

Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
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March 31, 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: fatimaccd@aol.com

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

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Prodigal Father

If we were asked to give a succinct description of the “good news” of Jesus Christ, we could simply repeat the parable of the “Prodigal Son.” This short story is the distilled essence of the “good news,” which Jesus came to tell.

The revelation is that God is PRODIGAL in His dispersal of love and mercy. God is a prodigal Father. God does not hoard His love like a treasure to be doled out to certain categories of children. He gives His children fathomless gifts. He watches over them constantly. He rejoices in an abundant expenditure of mercy.

In this story, Jesus demands that we focus on the Father’s love and not the son’s sinfulness.

Abraham Lincoln, our greatest president and a practitioner of Christian love, was asked, at the end of the Civil War, how he planned to treat the defeated secessionists, soldiers and politicians. Lincoln said: ***I will treat them as if they had never been away.***

God fully reveals Himself in Jesus Christ. No matter how atheistic or agnostic a person may be, even in his or her denial of God, there is the wish for Him: The innate wish to be loved fully and truly. The story of the Prodigal Son has been called “the gospel in the gospel.” (Gospel is the Middle English word for *good news*).

The good news in the Good News is that God is in a love relationship with each person. His love defeats our foolishness. His love mitigates our seduction by temptation. His love pacifies the rebellion of our hearts.

... celebrate and rejoice ... your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found.

FROM FATHER RICARDO’S DESK:

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.

BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

The U.S. Senate recently failed to pass the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act—legislation that prohibits infanticide by ensuring that a child born alive following an attempted abortion would receive the same degree of care to preserve her or his life and health as would be given to any other child born alive at the same gestational age. Please join us in prayer for an end to infanticide:

Prayer for an End to Infanticide:

“Jesus, Lord of Life, transform the hearts of all elected leaders to recognize that infanticide is wrong and must not be tolerated. Open hearts and minds to recognize and defend the precious gift of every human life.”

WE WELCOME

Please join me in welcoming into our Christian community Heidi Sudacki who was baptized here on January 13th and Laurel Lynn Hofer baptized here on March 10th, 2019. We congratulate their parents, godparents and families.

Today at the 9:30 Mass we congratulate Jeffrey Agront who has completed his preparation for the Rite of Initiation into the Catholic Church. Jeffrey will be confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. We are grateful to have Jeffrey and his family here in our community, please remember them in your prayers.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The next Service will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 8pm hosted by Holy Counselor Lutheran Church in Vernon. Our support and fellowship is appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday April 5th, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:30pm here in our Church. Our 4th Grade students will host the Poor Man's Supper and the Stations this week.

OPEN HOUSE

Want More? Be More at Pope John! Pope John will be hosting an Academy-wide Open House on Sunday, April 7th between 1:00 and 3:00 pm. The event is open to all families with children in PK-3 to Grade 11. Come learn about the Academy's "20/20 Vision" and our new tuition structure for next year. Contact the Office of Admissions to learn more. RSVP admissions@popejohn.org or (973) 729-6126."

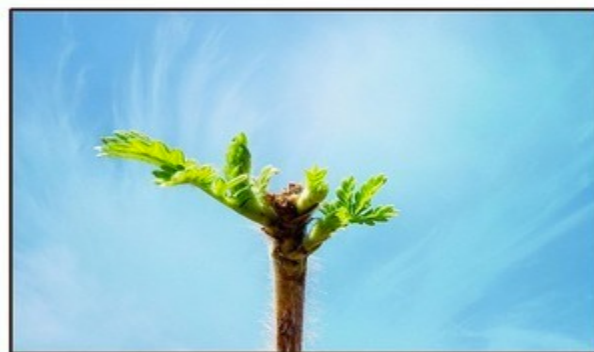
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

The ladies of the Rosary Society are back! They will resume their schedule starting on Monday, April 8th at 7pm in the church hall.

They have planned several events for the parish, the first scheduled on April 7th, an Easter Egg Hunt, immediately following the 11:00 am Mass. All are welcome.

On Saturday May 11th - High Tea - a very enjoyable time for all. Please reserve your tea cup as soon as possible.

On May 19th, May Crowning of the Blessed Mother at the 9:30 Mass, along with the First Communicants.



GENEROSITY

"true giving, is to those who can never repay you."

"STEWARDSHIP" - "A WAY OF LIFE"

Collection:	March 24	\$	3,465.00
	Rice Bowl		944.00

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

ONE FINAL REQUEST

THE BEARS' PICNIC

This past week, some local bears welcomed the warm weather with a picnic behind the church dumpsters. What a mess!

