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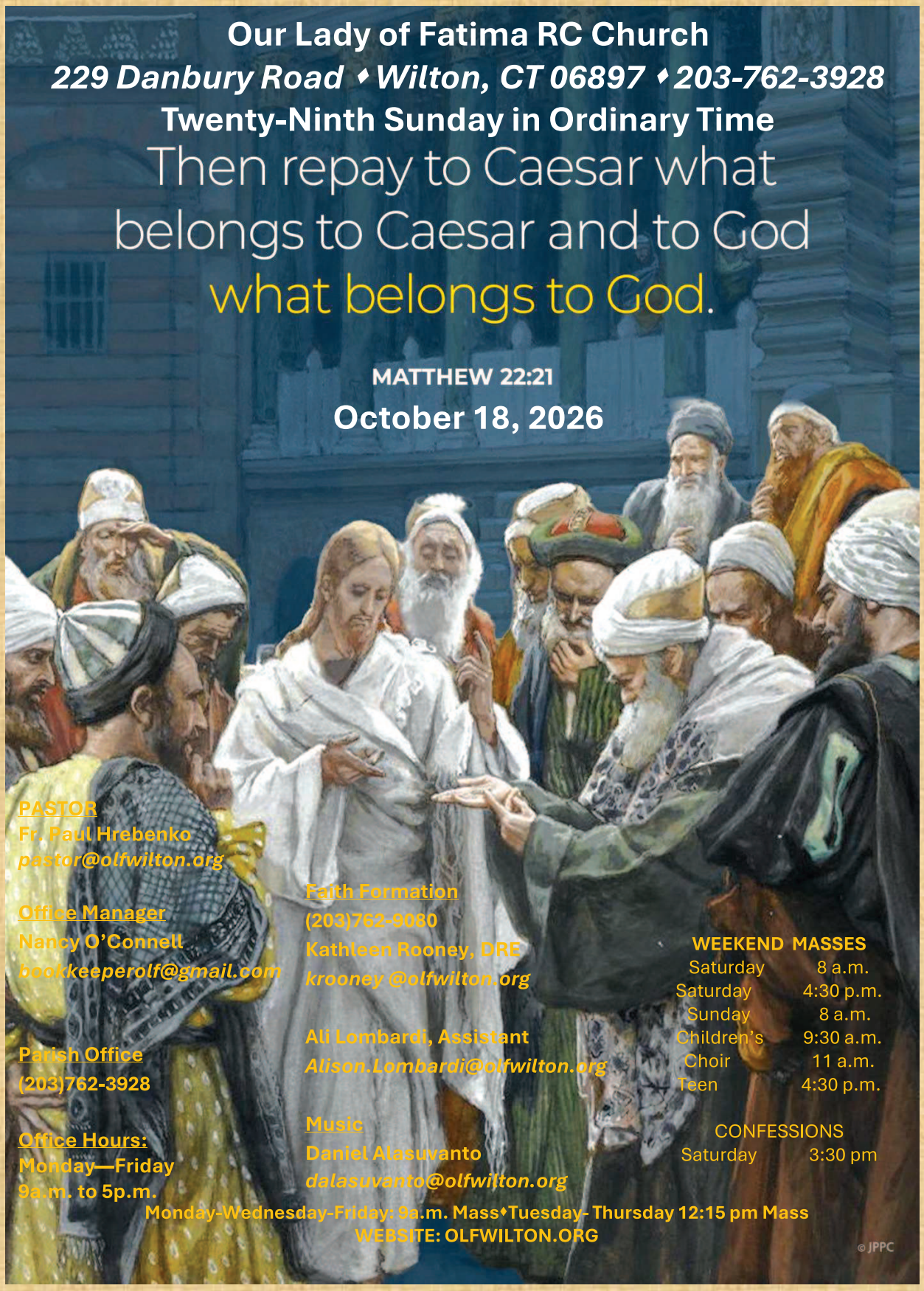
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Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.

MATTHEW 22:21

October 18, 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 pm

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

	Saturday	**Oct. 17** (St. Ignatius of Antioch)
PH	8 a.m.	✞Collective Intentions
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞Olga Montoya
	Sunday	**Oct. 18** (Twenty– Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
PH	8 a.m.	✞All Parishioners Living & Deceased
PH	9:30 a.m.	✞Paul Guarniere
VP	11 a.m.	✞Antonio DiStasio 1 yr. anniversary
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞Vincent Bufano 5 yr anniversary
	Monday	**Oct. 19** (Ss. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues)
PH	9 a.m.	✞Anthony & Rose Galasso
	Tuesday	**Oct. 20** (St. Paul of the Cross)
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞Paul Edward Sullivan 1 yr anniversary
	Wednesday	**Oct. 21**
PH	9 a.m.	✞Pat & Gerri Gilberti
	Thursday	**Oct. 22** (St. John Paul II)
VP	12:15 p.m.	✞ Phillip Catugno 1 yr anniversary
	Friday	**Oct. 23** (St. John of Capistrano)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Jennie Campos
	Saturday	**Oct. 24** (St. Anthony Mary Claret)
VP	8 a.m.	✞Jairo Restrepo
PH	4:30 p.m.	Britto Family
	Sunday	**Oct. 25** (Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time)
VP	8 a.m.	✞Karin Venditti 6 yr anniversary
VP	9:30 a.m.	✞All Parishioners Living & Deceased
PH	11 a.m.	✞Marie A. Beltrami 1 yr. anniversary
PH	4:30 p.m.	✞Nick Zinicola

