

Our Lady of Fatima Church

"WE ARE A WELCOMING COMMUNITY"

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MASSES:

Daily: Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 AM
Tuesday and Thursday 7:45 AM
Saturday 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM
(5:30 for Sunday Obligation)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, and 12:00 Noon
Holy Day: 5:30 PM (Eve of Holy Day)
7:00, 9:00, Noon, 8:00

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 4:00-5:00 plus 5:00 PM on Eve of Holy Day

BAPTISMS: Arrangements for Baptism can be made at the Rectory

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least eight months in advance. However we encourage they be made one year in advance.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND: Please notify the Rectory if anyone in your home is seriously sick or homebound.

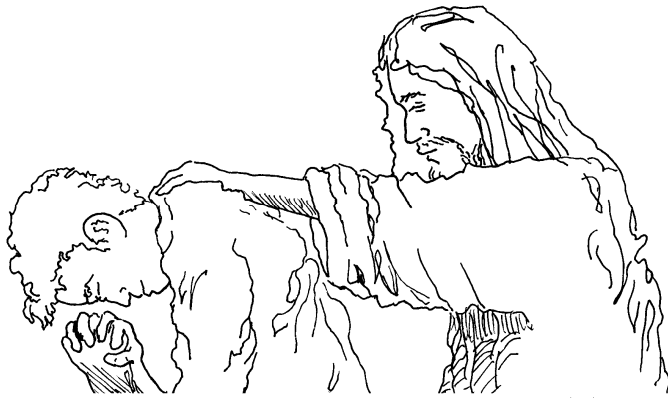
PARISH REGISTRATION: All families or individuals who have moved into the parish should register by filling out the registration card available at the church doors.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 28, 2010

“The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear?”

Psalm 27:1

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Sat. 27th 5:30 p.m.	Helen Hojnacki	Wed. 3rd 9:00 a.m.	Michael Gray, Jr. (10th Anniversary)
Sun. 28th 7:30 a.m.	Ken Herbst	Thu. 4th 7:45 a.m.	Wells Jarboe
Sun. 28th 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Thu. 4th Noon	Joseph Dugan
Sun. 28th 10:30 a.m.	Joseph F. Monteleone	Fri. 5th 9:00 a.m.	Marilyn Sweeny
Sun. 28th Noon	Frank Nulty (8th Anniversary)	Sat. 6th 8:00 a.m.	Frances Trano
Mon. 1st 9:00 a.m.	Margaret Hennessey	Sat. 6th 5:30 p.m.	Jodi Conte
Mon. 1st 5:15 p.m.	Jay O’Connell	Sun. 7th 7:30 a.m.	Dick Masselink
Tue. 2nd 7:45 a.m.	Joseph Archer	Sun. 7th 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Tue. 2nd Noon	Elvera Meehan	Sun. 7th 10:30 a.m.	James Connell
		Sun. 7th Noon	Margaret Koziolkowsky

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of former parishioner **August (Gus) Garbarino** and for **Zoila Rosa Montoya**, aunt of Eddie Montoya of our parish. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy .



THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend was \$14,459. Last year’s comparable weekend was \$12,413.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION for the weekend of Feb. 13/14 totaled \$9,741 versus prior year of \$10,914. Thank you.

NEXT WEEKEND’S SECOND COLLECTION is the monthly collection for the needs of the parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

IF YOU ARE AN ELECTRONIC DONOR OR WOULD LIKE TO BE, and have not yet turned in your 2010 forms, please return them to the Parish Office as soon as possible. If you misplaced your forms, or would like to sign up to become an electronic donor, you may pick up forms in the Parish Office during regular business hours, or download the forms from our website — www.olfwilton.org. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH NEWS

MSGR. ALBERT IS RETURNING This weekend, February 27th and 28th, Msgr. Richard Albert, the founder and director of the St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica, will be here to speak at all our Masses. His St. Patrick's Mission has become, over the years, like a sister parish to OLF. Then, **SAVE THE DATE—Beginning tomorrow, Monday, March 1st through Wednesday, March 3rd**, Msgr. Albert will be leading a **Lenten retreat** here for our Parish, "The Eucharist—A Healing Sacrament". Come and take advantage of this special Lenten retreat opportunity. We look forward to Monsignor Albert's return!

