

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

*The Home of the Shrine of the Three Little Shepherds of Fatima*

**Physical Address/Church:** 501 New Market Road, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854

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## **HOLY MASS**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2026**

### **Weekend**

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 am, 1:00 & 5:00 pm

### **Weekdays**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 & 9:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am & 7:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am

### **Holy Days of Obligation**

7:00 pm (Vigil); 7:00, 9:00 am; 12:00 & 7:00 pm

### **PENANCE & RECONCILIATION**

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:50 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 6:00 - 6:50 pm

### **DEVOTIONS**

#### **Holy Rosary**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday after the 9:00 am Mass

#### **Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena**

Tuesday: 6:50 pm

#### **Saint Joseph Novena**

Thursday: 6:50 pm

#### **Immaculate Heart of Mary (First Saturday) Rosary**

Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month after the 9:00 am Mass

#### **BAPTISM – Infants**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 3:00 pm.

Parents should schedule their child's Baptism and attend the Prep Class as early in the pregnancy as possible.

#### **OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)**

Non-Catholics interested in becoming Roman Catholic and Catholics seeking to complete their initiation into the Church are invited to enroll in the OCIA – a religious formation program which introduces and explains the Catholic Faith to adults while preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist).

#### **CONFIRMATION – Adults**

Catholics, ages 14 and older, who need to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in the *Adult Confirmation Program*.

#### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

Couples should contact the Parish Office at least one year prior to the proposed wedding date. Either the bride or groom should be a registered parishioner.



#### **GODPARENT/SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY**

Those individuals seeking to become a godparent or sponsor in the Catholic Church must obtain from their parish a letter of eligibility. To receive such a letter one must fulfill the following conditions in the Diocese of Metuchen: Be at least 14 years of age, be a fully initiated member of the Church (having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), if married, be in a valid Catholic marriage, be registered with a parish (for at least 6 months) and be actively practicing the faith (regularly attending Sunday Mass while living a life of Christian virtue and charity).

#### **PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK / HOMEBOUND**

The sick, homebound and those scheduled for surgery are invited to call the parish office in order to make arrangements to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Although the Sacrament of Anointing may be administered at any time during a serious illness, family members should not wait until the patient is in critical condition or unconscious before contacting a priest.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES – Children**

Sunday: 10:15 – 11:30 am (Grades 1 – 6)

Wednesday: 4:15 – 5:30 pm (Grades 1- 6)

Wednesday: 6:15 – 7:30 pm (Grades 7 & 8)

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Parish Office is open Monday—Friday, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

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### **EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Perpetual (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel located in the Parish Center.

# Parish Directory

## PARISH CLERGY

<b>Pastor</b>	Very Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva	Ext. 101
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	Rev. Robert V. Meyers	Ext. 116
<b>Parochial Vicar In Residence</b>	Rev. Robert Pinnisi	Ext. 118
<b>Deacon</b>	Rev. David Chalackal, C.M.I.	
<b>Deacon</b>	Dcn. Jacinto Fernandes	
<b>Deacon</b>	Dcn. Bill Rider	Ext. 113
<b>Deacon Emeritus</b>	Dcn. Larry Reilly	

## PARISH STAFF

\* Volunteer Staff Member

<b>Secretarial:</b>	Connie Cannata, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> Natalie Mueller, <i>Administrative Assistant</i> *Muriel Bronovicki, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Amy Gutierrez, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Evelyn Nuguid, <i>Evening Receptionist</i> *Katie Ippoliti, <i>Office Volunteer</i>	Ext. 104 Ext. 107 Ext. 104 Ext. 104 Ext. 104
<b>Business:</b>	Jim Whelan, <i>Business/Property Manager</i> *Ed Lyons, <i>Event/Facilities Manager</i> Ralph DeLillo, <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Ext. 112 or <a href="mailto:jwhelan@olfparish.org">jwhelan@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6748 Ext. 103
<b>Communications:</b>	*Cathy Horn, <i>Bulletin/Website Manager</i> *Melissa Seader, <i>Facebook Manager</i>	Ext. 117 <a href="mailto:czhorn.nj@gmail.com">czhorn.nj@gmail.com</a> 908-812-1892 <a href="mailto:mseader@olfparish.org">mseader@olfparish.org</a>
<b>Maintenance:</b>	Luis Lopez, <i>Maintenance Director</i> Ricardo Lopez, <i>Custodian</i> Marga Bower, <i>Church Sacristan</i> Aurora Sardo, <i>Rectory Manager</i> Maria Cabrera, <i>Rectory Assistant</i>	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a> Ext. 114 732-310-3191 732-968-5556 732-968-5556
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<b>Special Parish Activities:</b>	*Veronica Klein, <i>Coordinator</i>	732-763-6357 <a href="mailto:vklein13@optonline.net">vklein13@optonline.net</a>
<b>Stewardship Council:</b>	*Roberta Maurer, <i>Coordinator</i>	732-245-9124 <a href="mailto:rebaspec@comcast.net">rebaspec@comcast.net</a>

