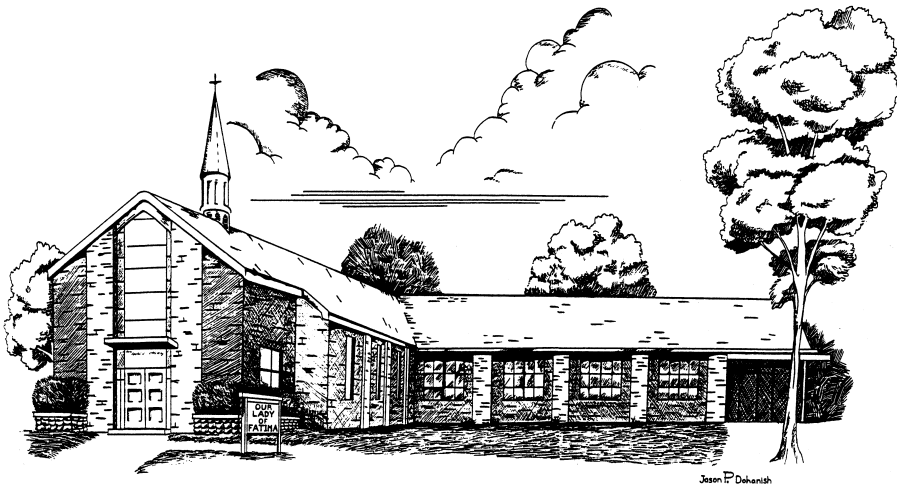


Our Lady Of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 2ND, 2018



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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: fatimaccd@aol.com

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Time has always been one of the great mysteries investigated by people who wonder. It drags by slowly and passes in a blink. It never seems to move at the same pace. We waste it and cherish it, ignore it and take it. Some people look for it to end, and some assume that it is a circular pattern of repeatable change, ending and beginning again. Others imagine an ultimate and unexpected **lights out!**

In today's gospel, Jesus reveals, first of all, that time is moving toward something. It has a goal. It is not random, and it is not meaningless. Secondly, He warns us not to be indifferent and not to become drowsy through foolish involvement in the world. As Christians, we live in an unsettled situation, we live in a constant state of expectation – hopeful expectation.

Today, the liturgy for the First Sunday of Advent gives the long view and implies the short view. In both cases, we look through the focus of time. Time has a destiny. That destiny is to carry us through to eternity. Furthermore, time has already been altered. Time has been interrupted by the entrance of the eternal. The Incarnation is the great beginning of the end. Because of the Incarnation, we can **raise our heads**. Our **redemption is at hand**. Because of the Incarnation, we become more vigilant, less drowsy.

Time is a mystery and a wonder, but time has a goal. During time, Jesus has come, and during time, Jesus will come again.

That is all we know, and all we need to know.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:

Last week I introduced the news that Bishop Manuel Cruz will be with us on December 16th at the eleven o'clock Mass, to consecrate our new marble altar. Today, I would like to explain why this is the work of a bishop. To begin with, I'd like to distinguish a blessing from a consecration.

A blessing is a prayer invoking God's power and care upon some person, place, thing or undertaking. A blessing is the acknowledgement that God is the source of all blessings. Deacon Bill and I bless people, houses, and rosaries. Families bless meals every day. We bless pets on the Feast of St. Francis and ministers, lectors and religious education teachers, as they begin their ministerial functions.

Consecration is another level of calling on God's power. During the Eucharist, the priest blesses the bread and wine to be offered, but then during the Consecration, he transforms the bread and wine into the authentic and complete presence of Jesus Christ. A unique and reserved power. A bishop ordains and confirms through the power of the Holy Spirit working through all of the Church. A unique and reserved power.

Consecration signifies the presence of specific gifts of the Holy Spirit called into being by designated persons. As in a blessing, there is prayer. We will have a Litany of the Saints and other special prayers. As in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders, the bishop will use Oil of Chrism. Chrism is perfumed oil consecrated by the bishop on

Holy Thursday and distributed to all parishes in a diocese. Chrism signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit, and it also represents the permanent reservation of a person or thing for God's use.

At an altar, the sacrifice of the cross is made present. At an altar, the people of God are called together. At an altar, the Eucharist, the center of Thanksgiving, is accomplished. The altar will be blessed with holy water; it will be incensed. The bishop will wear a special liturgical apron as he covers the altar with chrism.

