

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.

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762-3928
www.olfwilton.org

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2010

*"May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you!"*

— Psalm 67:6

MASSes for the WEEK

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Sat. 8 th 5:30 p.m.	Jim Dunn	Thu. 13 th Noon	Pat Emro
Sun. 9 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Thu. 13 th 8:00 p.m.	Claudia Kovac <i>(5th Anniversary)</i>
Sun. 9 th 9:00 a.m.	Daniel Murphy	Fri. 14 th 9:00 a.m.	Mr./Mrs. Briones
Sun. 9 th 10:30 a.m.	Joseph DeLissio	Sat. 15 th 8:00 a.m.	Collective Intentions
Sun. 9 th Noon	Helen Hojnacki	Sat. 15 th 5:30 p.m.	Hugh, Lena & Rose Winters
Mon. 10 th 9:00 a.m.	Jim Buckley	Sun. 16 th 7:30 a.m.	Terry Crawford
Tue. 11 th 7:45 a.m.	Jane Johnson	Sun. 16 th 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Wed. 12 th 9:00 a.m.	Ruth Smith	Sun. 16 th 10:30 a.m.	John Burpo
Wed. 12 th 5:30 p.m.	Merle Riesenberg	Sun. 16 th Noon	Frank D'Amico
Thu. 13 th 7:00 a.m.	Walter Wilson		
Thu. 13 th 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WEDDING BANNS

SECOND CALL: Robert Mueller, III & Alessandra Perfetti



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all our mothers. May God bless you and your families, on this, your special day!

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of **Thomas Bradshaw**, father of parishioner Jane Hoffman. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant him eternal rest and joy.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME James Daniel Dzick, Taryn Elizabeth Czick and Avery Lauren DeCore 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 \$11,088. Last year's comparable weekend was \$13,426. Thank you for your generosity.

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

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) COLLECTION will be taken up **next weekend** as the second collection throughout the Diocese. Half of your contribution to the CCC stays right here to support our own local projects, the Office for Communications and their award-winning newspaper, *Fairfield County Catholic* and the diocesan website. The remaining 50% supports CCC's national activities, such as audio recordings of daily Bible readings, the For Your Marriage television and radio campaign and radio retreats to enrich your spiritual journey. Your strong support will ensure the continued availability of media resources that promote Gospel values and foster the pastoral teachings of the Catholic Church. 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.

PARISH NEWS

THIS THURSDAY, MAY 13th, IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be celebrated as follows: Wednesday, May 12th, 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass; Thursday, May 13th, 7 a.m., 9 a.m., Noon and 8 p.m.

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" Thank you to the **336** parishioners who have contributed **\$128,000** to the ABA in cash or pledges thus far (not including in-pew). This represents **56%** 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.bridgportdiocese.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 **this 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.

OUR LADY'S ASSOCIATION wants everyone to mark their calendars for two events **this Thursday, May 13th, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima**: 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. 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 13, 2010** from 10:00–11:30 a.m. at Mead Park in New Canaan. 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 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. Applications may be found at the Church doors, the Religious Ed. office, or the Parish Office during regular business hours, M-F, 9-5. **Essays are due by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 14th.** If you have questions, please contact John Karlson at 762-9531 or Chris Teranova at 762-7307.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to the one hundred thirty-eight boys and girls who received their First Holy Communion on May 1 and May 8. May our Good Shepherd watch over them all the days of their lives.

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.

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 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 almost full! Please call the Religious Education Office this week if you are interested in signing up.

THERE WILL BE A VBS MEETING on Sunday, May 16, at 1:00, in OLF School Library, for all volunteers. RSVP to Mrs. Rooney or Mrs. O'Dea at 203-762-9080.

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.

MOST OF US KNOW A CATHOLIC MAN OR WOMAN who has not been to Mass for a period of time--long or short. We are not a whole community of faith without all of our members, and we miss those who are no longer active participants in Mass and the sacraments. Please invite any such person you know to call Father Palmer or Father James to talk about "coming back" to the church.

YOUTH MINISTRY

PENNIES FROM HEAVEN: High School Students will be collecting spare change from parishioners after Masses **this** weekend to support their summer 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!

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 p.m.** 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 am – 2:00 pm 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!

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.

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.

Lost & Found: Last Call!

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 SPIRIT'S WORK IS NEVER DONE

In its early days, the church faced great challenges. The first Christians were Jewish, formed by the story of Israel's relationship with the God of the Mosaic covenant. But before long, Gentiles accepted Jesus as Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit was essential to holding the church together, as it still is.

INSIDE THE READINGS

There will always be disagreements in the church about what constitutes a Christian response to certain situations. Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles helps us to see, however, the principle that should guide our practical considerations. In the Acts of the Apostles Luke writes about a decision by a church council in Jerusalem regarding advice to send to new Gentile Christians. In the years c. 30-60 A.D. the major problem that confronted the church was the burgeoning numbers of Gentiles who were becoming Christians. The issue of the relation of Jewish law to Christianity came to the fore when Gentiles entered the church in large numbers. Both Paul and Luke write about this issue and about a council in Jerusalem that dealt with this matter. They differ, however, in what they say was decided. In the reading today the Gentiles are told to "abstain from meat sacrificed to idols, from blood, from meats of strangled animals, and from unlawful marriage" (Acts 15:29). In his Letter to the Galatians, Paul says that the only thing that the council decided was that Paul and his coworkers should "be mindful of the poor" (Galatians 2:10). The discrepancy between the accounts in what was required of the Gentiles is so great that some surmise that Luke and Paul were referring to different events. The one thing similar in both accounts is the principle of gentleness that should underlie all practical advice. Thus, Paul wrote about considering the most vulnerable ("be mindful of the poor"). Similarly, Luke begins the council's letter to the Gentile Christians with the words, "It is the decision of the holy Spirit and of us not to place on you any burden beyond these necessities" (Acts 15:28). Differences will exist among Christians at times about what things are necessary. But by agreeing to the principle of not creating unnecessary burdens, the church lives into its God-filled future.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

We pray that God will continue to send the Holy Spirit so that we might retain what is life-giving from the past and be open to any new initiatives that our loving God may offer in days ahead. We pray that our community may see in diversity a gift that can enrich, not a burden that will divide.

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