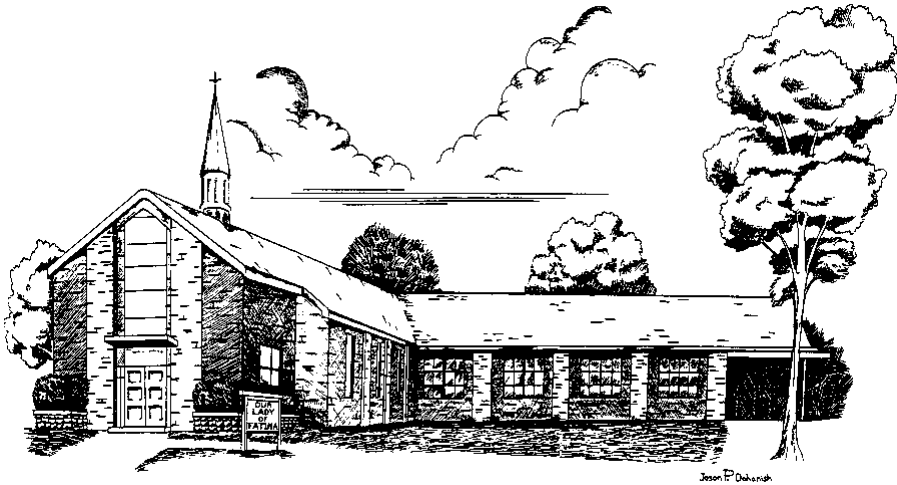


Our Lady Of Fatima RC Church

184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

SUNDAY – FEBRUARY 25TH, 2018



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Growing through stewardship, mercy, compassion

MASS SCHEDULE.

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Sunday's Vespers) Sunday: 8:00 - 9:30, - 11:00 am.
Monday through Saturday, 8:45 am.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION.

Tuesdays: 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Community Rosary followed by Holy Hour (7:00 - 8:00 pm)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (ENGLISH AND SPANISH)

Each Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 pm. In Church or by appointment.
Mondays 7:00pm – 8.30pm, during Advent & Lent only.

BAPTISM INSTRUCTION.

Required instructional meetings for parents and godparents are held regularly. Please call the parish office to register.

MARRIAGES.

Arrangements are to be made at the parish office one year in advance.

SICK CALLS.

Any time of the day or night. Call the emergency phone Number.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE.

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MSZA PO POLSKU.

1:00 pm – 1st Niedziels Miesiaca

MISA EN ESPAÑOL.

1:00 pm, 2nd Domingo del Mes

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Peter, James, and John were taken to a high mountain where they experienced the glory of Jesus Christ. After three years of living with Jesus, hearing Him preach, and witnessing His miracles, the disciples were positive that the Messiah had come. Today's event, recounted by Mark, seemed to affirm their expectations.

Only a few days before, when questioned by Jesus, Peter had testified: *You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.* In truth, neither Peter nor the other disciples understood the word CHRIST, or its Hebrew equivalent MESSIAH. As sometimes happens in language, words narrow and lose their meaning. The word MESSIAH had shrunken and diminished from "Savior of the World" to "avenger of Jewish people against their Roman oppressors."

Jesus persisted in baffling the minds of His disciples and breaking their hearts. He had decided to go to Jerusalem to be rejected and isolated by His own people and to suffer and die under the authority of the Romans. He needed to show them the full meaning of Messiah. Even after seeing Moses and Elijah and hearing the voice of God acknowledging: *This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him,* the three apostles were still haunted by expectations of power and might.

This incomprehensible experience on the mountain is a precious gift for the apostles and for us. The inevitability of the Cross and its essential necessity comes into our imagination and is there when we need it. There is so much in our lives that is mysterious, especially those times when we see love crucified. Faith and hope in our Messiah, who is the Son of God give us comfort in events that we don't understand in the moment. Faith and hope in Jesus Christ will bring us through.

FATHER RICARDO

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICARDO:

We Welcome Our Bishop

We welcome The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Bishop of Paterson to our parish on **Saturday, March 3rd** to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Congratulations to the twenty-young people of our parish who have worked so faithfully in preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Not all young people make the commitment of time to prepare to complete their sacraments of initiation. Thankfully, these young people, with the assistance of their parents, did so. We pray for them on this happy occasion. May the Lord bless them and always keep them close to him. Congratulations to the young confirmandi, their parents, sponsors and all those who come to celebrate this happy day with our Bishop. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Kimball, and those members of the confirmation team, who helped to prepare the young people for this day.

