

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.

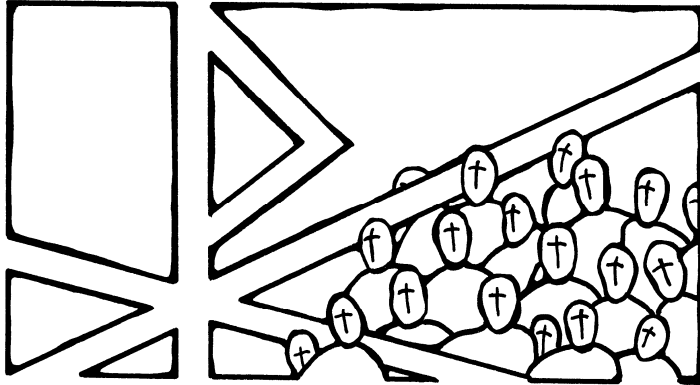
PARISH REGISTRATION: All families or individuals who have moved into the parish should register by filling out the registration card available at the church doors.

Rectory
762-3928
www.olfwilton.org

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Religious Education
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 18, 2010

*It is [Christ] whom we proclaim,
admonishing everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present every-
one perfect in Christ.*

— Colossians 1:28b

Masses for the Week

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Sat. 17 th 5:30 p.m.	Alfred Lord	Thu. 22 nd 7:45 a.m.	Linda Mayer
Sun. 18 th 7:30 a.m.	Mary Beth Hennessey	Fri. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	James Boyle
Sun. 18 th 9:00 a.m.	William Lesko	Sat. 24 th 8:00 a.m.	Peggy McMurrer
Sun. 18 th 10:30 a.m.	Kathryn & John Dooling	Sat. 24 th 5:30 p.m.	Anthony Cambareri & Giuseppe Tomas
Sun. 18 th Noon	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Sun. 25 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon. 19 th 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Thresher	Sun. 25 th 9:00 a.m.	Joyce Petre
Tue. 20 th 7:45 a.m.	Gwen Mascarenhas	Sun. 25 th 10:30 a.m.	Joseph F. Monteleone
Wed. 21 st 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Thresher	Sun. 25 th Noon	Presley Drew Shalala

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

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of **Stephen Ralph**, son of parishioner Mrs. Helen Ralph. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant him eternal rest and joy.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Colin James Cain and Jacquelyn Grace Coppola baptized into the new community of the church and to a new loving relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 3/4 totaled \$10,593 versus the prior year total of \$11,833. The July monthly collection totaled \$3,871 com-

pared to last year's total of \$3,545. Thank you for your generosity.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND was \$12,422. Last year's comparable weekend was \$12,667. Thank you again for your generous contributions.

THIS WEEKEND IS THE ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP SUNDAY. Father John Higgins, MS, will be at Our Lady of Fatima making the appeal on behalf of the La Salette Missionaries who mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the

Philippines. Fr. John ministers in Bolivia and will visit OLF to share his missionary experiences with our parish family. With your help, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor. Thank you for your generous contributions to this collection.

2010 ANNUAL BISHOPS APPEAL As of last count, Our Lady of Fatima parishioners have donated **\$213,985** to this year's ABA which officially ended on July 1st. This represents **93%** of our parish goal of **\$230,000**. Thank you very much to the **455** parish families who contributed to this year's Annual Bishops Appeal.

PARISH NEWS

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.

FREE MINISTRY Going on vacation? Traveling on the weekend? For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 410-676-6000 or online at *www.masstimes.org*.

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.

★ **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: ★
★ * Monthly donations of assigned food ★
★ item(s) delivered to the OLF Parish Cen- ★
★ ter for the meal provided by ★
★ OLF parishioners at the Soup ★
★ Kitchen. We are in need of additional ★
★ donations of ground beef and salad in- ★
★ gredients. Refrigeration is available 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 area lo- ★
★ cations (Michelina's or Starbucks) to the ★
★ Soup Kitchen. The pick-up time is be- ★
★ tween 10 AM and 12 PM. We are ur- ★
★ gently looking for substitutes for these ★
★ daily deliveries. We are also looking ★
★ for drivers able to do deliveries on **Sat-** ★
★ **urdays or Sundays beginning in the** ★
★ **Fall.** ★
★ *If you are able to help, please contact* ★
★ *Sharon Steinberg at 834-0581.* ★
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ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE In order to allow sufficient time for the process and the preparation for marriage, please call the parish office at 762-3928 at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.

