Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour

MATTHEW 25:13

November 8, 2026



WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 8 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 8 a.m.
Children's Choir 9:30 a.m.
Teen 11 a.m.
4:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 pm

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MASS INTENTIONS

	Saturday	**Nov. 7**
PH	8 a.m.	✞Collective Intentions
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞Alfred Lord and Ken Smith
	Sunday	**Nov. 8** (Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time)
PH	8 a.m.	✞John Bartolomeo, Louis Gigi
PH	9:30 a.m.	✞Olga McCall
VP	11 a.m.	✞Mary Porrazzo 1 yr anniversary
PH	4:30 p.m.	✞All Parishioners Living & Deceased
	Monday	**Nov. 9** (The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Freddy McCall
	Tuesday	**Nov. 10** (St. Leo the Great)
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞ Jennie Campos
	Wednesday	**Nov. 11** (St. Martin of Tours, Veterans Day)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Nancie & Francis XJ Donelan
	Thursday	**Nov. 12** (St. Josaphat of Polotsk)
VP	12:15 p.m.	✞ Carmelo Tomas
	Friday	**Nov. 13** (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Josephine Languedoc
	Saturday	**Nov. 14**
PH	8 a.m.	✞ Andre deCoria-Souza
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞ Nick Zinicola
	Sunday	**Nov. 15** (Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)
VP	8 a.m.	✞ Kathy DeBernardis
PH	9:30 a.m.	✞ Armoruso Family
PH	11 a.m.	✞ Gladys Waldron
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞All Parishioners Living & Deceased

This week's readings for Nov. 8
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time #946

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

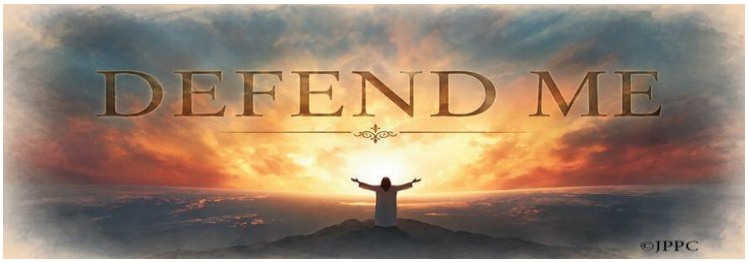
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 9	6:00 p.m.	Parish Council
Nov. 10	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Bible Study Mahjong
Nov. 11	7:00 p.m.	Blaze

This weekend we have our Mass Census count.



The Parish Office will be closed in honor of Veteran's Day, Wednesday, Nov. 11th.



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	Sunday Nov. 1	Monthly Nov.
Collection # of envelopes	$8,285.00 151	$2,965.00 60
Online Giving # online users	$2,759.33 83	$1,442.00 27
Total	$11,044.33	$4,407.00
Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	$13,966.00	$1,485.33



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.

Same Week Previous Year Offertory:
$10,208.50
Online: $ 3,815.00
Total: $14,023.50
Monthly Total Previous Year:
$ $3,815.00

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.

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Please Pray for Our Military

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Marshall A. Paul

Thomas Prackup
Arnie Rey
CDR James Scianna

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
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
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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

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



Logan Karvelis and Annelisse DeWyngaert

Congratulations to their parents, family, and friends.

Wedding Banns

BANNS III

Natalie Smith

and

Adithya Ramanathan



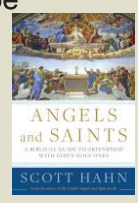
Let us welcome into Our Lady of Fatima Family

Jimmy, Laura, Charlotte, Bennett & Amelia Li



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

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. All are welcome!







November is the month dedicated to All Souls.

All Souls envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church as well as your envelope packets. If you would like to have your beloved deceased remembered in our Masses, please take an envelope and make sure you write the names of the loved ones on the envelope. The All Souls Day Envelopes will be placed on the Altar for the month of November.

"As we enter into heaven, we will see them, so many of them coming towards us and thanking us. We will ask who they are, and they will say a poor soul you prayed for in purgatory."

