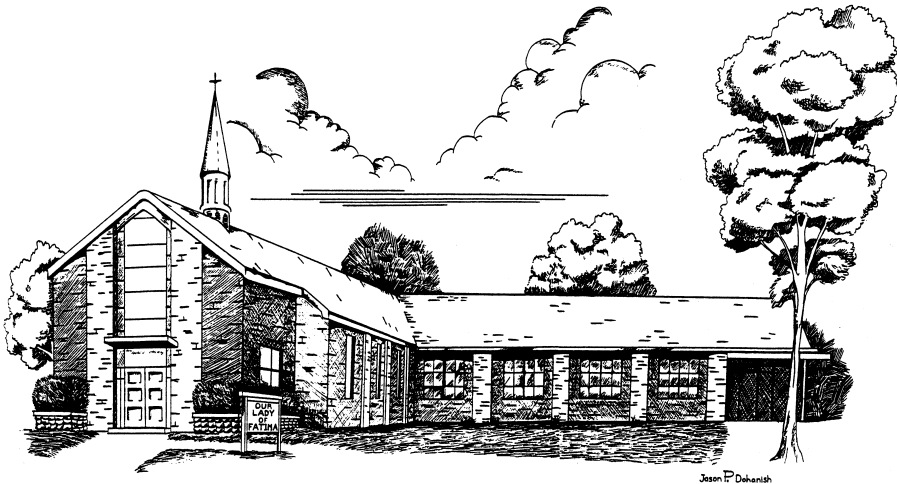


Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

March 3, 2019



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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:

Couples who are planning to be married should notify the parish office one year before the proposed date. Please follow our parish web-site for more information.

SICK CALLS:

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE:

E-Mail: fatimacd@aol.com

MSZA PO POLSKU: 1:00 pm - 1st Niedziels Miesiaca.

MISA EN ESPANOL: 1:00 pm - 2nd Domingo del Mes.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will they not both fall into a ditch?

People cannot teach what they do not know or understand. Most of us have always been Catholic, but that doesn't mean we know our faith perfectly. Sometimes we shape our understanding of some moral issue to our own liking. We rationalize some teaching we find uncomfortable to deal with. We live it our own way. That is a problem for us. We must never make it a problem for others by leading them astray.

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit received in Confirmation is the gift of UNDERSTANDING. UNDERSTANDING is more than an intellectual comprehension, it is understanding enlightened by the conviction of the heart. The committed heart acts on the way we see things. In today's first reading, we get the advice to listen to the words a person uses and reuses to see his or her values. Values influence the expression of our ideas. Values become lenses through which we communicate reality.

Because we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, it does not mean that we know all the answers. It doesn't mean that we are not subject to doubt. We need to evolve in understanding our faith. We need to the assurance of reliable sources of information and reliable people when we state some truth of our faith. By continuing our religious education throughout our lives, we become reliable persons.

At Baptism we were commissioned to ***Go out to all nations.....***, spreading the Good News, by not only our words, but by the way our words reflect truly Christian hearts. Learning is a life-long process. Learning our faith "by heart" takes endless practice. We never want to be the cause of pulling others into a spiritual ditch.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation II class will be on retreat, here in our parish, this weekend. Please keep these students in your prayers, as they prepare to receive this sacrament from our Bishop on March 23rd.

WELCOME HOME FOR HEALING

As you are aware, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We have been asked by the Diocese to facilitate the Lord's welcome to all those who have been away from the sacraments and would like to come home. Confession will be available every Monday here in our Church from 7-8:30 pm. Please, prepare for Easter by coming to Confession.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

March 9th is our Annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner and it's the last call for tickets. The celebration will begin immediately following the 5pm Mass in the Church Hall. Tickets are available at the parish office Tickets are \$12.00 per person and \$6.00 for children under 6.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The first Vernon Clergy Lenten Service will be on Wednesday March 13th at St. Francis de Sales RC Church at 8 pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Connie Squire.

