

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 9TH, 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: fatimacd@aol.com

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

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

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In Luke's gospel today, he pinpoints John's exact place in human history, but John's remedy for cleaning out Israel's spiritual and moral corruption could be applied to every time and place, and not just to a nation, or a culture, but to individuals. For this new prophet, the answer lay in the necessity for every person to purge all personal corruption, for every person of faith to make a clean break with his or her past and to prepare to recognize the savior to come.

In his gospel, St. Luke connects John's message of repentance and baptism with Isaiah's call to straighten out all roads. In Isaiah's time, it was the custom of kings and rulers to visit their holdings on a regular schedule. Before these visits they sent couriers with orders to repair the roads before the king's arrival. In using this image, Isaiah makes it clear that we all have an obligation to straighten out our lives, to fill in the potholes, to find the most direct and easiest way to come into the presence of the King of Kings.

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:

ALTAR OF SACRIFICE

We often say, *I'm going to Mass*. The word "mass" is a derivative of the Latin word *missa*. It comes from the commission, proclaimed by the Deacon, at the Final Blessing: *Ita, missa est*. In English: *Go, you are sent. The Mass is ended*. We are told that we have been made ready to be sent out. We are prepared to bring Jesus out into the world.

Like all Christians everywhere, we come to church to give our service to God. We listen to and reflect upon His divine word. We profess our faith. We give honor and praise and ask for our needs. But then, then we are called to the altar. We are invited to participate in the Holy Sacrifice of the Altar. We come to the Eucharistic Banquet.

On the altar, we offer the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ and – ourselves. This Eucharistic Sacrifice encompasses all of the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday. What occurred on the Paschal Table and the Cross of Crucifixion is renewed and accomplished at every Mass on the altar of every church.

On December 16th at the eleven o'clock Mass, our new marble altar will be consecrated in ceremonies that go back to the 4th century. The relics of a 2nd century martyr will be installed within the altar table in the stone. The altar table, made by one of our parishioners, dedicated by a bishop, becomes a sacred thing. Sunday after Sunday, on that smooth, polished stone we unite ourselves with our Savior, Jesus Christ.

COMING CHRISTMAS EVENTS

COOKIE WALK

On the weekend of December 22nd and 23rd, the Music Ministry will be conducting a homemade cookie sale. After each Mass, an assortment of home baked, traditional Christmas Cookies will be available for personal selection and boxing. The cost is \$10 per pound. Proceeds go to the purchase of music supplies.

LIVING NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 23rd, a living Nativity scene will be constructed on the side lawn of the church. Everyone is invited to visit the animals after Masses. At 5:00 pm, there will be a pilgrimage and tableau, which will move through three stations. We are invited to follow Joseph and Mary as they travel to Bethlehem for the Incarnation. Hot chocolate and craft activities for children will be overseen in the church hall by special guests.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 pm Mass, including Children's Pageant

11:00 pm Mass, following Choir Prelude at 10:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

MASSES – 8:am 9:30 am 11:00 am

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Here I am, Lord

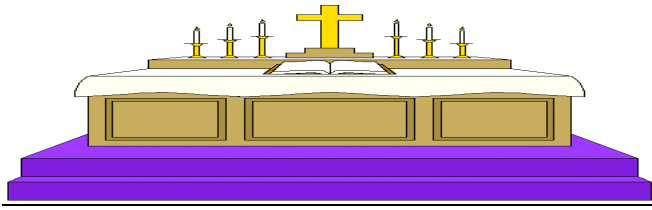
As the year comes to an end, and many are planning on the way to make a final year-end charitable contribution, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal.

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.

A HEALING SERVICE

A Christian healing service of Remembrance is being offered on Friday December 14, 2018 at 7 pm at St. Stephen's R. C. Church, in Warwick, NY. This service is to comfort those who have lost a loved one over this past year. All families are welcomed.



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY DECEMBER 9
8:00am +Margaret & Ricard Murphy & Cathy Dignan req. by Family
9:30am +Lucille Reynolds req. by Ventriglia Family
11:00am +Wladyslaw Matyaszcq req. by Wife and Flig Family
1:00pm SPANISH MASS
MONDAY DECEMBER 10
8:45am +John Lynch req. by Kathy & George Fink
TUESDAY DECEMBER 11
8:45am +Brian Krom req. by Maryann & Tony Kaicher
WEDNESDA DECEMBER 12
8:45am +John McCoy req. by his Wife
THURSDAY DECEMBER 13
8:45am Robert Helmrich req. by his Wife
FRIDAY DECEMBER 14
8:45am +John McCoy req. by his Wife
SATURDAY DECEMBER 15
8:45am Eva Ferlauto req. by Rick & Maria Benz
5:00pm +Theresa Orso req. b Legion of Mary
SUNDAY DECEMBER 16
8:00am +Suzanne Cattanco req. by the Drago family
9:30am +Annamarie Kohl req. by the Benning family First Anniv.
11:00am +Theresa Orso req. by Bob Raftery

PEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Aidan Alvarez, Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Apgar, Madeline Beirne, 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, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Gail Morton, 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, Patrick Readie, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, 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.



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

Collection for December 2nd - \$3399
Collection for Retired Religious - \$1205

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Sunday December 9th
11am-2pm - Confirmation II

Monday December 10th
7-8 pm - Confessions

Tuesday, December 11th
6:30 pm - Rosary
7- 8 pm - Holy Hour
7-8:30 pm - CCD Grade 7 - Hall

Wednesday, December 12th
7 pm-8 pm - Choir practice

Thursday, December 13th
10 am - Legion of Mary
6:30 pm - Legion of Mary
7pm - Confirmation Retreat meeting

Saturday, December 15th
12-2 pm - Christmas Pageant Practice
Snow date - Dec. 16th 12-2 pm