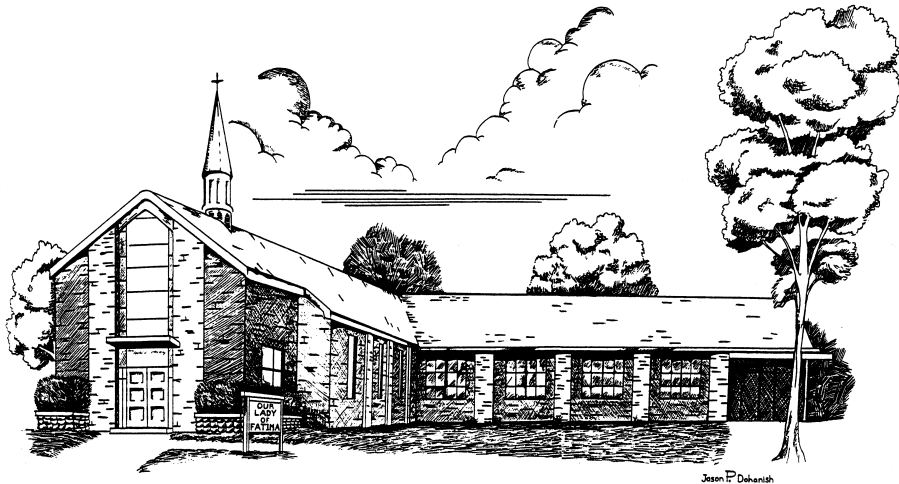


Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

March 10, 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 973-941-0095*

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.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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Into the Wilderness

In today's gospel, we have a narrative that is unlike any other. This account was not observed and reported by the apostles. This milestone in the life of Jesus was reported by Himself, and then written down by Luke. Jesus had been all alone. We are told that after His Baptism in the Jordan, when the voice of God called out His approval on the mission Jesus was about to undertake, Jesus went into an area referred to as "the wilderness." The Hebrew word for this unique geological site is Jeshimmon. A literal translation is "devastation."

This plateau, which ran to steep precipices falling to the Dead Sea, was comprised of blistered and peeled limestone that emanated heat. The ground glowed like a giant furnace. There were small hills made of dust. It was devoid of any comfort.

In this ugly and hostile place, Satan confronted Jesus. Satan recognized that Jesus was no ordinary prophet. **Turn these stones into bread.** Such a transformation would call for power far above any naturally gifted person. Jesus refuses to use power for material things. Then He refuses political glory and power. He refuses to test God in any way.

Surrounded by lifeless, mounds of ash, Jesus rejects the uses of power and glory, so universally valued by human beings. He chooses to conduct His campaign for salvation through suffering and the Way of the Cross. He begins His mission with prayer and fasting for forty days and forty nights.

This past Wednesday, we were signed with ashes, as we set off on our own season of combat with any evil that is in us. Lent is the time we are called to be alone to examine our priorities with the help of prayer and fasting. We are called to put aside the things of the world and to find the things of God in surprising places.

Lent is here

Time is given to examine our spiritual life. Are we becoming indifferent to the things of God and indolent in our care for our brother?

Time is given to us to reestablish our friendship and harmony with God the Father, through his Son Jesus Christ, who teaches us the value of forgiveness.

Time that includes pastors and lay people, all of us. Time to CONFESS our personal sins in relation to ourselves, our family, our community, our society, our country and our world.

Time to CONVERT. To start moving in a new direction. Time to REPENT with the firm resolve to focus only on God: Father-Son-Holy Spirit.

Time to open ourselves to FORGIVENESS, as it heals our sick body and soul from the infection of sin.

Lent is the privileged time in which we focus on the History of Love between God and His people. The Love that walks between lights and shadows, fervor and indifference, fidelity and infidelity, covenants and promises.

Lent is here.

We emphasize the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In this sacrament we celebrate the mercy and forgiveness of God, the sorrow, the suddenness and the desire of the sinner to return to a right relationship with God and His Church.