Archbishop Fulton Sheen



Making Time for God: Honoring the Lord's Day

In this week's Gospel (Matthew 25:1–13), Jesus reminds us of the importance of always being ready to welcome Him into our lives. Just like in this week's story, when Mia and her family made time to prepare for Grandma's visit, we too are called to make time and prepare for Jesus.

In First Witnesses' **Catholic Culture at Home**, under **Rituals**, The Importance of Downtime & Honoring the Sabbath reminds us that Sunday is the Lord's Day, a special time for worship, rest, and renewal. In our busy lives, it can be easy to fill every moment with activities and responsibilities. But setting aside time for Sunday Mass, prayer, and meaningful family time helps us keep God at the center of our lives.

By making Sunday a day for God and family, we teach our children that being ready for Jesus isn't just about waiting for Him. It's about making room for Him in our hearts and lives, every day.

For more suggestions under setting habits with meaning a purpose, see **Rituals** at First Witnesses.

https://firstwitnesses.org/rituals/



Immaculate High School is collecting any left-over candy you have from Halloween. Kindly drop it at the Parish Office.

All Ministry Heads please attend the Parish Council Meeting Monday, Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.

FAITH FORMATION



Next Sunday, November 15, the first through fifth grade Faith Formation students will attend the 9:30 Mass, followed by class at the school until 11:30. Please remember that attendance at Mass is an important part of the program.



There is still availability for children to participate in the Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:00 Mass. We especially need good readers. We are extending this opportunity to sixth graders, so please call or email Kathleen Rooney (krooney@olfwilton.org) if your sixth grader is interested, and a required registration form will be sent to you. The first rehearsal is on December 14, 4:30-5:30, in church.

SHARING OUR FAITH

If you know men and women who have been away from the church and the sacraments --for whatever reason--- and may want to take another look at the Church, please reach out to them and encourage them to contact Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or a priest to talk about first steps in returning to active practice of the faith. Many have said that they are just waiting for someone to ask them! So why not ask them today? We are not whole without them.

Any non-Catholic adult who would like to learn about the teachings and Traditions of the Catholic faith may contact a priest or Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) to learn about a process for inquirers. We would love to invite you to "Come and See" what the Catholic Church is all about. Ask questions, share your experiences, and meet those who love being Catholic!

Our OLF Youth Group at a recent "Trunk or Treat" event



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One Needs Both Intelligence and Wisdom *Reflections by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

There are conversations galore these days all about the exciting reality of "AI." When I thought about it as confined to robot technology it was fascinating enough. But as a former English teacher, I was more impressed by its ability to change the wording of an opinion piece to make it clearer for both the writer and the reader. Shakespeare himself, upon learning about it, might well change his mind and declare that "AI" is "much ado about something."

But like any new reality, there is a note of fear and suspicion. Those so inclined need to remember something I'll call "HW" for "human wisdom."

There is a world of difference between Artificial Intelligence and actual wisdom. Intelligence is "book smarts," memory retention, and knowledge of the world. Wisdom is your connection to and awareness of the world, especially of living things around you at the present time, and your decision-making.

Intelligence covers learned facts and study-based skills like history and investigation. Wisdom governs perception, insight, and survival. It enables us to resist subtle mental control. One perceptive person has observed that "Intelligence is what you know; Wisdom is what you notice."

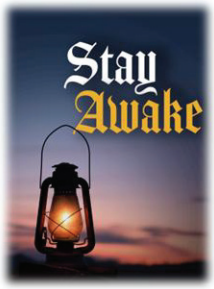
All that being said, I think it's obvious that a whole person is one who has both intelligence and wisdom. The greater the person, the more impact such a person has on other persons. Hence the attraction Jesus Christ has, now and always. The more intelligence we have about Him, the more wisdom it is to follow Him and imitate His ways.

Today's Gospel parable of the Ten Maidens is a case in point. It offers up the wisdom of being watchful when we consider that the Last Judgment is both inevitable and at a time unknown. In terms of the parable, we have to ask ourselves, "Do we have enough 'oil' in our lamps, that is, good, virtuous living, so as to greet Him happily when the time comes and He arrives as our Judge?" Put another way, "Do we have the wisdom to be ready?"

