

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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Third Sunday of Advent
December 14, 2025

The blind regain
their sight, the
lame walk, lepers
are cleansed, the
deaf hear, the dead
are raised, and the
poor have the good
news proclaimed
to them.

Matthew 11:5

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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 Dec. 13 (St. Lucy)

VP 8 a.m. ✠William Vincent Burke

PH 4:30 p.m. ✠Carmelo Tomas

Sunday Dec. 14 (Third Sunday of Advent)

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

VP 9:30 a.m. ✠Paul DeNobrega

PH 11 a.m. ✠Consueio Duplat

VP 4:30 p.m. ✠Mary and Kevin Langan

Monday Dec 15

VP 9 a.m. ✠William Vincent Burke

Tuesday Dec. 16

PH 12:15 p.m. ✠Ivan Capella

Wednesday Dec. 17

VP 9:00 a.m. ✠Angela Tucciarone

Thursday Dec. 18

VP 12:15 p.m. ✠Patricia Van Dusen

Friday Dec. 19

PH 9 a.m. ✠Henry K. Burda

Saturday Dec. 20

PH 8 a.m. ✠Collective Intentions

PH 4:30 p.m. ✠Mary Ann Rubsam 1yr anniversary

Sunday Dec. 21 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

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

VP 9:30 a.m. ✠Richard Metz

VP 11 a.m. ✠Marilyn Ruegg

PH 4:30 p.m. ✠Patricia Dellipoali

2026 Calendars are available at the Church doors compliments of Collins Funeral Home.

Your favorites are back! The 7 day candles have been restocked and now include a Guardian Angel Candle as well as Sacred Heart, Divine Mercy, Christmas, Our Lady of Fatima and St. Michael. Candles are \$10 and can be customized with a name or special intention. Stop by the office to purchase.

This week's readings for Dec. 14, Third Sunday of Advent #789

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10

Second Reading: James 5:7-10

Gospel : Matthew 11:2-11

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dec. 15	7:30 p.m.	Knights Mtg
Dec. 16	10 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Soup Kitchen Food Pickup Spiritual Break Bible Study Blaze
Dec. 17	12:30 pm 6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge Columbiettes Mtg
Dec. 18	4:15 p.m. 4:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Pageant Rehearsal Children's Choir Adult Choir Mom's Book Club

This weekend the second collection supports the Retirement Fund for Religious. Support those who have dedicated their lives to service-praying, teaching, and caring for those in need-usually for little to no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. Your donation provides for the essential care, medicine, and daily needs of thousands of senior women and men religious. Please give generously.



Signs of Hope (November)

See the Doors of Faith Opening in our Parish!

God invites us to see the "signs of hope" in our midst. Here are the sacramental celebrations and additions to our Liturgical Ministries last month.

- 5 Infants Baptized
- 2 Catholic funerals and burials
- 2 couples was married in the Catholic Church
- 7 new families registered

God is at work making our Parish Family vibrant and alive! Let us all be pilgrims of encouragement and welcome them into the Doors of Faith.

"Hope does not disappoint" Romans 5:5



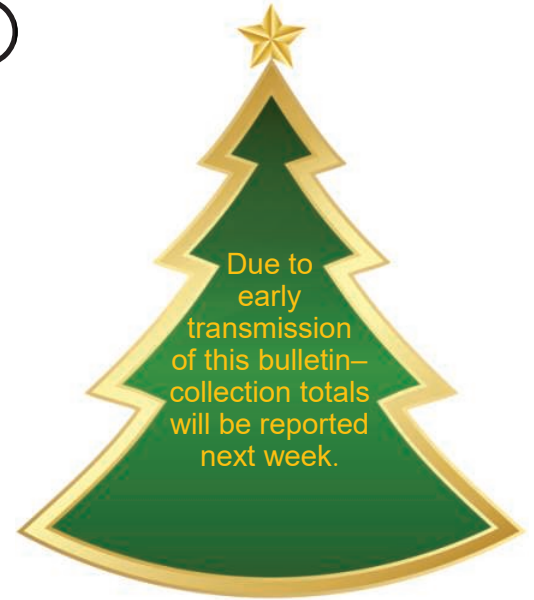
Having an Advent wreath and a nativity scene at your home can enhance the spiritual atmosphere during the Christmas season. The Advent wreath, with its four candles, helps to prepare for the coming of Christ, symbolizing hope, peace, joy, and love. The nativity scene can remind your family of the humble birth of Jesus and invites them to reflect on the mystery of the Incarnation. These traditions can deepen your family's faith and help them focus on the true meaning of Christmas.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH



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



To get started log on to :www.olfwilton.org and click on the online giving logo, then follow the easy registration steps.



