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Divine Mercy Sunday

April 12, 2026

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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.

Monday-Wednesday

-Friday: 9a.m. Mass

♦ Tuesday- Thursday

12:15 pm Mass

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 11

VP 8 a.m. †Joseph D. Orso

PH 4:30 p.m. †Nick Zinicola

Sunday April 12 (Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday)

PH 8 a.m. †Alice Sharkey

VP 9:30 a.m. †Carole DiGiovanni

VP 11 a.m. †Carmela Tomas

2 p.m. Adoration followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet

VP 4:30 p.m. †All Parishioners Living & Deceased

Monday April 13 (St. Martin I)

PH 9 a.m. †Eileen Soucy

Tuesday April 14

PH 12:15 p.m. †Linda Geoghegan Logan

Wednesday April 15

VP 9 a.m. †Collective Intentions

Thursday April 16

VP 12:15 p.m. †Denise Masi

Friday April 17

PH 9 a.m. †Phyllis Corniello

Saturday April 18

PH 8 a.m. †Peggy Sullivan

VP 4:30 p.m. †Jim DeVito

Sunday April 19 (Third Sunday of Easter)

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

VP 9:30 a.m. Intentions of Mara Fleming

VP 11 a.m. †Domenico LoPreiato

PH 4:30 p.m. †Russell Amoruso

Congratulations to Christopher Kowalski and Tyler McCue who were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through reception of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. May our Risen Lord bless them as they join our family of faith here at Our Lady of Fatima. Welcome!

This week's readings for April 12, Divine Mercy Sunday #828

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel : John 20:19-31

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 14	6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
April 15	12:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Duplicate Bridge Columbiettes
April 16	7 p.m.	Adult Choir

This Sunday, April 12 we will have two collections, Sunday and Monthly for the needs of the Parish



The Sunday after Easter, **April 12th is Divine Mercy Sunday**. Please join us at **2:00 pm** for an hour of Adoration followed by prayer and devotions in the church. Divine Mercy Sunday is a relatively new addition to the Roman Catholic liturgical calendar. Celebrating the Divine Mercy of Jesus Christ, as revealed by Christ to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, this feast was extended to the entire Catholic Church by Pope John Paul II on April 30, 2000, the day that he canonized Saint Faustina.

The Bishop's Scholarship Fund provides critical tuition assistance through Foundations in Education, helping families in need access our Diocesan Catholic elementary schools. Each year, nearly \$3 million in scholarships supports more than 1,100 students, opening doors to faith-filled education and brighter futures. Through the Annual Bishop's Appeal, \$700,000 is directed to this effort, benefiting students in every Diocesan Catholic elementary school. Last year, more than 2,300 students applied for assistance, with demonstrated need exceeding \$7 million. Your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal makes a lasting difference—strengthening families, nurturing faith, and ensuring that the life-changing gift of a Catholic education remains available to all who seek it. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

2026 Bishop's Appeal

ABA Goal: \$140,000

To date Our Lady of Fatima raised 85 gifts worth \$97,279 –69.49% of goal

To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone. Thank you!

OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

4:30 p.m. \$2,638.00		Sunday March 29
8 a.m. \$1,807.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$13,389.77 164
9:30 a.m. \$2,179.00	Online Giving Online users	\$4,071.00 88
11 a.m. \$2,156.00	TOTALS	\$17,460.77
4:30 p.m. \$1,436.77	<i>Weekly Goal for budgeted expenses</i>	\$13,750.00
Mail \$3,173.00		\$3,710.77

Good Friday
Holy Land
\$1,340.00

Easter Vigil
and
Easter Sunday Collections
April 4-5

\$44,792.33



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the easy registration steps.



Welcome Home!

Whether you are a visi-
tor 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



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Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

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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 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
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Cliff Smith
Jennifer Smith
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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

Wilton Conservation Commission: Townwide Clean Up Day 2026



**Saturday, April 25, 2026
9am - 12pm**

The Town of Wilton Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers on Saturday, April 25, 2026 to participate in our annual Townwide Cleanup Event!

Volunteers will meet at the Town Green Gazebo where the Conservation Commission will provide you with trash bags, work gloves, and a designated location to help clean up.

For more information, or to sign up ahead of time, please contact the Wilton Department of Environmental Affairs at (203)563-0180. Help spread the word, and we hope to see you there rain or shine!



Blessing of the Easter Baskets
Marcelle lost his baby tooth!



Egg Hunt: 2026 Thank you to the Columbiettes and Knights for the unselfish dedication they have. And thank you for all you do for the Parish.



FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation students in grades one through five will attend the 9:30 Mass on Sunday, April 26 and then move to class. This will be their last class of the 2025-26 school year, but remember to attend Mass each week! The sixth through eighth graders will meet at the 4:30 Mass on Sunday, May 3, and move to the school for their last class of this school year.

Confirmation candidates: There will be priests hearing confessions of Confirmation candidates on Saturday, April 25. All should prepare themselves for Confirmation by attending on this day.