The American pastor A. W. Tozer had this to say about how we can measure our wisdom:

1. What we want the most
2. What we think about the most.
3. How we use our money
4. What we do with our leisure time
5. The company we enjoy
6. Who and what we admire
7. What we laugh at.

God love you and give you His peace.



What does it require to be a sponsor?

To be a sponsor in the context of Catholic sacraments, such as baptism or confirmation, certain requirements need to be met. The catechism of the Catholic Church does not specifically outline the requirements for sponsors, but the Code of Canon Law provides some guidance (Canons 872-874). Here are some general requirements.

1. Be a Confirmed Catholic. A sponsor must be a practicing Catholic who has received the sacrament of confirmation. This is because the sponsor is meant to assist the person being baptized or confirmed in their journey of faith.
2. Lead a Life in Harmony with the Faith. Sponsors should be actively living out their Catholic faith, attending Mass regularly and striving to follow the teachings of the Church. They should be a good example and role model for the person they are sponsoring.
3. Be at least 16 Years Old: Canon Law states that a sponsor should be at least 16 years old, unless the diocesan bishop or pastor allows an exception for a just cause.
4. Not be the Parent of the One Being Sponsored: Typically, the parent cannot also be the sponsor for their own child. The role of the sponsor is to provide additional support and guidance in the faith journey, so having a separate sponsor helps fulfill this purpose.
5. If married, that the marriage was done so in a Catholic Church.
6. Have a letter of Eligibility: in some cases, the parish may require a sponsor to provide a letter from their own parish stating that they meet the requirements to serve as a sponsor.

It's important to note that these requirements may very slightly depending on the specific policies of the diocese or parish where the sacrament is taking place.



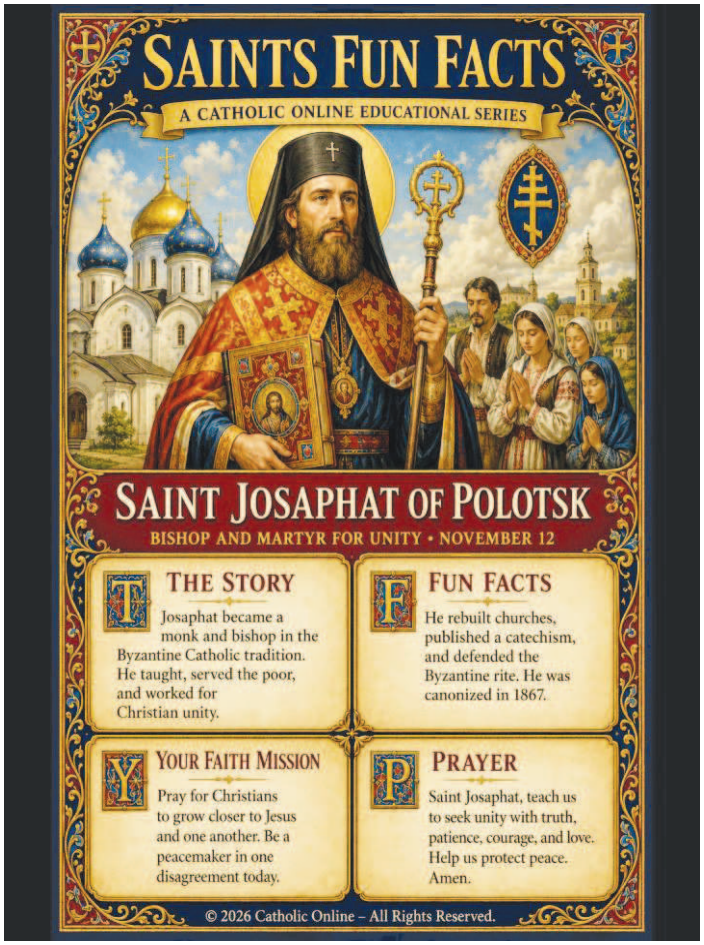
Have You Visited Lately?

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.*



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