

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

Church Fax
834-1261

Religious Education
762-9080
www.olfreligioused.org

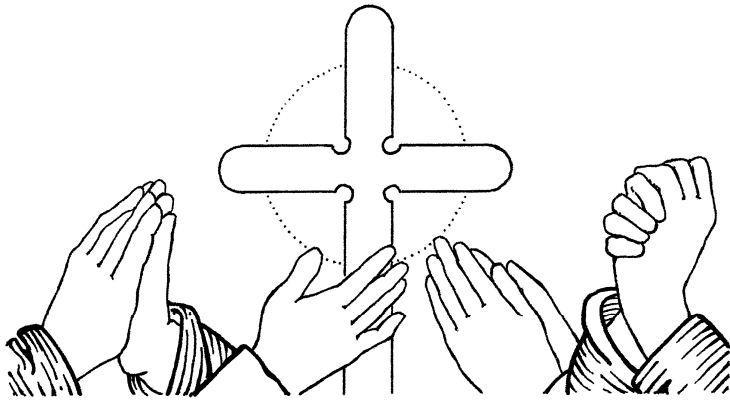
School
762-8100
www.olfcatholic.org

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 20, 2010

*There is neither Jew nor Greek,
there is neither slave nor free person,
there is not male or female;
for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

— Galatians 3:28



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MASSes for the WEEK

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Sat. 19 th 5:30 p.m.	O'Connell & Pope Families	Thu. 24 th 7:45 a.m.	Louis DePaulis
Sun. 20 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Fri. 25 th 9:00 a.m.	Peg Wheat
Sun. 20 th 9:00 a.m.	Dick Masselink & Bud Riesenberg	Sat. 26 th 8:00 a.m.	Frank & Catherine Squillace
Sun. 20 th 10:30 a.m.	Harry Ricca	Sat. 26 th 5:30 p.m.	Jim Dunn
Sun. 20 th Noon	Frank D'Amico	Sun. 27 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon. 21 st 9:00 a.m.	Elise Murray	Sun. 27 th 9:00 a.m.	Taylor Jillson
Tue. 22 nd 7:45 a.m.	Theresa Nolan	Sun. 27 th 10:30 a.m.	Deacon Tom McManus on his 10 th Anniversary of Ordination
Wed. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	Wells Jarboe	Sun. 27 th Noon	Victoria Desposito

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



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all our fathers! Let us keep all our fathers, both living & deceased, in our thoughts & prayers on this, their special day.

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of **John Sullivan**, cousin of Jim Costello of our parish and for **Maurina Bowles**, mother of parishioner Patty Ely. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION last weekend was \$11,541. Last year's comparable weekend was \$12,645. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT WEEKEND'S second collection is the 2010 Peter's Pence Collection. This collection supports the works of the Holy Father and enables Pope Benedict XVI to give emergency funds to those suffering all over the world from oppression, war, disease, or natural disaster. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

PARISH NEWS

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" Thank you for the **439** donations from parishioners which total **\$189,000** so far. Because the parish goal is \$230,000 this year, please know that we will be grateful to you if you can give us whatever support you are able. While envelopes have been mailed to our registered parishioners, there are also extra envelopes at the church doors. Thank you very much for any help you can give.

★ **THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY NEEDS** ★
★ **YOU!** The Manna House of Hospitality ★
★ serves hundreds of meals a day to the less ★
★ fortunate in South Norwalk. ★
★ OLF parishioners assist by providing food ★
★ donations and volunteers. We need help in ★
★ the following areas: ★
★ • A **driver** to deliver donations from The ★
★ Village Market to The Manna House on the ★
★ 4th Saturday of each month. Substitutes ★
★ are also needed for the daily deliver- ★
★ ies. The pick-up is to be made between 10 ★
★ and 11 AM. ★
★ • **Monthly donations** of assigned food ★
★ item(s) delivered to the OLF Parish Center ★
★ for the meal provided by OLF parishioners at ★
★ the Soup Kitchen. We are in need of addi- ★
★ tional donations of ground beef and salad ★
★ mix. Refrigeration is provided for storage ★
★ leading up to the Tuesday morning pick-up. ★
★ • **Drivers** to make deliveries of baked ★
★ goods donations from Stop and Shop ★
★ (Wilton), and one or two other locations ★
★ (Michelina's or Starbucks) to the Soup ★
★ Kitchen. The pick-up time is between 10 ★
★ a.m. and 12 p.m. We are **urgently** looking ★
★ for **substitutes** for these daily deliveries. ★
★ We are also looking for drivers able to do ★
★ deliveries on Fridays or Saturdays beginning ★
★ in the Fall. ★
★ *If you are able to help, please contact* ★
★ *Sharon Steinberg at 834-0581.* ★
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EXTRA CD'S ENTITLED "LET US SING" AND EXTRA BOOKLETS ENTITLED 101 Humorous Moments in the Lives of Priests are still available in case you would like some, at \$10 each. They are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 9-5.

MEN'S MINISTRY - Please join us for the last two Saturdays of our excellent discussion topic, "*Accountability—Beyond Football and the Weather*". We welcome all and any of you in these two weekends before the summer break. If any questions, call Denis Riney at 646-491-1861.

ARE YOU PART OF THE OLF FAMILY? If you worship here and have not found time to register, it's easy! A registration form can be found at each entrance of the Church or on our website, www.olfwilton.org. Please complete the form and return via the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office at 229 Danbury Road, Wilton.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: There is a "Book of Prayer Intentions for the Sick" on the lower part of the Offertory table where you can enter the name of a person in need of prayers due to illness. That person, along with others written in the book, will be included in Our General intercession at each Mass where we pray for our sick. The names will not be read individually at Mass – but their intentions will be remembered as the sick among us who are always a special focus of the congregation, here at Our lady of Fatima.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: Due to the "National Privacy Act", priests can only know that you are in the hospital if you designate yourself (or family member) as a parishioner of OLF when you enter the hospital; or, telephone the Parish Office, 762-3928, and inform us that you are entering the hospital.

