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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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. 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
	Monday	**Oct. 26**
PH	9 a.m.	✞Claire Davis
	Tuesday	**Oct. 27**
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞Len Couchon
	Wednesday	**Oct. 28 (Ss. Simon and Jude)**
PH	9 a.m.	✞Jon Winston Williams
	Thursday	**Oct. 29**
VP	12:15 p.m.	✞ Phil Steinberg 2 yr anniversary
	Friday	**Oct. 30**
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Mary Ann Walsh
	Saturday	**Oct. 31**
VP	8 a.m.	✞Carmela Caratozzolo
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞Mass of Remembrance
	Sunday	**Nov. 1(Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time All Saints Day)**
	8 a.m.	✞All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	9:30 a.m.	✞Carole DiGiovanni
	11 a.m.	✞Marie A. Beltrami
	4:30 p.m.	✞Eugene Ferguson

Parish Center is now open! All meeting can resume usage unless changed at the office.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of ***Karen Boehme****, wife of Jeff. May Christ, Our Savior, grant her everlasting life.*



This week's readings for Oct. 25
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time #940-A
First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oct. 25	Coats for Kids	All Masses
Oct. 26	7:00 p.m.	Walking With Purpose
Oct. 27	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Mahjong



Thank you to the volunteers that helped unload the massive truck of pumpkins. That's only a small group but they did an amazing job. And to Pat Russo coming to the rescue blowing out the truck!

Did you see our beautiful new votive stand for 3 day candles?
They are $5.00 each.

We will continue our decal 7 day candle as well.



The Memorare
Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

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	Sunday Oct. 18	World Mission
Collection # of envelopes	$6,231.15 86	$1,321.00 37
Online Giving # online users	$3,776.00 96	$58.00 2
Total	$10,007.15	$1,379.00
Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	$13,966.00	
Shortfall	$3,958.85	

Same Week Previous Year Offertory: $7,955.00
Online: $3,880.00
Total: $11,835.00

Let Us Pray For Those Who Serve... Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Praying for Our Men and Women in Service – We give our sincere thanks and appreciation to all veterans who have served their country. We continue to pray for our loved ones who are currently serving in the armed forces, whether they are stationed overseas or in the United States. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



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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Thomas Prackup
Arnie Rey
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Matthew Smarrella
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
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Greg Cottone
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

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 24/25th** where they will be collecting after each Mass.

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



Bradley Alexander Hagen
And
John Michael Raguzin

Congratulations to their parents, family, and friends.



Let us welcome into Our Lady of Fatima Family

Peter & Patricia Cottrell

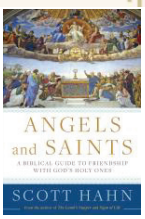
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Our Mass of Remembrance will be celebrated on Saturday, Oct. 31 at the 4:30 Mass. We will be remembering all that have passed away this past year.

Many families forget that Halloween was originally a Catholic feast day honoring the memory of those who have gone before. Let us remember our departed loved ones.



Our next Mom's Book Club meeting will be held on Nov. 19th at 7:00pm. We'll be discussing the book Angels and Saints: The Power and Glory of Our Heavenly Hosts by Scott Hahn.





Our Teen Youth Group 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).** If you have any questions, please reach out to Mrs. Todd nisiatodd@yahoo.com or the Parish Office 203-762.3928.

Growing for Good Autumn Update



October has been all about the 3 sisters: corn, beans, and pumpkins, grown in the traditional symbiotic fashion used by the peoples who originally inhabited this land. We had a wonderful crop of each, producing a tremendous amount of late food produce to supply to those in need. While the other summer fruits have been exhausted, our leafy greens are still producing, so we continue some small harvests and deliveries to the Thomas Merton Family Center in Bridgeport, adding to what we have already tallied for this year, which was over 500 pounds of fresh, organically grown vegetables. We are grateful for God's bounty and the gift of land, sunshine, and rain which allows us to participate in its nurture. Please contact Kathy Rooney: 203-762-8053 or text 203-247-3611 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION



Next Sunday, November 1, the elementary school Faith Formation students will gather at the 9:30 Mass and attend class following Mass.

Reminder to parents of May 2027 Confirmation candidates: The yellow Confirmation registration and contract form is due TODAY, October 25. Please be sure to submit this so your son/daughter will be on the list of those to receive the sacrament.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Our parish extends an open-hearted invitation to anyone who has stopped attending Sunday Mass for a few months, several years, or longer. Your presence is missed. The Lord---like the Good Shepherd---continually calls His flock home. If life's circumstances have kept you away, know that the door is open, and there is a place for you at the Table of the Lord. If you have questions, want to talk with a priest, or are ready to return to the sacraments, please contact Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080 or krooney@olfwilton.org). You belong here!

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



Bishop Frank Caggiano 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.
https://startwithsunday.org/bfttf/

THE DIGITAL PANTRY

Welcome to **The Digital Pantry** - an online resource from the Institute for Catholic Formation that provides families with engaging, faith-based content such as games, videos, activities, and prayer resources. It is designed to help parents and children grow in their Catholic faith together in a fun, accessible, and practical way at home.
https://thedigitalpantry.org/

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

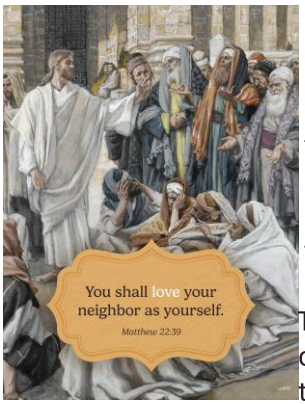
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Follow the Law: There are Only Two

Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Less than six months before the Lord called him home, a good priest friend of mine was gifted with a brand-new car by his doting sister. This was a man who had leased and re-leased his previous car several times over, so the new buggy was quite the technological advancement. He chose wisely not only to admit that fact, but also to do something practical about it. He arranged with the salesman to take two Saturday mornings in a row for tutoring on what I'll call "the mysteries of the dashboard." One way to handle the complexities of the four-wheeled gift.

The situation of our modern computer-laden cars intimidating people "of a certain age" is a common one. Being in that category myself, I depend on the generation younger than mine to solve any technical problem for me so I can drive with confidence. That was my late friend's motivation for sure.

This modern situation came to mind when I reflected on the legal complications in the ancient Hebrew world. That would certainly be irksome to ordinary folk confronted with 613 laws! Consider that fact whenever you cannot recite from memory the Ten Commandments or the Six Precepts of the Church!

Today the whole matter of the law is rendered quite simple when we learn from Our Lord that there are really only two that count: "Love God and your neighbor." That's quite a distillation! Certainly, a solid basis for knowing what to do in a given situation, although it might take some toll on the memory bank.

Consider in this context how cleverly we sinners have devised a whole rationale for our occasional bad behavior and the excuses to match. We forget that Salvation will always elude us if we keep playing games with righteous living. Those two great Commandments set the mark, and we'll meet it when we are honest with ourselves.

Here's a thought from a real "AO" (Astute Observer) who notes a fact: "The computer is a great invention. There are as many mistakes as ever, but now they're nobody's fault."

God love you and give you His peace.

Don't forget to stop by and purchase pumpkins.

We are open daily from 9 to 6!

All money will help the renovation cost of the Parish Center!

Thank you for your help and generosity.



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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.

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