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Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
November 23, 2025

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Monday—Friday
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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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**AMEN, I SAY TO YOU,
TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME
IN PARADISE**

LUKE 23:43

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday Nov. 22 (St. Cecilia)

PH 8 a.m. ✠Angela Tucciarone

VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Anna Lord

Sunday Nov. 23 (Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe)

PH 8 a.m. ✠All Parishioners Living & Deceased

PH 9:30 a.m. ✠Mary Henwood

VP 11 a.m. Kacper Hrebenko 18th birthday

VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Philip Steinberg

Monday Nov. 24 (St. Andrew Dũng-Lac)

PH 9 a.m. ✠Angela Tucciarone

Tuesday Nov. 25 (St Catherine of Alexandria)

PH 12:15 p.m. ✠Alaércio Ribeiro, for the living & deceased members of the Pavelich Family, Marcilene Ribeiro

Wednesday Nov. 26

VP 9:00 a.m. ✠Anthony & Rose Galasso

Thursday Nov. 27 (Thanksgiving)

PH 9 a.m.. ✠In Thanksgiving

Friday Nov. 28

VP 9 a.m. ✠Nicoletta Marraccino

Saturday Nov. 29 (Here ends the Year of Grace)

PH 8 a.m. ✠Stephen LaSala

VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Domenica Nazzaro

Sunday Nov. 30 (First Sunday of Advent)

VP 8 a.m. ✠Violeta Sofia

VP 9:30 a.m. ✠Ryan Michael Brady

PH 11 a.m. ✠Consuelo Gomez, Mona Lawandos

PH 4:30 p.m. ✠Nick Zinicola

Parish Offices will be closed on Wednesday, Nov. 26th and will reopen on Monday Dec. 1 at 9 a.m.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John O'Mara, husband of Elizabeth.** May Christ, Our Savior, grant him everlasting rest.



This week's readings for Nov. 23, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe #954

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel : Luke 23:35-43

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 25	6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Bible Study Blaze
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Faith of Our Fathers: Give Today to support Our Retired Priests

Today, Bishop Caggiano is asking for generous donations to the Saint John Vianney Trust, which provides housing, medical care, and compassionate assistance for the retired priests of our diocese. Why give? Just as families care for the aging parents, we Catholics must care for our spiritual fathers.. Our diocese has more than 700 retired priests, and healthcare costs have risen dramatically, necessitating increased financial support. Especially for our elderly and vulnerable priests, this is our opportunity to show love, tenderness, and mercy. Please give in honor of the priests who have served you throughout your life: vianneytrust.org.

Advent is right next week!

Save the date for

Taizé Prayer Service

Please join us in Church at 7pm on Sunday 12/11 for a meditative Advent Taizé prayer service. It is a perfect time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and focus on the coming of the Lord with song and prayer.

On the last Sunday of each 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 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, being 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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Votive
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4:30 p.m. \$1,380.00		Sun. Nov. 9
8 a.m. \$1,316.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$7,680.85 123
9:30 a.m. \$1,481.00	Online Giving Online users	\$4,661.00 97
11 a.m. \$792.85	TOTALS	\$12,341.85
4:30 p.m. \$1,194.00	Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,750.00
Mail \$1,517.00	Shortfall	\$1,408.15

GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday, often described as a global day of giving is held each year on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. **This year, Dec. 2**

These campaigns maximize donors' final tax-deductible donations for the year, and nonprofits benefit from the generosity of supporters who wish to make a positive impact during the holiday season.

Our Lady of Fatima has some needs (in next week's bulletin) and we are hoping you will take this opportunity to help support a specific cause for us.



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.

Please Pray For Our Military



Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

Sean Allan	Special Intention
Baby Gracie	Jack Kelly
Jacqueline Benson	Mackenzie Keogh
Vikram Bhandari	Sheila Lane
Donna Britto	June Lentini
Joe Cardoso	Mark Montesano
Jane Cavanna	John O'Connor
Gregory Clarke	Ted Packard
Ethan Collins	Maria Reile
Mary Ann Cote	Ron Sands
Mia Cunningham	Jack Scofield
Darcy Driscoll	Erasmus Signore
John Esposito	Cliff Smith
James Gunther	Carl & Kay Ullman
Alex Grano	Joshua Vahlsing
Gina Hil	Donald Verrilli
Kim Juhase	Karen Volpe
Janet & Chris Karabin	Vivienne Wilkinson
John Kealy	Rose Zarb

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

All Souls Day Remembrance



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.

THE GIVING TREE will be in the Parish Center next weekend. Be an angel and take an angel card. We have families from the Wilton Social Services and some



Wilton families that are in special need this winter. We have included the Vincentian Mission again this year as well as the request for gift cards for Dunkin' Donuts for our local Firefighters, Police and EMS. Please return the gifts by the weekend of December 14th to the Parish Center or Office. As always, we thank you for your generosity.



