

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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First Sunday of Advent

November 30, 2025

Stay awake!

For you do not know
on which day your
Lord will come.

Matthew 24:42

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Office Hours:

Monday—Friday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday Dec 1

PH 9 a.m. ✠Catherine & Albert DeVito

Tuesday Dec. 2

PH 12:15 p.m. ✠John Findorak 1 yr anniversary

Wednesday Dec. 3 (St. Francis Xavier)

VP 9:00 a.m. Intentions of Michael Flanagan

Thursday Dec. 4 (St. John Damascene)

VP 12:15 p.m. ✠Penelope Schellhorn

Friday Dec. 5 (First Friday)

PH 9 a.m. ✠Collective Intentions

Saturday Dec. 6 (St. Nicholas)

PH 8 a.m. ✠Frederick Highland
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Phil Steinberg

Sunday Dec. 7 (Second Sunday of Advent)

PH 8 a.m. ✠Reising Family
PH 9:30 a.m. ✠Joaquim Henriques
VP 11 a.m. ✠Consuelo Gomez, Mona Lawandos
VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Eleanor Vose



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, Dec. 8 will be at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

READERS: New 2026 books available for pick up in the Sacristy.

This week's readings for Nov. 30, First Sunday of Advent #785

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel : Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 2	10:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Food Pickup Bible Study Blaze
Dec. 3	12:30 pm	Duplicate Bridge
Dec. 4	4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Choir
Dec. 5	After 9 a.m. Mass	Adoration
Dec. 6	After 4:30 p.m. Mass	Tree Lighting & Pasta Dinner

*Second Collection TODAY is the Pastor's Fund/
Christian Social Action*

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION OF THE BLESSED EUCHARIST will be on **FRIDAY, Dec. 5**. Daytime adoration begins downstairs after the 9 am Mass at the Church Altar and continues for nocturnal adoration until the 8 am Mass on Saturday. To join any of the Adoration Teams, email Brian Highland at olnocaladoration@gmail.com.



Remember only the center door will be unlocked for entering and exiting once the sun sets. Park in the front circle please.



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 evergreens 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 number represents the four Sundays of Advent, and the thousands of years that the world awaited the Redeemer.

Advent is right next week!

Save the date for

Taizé Prayer Service

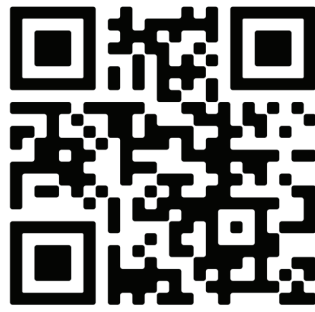
Please join us in Church at 7pm on Sunday 12/11 for a meditative Advent Taizé prayer service. It is a perfect time to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and focus on the coming of the Lord with song and prayer.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

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 and we are hoping you will take this opportunity to help support a specific cause for us.



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

This summer we were able to complete the following items on the campus:

- ♦ Redid the entrance of the office-removing the step up.
- ♦ Reset the stone at all entrances
- ♦ Removed office rug and replaced with laminate flooring
- ♦ Painted and upgraded lights in office and some of the Rectory rooms
- ♦ Installed new gutters over the North entrance
- ♦ Fixed inside church wall by that entrance
- ♦ Trimmed trees over the whole property including school and convent
- ♦ Replaced roofs on the 3 school modulars
- ♦ Replaced exterior walls of modulars
- ♦ Replaced exterior steps at the 3 modulars
- ♦ Upgraded AED at center door of church for both adults and children
- ♦ Insulated Rectory attic

What we would need support for in the future:

- ♦ Remaining air conditioner unit in church
- ♦ School roof-plan
- ♦ Convent will need to be resided
- ♦ New windows for the Convent
- ♦ Continued maintenance of trees
- ♦ Parish Center needs new flooring and painting
- ♦ Church parking lot

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Stephen Acosta
Michael Chiappone
Thomas Correll

Rocco D'Amato
LCDR Brian A. Fritz

Mariah Kelly
Sgt. Jack Mariani
Ryan Meehan

Kathleen Murphy, Ensign
Marshall A. Paul

Thomas Prackup
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
Vikram Bhandari
Donna Britto
Joe Cardoso
Jane Cavanna
Gregory Clarke
Ethan Collins
Mary Ann Cote
Mia Cunningham
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Special Intention
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Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
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Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
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Donald Verrilli
Karen Volpe
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



THE GIVING TREE is in the Parish Center. 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 and small items for the Norwalk Open House residents. 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:

Brooke Emilia Yazdani

Congratulations to her parents, family, and friends.

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6
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Let us welcome into Our Lady of Fatima

Parish Family

Andrew, Juliette, Henry, Owen & James Maria



Save the date—Woman's Association Christmas Luncheon
December 12
More details to follow

FAITH FORMATION

**THERE ARE NO FAITH FORMATION CLASSES:
TODAY, NOVEMBER 30th
AND
DECEMBER 7th**

Classes resume for grades 1 - 5 on December 14th.
The first class of **2026** is January 11th for all grade levels 1 - 8

REMINDER: 6th through 8th graders are expected at confession on December 6, at 9:00 AM, in church. There will be three priests hearing confessions.