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Sandy Mumbach**, wife of Peter. May Christ, Savior, grant her everlasting life.*



This week's readings for Oct. 18
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time #937-A
First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 18	Coats for Kids	All Masses
Oct. 19	7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
Oct. 20	10 :00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Pickup Spiritual Break Bible study
Oct. 21	6:30 p.m.	Columbiettes
Oct. 24	5:30 p.m.	OctoberFest

Today's second collection is **the World Mission Sunday** collection. This year's theme, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, invites us to discover the profound unity we share in Christ through the sacraments of initiation and how that Christian identity is meant to overflow into personal involvement to bring all peoples into communion with Jesus. Please be generous.



The Knights of Columbus are hosting coffee & donuts Oct. 18 after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH



	Sunday Oct. 11	Seminarian Oct. 11
Collection # of envelopes	$5,799.00 95	$1,092.00
Online Giving # online users	$3,974.00 97	
Total	$9,773.00	
Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	$13,966.00	
Shortfall	$4,193.00	

Same Week Previous Year Offertory: $7,563.50
Online: $3,480.00
Total: $11,043.50



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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Elliot Walker, Jr.
Robert Wendell

Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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Baby Gracie
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Donna Britto
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Greg Cottone
Mia Cunningham
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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

COATS FOR KIDS

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 this weekend of **October 17/18th** and **October 24/25th** where they will be collecting after each Mass.

Scan to donate

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



Christian Anthony Romano

Congratulations to his parents, family, and friends.

Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Meetings are monthly in the Parish Center at 7:30 PM for one hour. The Knights are a very active volunteer group that help out the Parish in many ways. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may attend any meeting or request further info from Dave Flynn, Grand Knight at: WiltonKnightsOfColumbus@gmail.com. Next meeting is **Oct. 19.**

Spiritual Break Group
Next meeting is on October 20 at 10:30 in the Parish Conference Room. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. If you have any questions or would like more information: please call or email Ann Scozzafava at 203.858.1867 or annscozz99@gmail.com.

Our Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the 4:30 Mass. We will be remembering all that have passed away this past year. Many families forget that Halloween was originally a Catholic feast day honoring the memory of those who have gone before. Unfortunately, the modern celebration of the holiday focuses on death and horror - not the holy souls who need our prayers.

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Jullian Lynch & Bobby Mylod, Jr.

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The Columbiettes are a Catholic women's organization dedicated to Faith, Hope, and Charity. Members work to promote spiritual, social, and charitable welfare, supporting churches, and community projects. Open to Catholic women 18 years or older. Next meeting **October 21 in the Parish Conference Room.**

Reminder to all Readers and EMHC to make sure you are current in LEAD. If you can't remember, please call the office and Nancy will help you. As always, we thank you for your support and dedication to our Parish.

CANNED & non-perishable FOOD DRIVE

Our Teen Youth Group had a great meeting and will be collecting Thanksgiving staples like boxed or canned nonperishables to donate to the Wilton Food Pantry. Please consider bringing an item to Church over the weekends of Oct. 31st and Nov. 7th. Boxes will be at the Church doors and the last day to drop off is Nov. 8th. Next meeting is 3:30 in the Conference Room on Nov. 8th (before Mass & class).

FAITH FORMATION



Next Sunday, October 25, both elementary and middle school students will attend Mass and class at their usual time.

Thank you to all our Faith Formation students and families, as well as other parishioners, who volunteered at the Rise Against Hunger event. Many hungry children throughout the world will be fed. We will post details soon after the meals are shipped.

Parents of children in grades one through five: Watch your email this week for registration to participate in the Children's Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00. If your child is not part of the Faith Formation program, you may call the office (203-762-9080) for a form. We look forward to this joyful Mass as the children celebrate the birth of Jesus!

SHARING OUR FAITH

If you know a Catholic person who has not attended Mass or received the sacraments for quite a while, please 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. Be God's instrument in bringing people back to church!

There are people in our midst who are curious about the Catholic Church but are not sure what to do or whom to approach with their questions. Encourage people you know in this situation to contact Kathleen Rooney or a priest to learn about a process within the Church made especially for them---OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults). Contact information is on the cover of the Church bulletin.

