

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
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 2, 2010

*"Behold, God's dwelling
is with the human race."*

— Revelation 21:3

MASSes for the WEEK

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Sat. 1 st	5:30 p.m.	Jack & Maureen Callahan	Thu. 6 ^h	7:45 a.m.	Ann McGrane
Sun. 2 nd	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Fri. 7 th	9:00 a.m.	Arthur Dobos
Sun. 2 nd	9:00 a.m.	Diamantino Batista	Sat. 8 th	8:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jim & Ginny Costello on the Occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary
Sun. 2 nd	10:30 a.m.	Cecilia Parker	Sat. 8 th	5:30 p.m.	Jim Dunn
Sun. 2 nd	Noon	Donald Patrick Moriarty	Sun. 9 th	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon. 3 rd	9:00 a.m.	Tony Marandola (1st Anniversary)	Sun. 9 th	9:00 a.m.	Daniel Murphy
Tue. 4 th	7:45 a.m.	Hugh Clarke	Sun. 9 th	10:30 a.m.	Joseph DeLissio
Wed. 5 th	9:00 a.m.	Gerard A. & Gerard B. Sullivan	Sun. 9 th	Noon	Helen Hojnacki

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WEDDING BANNS

FIRST CALL: Robert Mueller, III & Alessandra Perfetti

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of **Thomas Hackett**, father of parishioner Patrick Hackett, and **Eugene Roche, Sr.**, of our parish. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Holden Bennett Reading and Matthew James Avallone 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 \$12,522. Last year's comparable weekend was \$13,338. Thank you for your generosity.

LAST WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION for the collection for Catholic Home Missions Appeal totaled \$2,195. The CHMA will guarantee continued funding for local communities where Catholics are few and the Church is fragile. Thank you again for your generosity.

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

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.

PARISH NEWS

FIRST FRIDAY This Friday, May 7, is the First Friday of May. 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 Franney Donovan for Nocturnal Adoration at 834-2444.

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" Thank you to the **286** parishioners who have contributed **\$102,905** to the ABA in cash or pledges thus far (not including in-pew). This represents **45%** of our parish goal of **\$230,000**. 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.

OLIVEWOOD RELIGIOUS ITEMS After two years, representatives of Christians in the Holy Land will be with us for all the Masses **next weekend, May 8/9**. The olivewood religious items will be on sale in the Parish Center. At the end of each Mass, a representative will give a brief introduction to the sale.

NEED A GIFT FOR MOM? (Dads take note!) Feasting at Fatima, the parish cookbook, is available in the Parish Center after all Masses **this weekend**. The cookbooks are \$10 each, and proceeds benefit Our Lady's Association. Thank you.

OUR LADY'S ASSOCIATION wants all ladies to mark their calendars for two events on **Thursday, May 13th**: Come watch **The 13th Day**, a movie depicting the story of Our Lady of Fatima, at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center. (This will follow the 9:00 a.m. Ascension Thursday Mass and is open to all parishioners). The **Ladies' Spring Luncheon** will take place in the Parish Center at 11:30 AM following the movie. Our Ladies' Association is sponsoring both events. Questions – call or e-mail Meg Somerdyk, 762-1243, or email at megsom@aol.com

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 (\$55 if purchased by **Monday, May 3rd**). 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 OLFYouthGroup@aol.com or 762-9080.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following couples from our parish who recently celebrated significant wedding anniversaries in a Spring Wedding Jubilee Mass celebrated by Bishop Lori last weekend: *Robert & Elizabeth Volatile* (50 years), *Robert & Joyce Ploder* (45 years), *George & Gale Roeder* (45 years) and *Erwin & Betty Ruckel* (45 years).

M.O.M.'s—MEETING OTHER MOMS: Please join us this **Thursday, May 6, 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.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA COLUMBIAN SCHOLARSHIP The OLF Knights of Columbus Council is continuing their annual scholarship program with the "Mark Mooren Founder's Scholarship" for graduating high school seniors and graduating eighth graders of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. The cash awards of \$1,000 and \$500 will be presented to 2 students who are parishioners at OLF and who submit an essay, in 500 words or less, titled "***What It Means To Be A Catholic***". The students should

compose the paper in light of the new challenges facing them in the coming school year. This is strictly a faith-based award and applicants will be judged solely on their understanding, comprehension and profession of their faith in writing. The eighth grade graduates must be entering a Catholic high school to qualify for the award. More information to follow in next weekend's bulletin ...

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

THERE ARE STILL SOME STUDENTS who need to take final exams and/or complete make-up work. Please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) as soon as possible to take care of these requirements in order to register for fall classes.

FIRST COMMUNICANTS IN THE 9:30 CEREMONY ON MAY 8 will rehearse in church from 4:00 to 5:00 on Thursday, May 6. Students in the 12:00 ceremony on May 8 will practice from 5:15 to 6:15 on Thursday, May 6, in the church.

