

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up.

JOHN 2:19

November 9, 2025

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov. 8

- PH 8 a.m. ✠Patricia Greenleaf
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠John Bartolomeo, Louis Gigi, III

Sunday Nov. 9 (The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica)

- VP 8 a.m. ✠Alice G. Sharkey
PH 9:30 a.m. ✠All Parishioners Living & Deceased
PH 11 a.m. ✠Carmelo Tomas
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Connie DePalma 1 yr anniversary

Monday Nov. 10 (St. Leo the Great)

- PH 9 a.m. ✠Angela Tucciarone

Tuesday Nov. 11 (St. Martin of Tours)

- PH 12:15 p.m. ✠Walter Fritz 1 yr. anniversary

Wednesday Nov. 12 (St. Josaphat)

- VP 9:00 a.m. ✠Richard Bethel

Thursday Nov. 13 (St. Frances Xavier Cabrini)

- VP 12:15 p.m. ✠Angela Tucciarone

Friday Nov. 14

- PH 9 a.m. ✠Adelaide Niviandonki Pavelich, Mario Pavelich, Maria Aparecicia Ribeiro

Saturday Nov. 15 (St. Albert the Great)

- VP 8 a.m. ✠Kathy DeBernardis
PH 4:30 p.m. ✠John Morgan

Sunday Nov. 16 (Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

- VP 8 a.m. ✠All Parishioners Living & Deceased
VP 9:30 a.m. ✠Peggy Staack
PH 11 a.m. ✠Faris Zahrah
PH 4:30 p.m. ✠Michael Deacy

We lift up in prayer the men and women who have served our nation with honor and courage. Be near to those who have walked through the valley of War and returned bearing its burdens. Also let us remember those who served during times of peace, who kept us safe and without conflict. Bless our Veterans.

This week's readings for Nov. 9, The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica #969
First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17
Gospel : John 2:13-22

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 10	9 a.m. 6:45 p.m.	Mass and Ladies Retreat Parish Council
Nov. 11	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study Blaze
Nov. 12	12:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge Mom's Book Club
Nov. 13	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Choir

Second Collection THIS weekend for the benefit of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS). The AMS receives no funding from the U.S. Government or U.S. Military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment. Instead it must rely on the generosity of those whose values and priorities align with its mission, programs and services, to meet its costs. Please give generously. Thank you.



We are currently working on the modulators that are at the back of the school. Even though the school is rented out, we still need to maintain the buildings. The modulators were added to the school in the early 2000's and were supposed to be temporary. Well they have survived and have had minor updates to them, but now we need to address their condition.

That circle represents the rot and termite damage that has happened over the years. It was so bad that it was pulling away from the walkway.



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*Our Lady of
Fatima Parish*
Entrance Antiphon
*At the beginning of
Mass, please join
Daniel as he sings
the Entrance
Antiphon.*

*The Order of the
Mass #1 to 26*

4:30 p.m. \$2,021.00		Sun. Nov. 2	Nov. Monthly
8 a.m. \$1,554.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$10,208.50 160	\$2,031.00 58
9:30 a.m. \$1,989.00	Online Giving Online users	\$2,811.33 83	\$1,784.00 25
11 a.m. \$1,120.00	TOTALS	\$13,019.83	\$3,815.00
4:30 p.m. \$1,389.50	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,750.00	
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Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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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



November is the month dedicated to All Souls.

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

ADORATION

What it is:

A practice of spending Time in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, which is the consecrated host.

How it works:

After Mass, consecrated hosts are placed in a special holder called a monstrance for people to pray in front of.

What to do:

Spend time in personal prayer, bringing your needs, desires, or fears to Jesus, and simply being present with Him.

Significance:

This moment to adore and love Jesus, recognizing His presence in the Eucharist.

Want to give it a try? Contact Brian Highland (naturebuf@gmail.com) or the Parish Office (203.762.3928)



Our Lady's Association cordially invites all the women of the parish to attend its annual retreat day on Monday, November 10. Father Paul will give a presentation and lead a discussion. The day will include Mass, coffee, and muffins, Father's presentation and discussion, and time to reflect in the church after reciting the Rosary. Private confessions will be available. The day will conclude with lunch in the Parish center. Please advise Joyce Ploder at 762-3512 or Anne Novitsky at 762-7503 if you would like to join us for a day of prayer and companionship. All women are welcome!



Last Saturday we celebrated the lives of 21 deceased members of our parish who had passed during the year.

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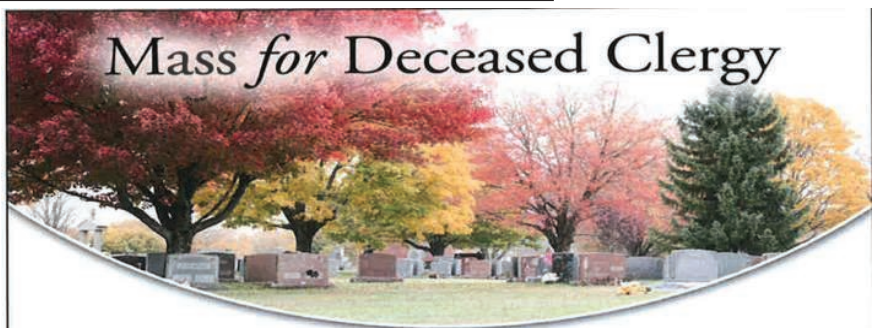


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Mass for Deceased Clergy



11:00 am | Saturday November 15, 2025

at the Cathedral Church of St. Augustine
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Most Reverend Bishop Frank J. Caggiano | Celebrant

The Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano, Bishop of Bridgeport, invites all the faithful to join in prayerful remembrance of the priests and deacons of our diocese who have completed their earthly ministry in the Lord this past year.