Bishop Frank Teaches the Faith: A New Animated Series for Children and Families



Bishop Frank Teaches the Faith, a new weekly series from the Institute for Catholic Formation, introduces young children and their families to a different topic of the Catholic faith each week through short, colorful episodes, two to three minutes in length. The first ten episodes are now available and a new episode will drop every Friday.

"Every generation of the Church is called to find new and creative ways to proclaim the Gospel," said Bishop Caggiano. "Our children are growing up in a world shaped by digital media, and we have an extraordinary opportunity to enter that world with them and introduce them more deeply to Jesus Christ and the beauty of our Catholic faith."
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Help share the Jesus Story on Mission Sunday ***Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***



The greater the dislike of a person, the stronger the motivation to defeat him or at least thwart his forward progress. The collaboration of the Pharisees and Herodians, who represent opposite political views, reveals the extreme measures they take to eliminate Jesus.

T o trap Him. The Pharisees were Jewish nationalists opposed to Rome's occupation and rule over Palestine. The Herodians were supporters of Roman rule and sympathetic to the Herodian dynasty. If Jesus opposed the tax, the Herodians could charge Him with treason for instigating a tax revolt against Rome. If Jesus approved of it, the Pharisees would charge Him with being unfaithful to Judaism and its hopes of national independence.

Jesus beautifully evades the intended trap with a subtle and riddle-like response. His words have several implications. He plays on the word "likeness." Caesar's coins could be given back to him in taxes without religious compromise. He minted the coins with his own image, and they were therefore his property. But even Caesar, created in God's "image," has the duty of giving himself back to God.

Jesus' answer turns the trap back on them. He hints that taxation is the result of their own sins. Had Israel been giving God His due, they would not have been subjected to the oppression of Roman rule.

So, in the end, Our Lord affirms the rightness of fulfilling one's civil duties while emphasizing one's primary duty of serving God. Matthew compliments the Master in his conclusion to the whole incident: "When they heard it (the rendering to Caesar and to God), they marveled, and they left him and went away."

"They marveled." The question arises: Do we marvel at Jesus? Or have we slid into another kind of trap, namely that of complacency?

This Mission Sunday is a call to wake up to our obligation as followers of Jesus to spread the word about Him to a waiting world that doesn't even recognize its need of Him and His wisdom. We do it in many ways, the most common of which is our lifestyle.

Inherent in our duty is the obligation to help those valiant men and women who have given their lives for the effort through our prayerful and material support. There are millions still who have not heard the Jesus story. They need to marvel at what they hear. We reach out to them with optimism.

Once upon a time, a shoe salesman, upon finding out that in his new territory no one wore shoes, wrote his company and said, "Don't send any shoes, because no one here wears them." Another salesman in the same territory wrote the company and said, "Send all the shoes you've got; nobody here has any." God love you and bless your mission.





Have You Visited Lately?

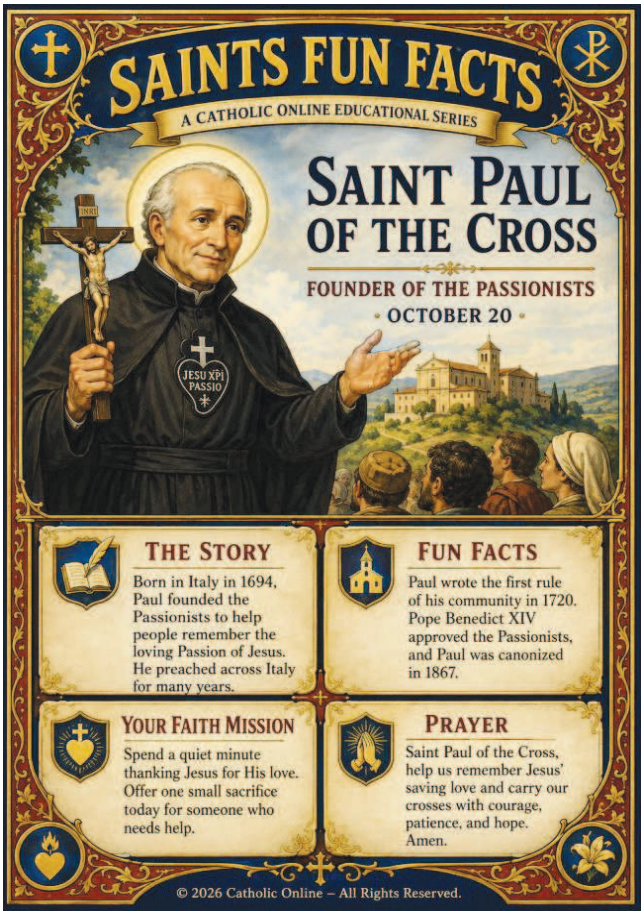
It's **six years** since Bishop Frank Caggiano came to Our Lady of Fatima parish on Aug. 15, 2020 to bless and dedicate our Philip Tai Lauria Memorial/Prayer Garden. It is inspiring to see people come by to remember in prayer family members and friends whose names have been inscribed on the granite plaques 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.

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