The Consecration of an altar is a sacred experience.

"LET THE LIGHT SHINE"

The front doors of the church will be locked in order to protect the parishioners as well as the contractors. If you are attending morning Mass, please continue to use the hall and go through the sacristy to the chapel.

THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL

Here I am, Lord

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal – as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission – and all are blessed as a result.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Because the feast falls on a Saturday, Masses of obligation will be on Friday December 7th at 7:30 pm and on Saturday December 8th at 8:45am. Masses of obligation for Sunday will be Saturday evening at 5:00 pm and Sunday our usual masses 8, 9:30 and 11:00 am.

GIVING TREE

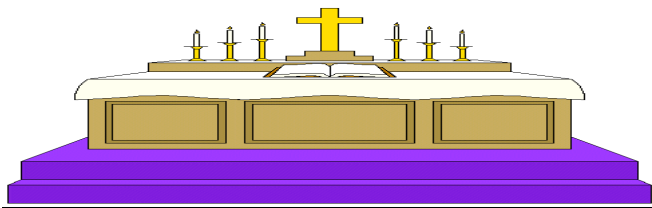
The Giving Tree is in the church hall, as in previous years, the tree will contain symbols with the age and sizes of the children in need of Christmas gifts. We will be helping nine (9) families and nineteen (19) children. All gifts are to be left **unwrapped** under the tree by Friday, December 16th. The gifts will be sorted and distributed to those families. Thank you, for your kindness and support.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

With great excitement I wish to welcome four new families into our parish. Please welcome Richard and Alice De Lorenzo, James and Theresa Moran, Michael and Amy Buchney and George and Joanna Grehanov. We look forward to connecting with you here and hopefully seeing you in the life of the parish.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Those who wish to remember deceased loved ones at Christmas through the flowers that decorate the church during Christmas can use the basket at the door of the church. Please return the envelopes to the parish offices by December 20th. Please make sure to write the names of deceased loved ones legibly, so that they can be entered in the Book of Remembrance.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY	DECEMBER 2
8:00am	+Sandy Petnel req. by Bruce & Mary Petnel
9:30am	+Marie & Edward McFarland req. by Kathy Muchka
11:00am	+Mary E. Sabini req. by Maryann & Tony Kaicher
1:00pm	POLISH MASS
MONDAY	DECEMBER 3
8:45am	+Jason Dolan 1 st Anniv. req. By Family
TUESDAY	DECEMBER 4
8:45am	+Joseph Vitale req. by Tony and Donna Macerino
WEDNESDA	DECEMBER 5
8:45am	+Rose Pacifico 6 th Anniv. req. by John Pacifico
THURSDAY	DECEMBER 6
8:45am	John McCoy req. by Wife
FRIDAY	DECEMBER 7
8:45am	+Nicholas Chciuk 2 nd Anniv. req. by Family
7:30pm	Vigil of Immaculate Conception
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 8
8:45am	Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
5:00pm	+Nellie Palastro req. by the Calcagno Family
SUNDAY	DECEMBER 9
8:00am	+Margaret & Ricard Murphy & Cathy Dignan req. by Family
9:30am	+Lucille Reynolds req. by Ventriglia Family
11:00am	+Wladyslaw Matyaszck req. by Wife and Flig Family
1:00pm	SPANISH MASS

Sanctuary Lamps are being offered for the week in Loving Memory of Rose Pacifico req. by John Pacifico



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

Collection for November 18 - 4422.00
2nd Mission 965.00

November 25 - 3905.00
2nd Maintenance 1265.00

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Sunday December 2nd
Coffee Sunday after all Masses
11am-2pm - Confirmation I

Monday December 3rd
7-8:30 pm - CCD Grade 8 - Hall
7-8 pm - Confessions

Tuesday, December 4th
6:30 pm - Rosary
7- 8 pm - Holy Hour
7-8:30 pm - CCD Grade 7 - Hall

Wednesday, December 5th
7 pm-8 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, December 6th
10 am - Legion of Mary
6:30 pm - Legion of Mary

Saturday, December 8th
10-12pm - Christmas Pageant Practice
Snow date - Dec. 16th 12-2 pm