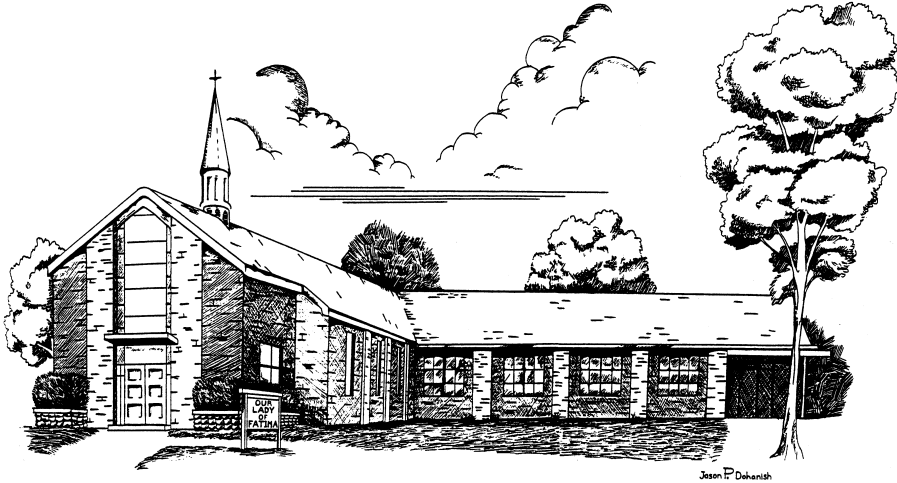


Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

APRIL 7, 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Woman Taken in Adultery

A tight circle of faces surrounds the young and earnest rabbi and the young and shamed woman. In Cranach the Younger's 16th century oil painting called, ***The Woman Taken in Adultery***, we enter the tense momentary silence after Jesus has been asked to pronounce sentence on the nameless sinner. Each face on the crowded canvas is different. Expressions range from bland interest to prurient curiosity, from romantic yearning to leering lustfulness, from judgmental dismissiveness to bleak cruelty.

According to the Law of Moses, outlined in the Books of Leviticus and Deuteronomy, there were three crimes that warranted capital punishment. Those ***crimes were idolatry, murder, and adultery.*** In the case of adultery, the prescribed punishment was strangulation for the man and stoning for the woman. There is a sense of thrill in this moment, as the crowd waits to see whether death will be the outcome: a bloody spectacle and the downfall of a new celebrity.

In presenting the woman to Jesus, the Pharisees addressed Him as "Teacher." As a teacher or rabbi, He had the authority to decide, to exercise a great power. If Jesus advised that the punishment should be imposed, He would be going against His message of love and forgiveness. If He set the woman free, He would be placing Himself in the position that sin does not matter.

As He stooped to write in the soil, Jesus comes down on the side of Law, just as His Father imprinted the commandments on stone. As He stooped to write in the dirt, He comes down on the side of forgiveness. He came to reclaim not to punish.

Forgiveness is demanding. Forgiveness challenges the sinner to ***go, and sin no more.*** At the center of the picture, the viewer glimpses two of the woman's fingers laced into the hand of Jesus. With His help any sinner can become a saint. With His help, we can ***go, and sin no more.***

Father Ricardo

FROM FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:

Lasting Impression

Every important day, any significant event leaves an impression. On March 23rd, Our Lady of Fatima Parish presented ten confirmandi to Bishop Arthur Serratelli for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The reception of any sacrament is a special occasion for a parish. Every member of the parish participates in the sacramental life of grace. Every sacrament increases the Christ-life for every one of us.

This past week, we received a gracious letter of thanks from Bishop Serratelli. Bishop began by thanking us for granting him "the privilege" to be with us. He left here with a very positive impression; he left with a sense of gratitude for this parish.

I want to let you know that, and I want you to know that I also experienced that same impression of gratitude. The people of this parish are kind, hospitable, and generous. The large number of individuals, who were not directly related to the confirmandi, but attended the Mass is evidence of your understanding that our parish life is rooted in the sacraments.