Please plan on attending the 9:30am Mass on December 7th with your elementary aged children as we will be celebrating the Feast Day of St. Nicholas.

← (Special Guest)

Thank you to all the Faith Formation families who are participating in Operation Christmas Giving. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please return all items and gift cards to the Parish Center or Parish Office no later than December 14th.



We look forward to seeing many of you on December 24th at the 4:00pm Mass for the Christmas Eve Pageant!

Christmas Eve Pageant Rehearsals are scheduled for those participating in the pageant on the following dates:
Wednesday, Dec 10th from 4:15pm - 5:00pm
Thursday, Dec. 18th from 4:15pm - 5:00pm

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)



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

What to do as Advent Begins

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The little season of Advent comes upon us like the poet Carl Sandburg's "Fog." That is, "on little cat's feet." For us as Americans, we have the echo in our ears of lively table talk at the family Thanksgiving dinner, followed by the clatter of clean dinnerware returning to cabinets. Suddenly it is time to prepare for Christmas!



On one level, I daresay the popular one, which means a flurry of list-making, and shopping and decorating and baking. All that is to the good as far as it goes. But on the deeper level, I daresay the spiritual level, or the Church's level, Christmas prep involves a recall of all that God did for us in the time after the Fall from Eden to the Infant's cry in the manger.

We had been a lost race. Alienated from God. Disconnected from each other to a large degree. Needing outside help. Yearning for leadership. Wishing for interior peace. In a world lit only by fire each night, we were definitely locked in "darkness," as St. Paul describes it. Needing light and a way out.

This First Sunday of Advent invites us to pause right here and think about the implications of being in darkness. Just recall the awful "time of crime" in recent months. Murder of children in a Catholic church. Slaying of a young woman on a train. Assassination of a young leader on a Utah campus. Then there is the personal sin that vexes our consciences until we make that good Confession. Advent wants us to remember such things so that we can appreciate the Divine relief that came with our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Slow down amid the cultural rushing. Take the time for private prayer. Listen to the chosen Scripture passages for the season. Learn to be "Watchful," as Jesus instructs. Then the meaning will be truer as you and your loved ones gather around the parish creche, or the one at home. And there are always stories, like this one:

Once upon a time, as the great day approached, a mother was telling her little ones the beautiful story of Christmas. They even tried their voices on some of the usual carols. After one song, four-year-old Tommy blurted out: "Mommy, wasn't it nice for the shepherds to get all cleaned up before they went to see the baby Jesus?" "What do you mean, Tommy?" she asked. "Well," he explained, "we just sang the song 'While shepherds washed their socks by night.'"

God love you and give you Advent peace.

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



Faith and charity are key elements of life, but are they at the center of your retirement and life insurance decisions? Knights of Columbus, a trusted organization with a proud history of more than 140 years of helping its members, can help Catholic families with insurance and retirement solutions. Learn more about kofc.org/liveyourfaith



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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





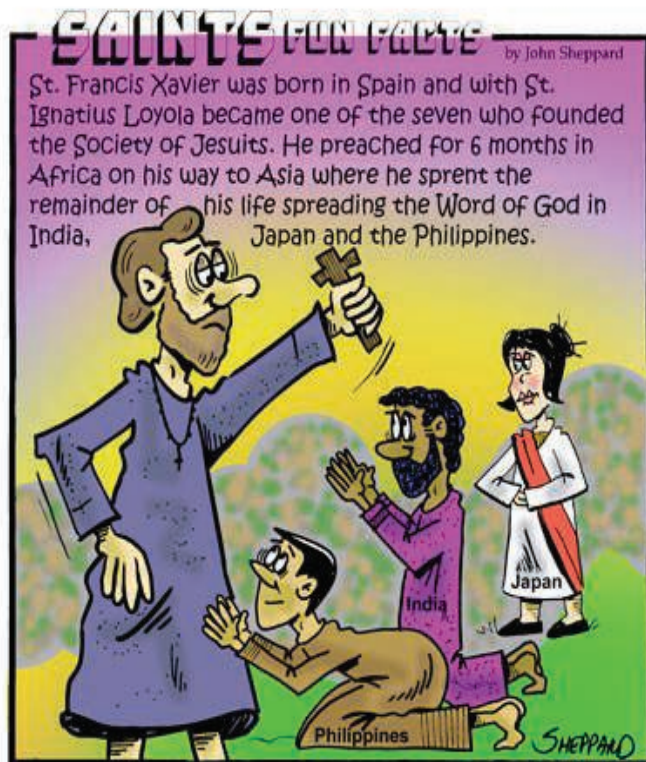
Come Pray During Advent

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.*



**Feast Day of St. Francis Xavier:
December 3**



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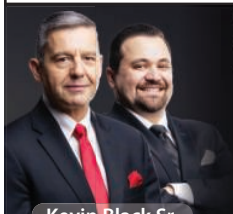
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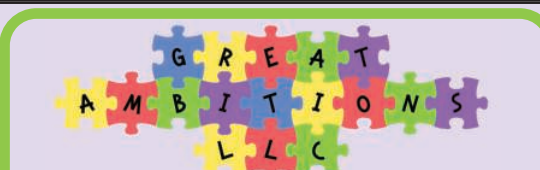


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