St. Denis and Companions, St John Leonardi)

VP 9 a.m. † Bernard Buisson

Saturday Oct. 10

VP 8 a.m. †Ronald Steven Calabrese
80th birthday

VP 4:30 p.m. †Luz Marina Mora

Sunday Oct. 11 (Twenty– Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

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

PH 9:30 a.m. †Joaquim Henriques

VP 11 a.m. †Jerry & Dee Nazzaro

PH 4:30 p.m. †James “Casey” Healy
1 yr anniversary

Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Stan Steele, former principal of OLF School, and former parishioner Lawrence Sperry Mannix**. May Christ, Our Savior, grant them everlasting rest.

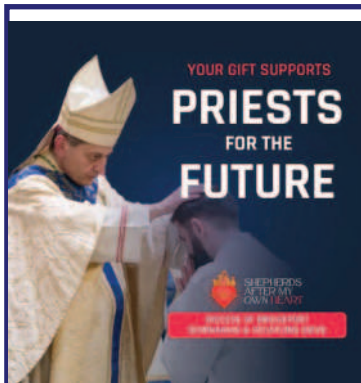
*This week's readings for Oct 4,
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time #931 A*
First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 6

10 a.m. Soup Kitchen Pickup
6:30 p.m. Bible Study

TWO Collections this weekend. Sunday and Monthly for the needs of the Parish. Thank you for your generosity.



“Priests for the Future” is the annual drive for seminarian formation and the work of the Vocation Office. For the first time in over 30 years, we now have over 40 men in formation for the priesthood, which costs approximately \$70,000 per seminarian annually.

Thankfully, nearly 80% of this cost has been funded by gifts of generous parishioners over the last two years. Our parish endorsement of the Seminarian & Vocation Drive is essential to the formation of our priests and the future of our diocese. Appeal weekend is Oct. 10/11. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY WEEKEND Oct. 3 and 4

All Sunday Masses will use the Votive Mass of Our Lady of the Rosary. The homily will reflect on the place that Our Lady plays in our lives as Christians. It will explain the power of the Rosary as a prayer of the heart, pleasing to God. Prayer cards are available at the Church doors.



Holy Matrimony

CONGRATULATIONS TO

MaryJane LaSala and Chris Hattar

who were recently married

Wedding Banns

BANNS I

Jillian Lynch & Bobby Mylod, Jr.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH



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	Sunday Sept. 27
Collection Envelopes used	\$8,374.17 90
Online Giving Online users	\$2,625.00 82
TOTALS	\$10,999.17
<i>Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses</i>	<i>\$13,966.00</i>
Shortfall	\$2,966.83



\$928.00
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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
Emily Duclos
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
James Gunther
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
John Kealy
Special Intention
Jack Kelly
Mackenzie Keogh
Marion Kistinger

June Lentini
Baby Evelyn Minchin
Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Alex Rose
Megan Sadlier-Brown
Ron Sands
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Erasmus Signore
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Jennifer Smith
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Carl & Kay Ullman
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Donald Verrilli
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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.

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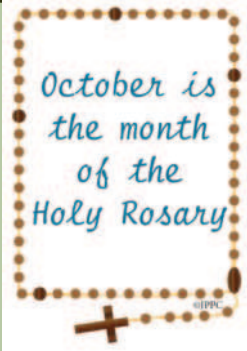
Commit to praying the rosary...

Do you ever sit down to pray and feel like your thoughts are all over the place? Do you find it hard to settle down? Starting your prayer time with the rosary is such a helpful way to quiet the mind and move into a new rhythm.

October is the month of the rosary, and I am committed to praying it like never before. Mary is our mother, and she will fight for us with all she's got. She can see how the enemy loves to go after us. She's wise to his tricks because he's gone after her, too. The enemy hates Mary because he can't stand the fact that a young girl's humble yes is what set off the chain of events that defeated him.

"Who is this that looks forth like the dawn, fair as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as an army with banners?" (Song of Songs 6:10).

It's our Mama Mary, and she will always show up for us.



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

Riley Adams

Congratulations to her parents, family, and friends.



Let us welcome into

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family

Scott, Kristina & Bradley Hagen

Thomas, Kathryn, Liam & Theodora Lewis

Matthew, Eileen, Colette, Kieran & Mairéad Kehoe

Nick, Samuel, Sophie & Sutton Stieber

Mary, Eric & Greyson Bohnenstiel

John, Lizzy & Ellie Coursen



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for "Coats For Kids Drive" which is a charitable initiative that collects and distributes warm winter coats

to children in need, to ensure they stay warm and healthy during the colder months, particularly for families facing financial hardship. They will be at the Church doors the weekends of **October 17/18th** and **October 24/25th** where they will be collecting after each Mass.



Girls in their tween/teen years are filled with questions. They have doubts, they desire clarification, and they want to share their thoughts in a space that will allow them to build a personal, meaningful relationship with God. BLAZE provides a safe place for this growth. The mission of BLAZE is to use Scripture to speak truth into the hearts of

young girls who are bombarded by lies about their true worth and beauty. Our Lady of Fatima will again be offering BLAZE this fall! Girls in **5th through 8th grade** will meet weekly for 6 sessions in the OLF Parish Center. **High school girls** will meet once a month through May. Sign your daughter up for BLAZE or learn more by contacting **Maggie Kelly** at kmaggiechris@gmail.com. You can learn more at walkingwithpurpose.com/blade.