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

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
Darcy Driscoll
John Esposito
James Gunther
Alex Grano
Gina Hil
Kim Juhase
Janet & Chris Karabin
John Kealy

Special Intention
Jack Kelly
Mackenzie Keogh
Sheila Lane
June Lentini
Mark Montesano
John O'Connor
Ted Packard
Maria Reile
Ron Sands
Jack Scofield
Erasmus Signore
Cliff Smith
Jennifer Smith
Carl & Kay Ullman
Joshua Vahlsing
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



Office. As always, we thank you for your generosity.

THE GIVING TREE

Please return the gifts by the weekend of December 14th to the Parish Center or

You know when God keeps placing something on your heart, repeatedly, until you can no longer ignore it?

Encounter God's love and mercy and be drawn back into a deep relationship with Him and His Church. We would love to have you train to be a Eucharistic Minister or a Reader for Masses. Maybe you would just like to serve the homebound or minister at a nursing home. Training is free and easy. Please call the office 203.762.3928 or let Fr. Paul know and we will be happy to lead you to the right direction. Your rewards will be plenty.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CANDLE

Will burn for Seven Days
starting

December 16 for
Stephen A. Bartek, Jr.

December 18 for
Jane Colihan



Membership in the Knights of Columbus is open to all men 18 years of age or older who are practicing Catholics. Meetings are monthly in the Parish Center at 7:30 PM for one hour. Male Parishioners interested in becoming a Knight may attend any meeting or request further info from Mike Healy, Grand Knight at: WiltonKnightsOfColumbus@gmail.com. Next meeting is **12/15**.



Congratulations to

Rachel Reda & Peter Lacerenza

Who were married at Our Lady of Fatima last weekend. May God bless their marriage and may their love grow deeper with each passing year!

FLOWER DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS (AND EASTER) actually pay for the seasonal decorations **AND ALL LIVE FLOWERS** throughout the year. Please be generous. **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES** were included in your December envelope packet for you to memorialize your loved ones during this holy season. **Please PRINT names clearly and return your envelope by Monday Dec. 15.** An insert with names will be included in the bulletin on the **December 20/21 weekend.** **Extra envelopes are available at the church doors.**



Our Lady's Association cordially invites **all women** of the Parish to our annual Christmas Luncheon **TUESDAY, Dec. 16th** at Red Rooster at Noon. RSVP: jploder@optimum.net or mikenovit@optonline.net



Let us welcome into Our Lady of Fatima

Parish Family

Raul, Maria, Adela & Xavier Perez

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 koofc.org/liveyourfaith



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FAITH FORMATION



There are no Faith Formation classes on December 21, 28 and January 4. Mass and classes for both the elementary and the middle school students resume on January 11. We wish our Faith Formation Families a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with peace, joy, and love.

Second grade Faith Formation students will be asked to recite their prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, and Sign of the Cross) during class time on January 11. Please be saying these prayers with your children every day or night so they will remember them. Blessed Reconciliation books should be completed at this time also.



The second rehearsal for the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:00 will be held on Thursday, December 18 at 4:15. It is important that all children who signed up for the pageant attend the rehearsals in church.

SHARING OUR FAITH



As we prepare our hearts and "wait in joyful hope" for the coming of our Savior, let us reach out to those who have not been practicing their faith. Encourage someone you know in this situation to "come home" for Christmas by going to confession and re-joining his/her family of faith. Gently remind this person how wonderful it will be to once again receive Jesus in the sacrament of the Eucharist on the day we celebrate His birth.

If you know a man or woman who would like to know more about the teachings and traditions of our Catholic faith, please contact Kathleen Rooney (krooney@olfwilton.org) for the next gathering of inquirers. At this gathering, stories of faith will be shared and questions will be addressed. We welcome all who are interested.

Kinship

Kinship is not serving the other, but being one with the other. It's recognizing that we belong to each other. How we reach out to those on the margins of our communities is an essential part of ministry and Christian living.



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

About the Virtue of Patience

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

There is a certain plague that has spread across "the fruited plain." It shows up all over the place in different types and forms. Call it "Impatience." On our streets and highways, it fosters "road rage." It pits one driver against another for a variety of annoyances that sometimes become deadly when impatience turns to anger.



A computer breakdown that halts the progress of a sale can lead to impatience as you stand in line and the cashier, who can do little about it, apologizes for the inconvenience.

It takes an intentional step backward in such situations to confront the truth that we often seem to be in a hurry for some unknown reason. Or maybe for a known reason that is disproportionate.

Apply all that rushing around to the spiritual realm and we can see some harmful results. We can miss the chance to meet God on His own terms and in His own good time.