On Wednesday, March 20th at 8 pm, The Vernon Clergy Lenten Ecumenical prayer service will be held here in our Church. Please join us for prayers and fellowship with members of our local Christian churches. Refreshments to follow in the Hall.

SPECIAL DAY

On March 10th the Rite of Election for all RCIA candidates throughout the diocese will take place in our Diocesan Cathedral in Paterson. These adult candidates have been preparing to receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation. They will be received and accepted by our bishop at a celebration of a Liturgy of the Word.

Our Lady of Fatima will present Mr. Jeffrey Agront as a candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mr. Agront has been in sacramental preparation with Father Ricardo since September 2018.

While the Sacrament of Confirmation is exclusively reserved to a bishop, he can delegate the pastor to administer the sacrament *As Casum* (for one (1) occasion). The Pastor must have this delegation signed by the diocesan bishop before administering the sacrament in his own name.

Mr. Agront and his wife will continue in formation until receiving the Canonical Convalidation of the Sacrament of Marriage. Please pray for him and his family.

FROM OUR DIOCESE

We have received a check in the amount of \$2,732.75, representing our share in PARTNERS IN FAITH



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY MARCH 3
 8:00am +Margaret & Richard Murphy & Kathy Dignan
req by Family
 9:30am +Stephanie Diech
req. by Dot McAlary
 11:00am +Charles Janus
req. by his Wife Laura Janus
 1:00pm **POLISH MASS**

MONDAY MARCH 4
 8:45 am Intentions of the People of Venezuela
 And Cuba
req. by Jean & Roger Grey

TUESDAY MARCH 5
 8:45am +Theresa Orso (1st Anniversary) and
 Sam Sullivan
req. by Family

WEDNESDAY MARCH 6
 8:45am +John Gonzalez
req. by Joseph & Pat Daly

THURSDAY MARCH 7
 8:45am +Christine Daly Peters (8th Anniv.)
req. by Her Family

FRIDAY MARCH 8
 8:45am +William Daly
req. by Gail & Brian Morton

SATURDAY MARCH 9
 8:45am +Maria Hruska
req. by Bill & Eileen Aquino
 5:00pm +Helen Von Rapacki
*req. by George & Diane Czergovitz
 and Janice & Jim Lavirgna*

SUNDAY MARCH 10
 8:00am +Josephine Donahue
req by Murphy Family
 9:30am +Edward M. Edquilag
req. by Skip & Peggy Behnke
 11:00am +James van Gorder
req. by Rosary Altar Society

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one (s) please see the usher before Mass.

STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Collection: February 24th \$ 3357.00
 Collection II: Maintenance 1337.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. MAY THE LORD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS.

ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Apgar, Irene Boeren, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Jerry Calcagno, Artie & Cathy Cohan, Tina Contento, Teresa Contento Alyssa Conticell, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Barry Crandall, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Alice DeLorenzo, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundonm, Jim Ecker, Jim Franco, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Dave Jansson, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski,, Florence Kensek, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Lisa O’Hanlon, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O’Neill, Eleanor O’Marra, John Orso, Lou Pra Sisto, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Tyler Rodeimer, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Jim Scuderi, Alexander Truong, Mary Van Dyke, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND PRAY FOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE



Sunday: 3/3 Confirmation II Retreat concludes "Gather the Children" - Mass

**Tuesday: 3/5 Rosary - 6:00 pm
 Adoration - 7-8 pm
 CCD – 7th Grade 7-8:30 - Hall**

**Wednesday: 3/6 Ash Wednesday - 4 pm
 Distribution of Ashes Service
 Ash Wednesday Mass – 7:30
 Choir Practice 7-8 in Church**

**Thursday: 3/7 Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
 Legion of Mary 6:30 pm – Hall**

**Friday: 3/8 Poor Man’s Supper/Stations –
 6:45pm - Gr. 8 & Legion of Mary**

**Saturday: 3/9 CCD – Grades 1-6 - School
 St. Patrick’s Dinner – 6 pm**