

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.

Rectory
762-3928
www.olfwilton.org

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834-1261

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 16, 2010



"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

— Revelation 22:13

Masses for the Week

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Sat. 15 th 5:30 p.m.	Hugh, Lena & Rose Winters	Thu. 20 th 7:45 a.m.	Martin Reilly
Sun. 16 th 7:30 a.m.	Terry Crawford	Fri. 21 st 9:00 a.m.	Charles & Catherine Hepfner
Sun. 16 th 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Sat. 22 nd 8:00 a.m.	Donald Leavitt & Ronald Leavitt
Sun. 16 th 10:30 a.m.	John Burpo	Sat. 22 nd 5:30 p.m.	Margaret Weigl
Sun. 16 th Noon	Frank D'Amico	Sun. 23 rd 7:30 a.m.	George & Ruby Davala
Mon. 17 th 9:00 a.m.	Jason Laferriere	Sun. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Tue. 18 th 7:45 a.m.	Stuart Werkle <i>(1st Anniversary)</i>	Sun. 23 rd 10:30 a.m.	Charles Kolb
Wed. 19 th 9:00 a.m.	Jim Dunn <i>(1st Anniversary)</i>	Sun. 23 rd Noon	Frank Bartolomeo, Patrick Russo & Jack Nolan

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

WEDDING BANNS

THIRD CALL: Robert Mueller, III & Alessandra Perfetti

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of **Edward Armstrong**, father of Mary Kay Barr of our parish, and for **Peter Altomaro**, father of Karen DeCarlo of our parish, and for **Ralph Kazi**, father of Ronald Kazi of our parish. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend was \$10,925. Last year's comparable weekend was \$16,705. Thank you for your generosity.

LAST WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION for the monthly collection for the needs of the parish totaled \$5,211. Thank you for your contribution to this offering.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) COLLECTION will be taken up **this week-end** as the second collection throughout the Diocese. Half of your contribution to the CCC Collection stays here to support our own Office for Communications, which produces both the *Fairfield County Catholic* newspaper and the diocesan website. The remaining 50 percent supports CCC's national activities to help Catholics connect to God's word through faith-centered programming. From Catholic news, marriage and family resources, televised Masses for shut-ins and daily readings from the Bible, to movie reviews, television specials on national networks and public service messages seen by millions of Americans, the Catholic Communication Campaign is, in truth, "How the Good News Gets Around." Thank you for your generosity.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING 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. **Forms are also available in this weekend's bulletin.**

PARISH NEWS

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" Please support this important appeal which serves so many needy people through Catholic Charities, and also helps to support our Catholic Schools, Parish Life & Ministries, vocations & seminarians and many other organizations and ministries. Envelopes have been mailed to our registered parishioners within the letters from Bishop Lori & Father Palmer. **Envelopes are also available at the Church doors.** For more information, please visit www.bridgeportdiocese.com/aba. Thank you for your support.

SPIRITUAL BREAK GROUP "Hail Mary, Full of Grace ..." Please join us for discussion, prayer and meditation this **Tuesday, May 18 at 10:30 a.m.** in the Parish Center to honor Mary, Our Blessed Mother. Questions? Terry Lynn @ 762-7413 (trlynn@optonline.net) or Gale Roeder @ 762-3784 (galeroe33@aol.com). All are welcome!

MEN'S MINISTRY - Come experience our new and improved format. For the next several weeks, we will be discussing the topic *Masculinity - Will the*

Real Jesus Please Stand up? Please join us on **Saturday from 6:30 to 8:00 am** in the Parish Center — bagels and coffee will be served. If any questions, call Denis Riney at 646-491-1861.

A LOBSTERBAKE FUNDRAISER (for adults), sponsored by our High School Youth Ministry, will be held on **Saturday, May 22nd** starting at 6:30 pm in the OLF School Gym. Tickets are \$60/person. Dinner, catered by Capt'n John's, includes lobster or grilled chicken, steamers, mussels, new potatoes, corn-on-the-cob, salad, along with tasty appetizers and scrumptious desserts - BYOB. Come for delicious food, dancing, & great fun. All tickets must be purchased by Sunday, May 16th with your name(s) and payment (cash or check made payable to OLF) to Sharon Lynn in the OLF Religious Ed office. For questions, contact Sharon at OLFYouth-Group@aol.com or 762-9080.

