



Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

October 5, 2025 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Your Faith

EVEN IF ITS THE SIZE
OF A MUSTARD SEED
IS ENOUGH FOR
GOD to STEP IN

AND MOVE ON YOUR BEHALF

We are Christians

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Mass Schedule

Saturday (Sunday's Vespers).....4:00 pm

Sunday.....8:00, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon

Weekday Mass

Monday - Thursday.....9:00 am

No morning Mass on Friday and Saturday

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays3:30 - 4:00 pm

Sacrament of Baptism

The second and fourth Sunday of the month

Please call the parish office to register.

Sacrament of Marriage Couples planning to be married should notify the parish office one year before the proposed date. Please follow our parish website for more information.

Sick Calls Please call (973) 764-4457

Adoration Every Tuesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Msza Po Polsku – 1st Niedziels Miesiaca at 2:00 pm

Parish Office Hours

10:00 am - 3:00 pm Monday – Thursday

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

“Carrying Christ Beyond the Altar”

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

My late mother often reminded me with quiet conviction: “*You can see the strength of a Christian not only in the prayers they say at church, but in the life, they lead after Mass.*” At the time it seemed a simple parental admonition. Only later did I understand it as a profound spiritual truth. Our worship is never an isolated act; it is the beginning of our mission.

Each Sunday at the Holy Eucharist we receive Christ Himself — *His Body and Blood, His very life.* This is not a ritual to be observed and then forgotten. It is the sacrament that forms and sustains us, calling us to live in the world what we have celebrated at the altar. The Mass does not end with the dismissal; it sends us forth as disciples.

We manifest this discipleship in the ordinary duties of each day: *patience in our homes, honesty in our workplaces, generosity in our neighborhoods, forgiveness among our families.* These quiet, faithful actions are not small; they are the outward signs of an inward grace. In them the altar stretches into our streets, and the Gospel takes flesh again.

This is both a gift and a charge. To receive Christ is to become His presence. To share His Body is to be His hands and His heart for others. Each word of kindness, each moment of listening, each act of service is an extension of the Mass we have celebrated. In this way our parish ceases to be merely a place where we worship; it becomes a living sign of Christ’s mercy in the community.

My mother’s words continue to echo within me, urging me after every Mass to ask, “*Where is my heart now? How will I carry Christ into the next hour, the next encounter?*” I offer you the same question as we begin a new week. Let us allow the grace of the Eucharist to shape our days, so that the faith we profess may be the life we live.

May the Lord who feeds us at His table strengthen our hearts and our hands for this work. And may our parish, nourished by His Body and Blood, be ever more clearly a beacon of His love and His peace.

With my prayers and blessing, Fr. Babu Thelappilly



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, 6	Jon 1:1-1-2:2; Lk 20:25-37
Tuesday, 7	Jon 3:1-10; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday, 8	Jon 4:1-11; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday, 9	Mal 3:13-20b; Lk 11:5-13
Friday, 10	Jl 1:13-15,2:1-2; Lk 11:15-26
Saturday, 11	Jl 4:12-21; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday, 12	2 Kgs 5:14-17; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19



THANK YOU!

Thank you for your continued generosity.

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September 28, 2025

September 29, 2024

1st Collection \$ 2,520.00

\$ 2,925.00

2nd Collection \$ 740.00



Vision & Mission: We, the people of Our Lady of Fatima parish, are called by Baptism and sent forth by Christ to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ. In the spirit of faith, and community, we invite all people to join us in bringing people closer together and closer to God.

We accomplish this by:

- ✓ Conforming our lives to the image of Christ through prayer and worship.
- ✓ Contributing to the growth of the parish by spreading the Gospel message in our words and actions.
- ✓ Being faithful stewards to Our Lady of Fatima, by sharing our time, talents and treasures.
- ✓ Lending support to the leadership of our parish, working together to fulfill our parish vision and mission.



✚ Grace with a Grin ✚

The Confessional Line

A man in line whispered, “*Father, I think I’m perfect at hiding my sins.*”

The priest smiled, “*Ah, perfection isn’t hiding them — it’s confessing them.*”

The man frowned, “*So humility beats cleverness?*”
“*Always,*” said the priest.

Thought to Ponder:

You can try to hide your sins like socks in a laundry basket, but God already knows which ones are missing.

Confession isn’t about being clever — it’s about being real, even if it makes you squirm. Every honest “*Oops, I messed up*” opens the door to His mercy. And remember: *God loves a humble heart more than He loves a perfectly folded pair of socks!*

REFLECTION ON LUKE 17:5-10

Increase Our Faith

The apostles said to Our Lord, *Increase our faith*. Why did they say this? Certainly, being a disciple of Jesus requires faith, and the disciples were discovering that. They must have been impressed by the assurance Jesus had when He spoke of God as Father. Understandably, they wanted to have that same conviction. It is often said that *faith is caught not taught*, and they must have caught it from Him.

However, they realized that their faith was weak and fumbling. They had a long way to go and so they said: *Increase our faith*. Jesus does not answer their plea, at least not directly. Instead, He says - maybe a little reproachfully - *If you had faith the size of a mustard seed* – which is about the size of a pinpoint – *you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you*.

This is not a saying to be taken literally. Its exaggeration emphasizes the point that by faith, we can do the difficult, the unlikely, the unexpected. Having faith means that the center of our lives has to shift from self to God.

The invisibility of the things of faith has always been difficult. Even worse today, our culture dismisses the possibility of non-visible reality. In this cultural atmosphere, we often find ourselves too unsteady to speak about faith to unbelievers. Nevertheless, we are called to spread the Good News. So, we pray: *Lord, increase our faith*.