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION may be completed in the Religious Education Office, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. **Please note that after July 1, 2010, there is a \$50 late fee.**

TEEN VOLUNTEERS FOR VBS: Please arrive at OLF School no later than 8:15 tomorrow, Monday, June 21. There are no more scheduled meetings, so if you have any questions before the start of VBS, please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080). Thank you for your help, and we look forward to seeing you on June 21!

WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE PARENTS OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS to attend one of the VIRTUS training workshops which are held throughout the diocese all year. We are in need of teachers for the upcoming school year, as well as volunteers for Youth Ministry activities and Religious Education needs. All adults who have direct contact with children on a volunteer basis or as an employee must be in compliance with the Safe Environment requirements of the diocese. You will personally benefit from the information contained in the VIRTUS workshop, and, after completing it, you will be able to help on a volunteer basis with the Religious Education program. Please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) if you have any questions or if you need information on the location of a VIRTUS workshop. These requirements are for the safety of your children.

MOST OF US have non-Catholic adults around us---at home, in the workplace, or in our circle of friends--- who have asked questions about the Catholic faith. So, let us do our part in

evangelizing others. Invite these adults to pursue their inquiries through the RCIA process and learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches and believes. Please call Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) for more information.

THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AWAY FROM THE MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS and may want to return to active practice of the faith are invited to call one of our priests (203-762-3928) or Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) to talk about the issues that have kept them away. If you know such people, please assure them that we want to help in any way we can to ease the transition and to welcome them back to our family of faith.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS the 36 high school teens and adult chaperones who are leaving this weekend on the OLF Summer Mission Outreach Trip. They will spend a week in South Carolina working on general home repairs, painting, & helping with the elderly on fixed incomes. We appreciate your support and prayers for this worthwhile trip!

NOTE: Due to the violence & civil unrest in Jamaica, it was necessary to change our mission trip from the St. Patrick's Foundation in Jamaica to a new work site in South Carolina. Because this change involves extra expenses, we're happy to accept any financial donations to help offset the extra costs.

2010 SUMMER VOCATION DAYS is a Diocesan Vocations Office sponsored event for all high school students (rising 9th graders through graduating seniors) on June 29, 30, & July 1 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm at Sacred Heart University. The theme is "It's God... Take the Call!" This event will help deepen students' faith and familiarize them with various Church vocations. Activities will include music, daily Mass, prayer, talks, games, & a Vocation Fair. Cost is \$25. For questions & to register, please contact Allison McCarthy in the Vocation office at 203-416-1513 or at AMcCarthy@diobpt.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP is returning to OLF for the summer of 2010 and is open to **all** kids 1st through 8th grade! 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 three one-week programs: 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 (\$150/week per child)**. Discounts available for 2-3 week commitments. Build your basketball skills, run drills, improve your game! Please contact Sarah Fair at (203) 858-6301 or mfairs@aol.com for details. Forms are available at the Church doors or may be downloaded from the OLF School website: olfcatholic.org.

A PRAYER FOR ALL OUR GRADUATES:

*Father,
I have knowledge, so will You show me now,
How to use it wisely and find a way
somehow
To make the world I live in a little better
place,
And make life with its problems a little bit
easier to face.
Grant me faith and courage and put purpose
in my days,
And show me how to serve Thee in effective
ways.
So my education, my knowledge and my skill
May find their true fulfillment as I learn to
do Thy will.
And may I ever be aware in everything I do,
That knowledge comes from learning, and
wisdom comes from You.
Amen.*

NOT THEIR GRANDMOTHER'S MESSIAH

There comes a point in each of the first three Gospels when Jesus turns to the disciples and asks, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter comes up with, "The Christ of God." Jesus goes on to explain how he sees himself and what that means for them, and for us.

INSIDE THE READINGS

In today's Gospel, while praying in a certain place Jesus uses the opportunity for reflection to inform the disciples about his and their identity. Jesus clarifies what it means to be God's messiah. It means to "suffer greatly," to be rejected, and then to be killed. The disciples also must be willing to take up their crosses if they wish to follow Jesus. The positioning of these events is instructive. Right before them we read that Jesus had sent the disciples out on a mission during which they had preached and healed (9:1-6). Upon their return they witnessed Jesus' multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes so that it fed five thousand people. Moreover, Jesus had told the disciples that they were to do the same: "Give them some food yourselves" (9:13). Thus, the disciples are filled with examples of the power of the ministry that they are to undertake. Lest they think that ministry is a move from power to power, Jesus takes the opportunity to tell them that the way of ministry is the path that he will take from suffering to glory. The section that follows today's Gospel reading is about the transfiguration of Jesus, and it is also helpful for determining the significance of today's reading. Only in the Lukan account of the Transfiguration do we hear that Moses and Elijah were speaking with Jesus about "his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem" (9:31). These words of theirs pick up Jesus' exhortation to the disciples that they must imitate him by denying themselves and following him (9:23). Luke would have the disciples realize that they are to exercise a powerful ministry for others while participating in their own exodus following Jesus. The images of the Exodus and of taking up the cross and following Jesus imply the rigors of a difficult time filled with suffering. They also imply, however, that the end of the journey is the Promised Land and resurrection.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

We pray that we may walk the way of Christ together with Christ, taking up our cross today. We pray to understand what it means to "put on Christ" and to live "in Christ," and to have that faith that allows us to know God as a loving, gracious God.

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