M.O.M.'s—MEETING OTHER MOMS: Please join us this **Thursday, May 20, 2010** from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the OLF Parish Center for a craft, 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.

AS WE CONCLUDE THE YEAR OF THE PRIEST, we will celebrate and thank our priests here at Our Lady of Fatima at a reception in the Parish Center following the **12:00 Mass on Sunday, June 13.** Please join our parish family as we honor Father Palmer, Father James, and Father Breen and thank them for responding to God's call to serve the people of God, our church, in so many different ways.

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women who are protecting our freedom, and especially **Jake Hutchings, Matthew Smarella, Nate Snaric and Andrew Avallone.** If you have a loved one serving overseas, or know of someone who is, call the Parish Office with their names.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held after the 5:30 Mass on June 5 and after all the Masses on Sunday, June 6. **Please note that all make-up work and tests must be completed before registering for the 2010-11 school year.**

CURRENT NINTH GRADERS WHO WILL BE RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE FALL will attend the 10:30 Mass next week on Pentecost Sunday, May 23. At this Mass, they will be presented to the parish community. Any candidate who would like to do a reading, bring up the gifts, or participate in any other way may call Mrs. Rooney (203-762-9080).

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is full! Any families who are still interested may call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) to be put on a waiting list.

RCIA is a process through which non-Catholic adults explore the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church and decide if they wish to join our community of faith through reception of the sacraments of initiation (Baptism and/or Confirmation and Eucharist). There are weekly gatherings with a small group of men and women from our parish who guide the inquirers as they reflect on readings from the Sunday Mass, pray together, and discuss the tenets of our Catholic faith. If you know a non-Catholic adult who has expressed an interest in learning more about Catholic beliefs and customs, please call one of our priests at 203-762-3928 or Kathleen Rooney at 203-762-9080.

MOST OF US KNOW PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN AND RAISED CATHOLIC but no longer practice their faith. Perhaps they need someone to ask, "What are the issues that have kept you away?" or "Would you like to talk with a priest?" Let us remember to pray for and reach out to those who have been away from the Church and recognize that they may be hurting. God our Father constantly offers His healing presence and never refuses one of His repentant children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS — SAVE THE DATE: You and your families are invited to attend a special "graduation" Mass in your honor on **Sunday, May 23rd at 12:00 noon**. A reception in the parish center will immediately follow the Mass. We need high school seniors to help serve at this liturgy by reading, singing, playing a musical instrument, or presenting the gifts. Call the Religious Ed. office at 762-9080 for details. Plan to attend this memorable occasion!

A JAMAICA MISSION TRIP MEETING for all teens going on the OLF mission outreach trip and for their parents will be held on **Tuesday, May 25th at 7:00 pm** in the OLF Parish Center. At this mandatory meeting, we'll provide final details about our trip.

A CAR WASH & BAKE SALE, sponsored by both the OLF High School & Junior Youth Groups, will be held on **Saturday, June 5th from 10:00 a.m. — 2:00 p.m.** in front of OLF School. Please get your car washed and help support our various service programs including our summer mission outreach trip to Kingston, Jamaica where our teens will be working at the St. Patrick's Foundation. Any teens interested in working at the car wash or supplying baked goods, should contact Sharon Lynn in the Religious Ed office. It's a great way to earn service hours and be a part of our Church's mission ministry!

MISSION TRIP PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED: From **June 20th — 27th**, 37 high school students & adult chaperones will be going to Kingston, Jamaica to serve the poor and needy at the St. Patrick's Foundation. A prayer partner would pray for a specific teen or chaperone every day during our mission trip. We invite parishioners to participate in this special effort. Contact Sharon Lynn at 762-9080 or at OLFYouthGroup@aol.com to sign up as a prayer partner today. *We are also accepting financial donations to purchase food and supplies needed for our mission work week.* We appreciate your generosity and support to our Summer Mission Outreach Program!

