

# Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

229 Danbury Road ♦ Wilton, CT 06897

# Lent

203-762-3928

March 19, 2023

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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 p.m.
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## **WEBSITE**

[WWW.OLFWILTON.ORG](http://WWW.OLFWILTON.ORG)

## **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday	9 a.m.
Tuesday	12:15 p.m.
Wednesday	9 a.m.
Thursday	12:15 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m.
Stations of the Cross	7 p.m.

# Fourth Sunday of Lent



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday March 18 (St. Cyril of Jerusalem)

JV 8 a.m.. Tom Bethell  
PS 4:30 p.m. Theodore Diamond

### Sunday March 19 (Laetare Sunday)

JV 8 a.m. Sr. Noreen Nolan  
RN/TC 9:30 a.m. Joseph Ciliberti  
RN/TC 11 a.m. Louis Palomba  
RN 4:30 p.m. All Parishioners Living & Deceased

### Monday March 20 (St. Joseph)

PS 9 a.m. Virginia Feraco

### Tuesday March 21

JV 12:15 p.m. Harry Reddington

### Wednesday March 22

RN 9 a.m. Vincent Callanan

### Thursday March 23 (St. Turibius of Mogrovejo)

JV 12:15 p.m. Dorothy Coppola

### Friday March 24 (ABSTINENCE)

RN 9 a.m. Carole DiGiovanni  
TC 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross

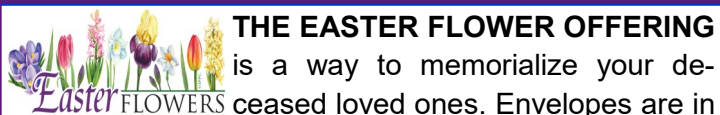
### Saturday March 25 (The Annunciation of the Lord)

PS 8 a.m.. Intentions of Donna Bethell  
JV 4:30 p.m. Esther DePaola

### Sunday March 26 (Laetare Sunday)

RN/TC\* 8 a.m. Paul Jarboe  
RN/TC 9:30 a.m. Katherine Klaum  
PS 11 a.m. Jane Lee  
RN 4:30 p.m. Margaret Moniz

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Russo**, husband of Civita Russo. May Christ, Our Savior, grant him everlasting rest.



### THE EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

is a way to memorialize your deceased loved ones. Envelopes are in your March packet or can be found at the Church doors. The flyer will be in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

**Please return** your envelopes (via the collection basket) or directly to the Parish Office **no later than Monday, April 3rd.**

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 20	6:30 p.m. 8 p.m.	Finance Mtg Knights of Columbus
March 21	10:30 a.m.	Spiritual Break Soup Kitchen Pick Up
March 23	4:30 p.m. 7 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Adult Choir WWP
March 24	7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross

### SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

St. Joseph is the husband of the Virgin Mary and the father of Jesus on earth. He is mentioned in the Gospels of Matthew, Luke and John. We know he worked as a carpenter and taught his trade to Jesus. The last mention of Joseph in the Gospels is the finding of the twelve-year-old Jesus in the temple. Joseph is understood to have died, in the company of Jesus and Mary, sometime before Jesus' public ministry began at the wedding feast at Cana. Because of this, he is the patron saint of a happy death.

St. Joseph is also invoked as the patron saint of workers and a model for fathers and was declared by Pope Pius IX to be both the patron and protector of the universal Catholic Church.



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

*Thomas Joseph Ficarra*



If you have not yet responded to the 2023 Bishop's Appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to ministry and outreach that relies upon the charity of the Diocese of Bridgeport. The challenge is immediate and far-reaching, but the solution is within our reach! Please consider the following options when deciding upon the best way to support the Bishop's Appeal this year: • Make a pledge and spread out your payments over 5 or 10 months • Make an automatic monthly recurring gift until you inform the Diocese to adjust or discontinue. • Donate on-line by going to the diocesan website, [2023BishopsAppeal.org](https://2023BishopsAppeal.org) • Check if your employer will match your gift through the Corporate Matching Gift Program • Donate a one-time gift • Contribute a gift of appreciated stocks or securities Whatever you decide, your gift will be greatly appreciated and make a difference in the lives of others.