## PARISH MINISTRIES & APOSTOLATES

Adult Confirmation Program	Rose Fay	732-325-8903
Altar Servers (Youth)	Mario Fabella	848-219-5911
Altar Servers (Adult Men)	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
Baby Showers	Madge Heeney	732-748-8845
Baptism Preparation Classes ("Pre-Jordan")	Connie Cannata	732-968-5555
Bible Study	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555
Blessed Mother Birthday Celebration	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Blood Drives - KoC	Harry Buttito	732-207-8193
Blue Army (World Apostolate of Fatima)	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555
Candlelight Procession Committee	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Cantors	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Choir (Adult)	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Choir (Children's)	Joanne Mild	732-844-6001 <a href="mailto:joanne@mild.net">joanne@mild.net</a>
Choir (Filipino)	Noel Gendrano	908-421-6644
Choir (Youth)	Binky Idioma	732-688-0355

Christian Seder Supper	Keith & Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Church Decorating Committee	Marie Reilly	732-968-5555
Church Renovation Committee	Fr. Paul Da Silva	732-968-5555
Clothing Collection (for Catholic Charities)	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a>
Collection Counters (St. Matthew Counters)	Ralph DeLillo	Ext. 103
Concords (Separated or Divorced)	Lucy McDonald	732-968-4093
Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
Corpus Christi Procession Committee	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Courage	Ed Lyons	732-642-6748
Divine Mercy Conference	Max Gutierrez	732-925-7788
Divine Will Study Group	Laura Vaz	732-744-6737
Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
EnCourage	Jean Lyons	732-642-6747
Eucharistic Guardians	Gerry Aboyme	732-266-4145
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Filipino American Association	Veronica Klein	732-763-6357
Fishes & Loaves Café	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Food Collection (for FISH – local Food Pantry)	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
FORMED	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Heritage Day Committee	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124 or Ext. 110
Hispanic Rosary Society	Luz Lopez	732-598-7528
Holy Hour for the Dying – Thursday Afternoon	Rosemarie O'Brien	908-753-7486
Holy Hour for the Dying – Wednesday Evening	Michael Dolan	732-718-3553
Holy Trinity Charismatic Prayer Group	Cesar Jose	732-968-7882
Instrumentalists	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 <a href="mailto:jlyons@olfparish.org">jlyons@olfparish.org</a> 732-642-6747
Jr. Legion of Mary	Ming Estrada	732-261-1316
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Lazarus Ministry	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Lectors	Pat Jacob	<a href="mailto:trinbago1961@gmail.com">trinbago1961@gmail.com</a>
Legion of Mary	Kathy Skiba	732-885-9375
Lenten Soup Suppers	Keith & Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Marriage Celebration Day	Sue Ellen Bibby	732-649-9304
May Crowning	Deacon Lou Pizzigoni III	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:deaconlou@olfparish.org">deaconlou@olfparish.org</a>
New Parishioner Welcome	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124 or Ext. 110
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OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children)	Deacon Lou Pizzigoni III, PCL	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:deaconlou@olfparish.org">deaconlou@olfparish.org</a>
Operation Rice Bowl	Arlene Sroczyński	732-563-0449
Our Lady of Fatima Traveling Statue	Kathy Skiba	732-885-9375
Our Lady of Guadalupe Traveling Image	Ming Estrada	732-261-1316
Parish Finance Council	Jim Whelan	<a href="mailto:jwhelan@olfparish.org">jwhelan@olfparish.org</a>
Parish History/Heritage Committee	Cynthia Harris	732-968-5555
Picnic	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or <a href="mailto:llopez@olfparish.org">llopez@olfparish.org</a>
Rosary Apostolate	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Rosary Makers Guild	Sharon Strack	732-752-4979
Rosary Society	Jean DeLillo	732-968-6429
Sextons	Deacon Bill Rider	Ext. 113
St. Jane de Chantal Ministry to Mothers	Anne Houston	973-479-6467 <a href="mailto:aehouston511@gmail.com">aehouston511@gmail.com</a>
St. Margaret of Castello Respect Life Ministry	Nicole Miller	315-816-8289 <a href="mailto:nmiller@olfparish.org">nmiller@olfparish.org</a>
Stewardship Fair	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124
Toy Drive	Keith & Jill Venturella	732-261-9251
Ushers	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
Vocations Committee	VACANT	
Youth Group (High School)	Deacon Lou Pizzigoni III	Ext. 105 <a href="mailto:deaconlou@olfparish.org">deaconlou@olfparish.org</a> 7