2025 Catechetical Convocation

Saturday, October 18 / Entry: \$15

English: 9 AM – Noon | Spanish: 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Delbarton School Campus –

230 Mendham Rd. Morristown, NJ 07960

Register: <https://insidethewalls.org/2025-catechetical-convocation>

Respect Life Convocation

Saturday, October 25 at 8:45 AM

St. Peter the Apostle Church, 179 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany, NJ

Register: <https://insidethewalls.org/respect-life-convocation2025>

Jubilee of Young Adults

Sunday, October 26 at 1:30 PM

St. Anthony of Padua Church, 101-103 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, NJ.

Register: <https://rcdop.org/jubilee-of-young-adults>

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited.



Monday, 6	<i>St. Bruno (M)</i>
9:00 am	+ Gus Saulnier
Tuesday, 7	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary (M)</i>
9:00 am	+ John Niedzielski
Wednesday, 8	
9:00 am	Kathy (Sp. Int.)
Thursday, 9	<i>St. Denis and Companions (M)</i>
9:00 pm	+ Sam Sullivan
Saturday, 11	<i>St. John XXIII (M) Pope</i>
4:00 pm	+ Dorothy Pacifico
	+ Frank Elleo
Sunday, 12	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am	+ All Souls
10:00 am	+ People of the Parish
	+ Pre-Born Babies
12:00 pm	+ (No Mass)

Week of September 5 - Oct 11

Gifts of bread and wine: + James Lavorgna

Sanctuary Lamps: + _____



MEMORIAL OFFERINGS



If you would like to have
**Sanctuary Lamps, Bread and Wine, or flowers/plants at
the altar for the whole week in memory of a loved one,
please contact the parish office.**



2026 Mass Book is available.

**Contact the parish office to
schedule Masses**

Pray for the
SICK

Grace Andrews
Jim and Rita Franco
Fran & Larry Marsh
Kate Ross
Kurt Rieger
June Santangelo
Priscilla Tanis
Nicolle Jakub
Heather McKinnon
Rod McCune

Jerry Calcagno
Diana Kenney
Rob McDermott
Barbara Saulnier
Karen Evanick
Artie and Cathy Cohan
David Jansson
Liam Daniel Jakub
Henry Romyns
Tom Kelly



Our Lady of Fatima Church
Anniversary Solemn Mass
Sunday Oct. 12, 2025 / 10:00 AM
All are warmly invited to join us
in thanksgiving.

Celebratory Luncheon
12:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Barry Lakes Clubhouse, Highland
Lakes

Catered Buffet
Tickets: \$ 45 Adults/
\$ 25.00 Children (12 & Under)
Tickets available through October 5, 2025.

For more informations, Please Contact the Parish Office



We appreciate and thank you all
for the cooperation and support given to
Our Lady of Fatima Parish
in sharing your faith with others.
Next CCD Class – October 5

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Every Tuesday - 7:00 pm



Mondays 7:30 – 8:30 pm



Three Counties, One Family of Faith

This year's Diocesan Ministries Appeal theme, *"Three Counties, One Family of Faith,"* reminds us how your generosity touches lives across our Diocese. Through your support, seniors receive meals, families in need find clothing and food, individuals battling addiction find hope, adults with disabilities receive care, and veterans and their families are supported with dignity.

Thank you for making such blessings possible! Please prayerfully consider a gift to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit www.2025appeal.org to share in this mission of love.



Please Support Your Parish



My Dear Parishioners in Christ,

As we are going through a lot of financial commitments, I ask of you to pray and consider your Generous Gift to Our Lady of Fatima Church.

Your Contributions are crucial to fund the physical needs of our parish.

2 Corinthians 9: 7 says,
"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver."

Will you be "a cheerful giver"?
Thank you for your generosity to Our parish.
May God bless you all!



OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a time to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary through prayer and devotion. This month also commemorates the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7, instituted by Pope St. Pius V in 1571 to give thanks for the miraculous victory at the Battle of Lepanto, attributed to the widespread praying of the Rosary.

The entire month invites the faithful to grow closer to Mary through prayer, reflection, and acts of devotion.

THE ROSARY:

- *A traditional and beloved form of Catholic prayer.*
- *A tool for meditation that draws us nearer to God.*
- *A powerful prayer that brings grace and blessings to those who pray it faithfully.*

**October 7 -
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

October brings a special invitation from Our Blessed Mother through the Feast of the Rosary.

Long ago, in 1571, Christendom faced a formidable threat from the Ottoman fleet. Pope St. Pius V called upon the faithful to pray the Rosary for guidance and protection. Under the command of Don Juan of Austria, the Christian fleet went forth, greatly outnumbered, yet strengthened by courage, skill, and prayer.

The victory at Lepanto became a testament to the power of faith and the intercession of Mary, leading the Pope to establish a feast in her honor that he later named the Feast of the Holy Rosary.

Mary's love for the Rosary extends far beyond history. At Lourdes and Fatima, she appeared holding her Rosary, teaching us that devotion to this prayer is a path back to God and a source of peace in our hearts and in the world.

Tradition also tells us that she entrusted the Rosary to St. Dominic as a spiritual weapon against darkness, reminding us that prayer can triumph where human efforts alone may fail.

Today, as we face challenges both great and small, the Rosary remains a mighty source of strength. In our homes, in our churches, and in our hearts, let us take up this simple, beautiful prayer with faith, knowing that Mary walks with us and brings our prayers before her Son. In praying the Rosary, we join a timeless devotion that unites generations, turns hearts toward God, and reminds us that with Mary's help, no challenge is too great.

A PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY:

Blessed Mother, teach us to pray your Rosary with faith and love.

Guide our hearts to your Son and fill us with peace.

*May this simple prayer be our shield in times of trouble,
our light in moments of darkness,*

and our constant reminder that with you, nothing is impossible. Amen.

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