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, Patrick Heiny, Matthew Smarrella** 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 for fall classes is ongoing throughout the summer. You may download forms or come to the Religious Education office to obtain them. We would greatly appreciate your registrations as soon as possible so that we may order books and arrange for classes and catechists. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

PARENTS — if you would like to volunteer in any way for Religious Education or Youth Ministry during the 2010-11 school year, please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) for information on VIRTUS classes held throughout the diocese. These classes are required for any volunteers or employees who will be associating with children, and they are for the safety and protection of all children.

"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" is a familiar saying, and it certainly applies to church. If you know of any adult who has been away from "home," please warmly encourage him or her to call Father Palmer or Father James to talk about returning to the "family." The call will be most welcome and confidential.

MANY OF US HAVE NON-CATHOLIC RELATIVES OR FRIENDS who may attend

Mass with us or simply ask questions about the Catholic faith. Why not suggest to that person that he or she call Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or one of our priests (203-762-3928) to learn about the RCIA process? Many adults have joined our parish family through this process and would also be happy to talk to anyone who is interested.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION PHOTOS that were posted on the Church bulletin board last month can be picked up in the Religious Education office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

LOOKING FOR SERVICE PROJECTS this summer? Volunteer your time at a local charity or in the Religious Education office. Lend a hand with mailings, sorting through supplies, and other various projects. Hours worked in the office can be put towards the 30-hour service hour requirements needed for Confirmation. Contact Sharon Lynn at 762-9080 or OLFYouthGroup@aol.com for details.

"FAN THE FIRE" DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY! Join high school teens from around our Diocese on Saturday, August 21st from 9 am – 9 pm at St. Rose of Lima parish in Newtown, CT. The 2010 theme, "Who do you follow?" (John 21:1-13), will be presented by keynote speaker Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez. Music Ministry will be led by Kevin Donovan & Katie Koegler. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Lori. The Rally will include praise, worship, adoration, & reconciliation. Cost is \$45 which includes a pizza dinner. Sign up for this special once-in-a-lifetime experience by August 1st to Sharon Lynn in the Religious Education office.

SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER BASKETBALL CAMP still has a few openings 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 **this week July 19th—23rd, in addition to 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.

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 TUESDAY: St. Apollinaris
 WEDNESDAY: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
 THURSDAY: St. Mary Magdalene
 FRIDAY: St. Bridget of Sweden
 SATURDAY: St. Sharbel Makhluif;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

COMMUNITY NEWS

FURNITURE TAG SALE will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in their Parish Center (208 East Avenue in Norwalk) on **Saturday, August 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** *Admission is free.*

The one who does
 justice will live
 in the presence
 of the Lord



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A TALE OF TWO SISTERS

The story of Jesus visiting Martha and Mary is one of the most well known and frequently used stories in the New Testament. Often the two sisters are contrasted, with Mary getting the praise and Martha the putdown. But it may not be that simple. Remember, "Jesus loved Martha and her sister" (John 11:5).

INSIDE THE READINGS

Last week we focused on the Lukan approach to the command to love your neighbor as yourself. Today's story about Martha and Mary is Luke's way of clarifying the other love command that is linked to the love of neighbor: the love of God (Luke 10:27).

Jesus arrives during his journey at the house of Martha and Mary. Martha busies herself with preparing a meal for them, but her sister, Mary, "sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak" (10:39). This provokes Martha, who complains to Jesus that Mary has left all the work to her (10:40). Jesus responds, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her" (10:41-42).

Did not Martha have a point? Did not Jesus, after all, preach about service to others?

The key to appreciating Jesus' response appears to be that this story follows immediately after the twofold command to love God and others and the explication of the love of others by the parable of the good Samaritan (10:25-37). The focus of Mary mirrors the singleness of purpose in the command to love God "with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind" (10:27).

This is why Jesus responds to Martha as he does. Mary has made room for the love of God, which, for Luke, is manifested in her listening to Jesus' words. His observations that Martha is "anxious and troubled about many things" and that "there is a need of only one thing" are his way of talking about the room that must be made for the love of God among many possible, even worthwhile, activities.

Love of God expresses itself in the desire to hear God and in actually making time to do so.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

Perhaps we could consider this simply a story about Jesus visiting two very dear friends and wanting some time with them both, together. And if that was true then, why wouldn't it be true now? If you find yourself worried and anxious these days, give yourself some time with the Lord.

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