

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.

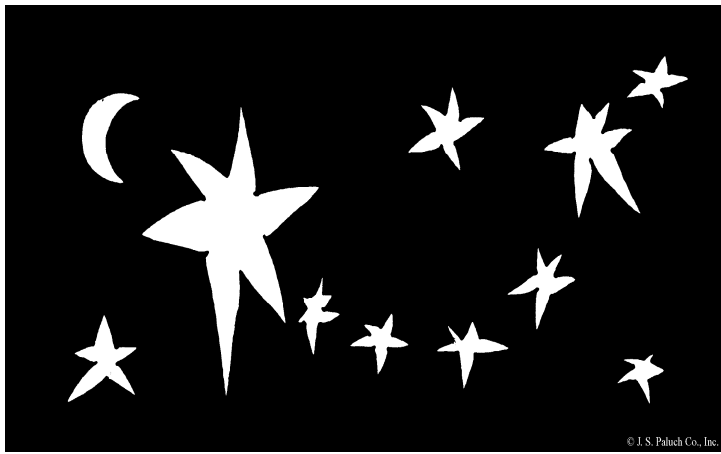
PARISH REGISTRATION: All families or individuals who have moved into the parish should register by filling out the registration card available at the church doors.

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

*[The Lord] tells the number of the stars
and calls them by name.*

— Psalm 147:4

Masses for the Week

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Sat. 4 th	5:30 p.m.	Richard DiGirolamo & Alfonso DeGirolamo	Thur. 9 th	7:45 a.m.	Raymond J. Flanagan
Sun. 5 th	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased	Fri. 10 th	9:00 a.m.	Eugene Flanagan, Jr.
Sun. 5 th	9:00 a.m.	Robert T. Lynn	Sat. 11 th	8:00 a.m.	Fr. Louis Newman
Sun. 5 th	10:30 a.m.	Anne Cassidy	Sat. 11 th	5:30 p.m.	Frances Gigi & Ann Russo
Sun. 5 th	Noon	Peggy Quinn	Sun. 12 th	7:30 a.m.	All Parishioners Living & Deceased
Mon. 6 th	9:00 a.m.	Sr. Noreen Nolan, O.P.	Sun. 12 th	9:00 a.m.	Kathleen & Leonard Costello
Tue. 7 th	7:45 a.m.	Eileen Buck	Sun. 12 th	10:30 a.m.	Nick Zinicola
Wed. 8 th	9:00 a.m.	Joseph Lebits	Sun. 12 th	Noon	Peggy Quinn

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Monday – Friday
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.*

PLEASE PRAY for the happy repose of the souls of **Jean Lynch**, mother of parishioner Brian Lynch, for **William Hennessey**, uncle of parishioner Suzanne Konover, for parishioner **Thomas Moore**, husband of Joan Moore and father of parishioner Joseph Moore, and for parishioner **Pawel Sywak**, son of parishioners Piotr & Monika Sywak. May Jesus, our Lord and Savior, grant them eternal rest and joy.

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Juliette and Alexander Sinor baptized into the new community of the church and to a new loving relationship with Our Lord, Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Sunday Collection, 1/29	\$11,682.56
EFT Weekly	\$ 1,787.41
TOTAL	\$13,469.97
<i>Last Year</i>	\$ 9,832.00

Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION is the monthly collection for the needs of the parish. Thank you again for your generosity.

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY With gratitude for the help that electronic contributions give to our weekly income, (an added \$1,700 per

week), we encourage any others that may be considering this to fill out the electronic offer-tory form. Forms are available in the parish office or may be found on our website: www.olfwilton.org. Thank you.

PARISH NEWS

HOLY COMMUNION AT THE 9:00 A.M. SUNDAY MASS Due to the frequent unavailability of a sufficient number of Eucharistic Ministers at this Mass, Fr. Palmer has decided, starting on February 5th, to suspend Communion from the Cup until further notice.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY

As we enter the new year, we need more volunteers to help pray the Rosary with the residents of Wilton Meadows.

At this liturgical season that we call Ordinary Time, we carry forth the blessings and graces received during the Christmas Season. The celebration of the birth of Our Savior, the feast of the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord. All three events so significant to our lives as Christians. How do we express our gratitude for the blessings and graces of the season? Maybe some will respond as Samuel in today's first reading, "Speak, Lord for your servant is listening." By our Baptism we are all called to ministry, so this is an invitation to join the Ministry to the Sick and Elderly and respond to the needs of our parishioners. May the light of Christ and our Baptismal Covenant lead us to share our gifts with others! **If you can help**, please call Sister Julie Horvath at 203-276-8908.

