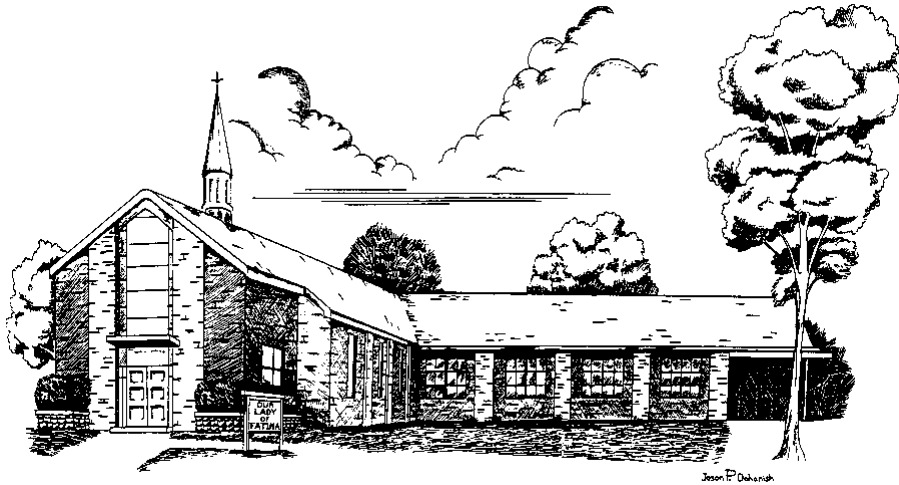


Our Lady Of Fatima RC Church

184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

SUNDAY – MARCH 4, 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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1:00 pm – 1st Niedziels Miesiaca

MISA EN ESPANOL.

1:00 pm, 2nd Domingo del Mes

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

The money changers in the temple were not doing anything illegal. They were exchanging the foreign currency of Jews and Gentiles, who lived in other lands and had come to Jerusalem to worship and pay the Temple Tax. Foreign coins depicted gods and emperors who posed as gods. Clearly, it would be inappropriate to use an idolatrous coin in Jewish religious practice. The money changers saw themselves as performing a service. Business as usual.

That was the problem. The Kingdom of God has nothing to do with business. Jesus came to preach a whole new, restored way of seeing the world. He engaged with the world in a more open way. He came to initiate a spiritual kingdom. Jesus centered the concept of the kingdom in the present, but not a kingdom of here and now. He presented an intensification of vision that includes seeing in the past and through to the future in an eternal now and eternal everywhere.

In the distant past, the temple was the Garden of Eden. It contained God's presence in this world. In the Jewish past, the temple was the Ark of the Covenant, a portable tabernacle in which the wandering Israelites preserved the Ten Commandments. The Law contained God's presence. In the past, the temple was constructed by Solomon in magnificent chambers to create a stationary Holy of Holies for the centralized worship of the presence of God.

In the present of the scene in John's gospel, Jesus explodes aggressively. God's temple presence is being obscured and ignored by the hub-bub of human activity.

Through the Incarnation, Jesus was born into this world of vain action and emptiness. Jesus came to bring a change of outlook, a spiritual metamorphosis, an enlarged vision. In the present, Jesus identifies Himself as the new temple. Jesus, in the flesh, is the Holy of Holies. He is the cornerstone of the living temple. Each member is a living stone of that temple. Those who have committed to a way of life, rather than just an adherence to doctrine contain the divine presence.

Today we are reminded that we are sacred space. We are the portable tabernacles that move into the market place and the wilderness of the world. The season of Lent with its reminders to cleanse ourselves and purge our worldliness help us to see ourselves as privileged temples.

FATHER RICARDO

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICARDO:

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.

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.

PARTNERS IN FAITH

This past week we have received a check from the Diocese for our sharing disbursement of 25% from the Partners in Faith campaign in the amount of \$5,800.

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.

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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

The next Ecumenical Worship will be on March 7th at the Vernon United Methodist Church at 8pm. Please take the opportunity to join us for pray and the Word of God.

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.

UPDATE ON FLU GUIDELINE

There have been a number of inquiries as to how long the Liturgical Guidelines for the Flu Season should be in place in the Diocese of Paterson. Statistically, the number of hospital visits for the flu in New Jersey continues to rise during the month of February. Therefore, we are asking that these guidelines remain in place until further notice.

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.



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

February 25 th – 1 st Collection	\$ 3610.00
2 nd Maintenance	1531.00

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	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
1:00PM	POLISH MASS
MONDAY	MARCH 5
8:45am	+Mildred di-Franco req. by Richard Helmrich
TUESDAY	MARCH 6
8:45am	+Zachary Carey req. by Julia Heroux
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 7
8:45am	+Christine Daly Peters – 7 th Anniv. Req. by Marusia & Clem Daly
THURSDAY	MARCH 8
8:45am	+Susan Kuntz req. by Harrington and Carmody Families
FRIDAY	MARCH 9
8:45am	+Samuel Sullivan req. by Josephine Donahue
SATURDAY	MARCH 10
8:45am	+Helen Pace req. by Helrich Family
5:00pm	+Stephanie Duch req. by Dot McAlary
SUNDAY	MARCH 11
8:00am	+Eileen Neillands req. by Family
9:30am	+Andrew Van Dyke req. by Mickey O'Brien
11:00am	Intentions of Judy Hendricks req. by Rita Slattery
1.00pm	SPANISH MASS

The Gifts of Bread and Wine and the Sanctuary Lamps are offered in Memory of Vincent Ventriglia by the Cawley Family

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THE 17 SOULS LOST IN FLORIDA & THEIR FAMILIES

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Monday	7-8:30 pm	Confessions
	7-8:30 pm	Grade 8 CCD
Tuesday	6:30pm	Rosary
	7:00-8:00pm	Holy Hour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir practice
Thursday	10:00am	Legion of Mary - Hall
	6:30pm	Legion of Mary - Chapel
	7:30pm	Adult Antioch Team Meeting
Friday	6:45-8:00pm	Poor Man's Supper -Stations 7th Grade & Youth Ministry
	6pm-6am	Lock In and Dinner Youth Ministry
Saturday	6pm-??	St. Patrick's Dinner