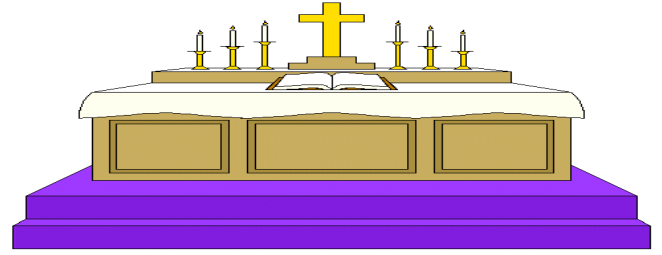
As Pastor and Brother in Christ, I invite all of you to join me in rediscovering the Sacrament of Penance.

This sacrament leads us through a serious examination of conscience and the destructive force of sin. We come to enjoy the regenerative power of repentance and forgiveness. We have the opportunity to contemplate the redemption of creation, of which we are the center.

Father Ricardo

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.



LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

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.

GRATEFUL THANKS

This past weekend our Confirmation class held a retreat here in our parish hall. What a beautiful and exceptional blessing for our young students, who are about to receive the Holy Spirit. My sincere thanks to all the Team members for the long hours and dedication. My gratitude to all who prepared their meals.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday March 15th, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:30pm here in our Church. Every Friday the Stations of the Cross will be led by CCD students and one Ministry of the parish. This coming Friday the 5th Grade and Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors will lead. The schedule is as follows:

- On March 22nd - Grade 6 and Youth Ministry
- On March 29th - Grade 7 and the Rosary Society
- On April 5th - Grade 5 and Adult Ministry
- On April 19th - Living Stations of the Cross
Confirmation I

STEWARDSHIP - AWAY OF LIFE

Collection: March 3rd: \$ 3,396.00

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY MARCH 10**
8:00am +Josephine Donahue
req by Murphy Family
9:30am +Ewardo M. Edquilag
req by Peggy & Skip Behnke
11:00am +James Van Gorder
req. by Rosary Altar Society
- MONDAY MARCH 11**
8:45 am +Peter & Eileen Neillands
req. by Family
- TUESDAY MARCH 12**
8:45am +Robert MacDonald
req. by Peter & Theresa Kimball
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 13**
8:45am +Daniel Cleary
req. by His Family
- THURSDAY MARCH 14**
8:45am +Amanda Walters
req. by Bill & Eileen Aquino
- FRIDAY MARCH 15**
8:45am +Dr. Bruce Barberian
req. by Jean and Roger Grey
- SATURDAY MARCH 16**
8:45am +Rita & Tony Albanese
req. by Daughter Lorraine
5:00pm +Sloane Adele Sheppard
req. by Family
- SUNDAY MARCH 1**
8:00am +Frances Gori
req. by Frank & Claire Elleo
9:30am +Eileen Donahue
req. by John & Jayne Verdonik
11:00am +Coleen McKenna
req. by Mike & Doreen Cordes

If you have an intention for Mass, consider presenting the gifts of bread and wine during that celebration. Please arrive early and inform the ushers before Mass.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Daly brother of Clem Daly of our Parish,

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

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- Sunday: 3/10** Confirmation I - Mass at 11 am
12-2 pm - Church Hall
“Gather the Children”
- Monday: 3/11** Confession 7- 8:30
- Tuesday: 3/12** Rosary - 6:00 pm
Adoration - 7-8 pm
- Wednesday: 3/13** Choir Practice 7-8 in Church
- Thursday: 3/14** Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
Legion of Mary 6 pm – Hall
- Friday: 3/15** Poor Man’ Supper/Stations–
6:45pm - Gr. 7 Eucharistic
Ministers and Lectors
- Saturday: 3/16** CCD – Grades 1-6
Lounsberry School
Cleaning of the Church
After Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER

Please, those who are attending Mass or praying in the chapel, when leaving chapel through the side door please remember to shut the door tightly. On a few cold mornings I found the door ajar. Thank you for your cooperation.

Our Lady of Fatima
Pray for us...

