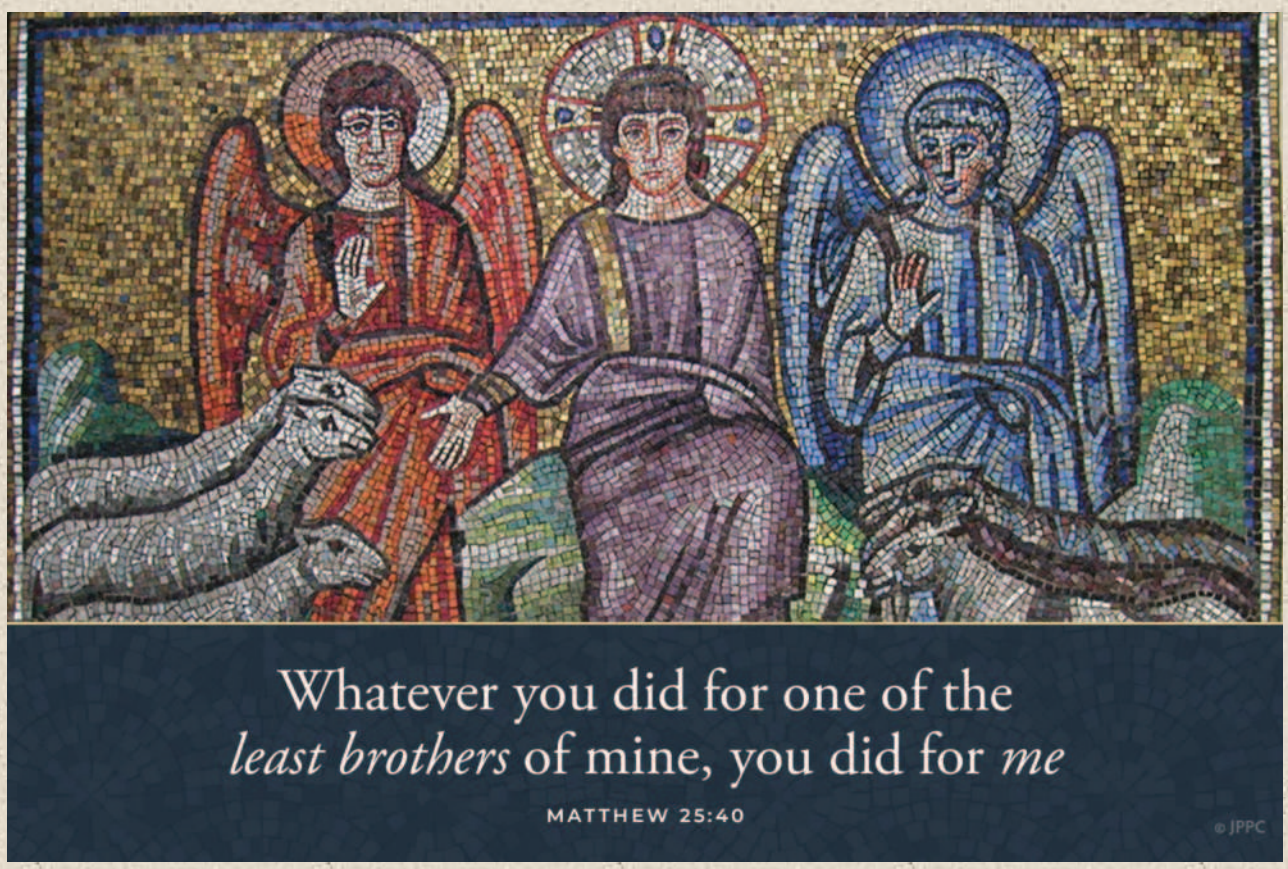


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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 22, 2026

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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

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

	Saturday	**Nov. 21** (Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
PH	8 a.m.	✞ Rosario Ingallinera
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞ Louis Gigi
	Sunday	**Nov. 22** (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)
PH	8 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & ✞ Deceased
PH	9:30 a.m.	✞ John Morgan
VP	11 a.m.	✞ Faris Zahrah
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞ Peggy & Gary Cavanagh
	Monday	**Nov. 23** (St. Clement I, St. Columban)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Joe Chapey 1 yr anniversary
	Tuesday	**Nov. 24** (St. Andrew Dũng-Lac)
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞ Bernadette Luchetta
	Wednesday	**Nov. 25** (St. Catherine of Alexandria)
VP	9 a.m.	✞ Anthony & Rose Galasso
	Thursday	**Nov. 26**
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞ In Thanksgiving
	Friday	**Nov. 27**
VP	9 a.m.	✞ Jack DeCarlo
	Saturday	**Nov. 28**
VP	8 a.m.	✞ Collective Intentions
PH	4:30 p.m.	✞ Anna Lord
	Sunday	**Nov. 29** (First Sunday of Advent)
PH	8 a.m.	✞ Francis XJ and Nancie Donelan
VP	9:30 a.m.	✞ Brian Essman
PH	11 a.m.	✞ Dee Nazzaro
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞ Stephen LaSala

Parish Offices will be closed Wednesday, Nov.25th for Thanksgiving and will reopen on Monday, Nov. 30.