Together, we will give thanks for their lives of faithful service and commend them to the loving mercy of God.

All are welcome to attend this special Mass of remembrance.



FAITH FORMATION

Next Sunday, November 16, both the elementary and the middle school Faith Formation students will meet for Mass and class at their usual times. On that day, we have a special request of our Faith Formation families. Our parish has adopted 19 families from St. Charles and St. George Church in Bridgeport. These families are in need of help to make Christmas special. If you are able and willing, please help us make Christmas merry for them. There will be tags on each classroom door with an item requested by a family. When you drop off or pick up your children on November 16, please take a tag or two. It's a great way to teach our children to help the needy. Let your children be a part of this opportunity by allowing them to select the item requested or accompanying you to purchase it and return it to the Parish Center. All items should be returned UNWRAPPED to the Parish Center no later than December 14. (Earlier than December 14 would be much appreciated). **BE SURE TO ATTACH THE TAG SECURELY TO THE ITEM PURCHASED TO ENSURE THAT IT GETS TO THE RIGHT PERSON.** Many thanks!

Looking ahead, there will be class for the first through fifth graders on November 23, and no classes on November 30. Reconciliation for grades 6-8 is scheduled for December 6.



The Children's Christmas Eve Mass will be held at 4:00PM on December 24. Parents of those in first through fifth grades who would like to participate may complete the form that was sent in an email and return to the Faith Formation Office no later than November 17.

SHARING OUR FAITH



Please pass this message on to a person who might need it: Adults who have been inactive in the practice of their faith, think about re-joining your family of faith. Make this the time that you "begin again." We are all hoping and praying that we will see you in church once again. Any priest will be more than happy to help you. Call one today!

Do you know a non-Catholic adult who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Reach out to that person who may want to join us at our next inquiry session. Find out details from Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or krooney@olfwilton.org.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLE
Will burn for Seven Days starting
Nov. 9 for *Connie DePalma*



BANNS II

Caitlin McGovern and Nicholas Pica

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Youth Group

Why This Roman Basilica is Significant

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Traffic being manageable, if not kind, I can get to it in under two hours from where I live now. It sits well shaded by trees that were once just past sapling stage. The street it sits on seems somehow smaller than when I was also small. Its present owners have put their touches on it, with a graceful arch now placed over the front patio my dad had installed. If it could speak, you would hear a collection of stories about my mom and dad, and Uncle Ed, and about my sisters, my brother and me, embracing a range of emotions from laughter to tears and everything in between. Even now I am happy to display a painting of it in the house I now call home. I refer, of course, to the house in which I grew up.



We should not be surprised that our Church celebrates the historic building in which she grew up. Such a celebration might appear puzzling at first. After all, have we here on earth “no lasting city.” Why celebrate a building?

In response, allow me to say that St. John Lateran marks a distinct moment in Church history. The original structure was built on land donated by the wealthy Laterani family to the Christian Church newly freed from persecution by the emperor Constantine and made the official religion of the empire.

We really are also celebrating fellow believers like us, from long ago and far away, who took their belief in Jesus Christ seriously enough as to have faced potential martyrdom up to this time.

The actual anniversary of the dedication of this special church dates to November 9, of the year 324 A.D. It remains to this day as the location of the episcopal chair of the pope as the bishop of Rome, just as the cathedral of your diocese houses your bishop’s official chair of office.

Pope Innocent X commissioned the present structure in 1646. Since then, the basilica has been the site of five ecumenical councils. Beneath its high altar rests the remains of the small wooden table on which, according to tradition, St. Peter celebrated the Mass. Its ceiling features gold that came from the new world of the Americas.

Yet, for all its Roman grandeur, we must always remember that our faith is not dependent on real estate. Rather, does it stand founded on the faith of ordinary folk like us? I would like to call that a “Cathedral of the Caring.” One built to honor Jesus as a loving Savior. We can proudly celebrate the dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica not just as revered real estate, but as a visible symbol of something more profound, and with beauty everlasting. One with prime location in the City of God.

God love you and give you, His peace.

God and Art



Sacred art in the home makes it a “domestic church” where your family can constantly praise God. Christian images of beauty convey messages of faith without words.

Drawing God

Children often have a natural curiosity and desire to explore and express their understanding of God through art. Encouraging children to draw or create art-

work related to their understanding of God can be a way for them to engage with their faith and express their thoughts and feelings.





Stop and Say a Prayer Here

It's five 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. Leo the Great was born in Tuscany and was Pope between 440 and 461. He is well known for his great eloquence and writing skills. During the 5th century barbarian invasion, he even persuaded Attila the Hun to turn back at the gates of Rome.



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Feast Day of St. Leo the Great: Nov. 10

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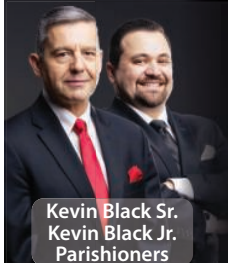
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