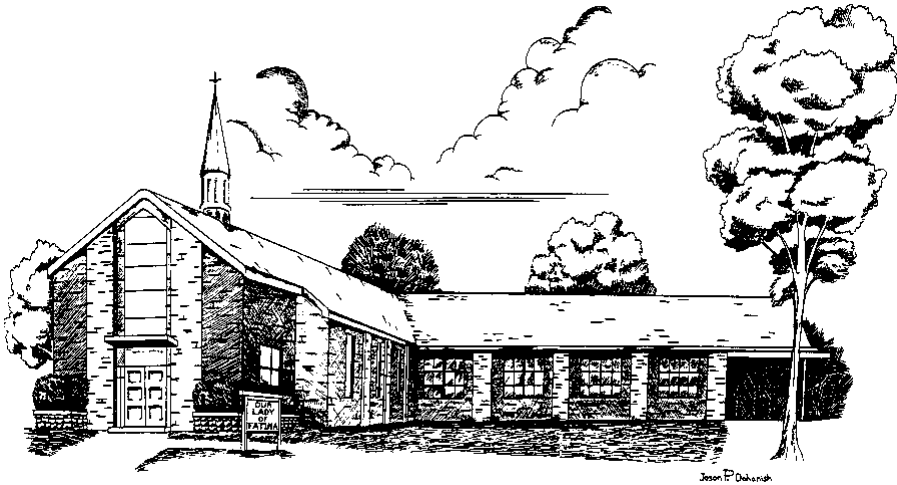


Our Lady Of Fatima RC Church

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:

[E-Mail: olfatima@warwick.net](mailto:olfatima@warwick.net)

MSZA PO POLSKU:

1:00 pm – 1st Niedziels Miesiaca

MISA EN ESPANOL.

1:00 pm, 2nd Domingo del Mes

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The central topic of the Fourth Gospel, written by John, is the identity of Jesus. Over and over, John insists that Jesus of Nazareth is God Incarnate. In the Prologue, John places Jesus, the Word of God, at the Creation. ***In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God ... In Him was life and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

We, the followers of Jesus are called to the high standard of choosing to live in truth, choosing to recognize Jesus as our God, and choosing to become in our essence the creatures that God designed us to be.

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son. Jesus, the eternal God has stepped into the world of time He created. Because He is the Logos, in Him is the Mind of God. He is one with God; He came to fulfill the plan of God. From the beginning, God's intention was to "save the world" and incorporate it into His love. This vast, inclusive love is not just for a chosen nation, not just for good people, but the world. Jesus identifies Himself as the One who came for everyone: the unlovable, the unlovely, and the lonely. He came for us, too.

Today, we mark the middle of Lent with a cry to **REJOICE**. Calvary is ahead. Easter after. We are loved with an everlasting love. We rejoice.

FATHER RICARDO

FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICARDO:

BOOK OF THE GOSPELS

Deacon Bill Aquino and his wife, Eileen, have presented the parish with a beautifully crafted **Book of the Gospels** to be used at our Sunday liturgies. Our bishop blessed it during his recent visit. We are boundlessly grateful to Deacon Bill for his unflinching service to the parish, as well as his faithful proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We thank Eileen for her support and share in her husband's ministry.

OUR NEWLY BLESSED LECTERN

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Flig Family for their contribution to our parish. Our beautiful lectern is the workmanship of Ted and Patrick. It is outstanding. Our Bishop blessed it during his visit.

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.

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.

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.

LAST CALL

This is the final call for anyone interested in the Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Fatima. We have seven people from our parish attending this wonderful journey. Please keep them all in your prayers.

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.

CONFIRMATION

Sacraments are the life of a parish. On March 4th, twenty of our young people received the Sacrament of Confirmation. In spite of the inconvenience and discomfort caused by the snow storm and power outages, our church was filled with families and well-wishers sharing in the outpouring of spiritual gifts. A special note of thanks to their confirmation teachers, Theresa Kimball our temporary CRE and The Grey Family for the excellent preparation and refreshments.

Rejoice and be glad!

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

March 5th – 1st Collection \$ 3864.00

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, Janet Mazzi, James McAlary, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, George McCabe, 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 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
MONDAY	MARCH 12
8:45am	+Kathleen Warguska req. by Jamie & Kimberly
TUESDAY	MARCH 13
8:45am	+Daniel Cleary req. by Family
WEDNESDAY	MARCH 14
8:45am	+Brian LaClair req. by Marie McCoy
THURSDAY	MARCH 15
8:45am	+Theresa Orso req. by Murphy Family
FRIDAY	MARCH 16
8:45am	+Zachary Carey req. by Julia Heroux
SATURDAY	MARCH 17
8:45am	+For the People of the Parish
5:00pm	+Tracey Barber req. by Barbara Barber
SUNDAY	MARCH 18
8:00am	+Eva Ferlauto req. by Marilyn & Frank Turansky
9:30am	+Eamon Kelly req. by Fred & Dianne Kelly
11:00am	+James Gilheany req. by Kathy & George Fink

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HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday	12:15-2:15pm 3:00	Conf. I – presentation by Vernon Coalition Movie – The Passion of the Christ
Monday	7-8:30 pm 7-8:30 pm	Confessions Grade 8 CCD
Tuesday	6:30pm 7:00-8:00pm	Rosary Holy Hour
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Choir practice
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 6th Grade & Rosary Society
Saturday	8:45am-11:15am	CCD – Grades 1-6 Loundsberry Hollow School