SCRUTINIES

Our parish will be especially blessed this coming Easter. Two people have petitioned our bishop to come fully into the Catholic Church through receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at our Easter Vigil. As part of the ancient rite representing their movement into full participation, these catechumens will undergo a "scrutiny and exorcism" at one Sunday Mass on the Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent. The catechumens will be asked to scrutinize their progress in accepting the doctrines of the faith and their belief in the saving power of Jesus Christ. As their future Christian community, we are urged to give them public support through our prayers and encouragement.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

In the United States, **ABSTINENCE** (not eating meat) is required on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday and on all the Fridays of Lent, beginning at the age of fourteen, and does not end unless a health issue prohibits it. **FASTING** (refraining from eating between meals and less consumption of food at regular meals) is required only on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for those who are eighteen through fifty-nine. Those who are pregnant, sick, or have physically demanding occupations are, of course, excused from these penitential observances. THE 1983 CODE OF CANON LAW.

CONFESSION

WELCOME HOME FOR HEALING is the invitation for all Catholics across the country to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be heard every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30pm here in the church during Lent. Every parishioner is urged to take the opportunity to make the ultimate preparation for the celebration of Easter.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The ancient tradition of following in the footsteps of Jesus as He made His way to Calvary is available every Friday evening here in the church at 7:30pm. This excellent devotion is centered around the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Savior. Please consider making this practice a part of your family's observance of Lent.

ECUMENICAL WORSHIP

As in past years, the members of the Vernon Clergy sponsor a series of ecumenical worship services on Wednesdays during Lent. On February 28th. Our Lady of Fatima will host the second Lenten event. Please take the opportunity to join us at 8:00 pm for prayer and the Word of God, followed by light refreshments in the church hall.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER CELEBRATION

Join us for a corned beef and cabbage dinner on Saturday, March 10th at 6:30 in the parish hall. Tickets are \$12 per person and \$6 for children under 6 and are available at the parish office. Buffet style, beverages and dessert.

HELP NEEDED

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers are needed for all Masses. Please call the parish office, if you are willing to serve in one of these important roles.

EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

Envelopes are available if you wish to remember your deceased loved ones through the flowers which will decorate the church at Easter. Please remember to print the names clearly on the envelope.

WEEKLY LENTEN RETREATS

Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton is holding Thursday morning mini-retreats. The First *MY HEART IS HIS* with Father John O'Connell will be held on March 1st at 9:30am at the retreat center. A talk, Mass, Adoration, light lunch and fellowship. \$15 donation or free will offering to cover costs. (973) 383-3083.

**The next Maintenance Collection will be
February 24-25**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS
SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU!**

February 14 th , 2018	Ash Wednesday	\$ 1030.00
18 th , 2018	1 st Collection	2982.00
	2 nd Eastern Europe	879.00

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE
ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH:**

Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, "Baby", John Apgar, Artie, Madeline Beirne, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Jerry Calcagno, Tina Contento, Mike Cordes, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Rick Reuter, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, Daphne Miklovic, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Eleanore O'Marra, Lou Pra Sisto, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Audrey Svenningsen, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY	FEBRUARY 25
8:00am	+Eva Ferlauto req. by Murphy Family
9:30am	+Mark Verrico req. by Bill & Eileen Aquino
11:00am	+Nick Racine req. by Tom & Cathy Kelly
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 26
8:45am	People of the Parish
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 27
8:45am	Intentions of The Sullivan Family req. by Jean and Roger Grey
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 28
8:45am	Keith Hilbert req. by Family
THURSDAY	MARCH 1
8:45am	+Eva Ferlauto req. by Marion & Jerry Sheridan
FRIDAY	MARCH 2
8:45am	+Josephine Koveliski req. by Dot McAlary
SATURDAY	MARCH 3
8:45am	NO MASS
11:00am	Confirmation
5:00pm	+Stephanie Duch req. by Dot McAlary
SUNDAY	MARCH 4
8:00am	+Margaret & Richard Murphy and Cathy Dignan Req. by Family
9:30am	+Andrew Van Dyke req. by Richard & Brenda Dexter - Grandparents
11:00am	+William F. Slattery req. by Family First Anniversary

**REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE
17 SOULS LOST IN FLORIDA**

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday	11:00 am Mass 4:00-8:00pm	Presentation of Confirmation Candidates Confirmation I Mini-retreat in Hall
Monday	7-8:30 pm	Confessions
Tuesday	6:30pm 7:00-8:00pm	Rosary Holy Hour
Wednesday	8:00 pm	Ecumenical Service
Thursday	10:00am 6:30pm 7:30pm	Legion of Mary - Hall Legion of Mary - Chapel Adult Antioch Team Meeting
Friday	6:45-8:00pm	Poor Man's Supper -Stations 4th Grade – Rosary Society