

# 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.

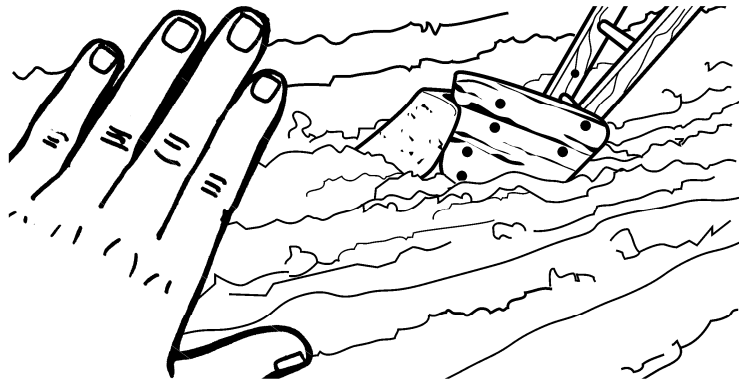
**PARISH REGISTRATION:** All families or individuals who have moved into the parish should register by filling out the registration card available at the church doors.

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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 27, 2010

*"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."*

— Luke 9:62

## Masses for the Week

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Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m.	Jim Dunn	Wed. 30 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Collective Intentions
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Thu. 1 <sup>st</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Elizabeth Cervone
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Taylor Jillson	Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Dorothy Thresher
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Deacon Tom McManus on his 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 8:00 a.m.	Wells Jarboe
Sun. 27 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Victoria Desposito	Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 5:30 p.m.	Carol Marotta
Mon. 28 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Toppin & Emro Families	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Tue. 29 <sup>th</sup> 7:45 a.m.	Albert & Catherine DeVito	Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m.	Luigi Toffolo
		Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m.	Carol Marotta
		Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> Noon	Vera Esposito

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Friday**  
**9 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

**PLEASE PRAY** for the happy repose of the soul of **Timothy Carey**, son of Tony & Julie Carey of our parish. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant him eternal rest and joy.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Grayden Kane Mumbach** 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 \$13,793. Last year's comparable weekend was \$12,991. Thank you for your generosity.

**THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION** is the 2010 Peter's Pence Collection. This collection supports the works of the Holy Father and enables Pope Benedict XVI to give emergency funds to those suffering all over the world from oppression, war, disease, or natural disaster. 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 generosity.



**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** There is a "Book of Prayer Intentions for the Sick" on the lower part of the Offertory table where you can enter the name of a person in need of prayers due to illness. That person, along with others written in the book, will be included in Our General intercession at each Mass where we pray for our sick. The names will not be read individually at Mass – but their intentions will be remembered as the sick among us who are always a special focus of the congregation, here at Our lady of Fatima.

**HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Due to the "National Privacy Act", priests can only know that you are in the hospital if you designate yourself (or family member) as a parishioner of OLF when you enter the hospital; or, telephone the Parish Office, 762-3928, and inform us that you are entering the hospital.

**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

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION** should be completed by July 1 in order to avoid a late fee. Please come to the Religious Education Office this week to sign up for fall classes. We are not able to take registrations by phone.

**WE ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS** to do substitute teaching, babysitting during class time for teachers' children, or helping out as chaperones for Youth Group activities. If you would like to help in any of these ways, please call the Religious Education Office to learn how to register for a VIRTUS class which is required of all volunteers and employees. There are many opportunities throughout the year to attend a class in various parts of our diocese.

**RCIA** is for non-Catholic adults who are seeking answers to their questions about the Catholic religion. Please invite someone you know to call Father Palmer, Father James, (203-762-3928) or Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) to learn more about this process which involves faith-sharing, reflection on Scripture from the Sunday liturgy, and instruction in the Catholic faith. Gatherings are at the convenience of the participants, so do not hesitate to make that phone call for more information!

**THE WORDS TO ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL SONGS** often heard during at Mass tell us, "Come back to me with all your heart. Don't let fear keep us apart." Although these were not the words of Jesus himself, his ministry reflected this inviting thought. Jesus welcomed all people to forgive and be forgiven. Let us think about "coming back" to church if we have been away for a while. Or do you know someone who was once a Catholic but no longer practices his/her religion? Perhaps the words from this song on a note card might serve as an invitation to one who is searching his/her soul right now. Let God use you to bring someone back home to church.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**THANK YOU** to everyone who contributed financially and/or with prayers for the Youth Ministry summer mission outreach trip to South Carolina. We are grateful for the tremendous outpouring of generosity from our parishioners. Working on home & maintenance repairs for the elderly on fixed incomes was a life-changing experience for our teens as they came home with a greater awareness of the poverty that exists in our world today as well as the positive contribution they made in helping those less fortunate than themselves.

## 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 will be three one-week programs: 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).

### SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 MONDAY: St. Irenaeus  
 TUESDAY: Ss. Peter and Paul  
 WEDNESDAY: The First Holy Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
 THURSDAY: Blessed Junipero Serra; Canada Day  
 FRIDAY: First Friday  
 SATURDAY: St. Thomas; First Saturday



**SERVE  
 ONE ANOTHER  
 THROUGH LOVE**

## FOLLOWING HIS LEAD

*As much as we might think that the life of faith is only about "letting go and letting God (take over)," it is equally true that the life of faith is about our getting up and getting going. God has expectations, too. To take seriously the life of discipleship means following Jesus' lead, as he reminds us today.*

### INSIDE THE READINGS

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all tell of a certain point in Jesus' ministry when he journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem. Mark's Gospel presents it as a simple move from one area toward the next. In Luke's Gospel, however, it is clear that something momentous is occurring. Only Luke writes about Jesus deciding to go to Jerusalem "when the days for his being taken up were fulfilled" (Luke 9:51). These days refer to the time when Jesus will be lifted up on the cross, raised from the dead, and ascend to the Father. Only the Lukan Jesus shows an iron will at this point in the narrative in the face of his knowledge that the time to depart from this world is near: "When the days for his being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem" (9:51).

This determination to go to Jerusalem provides an example for the disciples of a willingness to take up the cross that awaits Jesus there. The disciples need such an example because they have chosen to focus on other aspects of discipleship. Following Jesus' announcement that the disciples need to take up their cross and follow him, the disciples have been focusing on the glory of ministry rather than its strenuous requirements. Thus, although Moses and Elijah at the Transfiguration talk about the journey that Jesus is to make, Peter suggests that the journey halt, that they make tents for Jesus and these Old Testament figures because "it is good that we are here" (9:33). The disciples have also tried to limit exorcisms only to those who are of their company (9:46–50).

Even after Jesus begins the journey to Jerusalem they ask if they should "call down fire" on a city that does not accept them (9:54). Jesus shows them what real discipleship is about by simply rebuking them, continuing on the journey, and talking about the rigors and sufferings of discipleship (9:55 — 10:62).

### THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

We ask God to free us from anything that enslaves us; even more, we ask God to help us recognize the more subtle addictions and habits that prevent us from living in the freedom of the children of God. We pray that we may follow Christ wholeheartedly.

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