DRIVERS NEEDED: OLF volunteers transport daily food donations from local stores (Village Market, Stop and Shop and Starbucks) to the Manna House Soup Kitchen and Christian Community Action, both in South Norwalk. Pick-up time is after 10 AM with delivery before Noon (before 2 PM on Sundays). We are currently in need of volunteers who can make these deliveries on a regular or substitute basis, especially on Fridays, Saturdays and/or

Sundays. For more information about participating in this rewarding ministry, please call Sharon Steinberg at (203)834-0581.

CAREGIVERS The next Caregivers gathering will be held on **Monday, February 13 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Center**. If you are caring for an elderly parent, spouse or family member you will receive support, care and resources from other caregivers. For more information call Sister Julie Horvath at 203/276-8908.

OUR LADY'S ASSOCIATION VALENTINE LUNCHEON

The annual Valentine's Day Luncheon, sponsored by Our Lady's Association, will be held on **Tuesday, February 14, in the Parish Center**. All the ladies of the parish are invited. Please join us at **11:30 a.m.** for a Rosary to Our Lady. Lunch will be served immediately after. Lunch is complimentary if you have paid your dues, and \$5.00 if you have not. Please RSVP to Ro Clarke (203-762-1391) or Judy Bourtin (203-762-9674).

SAVE THE DATE! Our Lady's Association Spiritual Retreat: **Saturday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The retreat will be held at the beautiful, meditative setting at **Convent of St. Birgitta in Darien**. The retreat will include Mass, Guest Speaker Dr. Joan Kelly, small group reflection and prayer. Refreshments and lunch will also be provided.

PLEASE PRAY for all our service men and women who are protecting our freedom, and especially **Matthew Smarrella, Andrew Avallone, Michael Chiappone, Stephen Acosta, Marshall A. Paul, Thomas Correll, Thomas Thresher, Lt. John Steward Winslow, Rocco D'Amato, Adam Walsh, Joseph Somerdyk and Kyle Ward**. If you have a loved one serving overseas, or know of someone who is, call the Parish Office with their names.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the children who

made their First Reconciliation recently. May our loving and forgiving God guide them always.

TODAY, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, there will be morning Religious Education classes, but evening classes WILL NOT meet.

PARENTS AND FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES will meet on **Sunday, February 12, in OLF School Gym, at 9:45 A.M.** At this time we will distribute First Eucharist books and explain details for preparation of the sacrament.

REMINDER: There are no Sunday Religious Education classes on **February 19 and 26.** Please pass this on to an inactive Catholic you know: Is there something missing in your life? Does God seem far away (If so, guess who moved?) Has it been a while since you or someone you know has been to Mass? Now is the time to return. Please call one of our priests (203-762-3928) to talk about being a practicing Catholic once again. What a gift to be able to re-join your brothers and sisters in Christ at the table of the Lord!

HAS ANY NON-CATHOLIC EVER ASKED YOU why Catholics go to Mass each Sunday, or what exactly Catholics believe about life after death, or what the Church teaches about Mary? Do you know that right here at OLF we have the RCIA process for such inquirers? Please call Kathleen Rooney (203-762-9080) or one of our priests (203-762-9080) if you have a friend or relative who may wish to pursue a study of our religion with a small group of parishioners. There may be people just waiting to be invited!

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: The OLF High School Youth Group is asking for your donations. We are collecting First Communion clothing (dresses, sport coats, trousers, shoes, veils, etc.) for the First Communion students

at Blessed Sacrament Church in Bridgeport. Please bring your donations to the OLF Parish Center and place in the marked bin. We will be collecting donations throughout February and March. If you have any questions you can contact Mrs. Martinelli or Mrs. Deluca at olfyouthgroup2@aol.com or Natalie Smith at pds1017@aol.com Thank you for your support!

HIGH SCHOOL TEENS (Grades 9-12) The Mackenzie Trec (Teens Really Encountering Christ) Retreat Program will take place at OLF School on **Saturday, March 3 from 9 a.m.—9 p.m.** This one-day retreat is a great opportunity to strengthen your faith and build relationships. The cost for this retreat is \$45 (includes meals, supplies and much more). For details and permission slips, please contact Melanie Deluca or Georgette Martinelli at olfyouthgroup2@aol.com or you can contact the Religious Education office at 762-9080. Teen Leaders are Sean O’Dea and Maggie Roberts.