4TH ANNUAL FATIMA FAMILY

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 24

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LIVE MUSIC

Praying the Rosary
By tradition, the Catholic Church dedicates each month to a certain devotion. The month of October is dedicated to the Rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions that includes the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7). The best way to celebrate the month is, of course, to pray the Rosary. This October, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray the Rosary daily for peace in our world and to be faithful instruments of reconciliation in our daily lives.

FAITH FORMATION



There are no Faith Formation classes next Sunday, October 11. The elementary students (grades 1-5) will meet for Mass and class on October 18.



Reminder: First Reconciliation Parent meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 6:00 PM, in the church. Details will be discussed, books will be distributed, and there will be time for questions. Children are welcome but not required to attend.

SHARING OUR FAITH

If you are ever asked by inactive Catholics, "How do I return to my faith?" Assure them that our loving God is longing for their return, regardless of the amount of time they have been away. Then encourage them to make an appointment with a priest for confession and a discussion of any concerns or questions. Encourage them to start going to Mass again to re-join their church family. Be God's instrument in helping someone come back to the faith!



There are many non-Catholic adults who have Catholic spouses or family members, and may even attend Mass with them. Invite someone you know in this situation to come to an inquiry meeting. This is an opportunity to ask questions and share their faith stories. No obligation, just a chance to see if they would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please email Kathleen Rooney for the date of our next gathering. (krooney@olfwilton.org)



Wi-Act's Rise Against Hunger Meal-Packaging Event is on Saturday, October 17th at WEPCO!

It's time to package those meals that provide lifegiving sustenance wherever the need is greatest at the time of our Event!

This year, the Event will be packaging its **2-millionth meal** (about 2/3rds of the way through the day), and Wi-Act is going for 190,000 meals this year (up from

150,000 meals last year) and is adding a fifth shift to make that record number possible.

You can choose your shift time by going to the link for OLF listed below. Shifts are from 9-11 am, 11-1 pm, 1-3 pm, 3-5 pm, and 5-7 pm. However, the 3-5 pm shift will have principally a youth focus (though children and youth are welcome on all shifts, of course).

Children as young as 7 can register with their parents, and youth 13 and up can register on their own.

You will have a great time working to lively music, knowing that what you are doing is lifesaving for the children to whom these meals will be served in educational settings where they can be nourished in mind as well as in body.

This is a great opportunity for those who need service hours. Join the many volunteers who will be doing a work of mercy on October 17! OLF link for adults and youth to sign up is

<https://signup.com/go/gGhLdoR>

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Niscia Todd

Jen Vonella

Kate McDonald

Reflecting On a Parable

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Long before laptops and smartphones ruled our days and our data, any delightfully special, happy, or remarkably memorable day was called a “red letter day.” It referred to any momentous occasion that stood out in your life, such as your birthday, graduation, wedding, or a major career milestone.

The phrase dates back to the Middle Ages. Priests and monks creating Church calendars and illuminated manuscripts used black ink for ordinary weekdays. To make important holy days, saints’ feast days, and other festivals stand out, they highlighted them in bright red ink.

Over time, the term “red letter day” deteriorated into cynicism and therefore came to describe a very bad day. For the nation of ancient Israel, that would certainly include the Day of the Lord, or Judgment Day. In the context of today’s parable, that would happen in 70 A.D., when the Romans destroyed their one Temple in the storied City of Jerusalem. Not joyful at all and very much the destruction of a great nation.

The parable Our Lord tells us today is all about how destruction of any kind happens. The Jews thought of it in the context of both their personal and national lives. For us, it is mainly personal, involving how our future will turn out, based on our faithfulness to God here and now.

That is more than a fit subject for reflection. To do it right, we have to shut down, as much as we can, all those distractions that fill our waking hours. Things like our phones. A good time to do it would be at night, just before or right after we turn off our bedside lamp. Imagining a video of our day, were we faithful to our common calling as disciples of Jesus? In less electronic imagery, would our day be printed in black or red ink? Black for an average return to God for His love. Red for a special heartfelt version by way of something we said or did for someone else.

The wicked farmers in Our Lord’s story thought it was perfectly moral to steal the vineyard from its rightful owner, even if the job required his murder. One suspects their nighttime “replay” would have been upsetting, at least, if not frightening. But that’s not our worry. The personal is.

Here is an exaggerated illustration of what can happen to a widowed lady who evidently rarely examined her conscience and apparently never had a red letter day:

Surprised to see an empty seat at the Super Bowl stadium, a die-hard fan remarked about it to the woman seated nearby. “It was my husband’s,” the woman explained. “But he died.”

“I’m very sorry,” said the man. “Yet I’m really surprised that another relative or friend didn’t jump at the chance to take the seat reserved for him.”

“Beats me,” she said. “They all insisted on going to the funeral.”

God love you and make good choices this week.

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.

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.

Check out the signup genius to look for a shift that will work.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/24307AA1A621A7163-65883864-pumpkin>





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. Bruno was born in Cologne and studied at the Cathedral in Rheims. He was ordained in 1055 and became a professor of theology. He was one of the most remarkable scholars and teachers of his time. He and six companions built a monastery and founded the Carthusians order in 1084. They embraced poverty, manual labor, prayer and transcribing manuscripts.



Their fame spread and Bruno became an advisor to the Pope.

After 6 years he founded St. Mary's monastery in Calabria. He passed away in 1101.

St. Bruno Feast Day: Oct. 6



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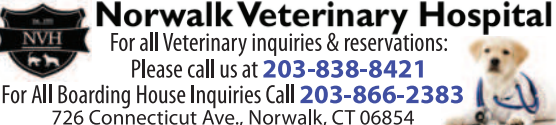
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