

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2010

*[I]n one Spirit we were all baptized
into one body.*

— 1 Corinthians 12:13a

Masses for the Week

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Sat. 22 nd 5:30 p.m.	Margaret Weigl	Wed. 26 th 9:00 a.m.	Brian Costello
Sun. 23 rd 7:30 a.m.	George & Ruby Davala	Thu. 27 th 7:45 a.m.	Georgia Jaskot <i>(First Anniversary)</i>
Sun. 23 rd 9:00 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Fri. 28 th 9:00 a.m.	Jim Dunn
Sun. 23 rd 10:30 a.m.	Charles Kolb	Sat. 29 th 8:00 a.m.	Andrew Soltes
Sun. 23 rd Noon	Frank Bartolomeo, Patrick Russo & Jack Nolan	Sat. 29 th 5:30 p.m.	Gene Rooney <i>(12th Anniversary)</i>
Mon. 24 th 9:00 a.m.	Stuart Werkle	Sun. 30 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Tue. 25 th 7:45 a.m.	In Thanksgiving for Father Palmer on his 47th Anniversary of the Priesthood	Sun. 30 th 9:00 a.m.	Patricia Walsh <i>(30th Anniversary)</i>
		Sun. 30 th 10:30 a.m.	Jim Dunn
		Sun. 30 th Noon	Harry Ricca

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Gavin Richard Rafferty and Katherine Frances Cosentino 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 \$12,837. Last year's comparable weekend was \$13,750. Thank you for your generosity.

THE COLLECTION ON ASCENSION THURSDAY totaled \$1,373. Thank you for contributing to this Holy Day collection.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN (CCC) COLLECTION taken up last weekend totaled \$1,589. Thank you for your generosity to this Diocesan collection.

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

THE 2010 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: "LIVING OUR FAITH" So far, **350** parishioners have donated **\$130,859**. This represents **57%** 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.*** (Some companies do matching funds as well — check with your employer.) For more information, please visit www.bridgeportdiocese.com/aba. Thank you for your support.

MEN'S MINISTRY - Come experience our new and improved format. For the next several weeks, we will be discussing the topic *Accountability—Beyond Football and the Weather*. 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.

M.O.M.'s—MEETING OTHER MOMS: Please join us this **Thursday, May 27, 2010** from 10:00–11:30 a.m. in the OLF Parish Center for a craft, 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.

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, Fa-

ther 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.

THANK YOU to over 25 OLF parishioners who participated in this year's HomeFront Day on May 1st. The volunteers assisted a Weston homeowner who suffers from Parkinson's Disease and is homebound and confined to living on the first floor. Renovations/repairs included painting, plumbing & carpentry repairs, electrical improvements & general fix-up. A special thank you to team leader, Patrick Helbach, for coordinating this effort and our thanks once again to the entire team for their dedication of time and talent to this worthwhile cause.

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

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.***

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 substitute teachers for this school year, and we certainly will need teachers for our 2010-11 Religious Education classes. 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 as well as the Youth Group. Please call the Religious Education Office (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.

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 PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN AND RAISED CATHOLIC but no longer practice their faith. Perhaps they need someone to ask, "What are the issues that have kept you away?" or "Would you like to talk with a priest?" Let us remember to pray for and reach out to those who have been away from the Church and recognize that they may be hurting. God our Father constantly offers His healing presence and never refuses one of His repentant children.

YOUTH MINISTRY

THANK YOU to everyone who supported the "Pennies From Heaven" fundraiser. We collected over \$655. Your generosity will help support our mission outreach trip to work at the St. Patrick's Foundation in Kingston, Jamaica.

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 pm** in the OLF Parish Center. At this mandatory meeting, we'll provide final details about our trip.

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.

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!

MISSION TRIP PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED: **From June 20th – 27th**, 37 high school students & adult chaperones will be going to Kingston, Jamaica to serve the poor and needy at the St. Patrick's Foundation. A prayer partner would pray for a specific teen or chaperone every day during our mission trip. We invite parishioners to participate in this special effort. Contact Sharon Lynn at 762-9080 or at OLFYouthGroup@aol.com to sign up as a prayer partner today. *We are also accepting financial donations to purchase food and supplies needed for our mission work week.* We appreciate your generosity and support to our Summer Mission Outreach Program!

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 bas-

ketball program. (Coach Joe's bio is available upon request.) There will be four one-week programs: The first week — coached by Mike Garrity — will be half-day sessions from **12 p.m. to 3 p.m.** and will run from **June 14th - June 18th (\$75/child)**; 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 (203) 858-6301 or you may email her at mfairs@aol.com for details.

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.



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THE POWER OF ONE

Recently someone referred to the Holy Spirit as the "Cinderella" of the Trinity, working quietly in the background while the Father and Son get all the credit. The Holy Spirit is the great gift of the Father and the Son. Today's feast invites us to recognize the wonderful ways that God continues to work among us.

INSIDE THE READINGS

The reading from Acts of the Apostles today is Luke's account of the first Pentecost. It presents the Spirit as the source of power for witness. The first manifestations of the Spirit are a "noise like a strong driving wind" and "tongues of fire" resting on each of the disciples (Acts 2:2-3). They are then able to speak in other languages so that all present could understand them (2:4-12).

Immediately their speech takes the form of preaching to the thousands of people who are in the city. Peter speaks to the crowd and testifies to Jesus (2:14-36, 38-40). What they are hearing is prophecy that results from the Spirit being poured out upon people (2:17-18). Thus, the witness is said to be a message from God. This is important because it makes the message all the more cutting to its auditors when Peter says that they killed Jesus. What is worse, he says that they used "lawless men to crucify him" (2:23). The message leads to a crescendo of condemnation as Peter culminates: "Therefore, let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified" (2:36).

It is evident that this is a power that allows Peter to witness courageously before such a large throng. The effectiveness of this power is shown through the three thousand people who accept Peter's message and become Christians (2:41). This power remains effective through witness as "every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved" (2:47).

For Luke, Pentecost is the celebration of the Spirit as the force for Christian growth. The force expresses itself through the willingness of Christians to stand up and witness to their faith. This growth is always the product of courageously moving beyond ourselves toward others with the message of life that we have been given.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

We can pray to the Holy Spirit to bestow the gift that we most need to bring the presence and power of God into our world. We ask the Holy Spirit to guide us to the truth, to inflame our hearts with love for Jesus, and to lead us to act in our world to do the Father's will.

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