

# 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.

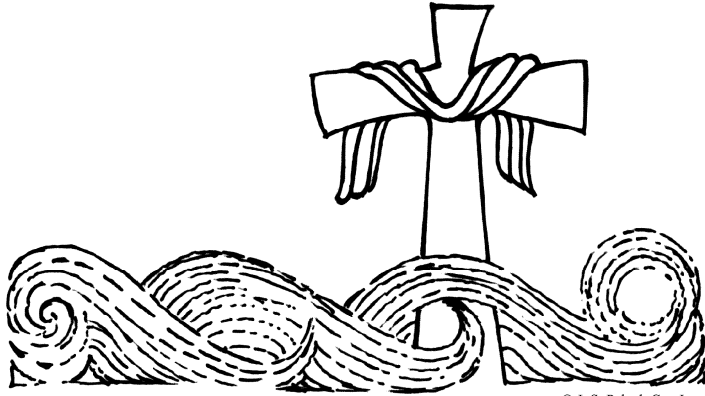
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All families or individuals who have moved into the parish should register by filling out the registration card available at the church doors.

Rectory  
762-3928  
[www.olfwilton.org](http://www.olfwilton.org)

Church Fax  
834-1261

Religious Education  
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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**JULY 25, 2010**

*You were buried with him in baptism,  
in which you were also raised with him  
through faith in the power of God,  
who raised him from the dead.*

— Colossians 2:12

### MASSSES for the WEEK

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Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.	Anthony Cambareri & Giuseppe Tomas	Thu. 29 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Zoe Weyer
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Doris Driscoll
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Joyce Petre	Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> 8:00 a.m.	Collective Intentions
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Joseph F. Monteleone	Sat. 31 <sup>st</sup> 5:30 p.m.	Juan Carlos Mora
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Presley Drew Shalala	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioner Living & Deceased
Mon. 26 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Mary Williams	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Dick Masselink
Tue. 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Robert Weidenhoft	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Catherine McStocker
Wed. 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Frank DiBuono	Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> Noon	John Fallon

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for the happy repose of the soul of parishioner **John Doumas**, husband of Pat Doumas. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant him eternal rest and joy.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME** Brady Morris, Caroline Chase Condon and Carter James Burkhart baptized into the new community of the church and to a new loving relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND** was \$9,355. Last year's comparable weekend was \$10,602. Thank you for your contributions.

**LAST WEEKEND'S MISSION CO-OP COLLECTION** totaled \$4,306. Thank you for your contribution to this important collection.

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

### 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



**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.

**IF YOU KNOW A NON-CATHOLIC ADULT** who has asked questions about our faith and has expressed an interest in Catholic teachings and traditions, now is the time to invite him or her to an inquiry session at which the RCIA process will be explained. Call Kathleen Rooney at 762-9080 for information on our next gathering.

**IF THERE IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW WHO HAS NOT BEEN TO MASS AND THE SACRAMENTS** for a period of time and is confused about how to “come back,” please call Father Palmer, Father James (203-762-3928), or Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) to talk about how to become an active member of our faith once again.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**LOBSTER BAKE '10 PHOTOS:** Photos from the Lobster Bake dinner party are currently on display at the bulletin boards in the back of the Church.

**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.

**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.

**GOOD NEWS FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEENS:** The Diocesan-sponsored annual program, “Fan the Fire” Youth Rally, is coming in a few weeks. It's a one-day event designed to help you deepen your relationship with Christ. The day consists of dynamic speakers, games, as well as uplifting music, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions, & Mass with Bishop Lori. The 2010 theme, “Who do you follow?” (John 21:1-13), will be presented by keynote speaker Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez. **Join high school teens from around our Diocese on Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 am – 9:00 pm at St. Rose of Lima parish in Newtown, CT.** The cost is \$45 which includes a pizza dinner. *Sign up for this special experience by August 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are still two one-week programs remaining: Coach Joe's camps will consist of full-day sessions, from **9 a.m.—3 p.m.** and will run **this week July 26<sup>th</sup> – July 30<sup>th</sup>, and August 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> (\$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](mailto:mfairs@aol.com) for details. Forms are available at the Church doors or may be downloaded from the OLF School website: [olfcatholic.org](http://olfcatholic.org).

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**FURNITURE TAG SALE** will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in their Parish

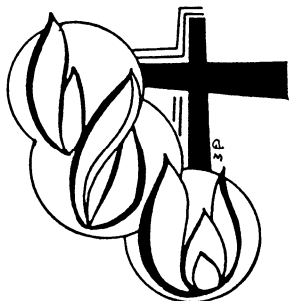
Center (208 East Avenue in Norwalk) on **Saturday, August 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Admission is free.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**ARE YOU A PARENT STRUGGLING** to answer your kids' questions about the faith; a young adult unable to tell friends why you are Catholic; or someone searching for the Catholic response to the moral and social issues of the day? If so, enroll in Education for Parish Service. EPS is a Scripture, theology and spiritual development certificate program for adult Catholics who want to understand, live and share their faith. Evening courses are held Tuesdays and Wednesdays at St. Philip Parish, 25 France St., Norwalk. See upcoming courses at [www.eps.trinitydc.edu](http://www.eps.trinitydc.edu) or contact Priscilla Toumey at [EPSCTprogram@trinitydc.edu](mailto:EPSCTprogram@trinitydc.edu) or 203.847.2363. EPS is an independent non-profit organization and relies solely on tax-deductible donations from its students, graduates, friends and the parishes and dioceses it serves.

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY:	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
MONDAY:	Ss. Joachim and Anne
THURSDAY:	St. Martha
FRIDAY:	St. Peter Chrysologus
SATURDAY:	St. Ignatius of Loyola



**Ask  
and  
you  
shall  
receive**

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## HE PRAYED, SO WE PRAY

*Prayer is one of the most important things we do, an action that keeps us in touch with God. Saint Paul thought it so important that he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). Jesus taught his disciples to pray, then added some motivating stories to keep them praying. The prayer and the motives are still in play.*

### INSIDE THE READINGS

The version of the Lord's Prayer that people most often pray is the one found in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 6:9–13).

Today's Gospel reading is Luke's version of the Lord's Prayer and the two passages that immediately follow it. This version is significantly shorter than Matthew's. Though the prayer is shorter, Luke provides rich advice on it in the succeeding passages.

The first is about a man whose guest arrives in the middle of the night. He has no bread to offer him, so he goes to his friend's house and asks to borrow some bread. The friend protests that it is too late and he is already in bed. But Jesus assures the man that if he persists the neighbor will give him what he wants (Luke 11:5–8).

The next passage moves from a man requesting a gift from a friend to a child requesting the basic necessities of life from his father. This passage ends by contrasting the human fathers with "how much more" can be expected when making a request of "the Father in heaven" (11:13).

There are movements in these passages from the outside to the inside with consequent greater expectations for having a request granted. The man asks bread of a friend who responds that his gate is already locked and his children are with him in bed. The man who made the request is characterized as an outsider by these words. The children are insiders: members of the same household. When the next passage first takes us to children making a request of their father and then—with exaggeration to make a point about how good God is—contrasts earthly fathers to the heavenly Father, we can see how close we are to God.

For Luke, trust in prayer is supported by realizing how close we are to God, how we are children on the inside of God's household.

### THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

Pray Luke's version of the Our Father, then pray Matthew's version (Matthew 6:9–13). Linger over each phrase as you say them. Take one of these phrases with you throughout the day and repeat it when you have a chance, like a mantra. Let it dwell in your heart.

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