
Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
229 Danbury Road ♦ Wilton, CT 06897 ♦ 203-762-3928
First Sunday of advent
November 29, 2026
WEEKEND MASSES
Saturday 8 a.m.
Saturday 4:30 p.m.
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Children's 9:30 a.m.
Choir 11 a.m.
Teen 4:30 p.m.
CONFESSIONS
Saturday 3:30 pm
Be watchful!
Be alert!
YOU DO NOT KNOW WHEN
THE TIME WILL COME.
MARK 13:33
Monday-Wednesday-Friday: 9a.m. Mass♦Tuesday- Thursday 12:15 pm Mass
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MASS INTENTIONS

	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
	Monday	**Nov. 30** (St. Andrew)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Jose Curet
	Tuesday	**Dec. 1**
PH	12:15 p.m.	✞ Joan Bahna
	Wednesday	**Dec. 2**
VP	9 a.m.	✞ Marilyn Tyminski
	Thursday	**Dec. 3** (St. Francis Xavier)
VP	12:15 p.m.	✞ Collective Intentions
	Friday	**Dec. 4** (First Friday, St. John Damascene)
PH	9 a.m.	✞ Penelope Schellhorn 7 yr. Anniversary
	Saturday	**Dec. 5**
PH	8 a.m.	✞ Mary Elizabeth McMorris
VP	4:30 p.m.	Reising Family
	Sunday	**Dec. 6** (Second Sunday of Advent)
PH	8 a.m.	✞ Jane Feick
PH	9:30 a.m.	✞ All Parishioners Living & Deceased
VP	11 a.m.	✞ Carmelo Tomas
VP	4:30 p.m.	✞ Nick Zinicola

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Dr. Jerome Gristina**, husband of MaryGail Gristina. May Christ, Our Savior, grant him everlasting life.*



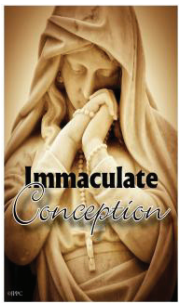
This week's readings for Nov. 29
First Sunday of Advent #783A
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nov. 30	**7:00p.m.**	**Walking with Purpose**
Dec. 1	**10:00a.m.** **6:30p.m.** **7:00p.m.**	**Soup Kitchen Food Pickup** **Bible Study** **Mahjong**
Dec. 2	**7:00p.m.**	**Blaze**

Second collection TODAY is the Pastor's Fund and the following Sunday is our monthly collection.

December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary and is the Patronal Feast of the Church of America. It has been restored as a Holy Day of Obligation and therefore you are obligated to attend Mass. The Mass on Monday, Nov. 7 (vigil) is 5:30 and Tuesday, Dec. 8 the Masses are 9 am and 12:15pm.







First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Eucharist will be on Friday, Dec. 4. Both daytime and nocturnal adorations are downstairs and start after the 9 a.m. Mass. To join the adoration team contact Brian Highland at olfnocturnaladoraration@gmail.com

Remember after 6pm only the center doors will be open.



All are welcome to join in to say the Rosary and Divine Mercy daily after each Mass during the week and on Saturday morning. And Monday – Friday at 3 pm an informal Rosary is said with prayers. Join in or sit quietly. All are welcome.

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SCAN ME

Due to early submission of this bulletin, collection totals will be reported next week.



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.

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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Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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Ethan Collins
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Greg Cottone
Mia Cunningham
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Karen Volpe
Emily Wilkinson
Vivienne Wilkinson
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

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



Evangelina Sigurdsson

Congratulations to her parents, family, and friends.

This is the first Sunday of Advent and is the beginning of the holy season in preparation for the Feast of Christmas. The practice of lighting the Advent Wreath, before supper is a meaningful custom to help prepare for Christmas. The wreath of evergreen is a symbol of eternity, life of penance and a longing for salvation. The rose candle is a symbol of joyous expectations as Christmas draws near.

The four candles represent the four Sundays of Advent, and the thousands of years that the world awaited the Redeemer.





The Knights of Columbus are hosting coffee & donuts Dec. 6 after the 9:30 and 11 a.m. Masses.





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.





FAITH FORMATION



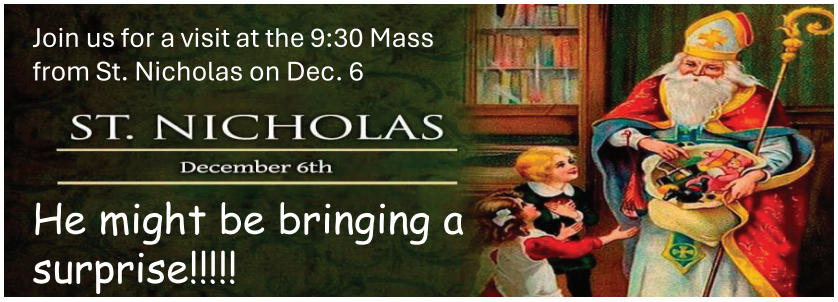
Next Sunday, December 6, the first through fifth grade Faith Formation students will meet at the 9:30 Mass and attend class afterward at the school until 11:30. This will be the last class until the New Year for the elementary students.