# OUR LADY OF FATIMA RC CHURCH

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## 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. We are happy you came.

## Please Pray For Our Military

Stephen Acosta  
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Sat 4:30	\$1,286.00		Sunday March 12 Total
Sun 8	\$601.00	Collection Envelopes used	\$9,905.86 158
Sun 9:30	\$1,577.86	Online Giving Online users	\$2,475.00 84
Sun 11	\$949.00	TOTAL	\$12,380.86
Sun 4:30	\$1,285.00	Goal for budgeted expenses	\$13,030.00
Mail	\$4,207.00	Shortfall	\$652.14

## Ways you can give:

1. Use weekly envelopes for your tax-deductible donation. *Mail them in for continued deductions.*
2. Online Giving is an automated means to support our parish.
3. Go to our website: [www.olfwilton.org](http://www.olfwilton.org). There are video tutorials available or please contact the office for assistance.
4. Please remember us in your estate planning by including our church in your will.

In an effort to save money, if you are receiving Sunday envelopes and have switched to online giving or just don't want to receive the envelopes anymore, please contact the parish



office either by phone (203) 762-3928 or by email to: [secretaryolf@gmail.com](mailto:secretaryolf@gmail.com).

And if you are not receiving Sunday envelopes and would like to get them—please let us know too!

## Please Pray For Our Sick and Infirm:

Sean Allan  
Jacqueline Benson  
Donna Britto  
Joe Cardoso  
Jane Cavanna  
Gregory Clarke  
Ethan Collins  
Mary Ann Cote  
Mia Cunningham  
Darcy Driscoll  
Marilyn Dugan  
Joseph Filardi  
Walter Fritz  
John Kealy

Jack Kelly  
Mackenzie Keogh  
June Lentini  
R. Metz  
Mark Montesano  
John O'Connor  
Armando Payawal  
Maria Reile  
Ron Sands  
Jack Scofield  
Carl & Kay Ullman  
Karen Volpe  
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 miss our OLF college students!

The Columbiettes would like to send your college student Spring greetings in the form of a care package (snacks, etc.) to let them know that their OLF family is thinking of them and wishing them well! To register your college student for this mailing, please email Jean-nie Rubsam therubsam5@sbcglobal.net or Patty Terranova p.a.terran@gmail.com by March 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you wish to donate items, please let us know. We will be assembling the care packages to ship the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>.



A Lenten Offering to Feed our Fairfield County Neighbors.

Food insecurity continues to be the number one issue impacting many individuals and families in our community struggling to make ends meet due to the rising costs of food, gas and housing due to inflation.

Thanks to YOUR generosity, Catholic Charities has been a leader in providing food to the most vulnerable members of our community. This Lenten Season, give to the Loaves and Fishes Campaign and help feed the hungry in our midst. Donations can be made online at <https://bit.ly/3DFPqrL> or via the agency website at [www.ccfairfield.org](http://www.ccfairfield.org).

Checks made out to Catholic Charities may be mailed to: Catholic Charities

ATT: Finance Dept/L&F Campaign 238 Jewett Avenue Bridgeport, CT 06606



## SECOND COLLECTION:

THIS week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this Collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.



Lenten Fish Fry  
Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>  
5:00-7:00pm  
OLF Parish Center  
Sponsored by  
Columbiettes & Knights of Columbus

Choice of Fish sandwich, french fries & coleslaw or Fish platter (1 pc of fish), french fries & coleslaw  
Cost is \$ 15.00 each selection

Pick up or dine in with limited space available  
If dining in please bring your choice of beverage

Orders must be received and paid for by Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
Email your order to [olf.columbiettes@gmail.com](mailto:olf.columbiettes@gmail.com)



