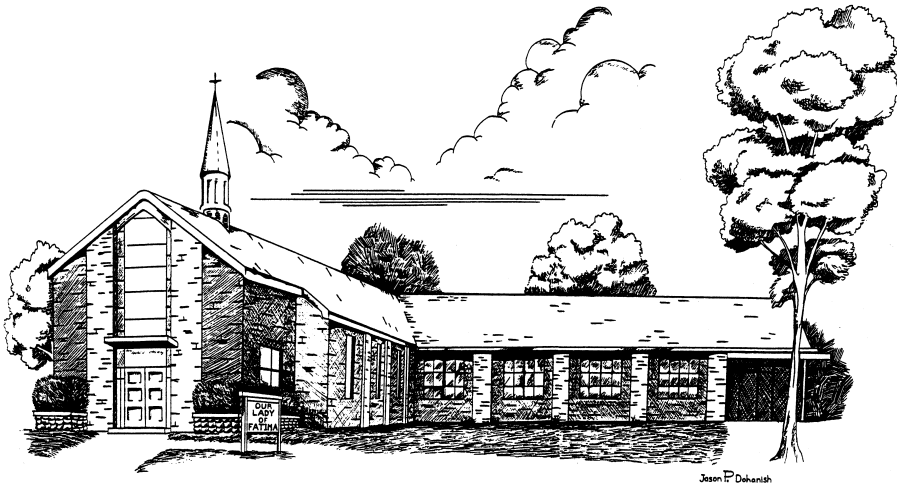


Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

March 17, 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: fatimaced@aol.com

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

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When they were fully awake, they saw His glory.

In Luke's gospel today, Jesus selects Peter, James, and John and invites them to a mountaintop to pray. For many months, Jesus has been attempting to prepare His followers for the last phase of His mission. It is time for Him to go up to Jerusalem. His "hour" is about to come. However, His followers do not "get it." They have been following Jesus like sleepwalkers.

While Jesus was praying, sleep overcame the tired apostles, until they were dazzled awake by the transfigured sight of Jesus and the mysterious voice of God instructing them to listen to ***my chosen son.... When they were fully awake, they saw His glory.***

During this second week of Lent, let us remind ourselves that we miss so much when our minds are asleep. During this second week of Lent, we acknowledge that minds fall asleep through prejudice, shutting out people, ideas, and actions. Sometimes we fall asleep through mental laziness, when we refuse to face questions and doubts. We fall asleep through love of ease. Comfort becomes a defense mechanism in avoiding the self-examination that is an important part of Christian life.

We will see the glory of God revealed at Easter, only if we are awake. Only when we are fully awake and listening to Him.

Father Ricardo

FROM FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:

SCRUTINIES

Lent is the season when we are called to soul-search, to repent, and to change direction. On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, Jeff Agront, our catechumen, will be questioned in regard to his acceptance of different beliefs of the Catholic faith. This will take place at the 11:00 Mass.

Jeff, who has been working with Father Ricardo in the RCIA program, hopes to come into full communion as a Catholic during the Easter Vigil, when he will receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation.

The Scrutinies, or public questioning, is an ancient practice. It is part of the process of adult initiation into the Church. The brief ritual takes place after the homily. It begins with an exorcism, prayers of intercession for the catechumen, and the laying on of hands. The Scrutinies are done during Sunday Mass because conversion is not only a personal matter but a communal commitment.

Jeff's conversion highlights the reality that conversion is an ongoing process. We are called to move closer and closer to God's destination for us. We pray for Jeff and thank him for his desire to follow Jesus Christ within our Christian community.

LENTEN PRACTICE

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially," or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The Paschal Precept (Easter Duty). All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year) extends from the First Sunday of Lent to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity.

We Welcome Our Bishop

We welcome The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, S.T.D., S.S.L., D.D., Bishop of Paterson to our parish on **Saturday, March 21st** to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Congratulations to the ten young people of our parish who have worked so faithfully in preparing to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. Not all young people make the commitment of time to prepare to complete their sacraments of initiation. Thankfully, these young people, with the assistance of their parents, did so. We pray for them on this happy occasion. May the Lord bless them and always keep them close to him. Congratulations to the young confirmandi, their parents, sponsors and all those who come to celebrate this happy day with our Bishop. A special word of thanks to Mrs. Kimball, and those members of the confirmation team, who helped to prepare the young people for this day We congratulate:

Riley Ackerman, Drew Clark, Kaya Gorski, Aiden Horn, Riley Kraft, Jasmin Maldonado, Brian McKinnon, Kayla Quaranta, Leanne Sweetman, Patrick Sinnott.