This week's readings for Nov. 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #952A
First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
Second Reading: 1Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 24	**6:30 p.m.** **7:00 p.m.**	**Bible Study** **Mahjong**

Today, Bishop Caggiano invites us to support the retired and infirm priests of the Diocese of Bridgeport through the Saint John Vianney Trust. Gifts help sustain dignified living and care, including support for healthcare needs. As care costs rise and more priests enter retirement, our generosity helps meet present needs and prepare for the future. Please use a pledge brochure, give through today's second collection, or visit vianneytrust.org. Thank you for remembering the priests who have brought Christ into your life.



On the last Sunday of the Liturgical Year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King. Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* (In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of the public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.





May you live this Thanksgiving day and every day to follow, be thankful and grateful for all that He has blessed you with. Wishing you and your family the happiest Thanksgiving.
Fr. Pawel and the Parish Staff

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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.

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.

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 Smarrella
Senior Airman Timothy Sullivan, Jr.

Elliot Walker, Jr.
Robert Wendell

	Sunday Nov. 15
Collection # of envelopes	$7,097.15 106
Online Giving # online users	$3,805.00 92
Total	$10,902.15
Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	$13,966.00
Shortfall	*$3,063.85*

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Online: $ 4,661.00
Total: $12,341.85

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Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
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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

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



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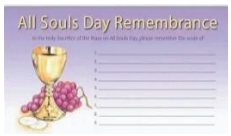
Welcome

Let us welcome into Our Lady of Fatima Family

Aaron, Dominika, Amelia & Liliana Hernandez



Advent Resources 2026
To help you and your families celebrate Advent well this year, the Diocese has put together the best resources they could find. They have even categorized for an easy search. https://formationreimagined.org/advent-resources-2026/



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.



Advent begins next Sunday. Take the time to recognize the great gift He has given us in His Son, Jesus, and may we prepare well for His rebirth in our hearts. On each day of this journey, may we move closer to Jesus, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World. Shine the light of Your grace upon us that we may follow Him faithfully.





FAITH FORMATION

Happy Thanksgiving to our Faith Formation families. "In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." (I Thessalonians 5:18)

There are no Faith Formation classes next Sunday, November 29.



Assignment of roles for the Christmas Eve Pageant at the 4:00 Mass was sent to parents. Thanks to donations from previous participants, we have a St. Joseph costume and a Wise man (King) costume and one lamb costume. If you wish to borrow either, please let Kathleen Rooney know.

Thank you Faith Formation families. Our parish adopted 19 families from St. Charles and St. George Church in Bridgeport. These families need help to make Christmas special. It's a great way to teach your children to help the needy. Let your children be part of this opportunity by allowing them to select the item requested or accompanying you to purchase it and return it to the Parish Office. All items should be returned **UNWRAPPED** to class or the Parish Office no later than Dec. 6th. (Earlier than Dec. 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!

SHARING OUR FAITH

Do you know any adults who were raised Catholic but have been away from the active practice of our faith for a period of time (long or short)? Regardless of how long they have been away and for whatever reason, they have a home here. They are never alone. Our doors are always open. Any priest would be happy to show them the way to return to being an active Catholic again. Reach out to anyone you know in this situation and offer to help them contact a priest. What a great Christmas gift that would be!

You may have a family member, co-worker, or friend who has asked you about Catholic beliefs and practices. This is a perfect opportunity to share our faith with an inquirer and encourage him or her to contact Kathleen Rooney (krooney@olfwilton.org) to learn about a process for those interested in learning more about the Catholic

Bishop Frank Teaches the Faith

Two to three minute animated videos with Bishop Frank Caggiano teaching a different topic about our faith each week. https://startwithsunday.org/bfttf/

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

The visit of King Charles of England to our country was a salute to the long-standing alliance between our two lands. His visit was marked with a great deal of pomp. His eloquent speech to Congress was sprinkled with historical references and some gentle humor. I don't believe anything of the king's visit tarnished our 250th anniversary as a nation. But it did bring into sharp focus the fact that our nation began as a revolution against royalty, that is, against the ancestors of King Charles.



