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

FEBRUARY 17, 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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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God reveals Himself over time. As a result, there are times in history when people have held incorrect ideas about God’s relationship with the human race. In the time of Jeremiah, the belief in the sovereignty of Israel and the superiority of military strength were supposed to be indications that God was pleased with the faith of His people. In the world of Judaism, at the time of Jesus, people assumed that wealth, prosperity, happiness, and social acceptance were signs that a person’s life was good in the sight of God. Jeremiah warned that military prowess must be bolstered by the moral integrity of the nation. Jesus overturned the false premises of His time when He preached “The Beatitudes.”

In the revelation of “The Beatitudes,” poverty, hunger, grief, and exclusion are not signs of God’s displeasure but of His presence. God does not value what the world values. The Greek playwright Sophocles wrote: Count no man fortunate until he has drawn his last breath. Jesus promises eternal life to His followers when they Pick up your cross and follow me.

In today’s gospel, we are called to have the mind of the hungry, the mind that never takes food for granted, the mind that is not satisfied if brothers and sisters are doing without life’s necessities. God uses His standards to judge what is good and what is evil. God does not see with human eyes. We can only call “happy” or “fortunate” those who live their lives according to divine instruction. Happiness does not come from caring about ourselves. Eternal happiness comes from developing a love for one another. Eternal happiness comes when we seek the well-being of the other, every other.

On the day we do this, we will Rejoice and leap for joy!

Father Ricardo

FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:

PRESIDENT’S DAY

In honor of President’s Day, Monday February 18th our Parish and CCD offices will be closed.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation II class will be on retreat, here in our parish, on March 2nd and 3rd. Please keep these students in your prayers, as they prepare to receive this sacrament from our Bishop on March 23rd.

WELCOME HOME FOR HEALING

As you are aware, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. 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.

ST. PATRICK’S DAY

Everyone’s Irish On March 17th.

It’s that time of year again. Get out your green and have a great time on March 9th at our Annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner. The celebration will begin immediately following the 5pm Mass in the Church Hall. Tickets are available at the parish office. Buffet Style Dinner, Beverage & Dessert. The cost is $12.00 per person and $6.00 for children under 6 years old. Tickets are limited.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE

On Wednesday, March 20th at 8 pm, The Vernon Clergy Lenten Ecumenical prayer service will be held here in our Church. Please join us for prayers and fellowship with members of our local Christian churches. Refreshments to follow in the Hall.

CHARITABLE DEDUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE: If you need your tax contributions record for 2018, please call the parish office, and we will have one prepared for you.

One added note, if you have a change of address or a new phone number, this would be a good time to notify the parish office.
MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 17
8:00am +Josephine Donahue
   req by Jerry & Marion Sheridan
9:30am +Jason Dolan
   req. by Bruce & Diane Ganly
11:00am +Cosimo Corigon
   req. by Angie & Sal Vizzini

MONDAY FEBRUARY 18
8:45 am Intentions of Florence Kensek and John Orso
   req. by Jeanne Roger Grey

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19
8:45am +John McCoy
   req. by Family

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 20
8:45am +John McCoy
   req. by Family

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 21
8:45am +Alfonzo Sanchez
   req. by His Family

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22
8:45am +Don Ross
   req. by Family

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23
8:45am +Rita and Tony Albanese
   req. by daughter Lorraine
5:00pm +Theresa Orso
   req. by Christian and Gloria Klein

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 24
8:00am +Leonard Den Bleyker
   req by The Van Duyne Family
9:30am +Daniel Timoldi
   req. by the Tanis Family
11:00am +Sara Kelshaw
   req. by Eileen Kuntz

ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

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

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for Your loved one (s) please see the usher before Mass.

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STEWARDSHIP - A WAY OF LIFE

Collection: February 10th $ 3,973.00
Collection II: Diocesan 1,114.00

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

Events

Sunday: 2/17 “Gather the Children”
   At 11 am Mass

Monday 2/18 President’s Day – Parish and
   CCD offices are CLOSED

Tuesday: 2/19 Rosary - 6:00 pm
   Adoration - 7-8 pm
   CCD Gr. 7 – Hall 7-8:30 pm

Wednesday: 2/20 Choir Practice 7-8 in Church

Thursday: 2/21 Legion of Mary 10 am – Hall
   Legion of Mary 6:30 pm – Hall

Saturday: 2/23 CCD Gr. 1-6 8:45-11:00 am
   Lounsberry School
   (Snow date – March 2)