DIOCESAN NEWS

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK The Order of Malta in Westchester and Connecticut welcomes you, and especially the sick and handicapped, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on **Saturday, February 11,** beginning at **2:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Church, 21 Cherry St., New Canaan.** Mass will be celebrated at **3:00 p.m.,** and the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered. Refreshments will follow.

SCHOOL NEWS

THE OLF TYLER UGOLYN BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT kicked off on **Thursday, January 26th** and runs through **Friday, February 10th** in the **OLF School gym.** All are invited to come and cheer on the Our Lady of Fatima Falcons Varsity, Junior Varsity and

Junior Junior Varsity basketball players as they host over 44 teams from 10 visiting schools. The full tournament schedule can be found on the school website: www.olfcatholic.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

A FREE VALENTINE'S GIFT FOR YOUR FAMILY: The Wilton Volunteer Ambulance Corps (WVAC) is offering a free Valentine's gift for your friends and family - "Hands-Only" CPR. February is American Heart Month, and fittingly Valentine's Day is in February. The one-hour class is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Wilton Library Brubeck Room.** With the skills you will learn in one hour you could save a life —maybe the life of someone you love. There is registration/check-in starting at 7:00 PM with the classes starting promptly at 7:30 PM. All residents and those working in Wilton are welcome to attend. Registration for 2/8 is at the Wilton Library web site: www.wiltonlibrary.org, click on "Events", scroll down to "Hands-Only CPR" and follow the prompts to register.

YOU COULD BE A MATCH! The Dineen family is asking your support to help find a bone marrow match for their niece, Nora. Nora was a healthy and happy little girl until this past June when she was diagnosed with a very rare disease called Severe Aplastic Anemia — a disease of the bone marrow. Nora's best chance for remission is a bone marrow transplant. Please join us on **Saturday, February 11th from 8AM to 12:30PM at the Wilton YMCA** to raise donations and add donors to the 'Be The Match' registry. For more information or if you can not make the event please visit: www.bethematchfoundation.org/goto/ymcaspin4nora. All are welcome and we appreciate your support!

A BALANCED LIFE

Today's Gospel continues presenting a day in the life of Jesus, begun last week. In these early days of his ministry, Jesus brings healing into many lives, including Peter's mother-in-law, who then gets up to minister to others. Jesus' healing and preaching are balanced by time spent in prayer with the Father.

INSIDE THE READINGS

Crushed by the torment of his own situation, Job bemoans the harshness of life itself. It is like hard military service, or like the life of a hireling who has nothing to say about the conditions of work, or like the situation of a slave who is totally dependent upon the slaveholder. These metaphors both describe the tribulations of life and express the helplessness that is experienced in it. Job has nowhere to turn. Life seems to be armed against him and there is neither defense nor escape. So many circumstances are beyond human control, and Job feels helpless in the face of it. It is no wonder that he cries out. Preaching was the reason Paul was called to follow Christ. In his eyes, he deserved no special credit for this, and therefore he had no grounds for boasting. The issue was not if Paul preached, but how he preached. There were times when he waived his right to financial support and he preached free of charge. He seems to have preferred preaching at no cost, for then he would be beholden to no one and would be able to preach the Gospel without being concerned about offending his audience. Still, Paul was willing to conform himself to others without compromising the gospel. The Gospel reading recounts Jesus' healing of Peter's mother-in-law. Jesus exercises unique authority over the powers of death. The person released from this power then goes about ministering to others. Other healings and exorcisms follow. These two works are connected. The principal message of Jesus' preaching is the long-awaited establishment of the reign of God. However, before God's reign can take firm root and thrive, the reign of evil must be dislodged and cast out. Jesus' fame so spreads that he is compelled to flee to a solitary place to pray. The reading ends with a statement that condenses the entire ministry of Jesus into preaching and driving out demons.

THOUGHTS FOR ACTION

Lord Jesus, you came to show us the face of your Father, who wishes us to be fully alive in the Spirit. Give us the health we need to do the work you have called us to do. Help us to see clearly what our life needs in order to be open to you and your Father's will. Amen.

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