Children receiving First Communion at the 9:30 ceremony on May 2 will rehearse on Thur, April 30, in church, at 4:00PM. Those in the 11:30 ceremony will rehearse on April 30 at 4:45 PM. All are expected at rehearsal so they will be familiar with the procedure on First Communion Day.

All First Communion children are invited to wear their First Communion outfits and participate in the May Crowning at the 9:30 Mass on May 3. Each participant is asked to bring a flower to be placed in a vase near the Statue of Blessed Mother.

SHARING OUR FAITH



If you know a non-Catholic adult who has always wondered about the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church, now is the time to invite him or her to an inquiry session. Please contact Katheen Rooney (krooney@olfwilton.org) for additional details.

Do you have a Catholic friend, family member, neighbor, or co-worker who has stopped attending Mass and practicing our faith? It is never too late to "come home." Please reach out to this person with kind words of encouragement. Suggest making an appointment with a priest to talk about what has kept him/her away.



SOUP KITCHEN/ FOOD PANTRY MINISTRY

The Open Doors Soup Kitchen serves hundreds of meals a day to the less fortunate in South Norwalk. OLF parishioners assist by providing food and volunteers. The OLF Soup Kitchen/ Food Pantry Ministry is looking for help in the following ways:

Food donations - Donors provide assigned food items, such as bags of salad and a few pounds of ground beef, on a monthly basis. Food items are dropped off at the Parish Center in the days just prior to the Tuesday morning collections.

Drivers - We are currently in need of substitute drivers.

For more information about this rewarding ministry, please contact Sharon Steinberg at mcsharon100@optonline.net.

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Youth Group

One Sentence with Immortal Words

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most of us have a favorite movie or TV show. Often enough there's a line or two that stands out and instantly connects us with it that can range from the sublime to the silly. Case in point: St. Thomas More's retort to a cynical Cardinal Wolsey in the Robert Bolt play *A Man for All Seasons*: "When statesmen forget their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos." How often do I think of that line when I hear elected officials avoid a thorough condemnation of abortion!

As for the silly, there's a famous nonsense question asked by Igor in the Mel Brooks farce about Frankenstein "What hump?" As if to deny his deformity.

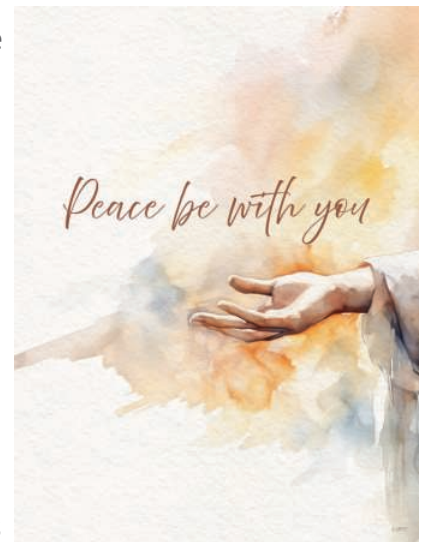
All of this is prelude for me to suggest that in today's Gospel selection from John's gospel, wherein the beautiful story of St. Thomas and his reactions to the Resurrection is told to us. Thomas ultimately meets the living Jesus face to face. I can imagine him very embarrassed, having touched the Lord's bodily scars, and then slowly kneeling before Jesus. Then come his immortal words: "My Lord and my God!" Scripture scholars rightly claim that one sentence is the climactic moment of John's whole gospel. Capturing the essential point. Inviting us to draw the same conclusion about the identity of Jesus.

St. Thomas' phrase lingers in my everyday prayer at Mass, because I learned that those are the words we should say as the Sacred Host is raised by the priest at the Consecration of the Mass. The risen Christ is with us then, under the unlikely appearance of a plain piece of unleavened bread!

Pope St. John Paul II designated this Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." It was to underscore the basis of Christian optimism. Only by and through God's merciful love do we have any hope of heaven. As we strive to live our lives as His faithful disciples, we need to remember this truth and never turn to prideful thinking that we cause our own salvation. Everything ultimately depends on this divine mercy.

Considering the matter of memorable lines from well-loved sources, allow me to add one more given to us by St. Augustine in his classical "Confessions." It too makes for a great prayer: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

God love you and give you His Easter peace.



Rituals

Rituals can be seen as habits with meaning and purpose. Daily routines that include your faith can become sacred.

The Importance of Downtime & Honoring the Sabbath

Sunday is considered the Lord's Day, a day of rest and worship. Honoring the Sabbath is an important practice that allows us to set aside time for God, devotion, and renewal. In our fast-paced and demanding world, it is crucial to prioritize quality downtime and rest as a family, especially on Sundays.

This means setting boundaries and creating a schedule that allows time for God, as well as rest and relaxation.



The Digital Pantry is an online resource from the Institute for Catholic Formation that provides families with engaging, faith-based content such as games, videos, activities, and prayer resources. It is designed to help parents and children grow in their Catholic faith together in a fun, accessible, and practical way at home.



Come Visit This Spring

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.*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Jesus, I trust in you!

Peace be with you.
As the Father has sent Me,
So I send you.

Receive the Holy Spirit,
whose sins you forgive
are forgiven them, and
whose sins you retain
are retained.

John 20:21-23

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