**2024 MASS BOOK WILL OPEN**  
**on APRIL 18**  
**Office opens at 9**



**A HOLY FAMILY CANDLE**  
Will burn for Seven Days starting  
**March 24**

*Stephanie Tobey Fowler*



## Easter Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 10:00am**



### OLF Field

Sponsored by Columbiettes & Knights of Columbus

Please bring a basket or bag to collect your eggs

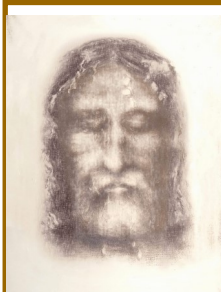
**We also request you bring an item for donation to the food pantry.**



## Church Cleaning & Decorating

**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> 8:00am**

Volunteers needed to help clean & decorate the church for Easter.



Fr. Andrew Dalton, LC, theology professor at Regina Apostolorum in Rome, will be coming to our area to give a presentation on the Shroud of Turin. Fr. Dalton will be speaking at St. Mary Parish in Stamford on Monday evening, April 3 beginning at 7:30 PM and at St. Catherine of Siena/St. Agnes Parish in Riverside on Tuesday evening, April 4 beginning at 7 PM. These presentations are open to all.



## FAITH FORMATION



Reminder to Faith Formation students in grades 1-5; Please submit an Easter drawing to Mrs. Rooney or Mrs. Lombardi no later than March 26. We hope to bring smiles to the faces of those in nursing and assisted living homes in the area.

Next Sunday, March 26, students in grades 1-5 will gather at the 9:30 Mass and move to the school after Mass for class.

There are no Faith Formation classes on April 9 and April 16. Enjoy the Spring break! Classes resume on April 23 for Elementary school students.

## SHARING OUR FAITH



Let us reach out to those non-Catholic adults who have expressed an interest in our Catholic faith. This could be the year which will bring your relative, friend, neighbor, or co-worker the joy of our faith. Please call (203-762-9080) or email ([KRooney@olfwilton.org](mailto:KRooney@olfwilton.org)) Kathleen Rooney to learn about the RCIA process which invites inquir-

ing non-Catholic adults to pray and explore the teachings of our religion with a small group of parishioners.

Come "Home" if you have been away from Mass and the sacraments. Now is the time to talk with Father Reggie about returning to active practice of our faith. Call this week (203-762-3928) to arrange a time to meet. Your call will be welcome and confidential.



*We must continue in prayer if we are to get an outpouring of the Spirit. Christ says there are some things we shall not get, unless we pray and fast, yes, "prayer and fasting." We must control the flesh and abstain from whatever hinders direct fellowship with God.*

*Bonar Law*

### Reading I: I Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Samuel anoints young David, who is the clear choice of the Lord. Samuel has not seen as God sees in this important matter.

### Reading II: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Baptism brings us from darkness to light. This light in turn produces conduct that pleases the Lord. The section closes with what seems to be an early baptismal hymn.

### The Gospel: John 9: 1-41, or 9: 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Jesus cures a blind man, and there follows the question: "Is Jesus from God or not?" The Pharisees windup being the real "blind men" for refusing to see Jesus for whom He is.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

### Adoration:

Daytime & Nighttime:

Brian Highland  
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### Altar Servers:

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### Funeral Hospitality:

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### High School Bible Study

Maggie Kelly

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### Ushers:

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### Walking With Purpose-(Girls)

Maggie Kelly  
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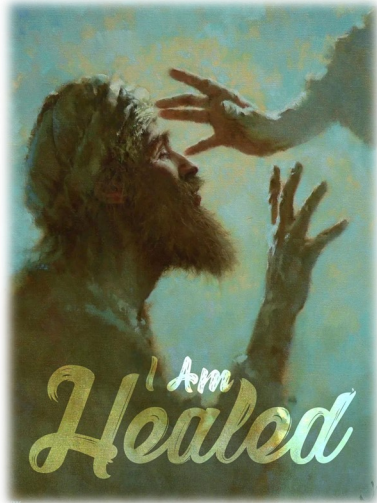
## ***Are you blind to you own sins?***

***Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson***

Last Christmas I watched part of a holiday concert held in New York City by Andrea Bocelli accompanied by his talented son and daughter. They joined the New York City Singing Choir for several carols of the season. Naturally the power and beauty of the renowned tenor's voice dominated the performance. As we know, Bocelli is blind. But that has no effect on his singing and his mastery of several musical instruments. He brings joy to audiences all over the world. I could say he is a point of light in the darkness of the world.