Today's Second Reading from the Letter of St. James urges us to have a different outlook: the Advent season theme of waiting. "Be patient," the writer advises, "until the coming of the Lord."

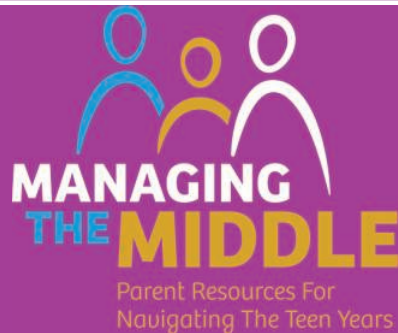
You can detect the impatience of the Baptist's disciples in our Gospel Reading, when, noticing it, John tells them to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

Notice Our Lord's calm answer. Tell John what you hear and see me doing, and don't take offense at me." In other words, "Slow down!" Or, as we might say, "Cool it!"

This virtue of Patience takes many forms. At a reunion of retired executives, each of the guests was invited to give a two-minute after-dinner talk on his experiences since retirement. Since some of the former executives were inclined to be rather long-winded, the toastmaster was instructed to rap his gavel when the two minutes had expired. The first speaker was called and, true to his old form, was still on his feet talking well beyond the time limit.

The toastmaster, a kindly old man, couldn't bring himself to rap his gavel. On and on the speaker droned boringly, until the other guests began to murmur and signal the old man to rap the gavel. Responding to the pressure, he wound up and brought the gavel down full force, accidentally hitting the head of the man sitting next to him. As the victim was sinking under the table he was heard to say, "Hit me again, I can still hear him!"

God love you and pray for Advent patience.



Big Questions

Teenagers often grapple with profound questions about identity, purpose, and belonging. For instance, 70% of teens report feeling pressure to figure out their future career paths, while 60% ponder their life's purpose. These "big questions" can significantly impact their mental health. Engaging with these questions can lead to anxiety and stress, but it can also foster personal growth and resilience. Support from family, friends, and mentors is crucial in helping teens navigate these challenges and develop a healthy sense of self-worth

and direction. **Identity, Belonging, and Purpose** The research provided here shows how the questions of identity, belonging and purpose can help teens understand themselves and grow in confidence and in relationship with Jesus Christ.

<https://www.aymeducators.org/wp-content/uploads/Kara-Powell-Brad-Griffin-Tyler-Greenway-Identity-Belonging-and-Purpose-New-Research-on-3-Big-Questions-that-Can-Change-Every-Teenager.pdf>



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.

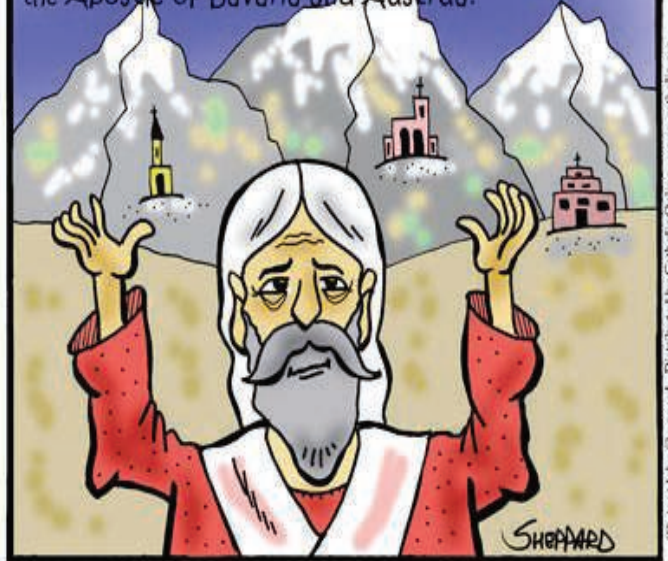
The garden is a spiritual oasis in the midst of a busy community. Benches on either side of the structure provide comfort to those who use the space as a place to reflect and pray.

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.*

SAINTS FUN FACTS

by John Sheppard

St. Rupert was a bishop and a missionary. After being appointed bishop of Worms, Germany, he dedicated himself to spreading the faith among Germans. He founded a church, a monastery, brought in missionaries and established nunnery in Salzburg. He is known as the Apostle of Bavaria and Austria.



**Feast Day of St. Rupert:
March 27**

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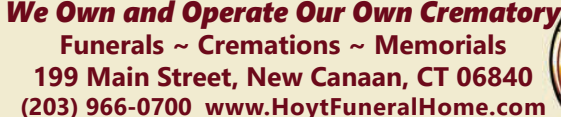
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