We are in need of more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

If you are interested in one of the ministries, we will gladly help you. We send you the link to take a course, we will show you how to get Virtus trained and then train you to be a minister. Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. This engaging liturgical celebration utilizes the talents and gifts that God has given this community to the fullest extent. Whether participation is through "behind the scenes" preparation and planning or through a public role of service within the Mass, such as reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), your participation brings life to our celebrations. Call the office 203.762.3928 and get started!

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



*Miles Calman
Emma Grande Schiano
Abigail Grande Schiano*

Congratulations to thier parents, family, and friends.



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FAITH FORMATION

THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES ON

✠ NOVEMBER 30 AND

✠ DECEMBER 7.

Classes resume for grades 1-5 on December 14 and
grades 6-8 on January 11.

REMINDER: Sixth through eighth graders are expected at confession on December 6, at 9:00 AM, in church. There will be three priests hearing confessions.

Faith Formation students in grades 1-5 will meet at the 9:30 Mass and move to the school for class until 11:30 TODAY-November 23rd.

We recently heard from the Rise Against Hunger team that the meals that were packaged on October 18 went to Timor-Leste in Southeast Asia and Burundi in Africa. Thank you again to all who volunteered to help feed the hungry.

SHARING OUR FAITH

Did you know that there is a resource for non-Catholic adults who would like to know more about the Catholic religion? OCIA provides an opportunity for these adults to meet with a few people from the parish to answer their questions, reflect on their journeys of faith, and decide whether they want to pursue further exploration of the tenets of the Catholic faith. Please call or email Kathleen Rooney for more information (203-762-9080 or krooney@olfwilton.org)



Please let that inactive Catholic in your family, work-place, or neighborhood know that he/she is always welcome to return to Mass and the sacraments. It only takes a meeting with a priest and a sincere heart.



Advent begins next Sunday. Take the time to recognize the great gift You have given us in Your 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.



Is your child interested in Altar Serving? If your child has received First Holy Communion and would like to be trained to be an Altar Server, please call the office to let us know so

Fr. Paul can start a class.

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Youth Group

Jesus: Royalty in It's Highest Form

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most of our information about kings reveals them as powerful figures, dressed lavishly and in definite control of the situation. They are rarely portrayed as less. Our American fascination with royalty seems so out of place in this context because our beloved country came into being as a revolt against a king.



Even though we have the image of power and majesty given us about kings (and queens) by way of art, sculpture and literature, we disagree with life under a monarch that is not of our choosing. Freedom seems shackled.

That is hardly the picture given us by God of our true King as found in the Holy Gospels. In fact, nearly all the depictions of the King of kings, Christ Jesus Our Lord are those of a humble poor man wearing a seamless robe most likely made by His mother. His most significant decision was to accept the cruel death of a Roman crucifixion.

Admittedly, we have other memorable images. The calm beauty of the "Good Shepherd" for example. Or the Leonardo Da Vinci masterpiece of a loving Master at the Last Supper. Not to forget what Michelangelo painted for us of Christ as the supreme Judge at the end of the world visible behind the altar on the wall of the Sistine chapel.

But the image we find most available; the one we pray before most often, and the one that graces all our churches and makes them so easily identifiable is that of the crucified Lord. After all, even before He came among us, in those glorious days "when Jesus walked" He was named at His very presentation in the Temple as a "Sign of Contradiction." Yet, when this Sunday rolls around, the last of the current Liturgical Year, we always celebrate Jesus as "the King of the Universe."

When you step back from all the usual constructs about royalty, you begin to understand that Jesus Christ is royalty in its highest form. It is one of having devoted followers, of minds and hearts swept up in a bond of love strong enough to outlast centuries of counting. "King of Hearts" we might call Him, with no reference to a card game. His steadfast love for us is the main reason why we can wake up each morning, believing ourselves so loved that we can handle whatever life throws our way with confidence. If that does not qualify as a component of true royalty, then I do not know another.

May this King give you His peace, now and always.

"Then Pilate said to Him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.'" John 18

Financial Protection for Catholic Families with The Knights of Columbus Benefits Event at Our Lady of Fatima in Wilton on December 15th 8pm



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Advent Night to Reflect:

The words of the hymn
"O Come O Come Emmanuel"
have a lot to teach us
about how we can prepare
to celebrate the coming of Christ this Advent

Advent REFLECTIONS

Season. Deacon Tony Conti will reflect upon the words of this hymn at St. Mark Parish in Stratford on Monday 12/1/25 at 6:00 PM, to explain how they can serve to teach us to live fuller more meaningful lives in this turbulent world in which we find ourselves. All are welcome



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

Saint Catherine of Alexandria was a virgin and a martyr in the 4th century. She converted hundreds of people to Christianity. During her imprisonment, she was visited by over 200 people and all were converted.



**Feast Day of St. Catherine of Alexandria:
November 25**

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