We are not told of any special talent held by the blind man in our gospel story from John chosen for this Lenten Sunday. We know that he was deprived of sight from his birth, unable to enjoy the world that we so easily do. But because of Jesus' compassionate healing, he is suddenly brought into the ranks of the "children of light."

But like what frequently happens when Jesus works a miracle, so here too the Pharisee onlookers, representing the usual cynics among us, begin a series of hair-splitting maneuvers involving the Law. They devise calculated threats, upsetting the man's parents along the way, all done to counter the good news in what they witnessed. Of course our evangelist wants us recognize the fact that they are the real blind men.



True, in a world lit only by fire, the unnamed blind man's affliction was doubly painful. Even for his sighted peers, when the sun went down the world could be a dangerous place. But at least they could see each other's faces by oil lamplight. Or follow a path with ease. Blindness was mostly a burden. Some saw it as a curse. Yet the love of family was always there to help.

Flash forward across the centuries, and we can understand why the Church presents us with this story at the midpoint of Lent. We have a potent reminder that we can all be blind to our own sins at times. But we also have the occasion this day to be joyful not only because we have Christ's light available to see where we need correction and a Sacrament of confession to affect our healing.

In the meantime we have another life lesson as illustrated by the story of Samuel. Here is a good man, a prophet, but he has to learn that he does not see as God sees. Ah, and so do we! When we experience the twists and turns of life here below; the natural disasters that ruin our calm; and the personal setbacks that torture our confidence, we need not let them rob us of our hope. A hope based not in just any person, place, or thing but in our resurrected Lord.

We can meet Him, especially in the Holy Eucharist and in moments of personal prayer where we also become aware of the fact that when this life is over, we are meant to climb the stairway to heaven, where we will see Him face to face.

A thought now from John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace": *"When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there: the first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see; the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there."*

**Saint Quote:**

**Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo (1538-1606)**

**"Time is not our own, and we must give a strict account of it."**



### Bishop: Memorial Garden 'a great gift'

August 15, 2020 marked two years since Bishop Frank Caggiano came to Our Lady of Fatima parish 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 50 plaques are in place. More are available. *Information on how to purchase a space is available at the Parish Office: (203) 762-3928; [noconnell@olfwilton.org](mailto:noconnell@olfwilton.org).*



## ST. MARY PARISH DISCIPLES 4 LIFE ADULT RETREAT

You are invited to come and be part of St. Mary's Disciples 4 Life Parish Retreat! This is a personal retreat, open to all adult men and women. This retreat takes place during Lent-the perfect time to grow more deeply in our faith and closer to our Lord.

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart" Jer. 29:13

The weekend schedule includes talks on spirituality, reconciliation, the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration and quiet time. Make a decision to change your life today!

**When: Friday, March 24 - Sunday March 26, 2023**

(Starting Friday at 7:00 PM and concluding Sunday after the 5:00 pm Mass in our Parish Hall)

**Where: Seton-Neumann Center, Danbury, CT**

Rooms are single person occupancy unless specifically requested otherwise.

Please contact Marilyn Kain at [kainma56@gmail.com](mailto:kainma56@gmail.com) or (203) 994-7808 with any questions or if you require additional information.

All reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. *Reservations are limited, so sign up quickly.*  
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Please complete the following and include a check of \$150 per person payable to St. Mary and return to:

St. Mary Parish  
Attn: D4L  
55 Catoona Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: St. Mary ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

*A confirmation letter with more details will be mailed to you one week before the retreat.*

Team members: Dianne Doyle, Steve Fugazy, Jan and Bob Hebert, Paul Janerico, Marilyn and George Kain, Dorian Peckham, Sarah Sorgie and Carol Incarnacao-Schirm