

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 indi-
viduals 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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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*Christ Jesus ...
is the head of the body, the church.*

— Colossians 1:15, 18

MASSes for the WEEK

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Sat. 10 th 5:30 p.m.	Georgia Jaskot	Fri. 16 th 9:00 a.m.	Drew & Ganser Families
Sun. 11 th 7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Sat. 17 th 8:00 a.m.	Zoila Rosa Montoya
Sun. 11 th 9:00 a.m.	Merle Reisenberg	Sat. 17 th 5:30 p.m.	Alfred Lord
Sun. 11 th 10:30 a.m.	Anthony Bozzuti	Sun. 18 th 7:30 a.m.	Mary Beth Henessey
Sun. 11 th Noon	Ero Bruciati	Sun. 18 th 9:00 a.m.	William Lesko
Mon. 12 th 9:00 a.m.	Melissa Nickel	Sun. 18 th 10:30 a.m.	Kathryn & John Dooling
Tue. 13 th 7:45 a.m.	Michael Forkan	Sun. 18 th Noon	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Wed. 14 th 9:00 a.m.	Collective Intentions		
Thu. 15 th 7:45 a.m.	Elmer Nazareth		

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the soul of **Claire K. Collins**, formerly of our parish. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant her eternal rest and joy.

DUE TO THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY WEEKEND, the offertory totals for last weekend were not available at bulletin press time. They will be reported in next weekend's bulletin.

NEXT WEEKEND IS THE ANNUAL MISSION CO-OP SUNDAY. Father John Higgins, MS, will be at Our Lady of Fatima making the appeal on behalf of the La Salette Mission-

aries who mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. Fr. John ministers in Bolivia and will visit OLF to share his missionary experiences with our parish family. With your help, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

EXTRA CD'S ENTITLED "LET US SING" AND EXTRA BOOKLETS ENTITLED 101

Humorous Moments in the Lives of Priests are still available in case you would like some, at \$10 each. They are available at the Parish Office during regular business hours, Mon-Fri, 9-5.

FREE MINISTRY Going on vacation? Traveling on the weekend? For nationwide Mass times and locations, phone 410-676-6000 or online at *www.masstimes.org*.

★ **THE SOUP KITCHEN MINISTRY NEEDS** ★

★ **YOU!** The Manna House of Hospitality ★
 ★ serves hundreds of meals a day to the less ★
 ★ fortunate in South Norwalk. ★
 ★ OLF parishioners assist by providing food ★
 ★ donations and volunteers. We need help in ★
 ★ the following areas: ★

- ★ * Monthly donations of assigned food ★
 ★ item(s) delivered to the OLF Parish Cen- ★
 ★ ter for the meal provided by ★
 ★ OLF parishioners at the Soup ★
 ★ Kitchen. We are in need of additional ★
 ★ donations of ground beef and salad in- ★
 ★ gredients. Refrigeration is available for ★
 ★ storage leading up to the Tuesday ★
 ★ morning pick-up. ★
- ★ * Drivers to make deliveries of baked ★
 ★ goods donations from Stop and Shop ★
 ★ (Wilton), and one or two other area lo- ★
 ★ cations (Michelina's or Starbucks) to the ★
 ★ Soup Kitchen. The pick-up time is be- ★
 ★ tween 10 AM and 12 PM. We are ur- ★
 ★ gently looking for substitutes for these ★
 ★ daily deliveries. We are also looking ★
 ★ for drivers able to do deliveries on **Sat- ★
 ★ urdays or Sundays beginning in the ★
 ★ Fall.** ★

★ *If you are able to help, please contact* ★
 ★ *Sharon Steinberg at 834-0581.* ★

ARE YOU PART OF THE OLF FAMILY? If you worship here and have not found time to register, it's easy! A registration form can be found at each entrance of the Church or on

our website, *www.olfwilton.org*. Please complete the form and return via the collection basket or mail to the Parish Office at 229 Danbury Road, Wilton.

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.

ARRANGEMENT FOR MARRIAGE In order to allow sufficient time for the process and the preparation for marriage, please call the parish office at 762-3928 at least six (6) months before the marriage is to be celebrated.

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** and **Andrew Avallone**. If you have a loved one serving overseas, or know of someone who is, call the Parish Office with their names. *Welcome home, Marine Nate Smaric, who is safely back in the U.S. from Afghanistan. His family thanks OLF for their prayers & support!*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION for fall classes is ongoing throughout the summer. You may download forms or come to the

Religious Education office to obtain them. We would greatly appreciate your registrations as soon as possible so that we may order books and arrange for classes and catechists. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

PARENTS — if you would like to volunteer in any way for Religious Education or Youth Ministry during the 2010-11 school year, please call the Religious Education Office (203-762-9080) for information on VIRTUS classes held throughout the diocese. These classes are required for any volunteers or employees who will be associating with children, and they are for the safety and protection of all children.

