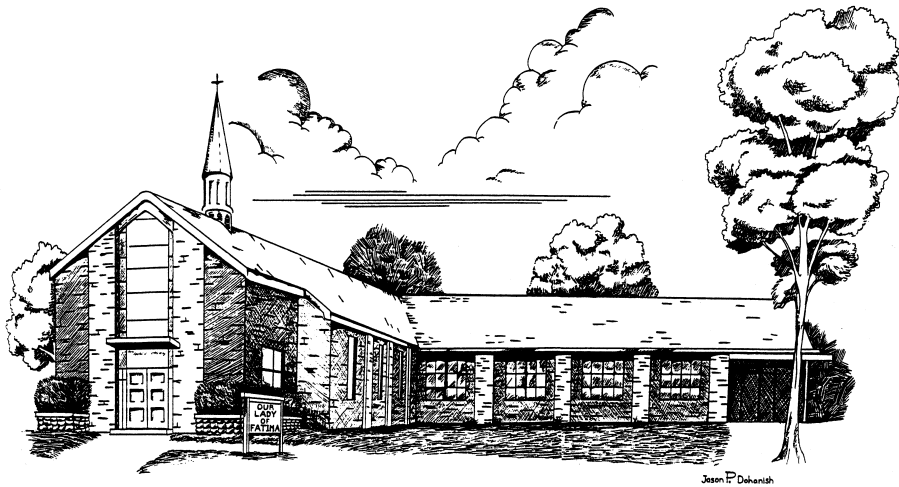


***Our Lady of Fatima RC Church***  
**184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
**DECEMBER 16TH, 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](mailto:fatimacd@aol.com)

**MSZA PO POLSKU: 1:00 pm - 1<sup>st</sup> Niedziels Miesiaca -**

**MISA EN ESPANOL: 1:00 pm - 2<sup>nd</sup> Domingo del Mes**

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ALMOST THERE**

Gaudete Sunday is the “almost there” Sunday of Advent. Christmas is almost here. As Chairperson of the **Let Your Light Shine** campaign, I have requested that Father Ricardo forego his usual column and allow me to give the parish an update on our **RESTORATION** project:

### ***We are almost there!***

We know that light travels great distances at great speed. This past summer, when we initiated the **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE** campaign, we had no idea how quickly things would move. One hundred families **PLEGGED \$173,000** to be given over a three- year period. To date, we have collected \$123,000.

In August, on the Feast of the Assumption, we had safe, stable, and brightly polished windows. We marked the occasion by meditating on the mysteries of Our Lady, as depicted in our **REJUVENATED** windows. **WINDOWS ON MARY** reflected on the ways Mary has brought divine illumination. Mary **RESCUES** us, just as we rescued the beauty of our windows.

Last week, we completed the overhauling of our electrical system. The work is finished, and we have bright light, very bright light. As we notice spots and stains on walls and floors, we are reminded that light forces us to see the **REPAIRS** that have yet to be made on ourselves. The renewal of our physical surroundings mirrors the **RENEWAL** of our spiritual life.

Today, on Gaudete Sunday, we have particular cause for rejoicing. Today, we have come to witness the **INSTALLATION AND CONSECRATION** of our new marble altar. We are honored to have Bishop Manny Aurelio Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark, who will consecrate the altar. We are blessed to have with us Tadeusz Flig, whose craftsmanship and artistry **CREATED** our altar table, and his two children, Gabby and Patrick, who worked alongside their father.

We are grateful to Father Ricardo and our Campaign Team, who convinced us of the necessity of **RECLAIMING** our heritage and the assurance that we could make it happen.

In January, we will begin the last phase of the campaign. We will be **REPLACING** the floors. On the Feast of the Purification, Candlemas Day, we will celebrate our campaign’s inspiration once again. Just as Mary presided over the apostles on the first Pentecost, we will thank her for leading us in this parish effort to “Let Our Light Shine.”

*Mary Petnel*

## **FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:**

### **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

CHRISTMAS EVE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00PM MASS, including CHILDREN’S PAGEANT  
11:00PM MASS following CHOIR PRELUDE at 10:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>  
MASSES – 8:00AM 9:30AM 11:00AM

### **CONFESSIONS**

***Monday Night Confession will continue on  
December 17<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm and Saturday, as usual.  
There will be no Confessions on Christmas Eve.***

### **COOKIE WALK**

On December 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, a Living Nativity scene will be constructed on the side lawn of the church. Beginning at 3:00pm, activities will include a short, outdoor pilgrimage, enacting the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Live animals will be on site all day. Hot chocolate will be served in the Church Hall, while arts and crafts will be overseen by some special guests. The program will conclude at 5:00pm.

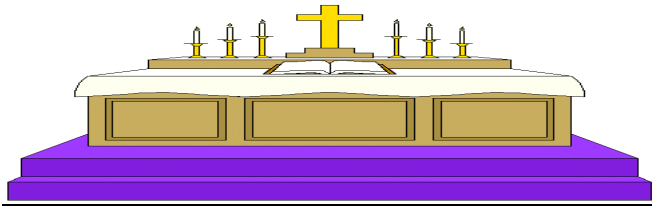
### **THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

#### **Here I am, Lord**

As the year comes to an end, and many are planning their final year-end charitable contributions, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

### **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree is in the church hall. All gifts are to be left **unwrapped** under the tree by Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The gifts will be sorted and distributed to recipient families. Thank you, for your kindness and support.



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



**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

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

- 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 Rafferty
MONDAY DECEMBER 17
8:45am +John McCoy req. by Wife
TUESDAY DECEMBER 18
8:45am +Vincent Ventriglia req by Family 1st Anniv. Intentions of MaryAnn Kaicher.
WEDNESDA DECEMBER 19
8:45am +John McCoy req. by his Wife
THURSDAY DECEMBER 20
8:45am John McCoy req. by his Wife
FRIDAY DECEMBER 21
8:45am +Lisa Scheurmann req. by Murphy Family
SATURDAY DECEMBER 22
8:45am People of the Parish
5:00pm +Theresa Orso req. by Ruiz Family
SUNDAY DECEMBER 23
8:00am +Kathy Ann and Kris Ann Cohen Merry Christmas in Heaven, Mom & Dad
9:30am +Samuel Sullivan req by Pete and Bernice Bonilla
11:00am +Theresa Orso req. by Cathy and Jerry Calcagno

Collection for December 9th - \$3777.00
Immaculate Conception \$1100.00

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PEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Aidan Alvarez, Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Apgar, Madeline Beirne, 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, 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, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Jim Scuderi, Alexander Truong, Mary Van Dyke, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

Sunday December 16th
12am-2pm - Confirmation I and II

Monday December 17th
7-8 pm - Confessions
7-8:30pm CCD grade 8 Hall

Wednesday, December 19th
7 pm-8 pm - Choir practice

Saturday, December 22nd
6:00pm Cookie Walk - Hall

Sunday, December 23rd
3:00 -5:00pm Living Nativity