SCHOOL NEWS

THE OLF GOLF CLASSIC & TENNIS OPEN will be held on **Monday, May 24, 2010** at **Shorehaven Golf Club** in **East Norwalk**. \$275 per golfer which includes lunch, cocktail reception and beverages on the course; \$125 per tennis player which includes 4 hours of play time with a pro, lunch and beverages (cocktail reception additional). Driving range opens at 11 a.m., shot gun start at 1 p.m. Lunch at noon. For additional information, to reserve your spot, or to find out more about sponsorship opportunities, please call Julie Murray at (203)831-0088 or email at jmurray11@mac.com.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP is returning to OLF for the summer of 2010! Coach Joe of Trinity Catholic High School and his assistant coaches will be running the OLF summer basketball program. Coach Joe's bio is available upon request. There will be four one-week programs: The first week — coached by Mike Garrity — will be half-day sessions from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and will run from **June 14th - June 18th**; Coach Joe's camps will consist of full-day sessions, from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. and will run from **July 19th—23rd, July 26th - July 30th, and August 16th - 20th**. Discounts available for 2-3 week commitments. Build your basketball skills, run drills, improve your game! Please contact Sarah Fair (203) 858-6301 or you may email her at mfairs@aol.com for details.

DIOCESAN NEWS

MARCH FOR CHRIST AND HIS PRIESTS In celebration and conclusion of the "Year for Priests", the Catholic Churches of Norwalk, Darien & Wilton will hold a march on **Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 3 p.m.** Join OLF parishioners and parishioners from the 8 other participating Churches for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Matthew's in Norwalk, a one-mile procession to the intersection of Fillow St. & Richards Ave. and back (handicapped accommodations available) and a Benediction and Anointing of the Sick. This event is centered on the Eucharist and focused on prayer. You may leave intentions on the Procession Prayer Line at 203-838-3788, ext. 300 or Prayer72010@yahoo.com, and we will pray for you during, and in advance of this Eucharistic procession. Please direct all questions regarding the march to St. Matthew's Church at 203-838-3788.



THE REST OF THE STORY

Today's readings draw our attention to the prayer of Jesus and the prayer of Stephen, the first martyr. We hear some of their last words. These words, along with the vision from the book of Revelation, remind us that we have a destiny, that God has planned a happy ending to our story.

INSIDE THE READINGS

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles is about the death of the church's first martyr, Stephen. In this passage Luke articulates an important theme of his writings: that one can depend on God's sustaining and saving presence during suffering.

Our passage today begins with the immediate consequences of Stephen's extended speech to the Jewish council. Stephen had been performing miracles and debating successfully with Jews in Jerusalem (Acts 6:8-10). Some then brought false accusations against Stephen and he had to defend himself before the Jewish council (Acts 6:11-15). Stephen's long speech is filled with criticisms that enrage his audience (Acts 7:2-54). This leads to today's passage.

While his listeners are still fuming, Stephen looks and sees "the heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God" (7:56). This is a reference to Psalm 110:1, that says, "The Lord says to you, my lord, / 'Take your throne at my right hand, / while I make your enemies your footstool.'" In other New Testament uses of this verse the Lord is sitting. Only in Stephen's vision is Jesus standing.

Stephen is sustained by this vision during the stoning; as they are stoning him he prays, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit" (Acts 7:59). This is the first time that Stephen calls Jesus "Lord," and it is significant that it occurs after his vision of the "Son of man standing at the right hand of God" (7:56). Elsewhere in the Acts of the Apostles, Luke uses another reference to Psalm 110:1 to prove that Jesus is Lord (2:34-36). This shows that when Stephen calls Jesus "Lord" as he is being stoned, he is still sustained by the vision of Jesus "standing at the right hand of God."

The first martyr does not die alone. There is for him a sustaining divine presence that saves him through his suffering.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

Today's readings offer us different reasons to pray: for the unity of all believers, for Jesus to receive our spirit at the end of our life, for the ability to forgive any who have done us harm, and for Jesus to come at the end of our days with a reward for our good deeds.

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