



Our Lady of Fatima RC Church

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March 29, 2026



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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



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK

Begins on Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026

and ends on

Easter Sunday: April 5, 2026

Holy Week is a period of intense spiritual reflection and remembrance for Christians, spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, marking the final days of Jesus' life, culminating in His crucifixion and resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Christians see Holy Week as a time to remember the sacrifice Jesus made for humanity's salvation through His death on the cross and His subsequent resurrection.

Easter Sunday, which follows Holy Week, is a day of celebration for Christians, marking the resurrection of Jesus and symbolizing hope, victory over sin and death, and the promise of eternal life.

Holy Week is a time for Christians to engage in spiritual reflection, prayer, and perhaps fasting or other acts of penance as they contemplate the events of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.

The Days of Holy Week:

- **Palm Sunday:** Marks the beginning of Holy Week, commemorating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
(Mass: Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm)
- **Maundy Thursday:** Commemorates the Last Supper, when Jesus instituted the Eucharist (Communion) and washed his disciples' feet.
(Mass & Washing of Feet: 7:00 pm)
- **Good Friday:** A solemn day commemorating the crucifixion of Jesus and his death on the cross.
(Commemoration of Passion of the Lord 3:00 pm
Tenebrae 7:30 pm)
- **Holy Saturday:** A day of silence and waiting, marking the time between Jesus' death and his resurrection.
(Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm)
- **Easter Sunday:** Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, marking the culmination of Holy Week and the beginning of a new life for Christians.
(Easter Mass 9:00 am, 11:00 am)

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, 30	Is 42:1-7; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday, 31	Is 49:1-6; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday, 1	Is 50:4-9; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday, 2	Ez 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday, 3	Is 52:13-53:12; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Saturday, 4	Gen 1:1-1:2; Rom 6:3-11; Mt 28:1-10
Sunday, 5	Acts 10:34a; 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



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March 23, 2025

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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.



Easter flower offering envelopes can be placed in the collection basket.

Envelopes are available in the vestibule.

Thank you for your generosity.

REFLECTION ON MATTHEW 26

We Need Holy Week

Together with Jesus, we enter Holy Week. Passover time in Jerusalem was always dangerous. The Romans added extra security for the crowds observing this feast. The Passover crowd was a jumble of people and expectations, not always predictable. On this day, there were heightened religious beliefs, political hopes, and sheer excitement generated by Christ's entrance into Jerusalem.

We, too, are going into Jerusalem on this Palm Sunday. Step by step. St. Matthew tells us that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the city was in tumult with people asking *who is this?*

We, Christian believers, need Holy Week. There is a divine plan established from eternity and progressively revealed to us because we have a role. When we are present, it will become clear. Scriptures will unfold the real and saving meaning of what is being said and done by Christ Himself. This week, as we meditate on all the significant events that happened in that holy and violent city, our faith grows so that we can help those who still ask, *who is this?*

The answer is shattering in its power. Jerusalem trembled when Jesus entered it. The earth quaked as Jesus died. There was a strong earthquake as the angel descended on the empty tomb. The impact of Christ's life, death, and resurrection is without precedence.

The good news of salvation cannot be tamed. Holy Week deepens the Good News in us. Jesus Christ makes a difference to everyone and everything.

He is Love, He is God.



CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

Wednesday, April 8th 6:30 pm

CONFIRMATION

Saturday, April 11

4:00 PM Mass – Bishop Serratelli



FIRST COMMUNION REHEARSAL

Thursday, April 30th 6:30 pm

FIRST COMMUNION

Saturday, May 2

10:00 am Mass



Monday, 30

9:00 am + Eleanor Gokey

Tuesday, 31

9:00 am + Therese Gimbl

Wednesday, 1

9:00 am + Theresa McGinn

Thursday, 2 Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until midnight

Friday, 3 Good Friday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

3:00 pm Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 pm Tenebrae

Saturday, 4 Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer

8:00 pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, 5 Easter Sunday

9:00 am +Varca and Iemma Families

+Dorothy Pacifico

11:00 am + Parishioners



Week of March 29- April 4

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.**



**2026 Mass Book is available.
Contact the office to schedule Masses**

Pray for the **SICK**

Grace Andrews

Jim and Rita Franco

Fran & Larry Marsh

Kate Ross

Karen Evanick

Artie and Cathy Cohan

David Jansson

Heather McKinnon

Ann Vermeal

Jerry Calcagno

Diana Kenney

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Kurt Rieger

June Santangelo

Priscilla Tanis

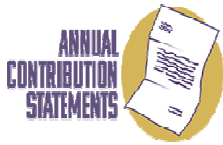
Liam Daniel Jakub

Rod McCune

Jim Opfer



**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 – April 12, 2026**



**If you would like your contribution
record for 2025,
please contact the parish office.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR
WASHING OF FEET
Holy Thursday
Contact the office if you can assist.**



FISH AND CHIPS FUNDRAISER

Hosted by
Our Lady of Fatima Hospitality Committee
Saturday, April 18th
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My Dear Parishioners in Christ,

**As we are going through a lot of financial
commitments, I ask of you to pray and consider
Increasing 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!

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



Tuesday evening
7:00 pm

Bible Study – Postponed until further notice



Monday, April 6th



Saturday, April 4th 11:00 am



April 1

Glenwood Baptist Church

Collaboration – Standing at the Cross

Services begin at 7:00 pm - Refreshments and fellowship immediately following

OUR LADY OF FATIMA HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

4:00 pm

Mass Saturday, March 28

PALM SUNDAY

March 29

The Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance Into Jerusalem

8:00 am

Mass

10:00 am

Mass

12:00 pm

Mass

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

7:00 pm

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until midnight

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

3:00 pm

Commemoration of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 pm

Tenebrae

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4

9:00 am

Morning Prayer

11:00 am

Blessing of Easter Food

8:00 pm

Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5

9:00 am

Mass

11:00 am

Mass

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