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted to persons in this age group on those two days, plus two lighter meals. In the case of children under the age of 14, the Church recommends that parents encourage them to perform some kind of voluntary penance suitable for their age.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION will be held on the Fridays of Lent at 8 p.m. All families and parishioners are invited to participate in this longtime Lenten devotion.

I WAS HUNGRY, LOAVES AND FISHES: This Lenten collection is a program to feed the hungry in our Diocese. Your spirit has been generous in the past and much appreciated by those who benefit from it. The envelopes marked "*I WAS HUNGRY*" are included in your set of monthly envelopes. They are also available at the Church doors.

LENTEEN CONFESSION CAMPAIGN Our Lady of Fatima, along with all of the other parishes in our Diocese, will be offering Confessions on every Tuesday evening during Lent from 7-9 p.m. Our Holy Father says that "Confession must not be a mere formality in a Christian's life, but rather an essential ingredient to nourish and sustain a commitment to follow Christ."

LENTEEN WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday: 9 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday: 7:45 and Noon

Wednesday: 9 a.m.

Thursday: 7:45 a.m. and Noon

Friday: 9 a.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY This Friday, March 5, is the First Friday of March. Daytime Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins in the upstairs chapel after the 9 a.m. First Friday Mass. Nocturnal Adoration begins at 9:00 p.m. at the Main Altar and continues until the 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass. Please join the teams of people who give Daytime Adoration in half-hour shifts or the Nocturnal Adoration teams who serve one-hour shifts. Please contact Kathy Tafuro regarding Daytime Adoration at 762-8816, or Franey Donovan for Nocturnal Adoration at 834-2444.

SOUL SUPPER—This Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m. at Dina's Restaurant Come feed your body and soul!! Join us for a lively discussion on "Homosexuality and the Catholic Church". Our guest will be Father Paul Check, the Director of the apostolate group, Courage, which ministers to those with "same sex attraction" and their families. With many states considering same-sex marriage, it's a timely issue. Dinner is \$25. RSVP to Laurie Forcade (St. Theresa's Circle) at lforcade@optonline.net or 203-210-5580.

M.O.M.'s—MEETING OTHER MOMS: Please join us this **Thursday, March 4, 2010** from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the Parish Center for a craft, a snack, songs and free play. New moms and children (ages newborn to 5) are always welcome. For more information please call Mary Jones at 761-6687 or Martina Kahn at 210-7059.

OLF ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY The annual St. Patrick's Day Party will be held in the OLF school gym **next Saturday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, hosted by the OLF Chapter of the Knights of Columbus. We will be entertained by The Irish Band. In honor of St. Joseph, the traditional fare of corned beef and cabbage will be supplemented by Italian food. Beer, wine and soft drinks also will be served. Prices are \$30.00 per person and \$20.00 per person for senior citizens. Reservation forms are available at the back of the Church. For more information — or to lend a helping hand — please call Paul Niche (203-650-6394).

2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" One of the vital programs supported by Catholic Charities is the Morning Glory program in Danbury. It provides a nutritious breakfast for the hungry and homeless. Breakfast is served Monday through Friday, 6:30 – 9 a.m. by a traveling van.

A gentleman in his 40's whom we will call "Jeff" benefits from this program. Due to the challenges in treating his chronic mental illness, he is without an income, insurance, or services. The nutritious meal he receives through the Morning Glory program does a lot to get him through the day. In addition he also receives socks, underwear and toiletry items to care for his basic needs. In Jeff's world, Catholic Charities is one of the safest places he can go where he knows he will be treated with dignity and respect. Your gifts to the Annual - 3 -

Bishop's Appeal help support this vital ministry through Catholic Charities. Thank you for your support.