Our dumpsters were more filled than usual. It was clear that some of the trash was not ours and included some potentially harmful objects. A wonderful volunteer helped me pick it up. I am asking parishioners to be on the look-out for people using our dumpsters. The more filled with refuse, the more visits from the bears. Beautiful as they are, we prefer that these animals stay in the woods and clean up after themselves.

EASTER SUNDAY-April 21st
Mass—8:00 – 9:30 – 11:00 AM



Easter Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion- April 14th

The blessing and distribution of palm takes place at all regularly scheduled weekend liturgies: Saturday evening, **5:00 Vigil Mass.** Sunday morning, **8:00,9:30, 11:00**

Mass of Chrism

St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson
Monday, April 15th -6:45 PM
Procession — 7:00 PM Mass
The Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop of Paterson, presiding with priests of the diocese concelebrating. Mass includes renewal of priestly promises. All are welcome to attend.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday – April 18th

Morning Prayer - 8:45 AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 PM
(Washing of the Feet)
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday - Lord's Passion-April 19th

Morning Prayer - 8:45AM
Individual Confession - 10-11AM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 3:00 PM

(Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion)

Living Stations of the Cross - 7:30 PM

Holy Saturday-April 20th

Morning Prayer - 8:45 am
Blessing of Easter Food - 12 Noon
Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection
The Easter Vigil Mass—8:00 PM

Holy Days of Obligation

All Sundays of the year are days when the Church places us under obligation to attend Mass and honor the third of the Ten Commandments: **Keep holy the Sabbath Day.**

The bishops in different countries determine the holy days each year. Holy Days of Obligation observed in the United States for 2019 are listed below:

Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, May 30, 2019 - Ascension of Jesus

Thursday, August 15, 2019 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, November 1, 2019 - All Saints' Day

Monday December 9, 2019 - the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 25, 2019 - Christmas

The number of Days of Obligation **vary from year to year.** If January 1st, August 15th, or November 1st falls on a Sunday or a Monday, the obligation is lifted.

Did you know...

THE LAETARE MEDAL

On this day, for the past 136 years, the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, has announced the name of an outstanding Catholic lay person who will receive its Laetare Medal.

The award is given to a Catholic "whose genius has ennobled the arts and sciences, illustrated the ideas of the Church, and enriched the heritage of humanity."

The first award winner in 1883 was a Catholic historian named John Gilmary Shea. Other awardees include Catholic Worker's Dorothy Day, Catholic presidential candidate, Alfred E. Smith, labor priest, Msgr. George Higgins, actor, Martin Sheen and jazz musician, Dave Brubeck.



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,, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- SUNDAY MARCH 31**
 8:00am +John Gonzalez
req. by Florence & Paul Kensek
 9:30am +Janet Orlandino
req. by Judi & Bob Sunda
 11:00am +Patricia Van Gorder
req. by Donna & Tony Macerino
- MONDAY APRIL 1**
 8:45am +Deceased members of the lemma & Varca Families
req. by Families
- TUESDAY APRIL 2**
 8:45am Intentions of Paul Slattery
req. by Rita Slattery
- WEDNESDAY APRIL 3**
 8:45am +Dorothy Pacifico
req. by John Pacifico
- THURSDAY APRIL 4**
 8:45am +Thomas Lloyd
req. by Frank & Claire Elleo
- FRIDAY APRIL 5**
 8:45am +John McCoy
req. by Family
- SATURDAY APRIL 6**
 8:45am +Thomas P. Murphy
req. by Elizabeth Kaicher
 5:00pm +Peter Engel
req. by Corbutt Family
- SUNDAY APRIL 7**
 8:00am +Margaret & Richard Murphy and Cathy Dignan
req. by Family
 9:30am +Therese and Stephen Gimbl
req. by Family
 11:00am +Theresa Raftery
req. by Family

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



- Sunday: 3/31** “Gather the Children”
 Confirmation I – 12-2 Hall
- Monday: 4/1** CCD- Grade 8 - 7-8:30pm
- Tuesday: 4/2** CCD – Grade 7 – 7-8:30pm
 Rosary 6:30 pm
 Adoration: 7-8 pm
- Wednesday: 4/3** Ecumenical Lenten Service
 8pm – Holy Counselor Lutheran Church
- Thursday: 4/4** Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
 Legion of Mary 6 pm – Hall
- Friday: 4/5** Poor Man’s Supper/Stations
 6:45pm - Gr. 4
- Saturday: 4/6** CCD Grades 1-6 - Lounsberry Middle School

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.