



Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

184 Breakneck Road, Highland Lakes, NJ 07422

November 2, 2025



**ALL
SOULS'
DAY**
NOVEMBER 2

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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

"Love Never Takes a Day Off!"

Have you noticed how we humans sometimes follow rules better than we show love? We remember every clause in a contract but may forget to check on a quiet neighbor, thinking, *"I'll help later; today is too busy."* But suffering cannot wait.

This November, as we light candles for those who have gone before us, let us also look around. *Who in our world carries hidden burdens — pain, worry, or loneliness?* While the Church invites us to pray for the faithful departed, it also calls us to notice the living, especially those often overlooked.

In Luke 13:10–17, Jesus sees a woman bent over for eighteen years — unseen, in pain, unable to lift her eyes. Yet He does not see a problem; He sees a daughter. He does not see a rule; He sees a person to love and heals her immediately. When the synagogue leader protests, *"Not today! It's the Sabbath!"* Jesus shows that love and mercy cannot be postponed.

This November, let us recognize those who live with invisible burdens:

- The lonely, grieving in silence
- The sick, whose pain goes unseen
- The anxious, weighed down by worry
- The overlooked, longing for kindness

Each act of mercy — *a visit, a phone call, a prayer, or a kind word* — becomes a light in someone's darkness. By caring for the living, we participate in God's mercy and remind ourselves of the eternal hope promised to all souls. One day, we will see that the moments that shine brightest were not grand achievements, but the quiet acts of love we offered others.

As we pray for those who have gone before us, may we also open our eyes and hearts to those bending under life's burdens today. Love, compassion, and mercy are never out of season. They are always timely, needed, and powerful.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, in this November month, we remember with love and hope all who have gone before us. May Your mercy embrace them and grant them eternal rest. Open our eyes to those who suffer around us, and soften our hearts so we may respond with patience, kindness, and compassion. Let our words comfort, our actions heal, and our love reach without delay. For today is the gift You have given us to love as You love. Amen.*

Fr. Babu Thelappilly



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, 3	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday, 4	Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday, 5	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday, 6	Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10
Friday, 7	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday, 8	Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday, 9	Ez 47:1-2,8-9,12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11,16-17; Jn 2:13-22



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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.



✦ **Grin with Grace** ✦

"Holy GPS: Always On!"

Have you ever wondered why the disciples didn't need GPS? Because wherever Jesus went, they just followed the "Son"! 😊

Faith can be a lot like that. Sometimes we're wandering, unsure of the path, wishing for step-by-step directions. But here is the secret: When we keep our eyes on Jesus, we always end up where we're meant to be.

Life with God isn't always perfect or predictable, but it's full of joy, surprises, and yes... a little humor too. So don't forget to laugh along the way — after all, even the Lord has a sense of humor, and a cheerful heart is a little bit closer to heaven. So, Follow the Son — it's the only route that never gets rerouted!



REFLECTION ON JOHN 6:37-40

A Sure and Certain Hope!

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed is one of the most consoling days of the Church's year. We celebrate our share in the Resurrection of Jesus as well as recognize our own sinfulness. Often, we place Christ and the saints on one side and poor sinners (ourselves) on the other. This is an artificial separation and distorts our faith.

When we pray for the Holy Souls, we are reunited with a broader understanding of the Church. The Church is one; not two separate churches, one of saints and one of sinners. The unifying bond is the love our Creator has for us. A bond that brings about the possibility to love God back.

In our minds, we separate life and death – past, present, and future. We think we can understand these realities if we think about them separately. If we want them to make sense, they need to be thought about together.

Death has a strange effect and is the hardest for us to examine. We are given this day to remind ourselves that our relatives and friends who have died, and those we never knew, were capable of sinning. We recognize this because we know it is true of ourselves. We want to be with God, but we continue to make mistakes. This doesn't lead us to despair because we believe that at death, life is changed, not ended.

The soul lives, awaits purification, and a share in the Resurrection. Our sure and certain hope.



St. Martin de Porres: A Life of Mercy

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima, Peru, in 1579, the illegitimate son of a Spanish gentleman and a freed African slave. Despite poverty, racism, and exclusion from religious life due to his mixed heritage, Martin's deep faith and devotion led him to the Dominican Convent of the Rosary, where he humbly served as a lay brother. He cared for the sick, the poor, and the outcast with extraordinary patience and compassion, often risking his own health. Known for his extraordinary kindness, miraculous abilities, and love for all creatures, Martin also founded an orphanage and helped young girls in need. He lived a life of quiet heroism, demonstrating that true greatness lies in service and charity. Martin de Porres died in 1639, leaving behind a legacy of mercy that led to his canonization in 1962. Today, he is the patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, public health workers, and those who serve the marginalized, with his feast day on November 3.