The final Mass and class before Christmas for the sixth through eighth grade Faith Formation students will be held on Sunday, December 13.



The first rehearsal for the children participating in the Pageant at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve will be held on Monday, December14, from 4:30 to 5:30 in the church. Attendance is important, so the children will be familiar with the flow of action. The second and final rehearsal is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22, from 4:30 to 5:30, in the church.

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

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, workplace, 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.

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Our Job: Be Ready for Anything That Happens

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Just like our Holy Founder Jesus, His Church, our Church, is often "a sign of contradiction." While regular stores and the online shopping channels have both had their Christmas merchandise on display since right after Labor Day, the Church begins the preparatory Advent season differently for sure. She o gs about watchfulness for the end times. Penitential purple is her decor vs. red and green.



That doesn't allow us to accuse the Church of being ornery. She is just rightly asking us to pay attention to ultimate matters. She wants us to be watchful and ready for the coming end of time. That is when we will be facing not the mute Infant of the crib, but the divine Judge of all. Not much room for "holly jolly" then.

Why does holy Church take this stance right now? Because every feast demands a fast beforehand. Preparation makes the celebration sweeter. Christmas joy is only a hint at the greater joy that awaits us in eternity. You might say that the Church takes the position of a mature adult versus the giddy joy of a child daydreaming about toys. She wants us to think about why Christ was born among us: to save us from sin.

The plain fact He told us was that this world as we know it will one day end. It could be ten minutes from now or ten thousand years from now. Our job as believers is to live as He commanded and be ready for anything that happens because we believe that He loves us unconditionally.

True, we celebrate soon the astounding marvel of His birth among us as the Son of a human virgin both holy and humble. But we also need to be humble before Him and practice what He preached when He grew up. If we do that to the best of our ability, we can look forward to being in His presence and enjoying His peace for all the seasons of eternity. It just demands a prep season first.

Pope John Paul I, the smiling Pope who reigned so briefly, in a September 1978 interview said this: "If someone had told me I would be Pope one day, I would have studied harder."

God love you and give you His peace.

YOUTH GROUP



Thank you everyone who donated to the Wilton Food Pantry Collection





Our youth group will be singing at a couple of assisted living facilities in Wilton on December 13th. All kids in grades 8-12 are welcome. Contact Nisia 203-273-2868 if you would like to be added to the youth group text chain.



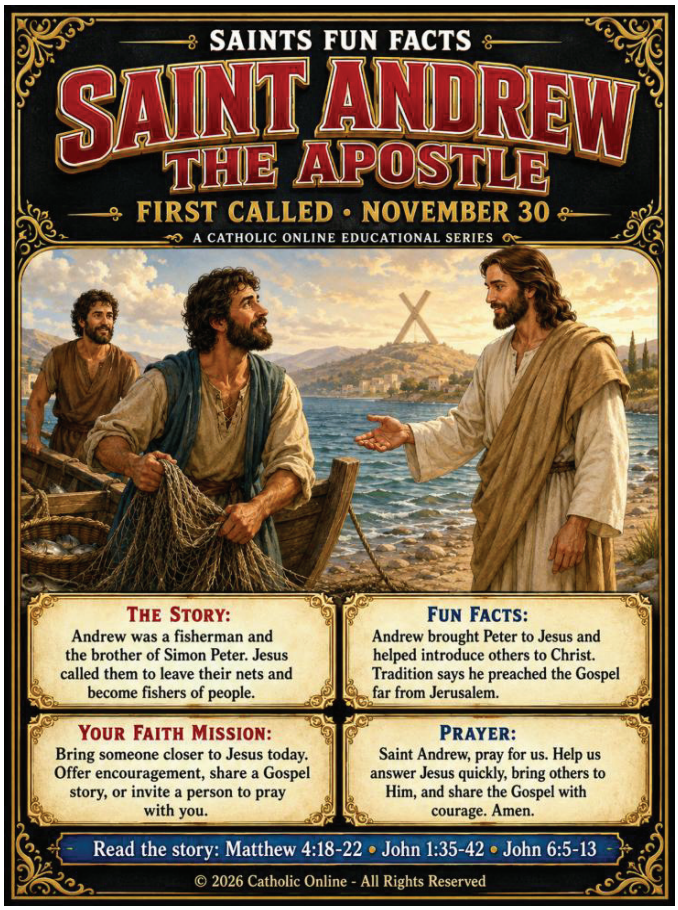
Have You Visited Lately?

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.

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