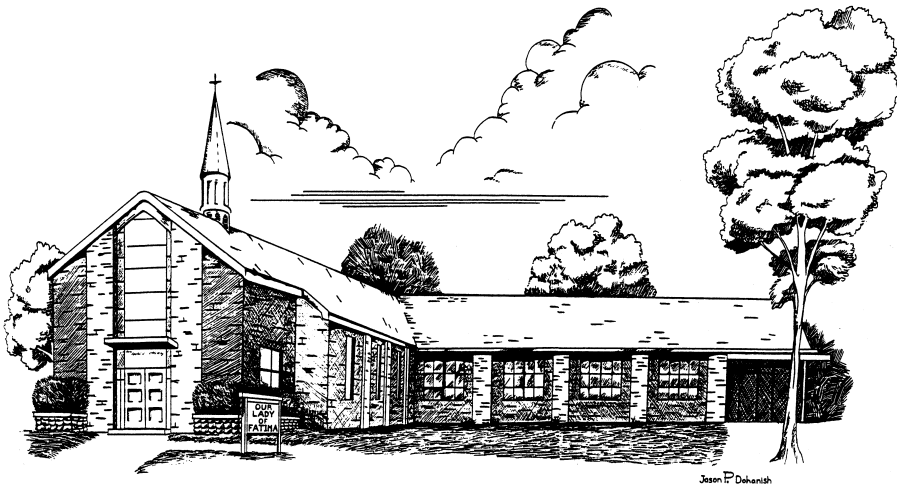


Our Lady of Fatima RC Church
184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
DECEMBER 23TH, 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Technically, we don't think of Elizabeth as a prophet. First of all, most of the prophets of the Old Testament were men. The prophetic women celebrated in scripture, like Judith, Yael, and Deborah were saviors of their people through political conquest. Their weapons were military victory, sexual trickery, or some combination of the two. Elizabeth was a new kind of prophet.

In Luke's gospel, Elizabeth calls out as Mary approaches. She is overcome by the necessity to announce her message as the Holy Spirit fills her. ***Blessed ... blessed ... blessed.*** Blessed among all women ... blessed in your motherhood ... blessed in your absolute faith that God can do the impossible.

The Hebrew word "BLESS" is derived from the word for "knee." A blessed person should be a relationship of voluntary submission with God: The knee is bent, and so is the will and heart. The Holy Spirit revealed to Elizabeth that her cousin was the perfect worshipper. Elizabeth placed the emphasis of Mary's blessedness, not on power that "took life," but on the willingness to give life.

While Elizabeth is never given the title of prophet, she functions like one. Through her openness to the Spirit, she correctly interprets Mary's significance for God's plan of salvation. Elizabeth is in touch with the mind of God. Her natural, maternal communion with the child she carries permits John the Baptist to begin his service as the "voice" of God before he is born.

Elizabeth's joyous greeting provokes Mary's perfect hymn of perfect worship: ***My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.*** Elizabeth's hymn of greeting proclaims the perfect worshipper: MARY

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:

REASON TO REJOICE

My deep gratitude is extended to all of the wonderful parishioners who volunteered to create a beautiful atmosphere and a joyous expression of faith last weekend. Our new altar is consecrated and installed. So many of you attended, despite the busy season. Mr. Fanelli and the Music Ministry have us spoiled. They always exceed expectations. It was wonderful to have Father Bob with us. He enjoyed having a visit with you. My friend, Bishop Manny Cruz, was eloquent in his praise of your reverence and warmth. Your light shone so brightly that I hardly noticed the rain.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS VIGIL:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH -
5:00PM MASS, including Christmas Pageant
11:00PM MASS following Choir Prelude at 10:30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
MASSES - 8:00AM - 9:30AM - 11:00AM

NEW YEAR'S EVE:

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31ST
8:45 AM – AS USUAL

NEW YEAR'S DAY:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1ST, 2019
9:30 AM

COOKIE WALK

On 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.

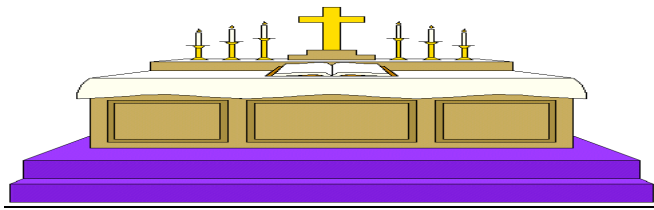
LIVING NATIVITY

On Sunday, December 23rd, a Living Nativity scene will be constructed on the side lawn of the church. 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.



PLEASE 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, Patrick Readie, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Jim Scuderi, Alexander Truong, Mary Van Dyke, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- 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
- MONDAY DECEMBER 24 -CHRISTMAS EVE**
5:00pm +Ricard McCrum req. by Karin Tonnesen And Ricko Family
11:00pm + Miranda & Svenningsen req. by John and Elaine Miranda and Family
- TUESDAY DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS DAY**
8:00am +Vincent Ventriglia req by Family
9:30am +Glen Moyer req. by Murphy Family
11:00am The People of the Parish
- WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 26**
8:45am +John McCoy req. by his Wife
- THURSDAY DECEMBER 27**
8:45am +James Ecker req. by his Wife and Marilyn and Maureen Brady
- FRIDAY DECEMBER 28**
8:45am +Patricia and Paul Corbutt req. by Family
- SATURDAY DECEMBER 29**
8:45am + Ann Keegan req.byTony & Mary Ann Kaicher
5:00pm +Theresa Orso req. by Daniello Family
- SUNDAY DECEMBER 30**
8:00am +Daisy & Al Marchese req. by Family
9:30am +Charlie Port, Jr. req. by Theresa & Julia Heroux
11:00am +Louis Cimaglia req. by Karen Murphy

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



The Sanctuary Lamps and Bread and Wine are offered in Memory of: Mercedes and Alfonso Sanchez

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

Collection for December 16th - \$5,471.00

