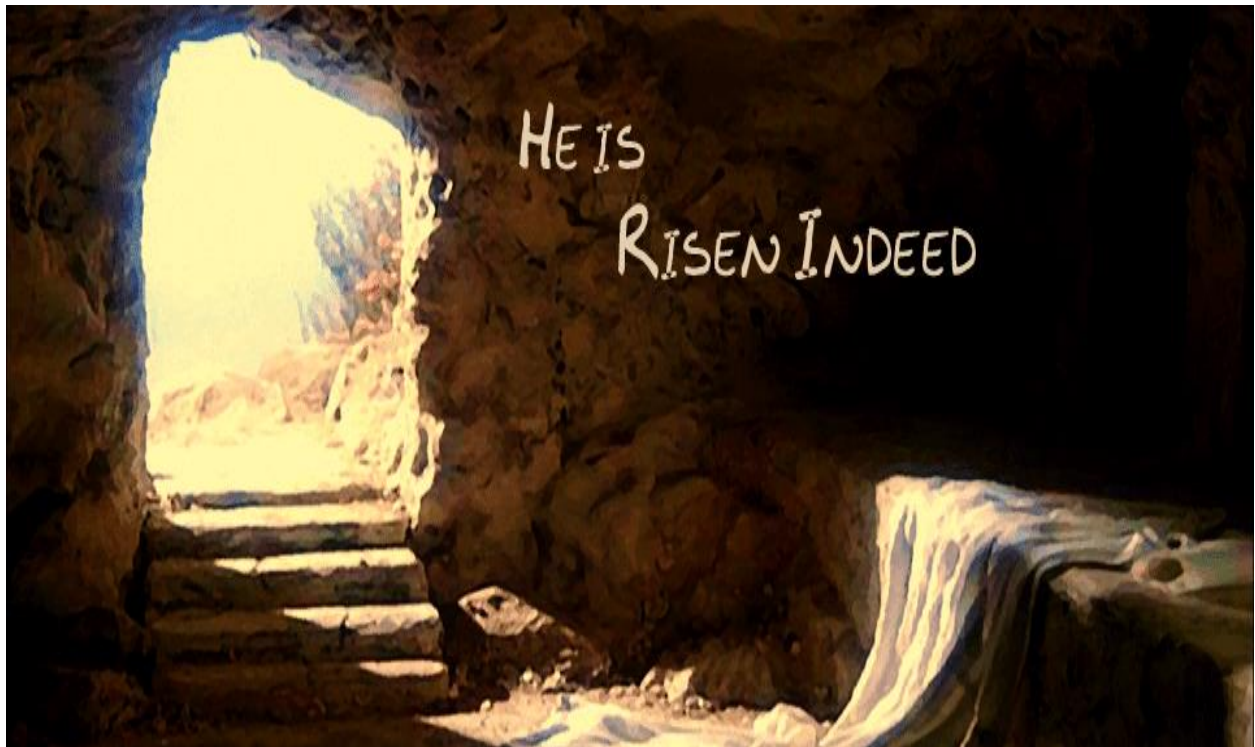


*Our Lady Of Fatima RC Church*  
*184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422*

*Alleluia!*



*EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018*

+

## **THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD EASTER SUNDAY**

*Who will roll the stone away?* In the dark of dawn, a group of women came hurrying toward the borrowed tomb. Throughout the public life of Jesus, there are references to the women who ministered to Jesus and His followers. Two Marys and a Salome are mentioned. There were others. These women attended to the needs of Jesus and His followers as they moved about the countryside: cooking, laundering, creating order. While the apostles and disciples were paralyzed with grief and hiding in abject fear, these care-givers knew that they had one more, sad task. They had to prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The tender care that had been given by Joseph of Arimathea had been truncated by the laws concerning observation of the Sabbath.

People who are familiar with taking care of the needs of others always begin their work before dawn. People who are familiar with taking care of others often put aside their own desires, their own grief, to do what must be done.

Tombs have no doors. The opening of the tomb was a circular opening cut into the rock with a groove encircling it to accommodate the large rock that would serve as a seal. "Who will roll the stone away?" In that question is the certainty that their action would be one final tribute to their leader. In that question is the finality felt by all of the little group from Galilee that it was all over.