Human kings and queens throughout history often turned out to be crowned scoundrels with the perennial bad habit of intolerance and cruelty toward their subjects. The modern fascination many of us have with royalty has its place for sure. But when it comes to conferring the title of "King" on Christ Jesus, Our Lord, we have to be careful about our definitions.

We are hardly talking about the likes of human kings because in this case we are talking about God. Note the contrast as presented by Matthew's Gospel.

Here is a king whose hallmark is service. Not to and for an elite marked by wealth. His service was chiefly to the poor and the afflicted. That kind of service, as practiced by us His "subjects," or better, His followers, will form the basis of His judgment of us when that time comes.

It is helpful that we have models of this kind of loving service across the spectrum of creeds. Our own St. Francis of Assisi, who left a wealthy family and chose a life of poverty, spent his days caring for the poor and sick. Saint Teresa of Calcutta, who worked with the poor in India, is another prime example among the vast host of Church saints.

To them we can add William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, who worked tirelessly to help the poor and disadvantaged in Victorian England. Another is Eric Liddell, the subject of the movie "Chariots of Fire," who won an Olympic gold medal in 1924 but who then returned to China in 1925 to work as a teacher and missionary. The list is long. But we can make it longer, each in our own personal way.

Dwight Lyman Moody, a 19th-century American evangelist and publisher, once aptly observed, "We may easily be too big for God to use, but never too small."

God love you and give you His peace.

Prayer

Prayer is a vital practice for Catholic teens, fostering a deeper connection with God and promoting spiritual growth. According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC 2560), prayer is described as "a deep dialogue with the divine," which helps teens find peace and purpose in their lives. Studies have shown that regular prayer can have significant mental health benefits. For instance, research led by Harvard Professor Tyler VanderWeele found that young adults who prayed daily had fewer depressive symptoms and higher levels of life satisfaction, self-esteem, and positive affect compared to those who never prayed. Additionally, prayer can reduce anxiety and provide emotional comfort, especially when teens feel a loving and protective relationship with God.

MANAGING THE MIDDLE
Parent Resources For Navigating The Teen Years

New Study Examines the Effects of Prayer on Mental Health

Prayer, as encounter with God, helps us reject the lies that society tells us and we often tell ourselves. In prayer we let God speak into our lives.

Prayer and Mental Health

How does prayer affect mental health? Various studies indicate how prayer helps counteract anxiety and depressive symptoms.



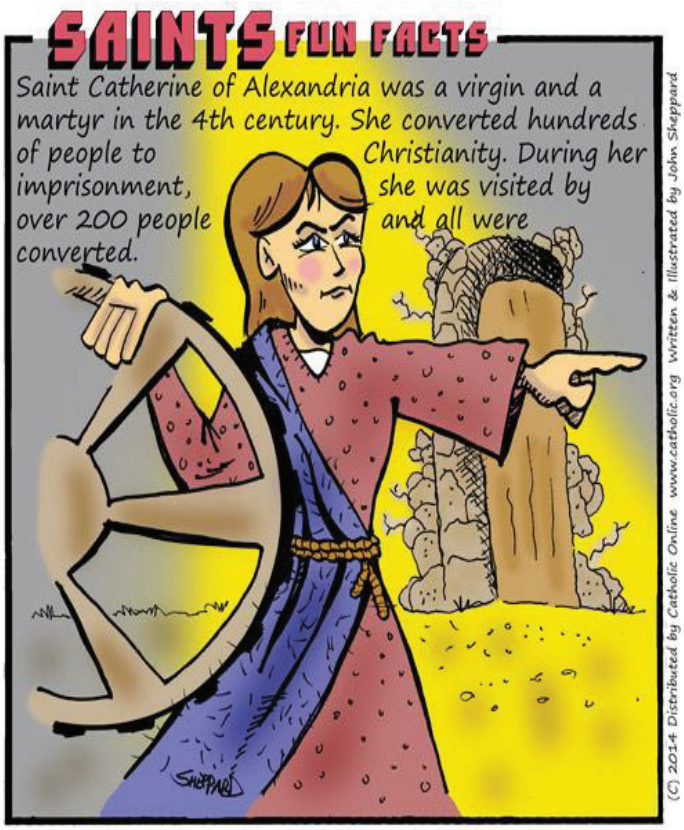
Have You Visited Lately?

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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