

# 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 ad-  
vance.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND:** Please notify the  
Rectory if anyone in your home is seriously  
sick or homebound.

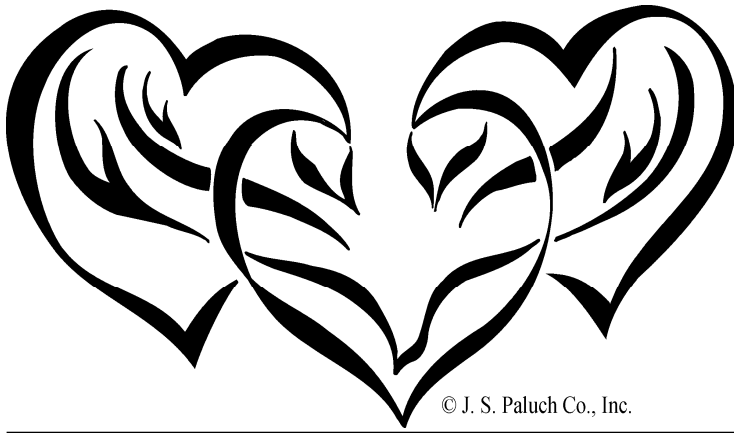
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All families or indi-  
viduals who have moved into the parish  
should register by filling out the registration  
card available at the church doors.

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# THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

**MAY 30, 2010**

*The love of God has been poured out  
into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.*

*— Romans 5:5b*

## Masses for the Week

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Sat. 29 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Gene Rooney</b> <i>(12th Anniversary)</i>	Thu. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Georgia Jaskot</b>
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.	<b>All Parishioners Living &amp; Deceased</b>	Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Catherine &amp; Joseph Montesano</b>
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Patricia Walsh</b> <i>(30th Anniversary)</i>	Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m.	<b>Joseph Cassidy</b>
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	<b>Jim Dunn</b>	Sat. 5 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.	<b>Jim Dunn</b>
Sun. 30 <sup>th</sup> Noon	<b>Harry Ricca</b>	Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.	<b>All Parishioners Living &amp; Deceased</b>
Mon. 31 <sup>st</sup> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Collective Intentions</b>	Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Joseph Torneo</b>
Tue. 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:45 a.m.	<b>Deceased Members of the DeRosa Family</b>	Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	<b>Frank D'Amico</b>
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m.	<b>Hubert Tai</b>	Sun. 6 <sup>th</sup> Noon	<b>Stuart Werkle</b>

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

**PLEASE PRAY** for the happy repose of the souls of former parishioner **Tony Murphy**, husband of Peggy Murphy, and for former parishioner **Marie Godin**, mother of parishioner David Godin. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME** Katherine Grace Duke, Julian Thomas Isaacs and Ryan Joseph Elia baptized into the new community of the church and to a new loving relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Robert Muller III and Alessandra Perfetti married here last weekend. May God bless them and help their love grow richer and deeper with the passing years.

**THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION** last weekend was \$14,828. Last year's comparable weekend was \$11,914. Thank you 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](http://www.olfwilton.org).



**TION CLASSES** will be held in OLF School Gym after the 5:30 Mass on Saturday, June 5, and after all the Masses on Sunday, June 6. We would appreciate all registrations at this time so that we may plan for the resources, books, and catechists needed for the 2010-11 school year. The Religious Education staff will be on hand to assist you and answer any questions you may have.

**REMINDER:** All Religious Education make-up work and tests must be completed before any registrations for the 2010-11 school year can be processed. Any student who has outstanding work or a test to be taken should call the Religious Education Office immediately (203-762-9080).

**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.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** volunteers will meet on Sunday, June 6, in OLF School library, at 2:00 PM, for the final gathering before VBS week. Please make every effort to attend.

**DO YOU HAVE A RELATIVE OR FRIEND** who is interested in the Catholic religion? Please tell him or her about our RCIA process for non-Catholic adults. This process provides an opportunity for reflection on the Sunday readings, discussion of Church teachings, and prayer with a few parishioners each week. At the culmination of the process, the candidate is initiated or received into the full communion of the Catholic Church through baptism and/or Eucharist and Confirmation. Please call Kathleen Rooney (762-9080) or one of our priests (762-3928) if you know a person who would like to "come and see" what it is all about.

**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 becoming an active Catholic once again.

## YOUTH MINISTRY



**A CAR WASH & BAKE SALE**, sponsored by both the OLF High School & Junior Youth Groups, will be held on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm in front of OLF School. Please get your car washed and help support our various service outreach programs. *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 service outreach ministry!

**MISSION TRIP PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED:** From June 20<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**"WISH LIST" FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S FOUNDATION:** Our high school teens are packing extra supplies that are desperately needed in Jamaica to take with them on our mission outreach trip. Parishioners willing to donate **NEW** children's school supplies and products including pencils, pens, crayons, markers, stickers, children's books (can be gently used), puzzles, etc... and **NEW** medical supplies including band-aids, gauze, neosporin, etc... should **drop them off in the Parish Center between Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> & Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (we can not accept product donations after this date).** We are also accepting financial donations to purchase the supplies needed for our mission work week. We appreciate your generosity and support to our Summer 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 basketball 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 26<sup>th</sup> – 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](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)

## 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 **next 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 beginning at **3:00 p.m.** A one-mile procession to the intersection of Fillow St. & Richards Ave. and back (handicapped accommodations available) begins at **3:10 p.m.**, a Healing Service begins at **4:15 p.m.**, and Benediction beginning at **5 p.m.**

The approach road to St. Matthew's will be closed beginning at 2:45 p.m. Fatima parishioners are assigned parking at Temple Shalom, 259 Richards Ave. in Norwalk. (Handicapped parking will be available in the rear lot of St. Matthew's.) Parking passes may be picked up at the OLF Parish Office during regular business hours. Please direct all questions regarding the march to St. Matthew's Church at 203-838-3788.



## Memorial Day

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## WONDERFUL TRIUNE GOD, GIVER OF LIFE

*Often the Trinity becomes an intellectual puzzle that we try to figure out, rather than an invitation to live into the very being of God, the God who is Fullness-of-Being. The God revealed to us in scripture is always reaching out to draw us into relationship—through creating us, redeeming us, and making us holy.*

### INSIDE THE READINGS

The reading from the Letter to the Romans that we hear today is about how the life of the Trinity leads to peace for people in all situations. Christ showed his love for us by dying for us while we were still sinners. It wasn't because we were living sterling moral lives that Christ gave himself for us. So there is something about our very beings that God loves greatly (Romans 5:6-8). Our reading says that this divine love "has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (5:5). For Paul this means that our hope is well founded. Everything in life is a means to good. As Paul says, affliction leads to endurance, endurance to proven character, and proven character to hope. Paul concludes that this hope is secure because of the divine love "poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit." Later on in this letter Paul will describe the effects of the Spirit in us as enabling us to live a godly life (8:2, 4-5, 10-13). Thus, Paul is saying today that all situations lead to a proven character because God has enabled us through the Spirit to live a godly life.

This leads to a deep peace, according to Paul. We have been given the divine life that keeps us close to God. Because of this there need be no fear that any situation can separate us from God. The love of God is stronger than anything else, and its power in us enables us to keep living good lives no matter what. This grace leads to a very specific hope "of the glory of God" (Romans 5:2).

For Paul God's actions through Christ and the sending of the Spirit to us have enabled all situations in life to lead to the glory of God. The fickleness of chance is replaced by the security of divine love.

### THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

*Join in singing during this day:*  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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