WELCOME HOME FOR HEALING

As you are aware Lent is here. 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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday, March 19th we will celebrate The Feast Day of St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be at 8:45 am as usual and 7:30 pm.

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. The next Lenten Service will be Wednesday, March 27th at Vernon United Methodist Church.

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 7th 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 5 and the Rosary Society
On April 5th - Grade 4 and Adult Ministry
On April 19th - Living Stations of the Cross
Confirmation I

POOR MAN'S SUPER

This Friday March 22nd the 6th Grade will host the poor man's super in the Church hall. Immediately followed by the Stations of the Cross. Please join us for the stations and light refreshments.

"STEWARDSHIP" – "A WAY OF LIFE"

Collection: March 10th: \$2502.00
Diocesan Assessment: 940.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish needs.

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY



ERIN GO BRAGH

A special note of thanks to the St. Patrick's Day team who brought a little "taste of Ireland" to us, here in Highland Lakes. From the music to the wonderful young step dancers, a most enjoyable evening was had by all.

AN IRISH BLESSING

***May the Road rise to meet you.
May the wind be ever at your
back.***

***May the Sun shine warm upon
your face, and rains fall soft
upon your fields, and until we
meet again,***

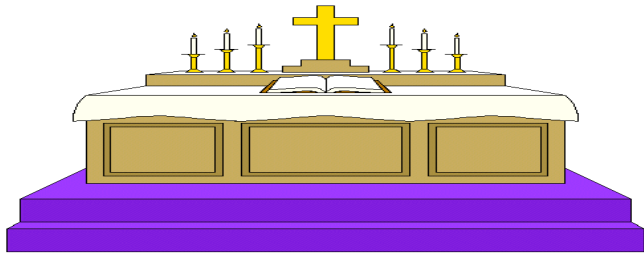
***May God hold you
in the palm of His hand.
Amen***



This week we honor Saint Joseph. We ask Saint Joseph to intercede for our families and for all those who are having difficulty finding employment and providing for their loved ones. On March 19, 2003, Pope John Paul II spoke of Saint Joseph in this way:

May Saint Joseph, such a great and humble saint, be an example who inspires Christian workers to call on him in every circumstance. Today, I wish to entrust to the provident guardian of the Holy Family of Nazareth the young people who are training for their future, profession, the unemployed, and those who are suffering from the hardship of employment, families and the whole work of work, with the expectations and challenges, the problems and prospects that characterize it.

May Saint Joseph pray for us and be our model of holiness; as he cared for the Child Jesus and the Virgin Mary.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY MARCH 17 – St. Patrick**
 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
- MONDAY MARCH 18**
 8:45 am +Louise Cecilia Kelly
req. by Angie Bates
- TUESDAY MARCH 19 - St. Joseph**
 8:45am +Debbie Bellevia
req. by Donna & Tony Macarino
 7:30pm +Margaret Miller
req. by Maryann & Tony Kaicher & Family
- WEDNESDAY MARCH 20**
 8:45am +Robert Zakhar
req. by Brian & Paula Kloza
- THURSDAY MARCH 21**
 8:45am +William Daly
req. by Helen Murphy
- FRIDAY MARCH 22**
 8:45am +John McCoy
req. by Family
- SATURDAY MARCH 23**
 11:00am +Confirmation
 5:00pm +Kris Ann Cohan
req. by Family
- SUNDAY MARCH 24**
 8:00am +John Gonzalez
req. by Helen Murphy
 9:30am +Eileen Donahue
req. by Judi & Bob Sunda
 11:00am +Josephine Donahue
req. by Rob Raftery

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.

ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Appgar, 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: 3/17** “Gather the Children”
 Confirmation I – 12-2 Hall
- Monday: 3/18** Confirmation Practice – 6:30
 Confession 7- 8:30
- Tuesday: 3/19** 7:30 pm Mass -Solemnity of
 The Feast of St. Joseph
 Grade 8 – CCD Hall 7-8:30pm
- Wednesday: 3/20** Ecumenical Lenten Service
 8pm - Church
- Thursday: 3/21** Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
 Legion of Mary 6 pm – Hall
- Friday: 3/22** Poor Mans’ Supper/Stations
 6:45pm - Gr. 6 and Youth
 Ministry
- Saturday: 3/23** Confirmation – 11 am Mass