Mass Intentions

Monday, 3 9:00 am	<i>St. Martin de Pores</i> + Rosemarie LoMarro
Tuesday, 4 9:00 am	<i>St. Charles Borromeo (M)</i> + Katie & Alex Wahl (4 th Ani.)
Wednesday, 5 9:00 am	+ All Souls
Thursday, 6 9:00 am	+ Christine & Thomas Kimball (Sp. Int.)
Saturday, 8 4:00 pm	+ James Dahl + Rev. Thomas Gavigan, CSSR + Dehm Family Members
Sunday, 9 8:00 am	<i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F)</i> + Ali Schultz
10:00 am	+ Betty Jane Klos + Holy Souls
12:00 pm	+ Tony Amato



Week of Novem 2 – 8

Gifts of bread and wine: + _____

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.

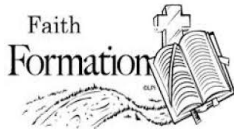


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Contact the parish office to
schedule Masses**

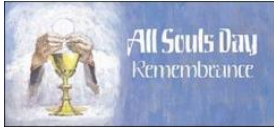
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Kurt Rieger
June Santangelo
Priscilla Tanis
Nicolle Jakub
Heather McKinnon
Rod McCune
Faye Marie Galante

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



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 – November 2



All Souls' Day remembrance envelopes are in the vestibule.

Please write the names of your departed loved ones on the envelope and place them in the collection basket, along with your offering. These envelopes will rest at the altar throughout the month of November, as we prayerfully remember all the faithful departed.

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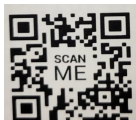


Three Counties, One Family of Faith

Dear Parish Family,

As we honor all the saints this weekend, we're also invited to be *"saint makers"* ourselves through the **2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal (DMA)** — *"Three Counties, One Family of Faith."*

Your support helps care for senior priests, educate seminarians, support urban Catholic schools, and fund Catholic Charities across Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties. Every gift unites us as one family of faith, spreading Christ's hope and compassion. **Please pick up a DMA envelope or visit www.2025appeal.org or Scan the QR code to give or pledge. And thank you if you've already contributed — you are the "drop in the ocean" that makes the ocean bigger!**



Fr. Babu Thelappilly, Pastor



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!



NOVEMBER -
THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

The most important Catholic feasts in November are:

- **November 1: All Saints' Day:** A solemnity that honors all saints who have entered heaven. In many places, this is a Holy Day of Obligation.
- **November 2: All Souls' Day:** A day to pray for the souls of the faithful departed who are in purgatory.
- **November 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:** Celebrates the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome.
- **Last Sunday of November: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:** The feast day that concludes the liturgical year.

The month is also dedicated to the souls in purgatory, and it includes several other important saint feasts like **St. Martin de Porres** (Nov. 3), **St. Charles Borromeo** (Nov. 4), **St. Leo the Great** (Nov. 10), **St. Martin of Tours** (Nov. 11), **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** (Nov. 13), **St. Gertrude the Great** (Nov. 16), **St. Elizabeth of Hungary** (Nov. 17), **St. Cecilia** (Nov. 22), **St. Catherine of Alexandria** (Nov. 25), **St. Andrew** (Nov. 30).



A LOVE THAT LASTS BEYOND TIME

A little boy noticed candles beside a picture of his late grandfather and asked his grandmother, *"Grandma, why do we light candles for people in heaven?"* She smiled, *"It's our way of saying we still love them... and we're praying for them."*

The boy thought a moment and said, *"So Grandpa gets candlelight... and I get nightlights. Does that mean he's braver than me?"* She laughed, *"No, it just means heaven doesn't have Legos to step on!"*

Even in laughter, we glimpse a deeper truth: our love for those who have gone before us does not vanish. It changes, yes, but it continues tenderly held in God's heart.

November has a gentle voice in the Church. Its shorter days and quiet evenings invite us to pause, remember, and hope. The Church turns our eyes toward eternity — not to frighten, but to remind us of the unbreakable bonds we share in Christ.

We begin with **All Saints Day**, honoring not only the famous saints but also the countless *"everyday saints"* — parents, grandparents, teachers, friends — whose quiet acts of love reflected holiness. Their lives whisper to us that sanctity is possible in daily life: *forgiving, showing up, loving faithfully.*

On **All Souls Day** and throughout November, we remember and pray for the faithful departed. Lighting candles, speaking their names, visiting cemeteries — these are gifts of love, not farewells. Death cannot sever our connection; our prayers accompany our loved ones as they draw nearer to God's mercy.

This month reminds us that the Body of Christ stretches beyond what we see. We on earth are joined with the saints in heaven and those being perfected in God's love. We are one family — praying, helping, moving together toward the Kingdom.

As November concludes, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, a joyful reminder that Jesus reigns over all time and our future. Even amid uncertainty, His Kingdom grows quietly and powerfully in the hearts of those who love Him.

Let this month draw us closer to God and to one another: — • Cherish the saints who inspire us — • Pray for the souls we love — • Trust the King who leads us home.

May this season of remembrance strengthen our hope, deepen our gratitude, and remind us that in Christ, love truly lasts beyond time, beyond death.

Prayer: *Lord, in this month of holy remembrance, may our love reach those who have gone before us. May the saints strengthen us with their prayers and may Christ our King guide us to the joy that never ends. Amen.*

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