HOME SCHOOL REMINDERS: 1st - 8th Grade Home School Students should have already taken their final tests. If you were sick or unable to take the test, please call the Religious Education office at 762-9080 to schedule an appointment to make up the test. Students will not be able to register for Religious Education next year until all home school tests are taken & passed.

FIRST COMMUNION GIFT SALE: The Religious Education office will be selling various products & gifts for First Communions including veils, rosaries, jewelry, photo frames, holy books, & more. To view the display table, please stop by the Religious Education office in the basement of OLF School Monday-Friday between 8:30 am - 5:00 pm or call us at 762-9080 for additional information.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held the week of June 21, at Our Lady of Fatima School, Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Children from three (no diapers) to ten years of age are welcome. Our theme this year is "Miracles of Jesus." There will be music, lessons, recreation and arts and crafts for all. Join us for a fun week! Please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) for a registration form or more information.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES will be held in Our Lady of Fatima

School Gym after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, June 5, and after all the Masses on Sunday, June 6. We encourage families to sign up at this time, especially if you want a certain day. Your registration will also help in planning for catechists and ordering materials and books. We look forward to greeting all families---those who have been with us as well as those new to the program. Please note that, because of the large number of families, we are not able to take registration by phone.

"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 church "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 (762-9080) or one of our priests (762-3928) to learn about the RCIA process? Many adults have joined our parish family through this process and would be also happy to talk to anyone who is interested.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THE FINAL BLAST NIGHT (**B**ig **L**oud **A**wesome **S**piritual **T**hing) for this school year will be held tonight Sunday, May 2nd from 6:00 - 7:30 pm (*note earlier time*) at OLF Church. Come grow in your own spiritual faith journey at these amazing meetings. We'll end the season with a fun BBQ dinner & games outdoors (weather permitting). RSVP to Sharon Lynn at OLFYouth-Group@aol.com or at 762-9080.

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN: High School Students will be collecting spare change from parishioners after weekend Masses on May 8th - 9th to support their mission outreach trip to the St. Patrick's Foundation & St. Joseph's Catholic Hospital in Kingston, Jamaica. We hope parishioners will fill the jars located at the entrances to the Church with loose change. We thank you for your support and appreciate your generosity!

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!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2011 will be held in Ma-

drid, 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.

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 jmurra11@mac.com.

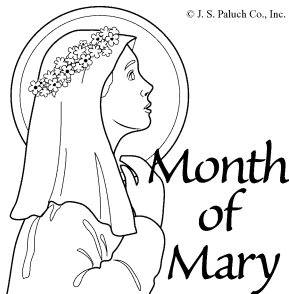
Lost & Found

DO ANY OF THESE ITEMS BELONG TO YOU?

High School Musical Bag, Columbia (sz. 7/8) brown & blue jacket, Buzz Lightyear lunchbag, Wilton Soccer shirt (#23), Adidas navy hooded sweatshirt, many pairs of winter gloves, various sunglasses and reading glasses, winter hats, etc., etc., etc.!!

Please see the Parish Center after all Masses this weekend to claim lost items.

After **May 15th**, all clothing items will be donated to the Norwalk Emergency Shelter. Thank you.



THE CALL TO LOVE

The last words of a loved one can linger in the memory for a long time. John's Gospel presents Jesus at the Last Supper leaving his disciples a final command: Love one another. Love begins with those at hand, those who join us at the table, but it cannot end there.

INSIDE THE READINGS

Today we hear a command by Jesus to love. It is not, however, the one with which we are probably most familiar: "You shall love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself" (Luke 10:27). Today we read about the evangelist John's version of the love command: "[L]ove one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34b-35).

At first glance one might prefer the version of this command found in Luke (and also in Matthew and Mark) on the grounds that it is the more expansive view. The synoptic command is to love all whereas this one in John's Gospel focuses on love of fellow Christians.

The significance of John's command is, however, to let those in special need be our special concern. The Johannine community is cut off from their larger social world; three times the evangelist speaks of them being "expelled from the synagogue" (9:22; 12:42; 16:2). They have been marginalized and are, therefore, particularly vulnerable.

For these the Johannine Jesus commands a heroic love. The very context in which Jesus gives this command suggests this intrepidity. It occurs right after Judas has left to betray Jesus (13:27-30). Moreover, John explicitly links the love command to this action of Judas by means of the transition, "When he had left, Jesus said . . ." (13:31). In John 15:12-13, Jesus elaborates on the phrase "As I have loved you" from verse 13:34b by observing that such love involves laying "down one's life for one's friends."

The Johannine love command is shocking in its intensity and orientation; those who are placed on the outside of the group should be supported with all that one has to give.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

We pray that we may love as Jesus loved, especially those in our own community who are most in need of experiencing the love of God mediated through us. We pray that we may give glory to God in all that we say and do.

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