Our confirmandi were well prepared, reverent, and focused. Their parents, grandparents, and sponsors were joyful to see a new generation reach this milestone of faith. The bishop and Father Stephen (the bishop's newly appointed secretary) commented enthusiastically about the rejuvenation of our church and facilities. Through the ***Let Your Light Shine*** campaign, as well as our united appreciation of sacramental life, together, we are ***making all things new again - community and buildings.***

I was left with a strong impression of gratitude for where this parish has been, where it is now, and where it is going.

WELCOME HOME FOR HEALING

As you are aware Lent is almost over. 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."

UPDATE ON CAMPAIGN

As you know we are in the last phase of our "Let Your Light Shine" Campaign, the flooring.

We have submitted all the necessary documents to the diocese and are waiting for the final approval. Once in hand, we can proceed with the remaining work to complete our final project.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

The next Ecumenical Lenten Service will be on Wednesday April 10th at Faith with Love Fellowship Church here in Vernon at 8 pm.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday April 12th, the Stations of the Cross will take place at 7:30pm here in our Church. On April 19th the Confirmation I class will present the "Living Stations" of the Cross, a truly beautiful reenactment of Christ's journey to Calvary. Please Join us.

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

Please keep the following dates open on your calendar: 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 31	\$	3,085.00
	Maintenance		1,106.00

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

MASS BOOK AND MEMORIALS

The 2020 Mass Book will open April 15th.

You may also request that the Sanctuary Lamps in Church be lit for your special intention or in memory of a loved one. The candles burn for one week. donation is \$25.00.



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

EASTER SUNDAY-April 21st

Mass—8:00 – 9:30 – 11:00 AM

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.

The Legion of Mary

Bob Raferty, President

The Legion of Mary meets in two sessions but is under one Ministry. The morning group meets at 10 to 12 noon and the evening group meets from 6:30 to 8:00 pm.

The Legion of Mary is the largest apostolic organization of lay people in the Catholic Church. Members become instruments of the Holy Spirit through a balanced program of prayer and service. Works include door-to-door evangelization, parishioner visitation, prison ministry, visitation of the sick or aged, Pilgrim Virgin Statue rotations, and meeting other spiritual needs of the parish community



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, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Nancy Hughes, 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 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
 Polish Mass
 1:00pm
MONDAY APRIL 8
 8:45am +Joseph Daly
 req. by Andrew & Laura Maybo
TUESDAY APRIL 9
 8:45am +John McCoy
 req. by Family
WEDNESDAY APRIL 10
 8:45am +Greg Bremer
 req. by Family
THURSDAY APRIL 11
 8:45am +Daniel Cleary
 req. by Family
FRIDAY APRIL 12
 8:45am +Josephine Vitale
 req.by Donna & Tony Macerino
SATURDAY APRIL 13
 8:45am +Lisa Scheuermann
 req. by Murphy Family
 5:00pm +Theresa Orso
 req. by Christian & Gloria Klein
SUNDAY APRIL 14
 8:00am +Louis Cimiglia
 req. by Marion & Jerry Sheridan
 9:30am +Maria Hruska
 req. by Pat & Theresa Kimball
 11:00am +Cosimo Cerigoni
 req.by Sal & Maria Barca

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



Sunday: 4/7 Coffee Sunday
 Confirmation I – 12pm-2pm Hall
 Easter egg Hunt after 11am Mass

Monday: 4/8 Rosary Meeting – Hall 7pm

Tuesday: 4/9 CCD – Grade 7 – 7-8:30pm
 Rosary 6:30 pm
 Adoration: 7-8 pm

Wednesday: 4/10 Ecumenical Lenten Service
 8pm – Faith with Love
 Fellowship Church – Vernon
 Baptism Prep class – 8 pm Hall

Thursday: 4/11 Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
 Legion of Mary 6 pm – Hall

Friday: 4/12 Stations of the Cross – 7:30pm

Saturday: 4/13 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.