We can only imagine the shock of the empty tomb and the news of the strange messenger. **Go and tell!** Go and tell Peter and the others. Two thousand years ago, the Church was given its mission. Go and tell. On this Easter Sunday, 2018, we, who are the care-givers of our world, are once again commissioned to go and tell. We can bring hope to our sad and despairing culture because the central fact of our faith is Resurrection.

We have seen and understood that Jesus Christ is not a memory but a presence. Jesus Christ is a living presence. We have met Him, and we have known Him. In our proclamation of the Resurrection, we roll away stones. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*FATHER RICARDO*

### **PLEASE MAKE NOTE**

In observance of Easter the parish office will be closed on Monday, April 2nd. The office will re-open on Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 am.

## **FROM THE DESK OF FATHER RICARDO:**

### **OUR CELEBRATION OF HOLY WEEK**

Thank you to all of those who worked to make our liturgies of Holy Week a fitting worship of Almighty God. All the liturgies were worthy commemorations of the most central mysteries of our Faith. Thanks especially to Mr. John Fanelli, and the members of the choir, the instrumentalists for their praise of the Lord in song; their voices made our celebrations more joyful. Thank you as well to all of those who worked on our liturgical environment and those who donated Easter flower memorials so that our hearts would be filled with hope as we praised God for the gift of his Risen Son. Special thanks to our office staff, Deacon, ushers, readers, Eucharistic Ministries and Altar Servers and the many, many volunteers who help us.

My heartfelt thanks.

### **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018** *"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners."*

Join us at the Blue Army Shrine to celebrate the *Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday*. Confessions: 1:00 p.m.; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Rosary: 2:00 p.m.; Speaker: Fr. James Walling, CPM, 2:30 p.m.; Divine Mercy Chaplet: 3:00 p.m.; Litany of Divine Mercy, Veneration of Divine Mercy image and Benediction to follow. The Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com), 908-689-1700, ext. 210

### **A MUSICAL AFTERNOON WITH OUR SISTERS**

Join us for a very special concert on **Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 3 PM at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson** for *Our Sisters in Concert*. Several religious communities will be represented as they perform hymns and songs. This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy the talents and gifts of our Sisters who have dedicated their lives for the mission of the Diocese of Paterson. Also, free garage parking is available!

### **HIGH TEA IS BEING SERVED**

On April 21<sup>st</sup> the Rosary Society is sponsoring their annual High Tea. The cost is \$10.00 per person and arrangements can be made at the parish office or by calling 973-764-4457.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH.  
PLEASE KNOW HOW GREATLY YOUR GENEROSITY IS  
APPRECIATED AND VALUED. MAY THE LORD REWARD  
YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS.



March 25<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection                   \$ 3326.00  
                                  2<sup>nd</sup> Collection                   1064.00

**EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 1**

8:00am       +Deceased members of the Varca & lemma Families req. by lemma Family  
9:30am       +Andrew van Dyke req. by Grandparents  
11:00am       +Susan Kuntz req. by Cordes Family  
                                  No Polish Mass

**MONDAY                    APRIL 2**

+Thomas Morrissey req. by Barabar McCrum

**TUESDAY                  APRIL 3**

8:45am       +Brian LaClair req. by Marie McCoy

**WEDNESDAY              APRIL 4**

8:45am       +Thomas Lloyd req. by Murphy Family

**THURSDAY                APRIL 5**

8:45am       + Floyd Pulgis req. by Peggy and Skip Behnke

**FRIDAY                    APRIL 6**

8:45am       +Pat and Paul Corbutt req. by Buchney Family

**SATURDAY                APRIL 7**

8:45am       +Vincent Ventriglia req. by Mary Van Dyke  
5:00pm       + Intentions and thanksgiving for Olivia Vazques req. by Tony & Maryann Kaicher

**SUNDAY                    APRIL 8**

8:00am       +Margaret and Richard Murphy and Kathy Dignan req. by Family  
9:30am       +Therese and Stephen Gimbl req. by Family  
11:00am       +Theresa Raftery req. by Family  
1:00pm       Spanish Mass

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

Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, "Baby", John Apgar, Madeline Beirne, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Artie & Cathy Cohan, Jerry Calcagno, Tina Contento, Teresa 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, George McCabe, 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.

**HAPPENING THIS WEEK**

Tuesday                   6:30pm ROSARY  
                                  7-8pm HOLY HOUR  
  
Wednesday               7-8 pm CHIOR PRACTICE  
  
Thursday                  10:00am LEGION OF MARY  
                                  6:30pm LEGION OF MARY