"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 "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 (203-762-9080) or one of our priests (203-762-3928) to learn about the RCIA process? Many adults have joined our parish family through this process and would also be happy to talk to anyone who is interested.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GRADUATION PHOTOS that were posted on the Church bulletin board last month can be picked up in the Religious Education office Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

LOOKING FOR SERVICE PROJECTS this summer? Volunteer your time at a local charity or in the Religious Education office. Lend a

hand with mailings, sorting through supplies, and other various projects. Hours worked in the office can be put towards the 30-hour service hour requirements needed for Confirmation. Contact Sharon Lynn at 762-9080 or OLFYouthGroup@aol.com for details.

"FAN THE FIRE" DIOCESAN YOUTH RALLY! Join high school teens from around our Diocese on Saturday, August 21st from 9 am – 9 pm at St. Rose of Lima parish in Newtown, CT. The 2010 theme, "Who do you follow?" (John 21:1-13), will be presented by keynote speaker Fr. Jose Robles Sanchez. Music Ministry will be led by Kevin Donovan & Katie Kogler. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Lori. The Rally will include praise, worship, adoration, & reconciliation. Cost is \$45 which includes a pizza dinner. Sign up for this special once-in-a-lifetime experience by August 1st to Sharon Lynn in the Religious Education office.

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 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 at (203) 858-6301 or mfairs@aol.com for details. Forms are available at the Church doors or may be downloaded from the OLF School website: olfcatholic.org.

CAN YOU HELP??

THOMAS MERTON CENTER in Bridge-

port needs **toiletries- shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste-** trial sizes preferred, for their guests. To help, please drop off or call Mark Grasso: 203-367-9036.

MORNING GLORY in Danbury is in need of cereal and pancake mix. For more information and to make a donation, please contact Michele Conderino: 203-748-0848, ext. 231.

BIBLES FOR PRISON OUTREACH: The Prison Outreach ministry is in desperate need of Bibles for the prison. Anyone able to either donate copies of Catholic Bibles or make contributions toward bulk purchase please deliver them to the Catholic Center at 238 Jewett Ave. or email the Catholic Charities Community Outreach office at frseraphim@ccfc-ct.org.

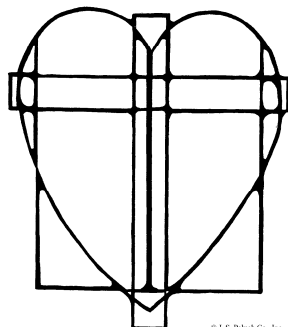
COMMUNITY NEWS

FURNITURE TAG SALE will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in their Parish Center (208 East Avenue in Norwalk) on **Saturday, August 7th, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** *Admission is free.*

SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

SUNDAY:	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
TUESDAY:	St. Henry
WEDNESDAY:	Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha
THURSDAY:	St. Bonaventure
FRIDAY:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
SATURDAY:	Blessed Virgin Mary

*Live the Law
of Love*



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HOLDING ALL THINGS TOGETHER

The Letter to the Colossians offers us one of the great hymns to Jesus, proclaiming that "in him all things hold together" (Colossians 1:17). Jesus offers a lawyer a way to move through life that will hold things together. The story of the good Samaritan is one that calls us to live motivated by God's compassion.

INSIDE THE READINGS

In Luke's Gospel today, a lawyer, not Jesus, gives the command in response to his own question about what is necessary for him "to inherit eternal life" (10:25, 27). Love functions for the lawyer as a means to an end, albeit an admirable end. He is concerned about his own eternal future. This self-focus continues after Jesus approves of his response. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" (10:29). He raises the question "because he wished to justify himself." Thus, the lawyer's question is a doubly limiting one, asking who should be the object of his love for the sake of improving his own image. The lawyer's self-absorption leads Jesus to reply with the parable of the good Samaritan. What we might not have realized about this well-known parable is the relation of the question that Jesus asks the lawyer to the question about the identity of his neighbor that the lawyer had asked: "Which of the three . . . was neighbor to the robbers' victim?" (10:36). Notice that Jesus says that the real question with which love is concerned is not who one's neighbor is, but rather, who lives like a neighbor. Jesus invites the lawyer to look beyond his self-concern because love is primarily directed toward others. There are examples of these two outlooks in the three figures in the parable who have an opportunity to aid the injured man. A priest and a Levite see the man but pass by "on the opposite side" (10:31-32). They have sacrificial jobs that would be imperiled if they were to come into contact with a dead body. They can-not be certain if the injured person is dead or will soon die; Luke describes him as "half-dead" (10:30). So they are careful for themselves. The Samaritan who helps him is moved, however, by compassion (10:33). This leads him to the selfless care that is the hallmark of love.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

Let us pray for compassion that can move us across the barriers erected by fear, anger, hatred, a desire for vengeance, or indifference. Let us pray for compassion that makes us willing to suffer even rejection of our help. Let us pray for compassion that allows us to taste eternal life even now.

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