OLF CASH RAFFLE Our Lady of Fatima's Home School Association (H.S.A.), with the support of the Parish, is holding a **BLUE RIBBON CASH RAFFLE!** Purchase your ticket today for a chance to win **\$10,000 (grand prize), \$3,000 (2nd prize) or \$2,000 (third prize)!** Tickets are **\$25 each** and will be sold after all Masses **beginning this weekend.** The drawing will be held at 9:00 p.m. on March 19, 2010, at the OLF Blue Ribbon Gala at the Dolce Center in Norwalk. *All proceeds will directly benefit our youth-related programs and in particular, Our Lady of Fatima School, Our Lady of Fatima Parish Religious Education Program and Our Lady of Fatima's Youth Group!* You may purchase tickets after all Masses, by emailing the Raffle Committee at Blue.Ribbon.Raffle@gmail.com, calling the Raffle Committee at 203-216-6194, or contacting the Parish Office at 762-3928. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

The OLF H.S.A. reserves the right to cancel the raffle if a minimum of 1,000 tickets are not sold. In that event, all monies will be returned to ticket holders. Taxes will be withheld by the OLF H.S.A. prior to awarding the grand cash prize to the winner.

THE 2011 MASS BOOK will open on **Wednesday, March 17th at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office.** To provide all parishioners with the opportunity of selecting some of their desired dates, parishioners may schedule no more than **two** Sunday Masses and **three** weekday Masses until after May 31st.

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women who are protecting our freedom, and especially **Jake Hutchings, Matthew Smarella and Nate Snaric.** If you have a loved one serving overseas, or know of someone who is, call the Parish Office with their names. We welcome home Patrick Donohue; his family is so grateful for OLF's prayers!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES FOR NINTH GRADE STUDENTS conclude on February 28. Any ninth grade Religious Education student who was unable to take the final exam today, February 28, should call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) this week to schedule an appointment to take the test no later than March 14. Thank you for your cooperation. Please note that sixth, seventh, and eighth grade Religious Education students will attend classes through April 11.

REMINDER TO EIGHT GRADE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS: On Sunday, March 21, the eighth graders will attend the 10:30 Mass after classes. Any student who would like to do a reading, bring up the gifts, or participate in another way may call Mrs. Rooney

at 203-762-9080 or email at angels225@aol.com.

WHAT DOES THE POPE DO? WHY DO CATHOLICS SAY THE ROSARY? WHAT IS THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION? These are some of the questions non-Catholic adults have asked our parishioners. If you know a man or woman who has shown an interest in our religion, extend an invitation to him or her to our next inquiry session. This will be an opportunity to understand the RCIA process, to ask questions relating to the Catholic faith, and to share faith stories. Please call Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) for time and place.

IF YOU ARE, OR KNOW OF, a Catholic adult who is thinking about returning to Mass and the sacraments after being away for a period of time, but are not sure how to go about it, please call Father Palmer or Father James (203-762-3928) in confidence to make an appointment to talk about being an active member of our family of faith once again. We want you back!

YOUTH MINISTRY

2010 SUMMER MISSION OUTREACH TRIP to the St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica. From Sunday, June 20th to Sunday, June 27th, the high school youth group will travel to Jamaica to work in the mission centers & at St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital helping the needy, poor, & abandoned elderly. Cost for the trip is \$1,250. Applications are now available in the Religious Education office. (note: submission of application does not automatically guarantee a spot on the mission trip.)

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE MACKENZIE TREC (Ieens Really Encountering Christ): This new-type of Emmaus Retreat will be held on the weekend of March 6th – 7th at the Seton Neumann Center in Danbury. You've "talked the talk" from CCD classes. Now learn how to "walk the walk" to continue growing in your faith journey. The cost for the retreat is \$95 (includes lodging, meals, & much more) For details & permission slips, please talk to Sharon Lynn in the Religious Ed office or Teen Leaders, Tim Becker & Jackie Saltarelli. Don't miss this exciting opportunity of a lifetime. You'll be glad you came!

HELP AT THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE on Saturday, March 6th from 6:30 – 10:00 pm in the OLF School Gym. Help with set up, serving dinner, & clean up. Work all or part of the evening. It's a really fun way to earn service hours needed for Confirmation, NHS, etc... Contact Mr. Bill McMorris at 762-9854 or at wjmcmclaw@snet.net to sign up!

THE MILLER/DRISCOLL WINTER CARNIVAL will be held on Saturday, March 6th at Miller School. Junior High & High School Teens can earn service hours help-

ing to run games, arts & crafts, prizes, & food services. Sign up for shifts between 11:00 am – 3:00 pm by contacting Mrs. Deb Bucklan at bucklan@optonline.net.

CELEBRATE SPRING — JUNIOR YOUTH ARTS & CRAFTS PARTY: Save the date of Thursday, March 18th! 6th, 7th, & 8th graders are encouraged to join us when we visit Brookdale Place (formerly Sunrise Assisted Living) after school to 5:00 pm for an Arts & Crafts Party with the elderly. We'll pick you up at Middlebrook or OLF School & go to Brookdale to make crafts with the residents. Sign up with a permission slip is a must by Monday, March 15th to Sharon Lynn in the Religious Ed office. Space is limited. It's a fun way to earn service hours needed for Confirmation!

CONVIVIO RETREAT: This Diocese sponsored retreat will be held during the days of March 12, 13, 14, 2010 at Sacred Heart University. Join teens from around our Diocese at this Catholic Congress for Youth. Teens will reflect upon contemporary society & share their experiences, thoughts, & interests. Cost is \$35. Registration forms, due by February 28th, are available in the Religious Education office.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 will be held in Madrid, Spain. Join teens & young adults (16 years & older) from our Diocese for this incredible pilgrimage to see Pope Benedict XVI. This Diocese sponsored trip will be held from August 10-23, 2011 that includes a pre-WYD tour to Fatima, Portugal & Santiago de Compostela in Spain. In Madrid, you'll be on a spiritual journey with other pilgrims from all over the world. Cost is approx. \$3,600. For further details, contact Sharon Lynn in the Religious Education office.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ONE DAY BIBLE STUDY WITH JEFF CAVINS St. Mary's Parish in Ridgefield is having a one-day review of the Bible, presented by Jeff Cavins, author of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline Bible study (used here at Our Lady of Fatima for our Bible studies). Jeff Cavins is very dynamic speaker and you will not regret attending this session! The study will take place on **March 27 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the St. Mary School gym.** For more information, please contact Deacon McManus at 762-7142 or Laura Cody at 761-9183.

A GLIMPSE OF GLORY

Lent reminds us that our final destination is glory, our "citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). The Transfiguration was a moment when Jesus' disciples caught a glimpse of him in glory. Moments of glory do not last long, but they continue to occur. This is more likely to happen when we "listen to him" (Luke 9:35).

INSIDE THE READINGS

The Lukan story of the Transfiguration signals Jesus' recognition of the sustaining and empowering function of vision for his disciples. He had just told them in no uncertain terms the extent to which they must be willing to follow him in discipleship: "If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it" (Luke 9:23-24).

Now Jesus takes the leaders of the disciples with him up a mountain and provides them with both the experience of the glory that awaits the faithful disciple and the perspective to sustain and empower them on the way. First, while praying on the mountain Jesus' face becomes changed and his clothes become "dazzling white" (9:29). Second, while Matthew and Mark also write that Moses and Elijah appeared, only Luke writes that they appeared "in glory" (9:31). These two figures give the disciples an experience of what the end of the sometimes difficult journey is like. Only Luke shows Peter, James, and John entering the cloud that overshadows them (9:34). The cloud is a symbol of God's presence, as it was during the Exodus and wilderness wanderings. They are taken into the divine presence when they hear the voice confirming Jesus.

Jesus also gives them perspective to help them be faithful on the way. Only Luke says that Moses and Elijah talk about Jesus' "exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:30-31). So the leaders of the apostles receive the perspective that life is a journey with hardships, like the Exodus, but for the stalwart disciple life will result in a glorious conclusion.

Thus, Luke encourages us to take time apart to be open to the experience of God and the godly perspective that energizes our commitments. Given the importance of prayer for Luke, it hardly seems accidental that these come while Jesus is at prayer.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

While we pray that one day we will see the Lord in his glory, we can also ask, even now, that we may receive a glimpse of that glory as we walk by faith. We pray that we may live in awareness of the presence of God.

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