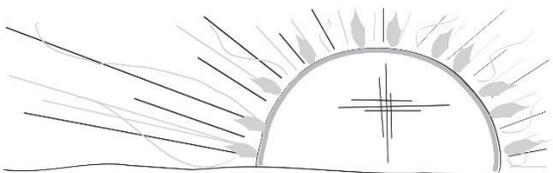
**OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

February 8, 2026 † Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



# Mass Intentions

<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Gaetano Spinnato <i>r/o Carole &amp; Joe Valanzola</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>11:00 AM</b>	† Angelina Doria <i>r/o Deacon Lawrence &amp; Marie Reilly</i>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	† Paul Bellion <i>r/o Daughter</i> † Joseph Spang <i>r/o Kathy Spang</i> † Russell Teller <i>r/o Cathy &amp; Marty Horn</i> † Danilo Estores <i>r/o Donna Estores</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	For the Needs of Severina Fernandes (Bday) <i>r/o Monica &amp; Jacinto</i>
<b>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† John R. Waldron <i>r/o Gary O. Kosteck</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Bonnie Dhall <i>r/o Cathy Herle</i>
<b>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 St. Scholastica, Virgin</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Angelo & June Perrella <i>r/o Family</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	† Saibeenaa <i>r/o Anita Patel</i>
<b>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026 Our Lady of Lourdes</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Josephine Banilis <i>r/o Family</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Carole Herrle <i>r/o Cathy Herrle</i>
<b>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Dr. Zenaida Magalindan Gamao <i>r/o Mike &amp; Sue Perrella</i>
<b>7:00 PM</b>	† Souls in Purgatory
<b>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Carrie Lou Nelson <i>r/o Adrienne F. Nelson</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† David Landy <i>r/o Cathy Herrle</i>
<b>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026 Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop</b>	
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Larry Seifried <i>r/o Cathy Herrle</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	† Bill Dennis <i>r/o Wife, Mary</i>
<b>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>7:00 AM</b>	† Lottie Nyzio <i>r/o John &amp; Connie Smentkowski</i>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	† Brian Camacho <i>r/o Family</i>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	People of the Parish
<b>1:00 PM</b>	† John Alach <i>r/o Noreen &amp; John Surma</i> † William Kowza <i>r/o Theodore &amp; Jenny Tylicki</i> † Vincent Griffin <i>r/o Patricia Mills</i> † Wilma Arnold <i>r/o Marie, Lawrence, Steffen &amp; Davin</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	† Hilda Aponte <i>r/o Ritchie Family</i>



**Your light shall break forth  
like the dawn**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK  
RELATIVES & FRIENDS**

Catherine Herrle, Freddy Monzeglio, Beverly Copeland, Edward Waga, Anthony Polis, Nolan Richardson, Patrick Croat, Christina Viso, William Richardson, Patricia Villanueva, Antonia Sibel, Rosemary Melick, Lorenzo Di Andrea, Bridie O'Donnell, Rosario Zavala, Bertha Aguilar, Gladys Gonzalez, Jean Cesare, Rosalie Maimone, Amanda Alemezohu, Tony Palio, Zenaida Mabanag, Stephen & Elaine Shepherd, Barbara Aszuka, Michelle Moorhead, Jacqueline Scherer, James Leung, Donald Alaburda, Vinny Catania, Erin McCaskill, Balbina Palacios, Gerald Scarloss, Rose McMahan, Eddie Henry, Mary Totten, Richard Weidmann Sr., Tina Pima, Eric Waga, James Colucci, Grace Piepoli, Mary Meyers, Ronald Arreza, Father Paul Da Silva, Michael Champion, Hilda Annani, John Barry, Cathy Sloomaker, Betty Schick, Richard Casey, Dorothy Ihe, Robin Blum, Sam Vail, Jessica Hurley, James Rupekis, Tina Pena, Chris Waryn, Eileen Kaplan, JoJo Galante, Chiping Shih, Teresa Navarro, Raquel Iglesias, Carol Haskin, Claire Brennan, Sebastiana McCaffrey, Eileen Stambo, Margaret Lyman, Tonia M. Reisner, Gerry Darrow, Joseph Lubrano, Lynda Pasko, Tony Abano, AnnaMarie Stolz, Marge Arnone, Linda Koeffler, Christina Daub, Darlene Ferrara, Roberta Maurer, Judy DiLeo, Joyce Hanselmann, Sue Ellen Michi, Abigail Marzan, Mary Dieli, Weichung Shih, Israel Cortes, Theresa Martinez, Manuel Lopes, Jack Houston, Joseph Houston, George Raupers, Joseph Bono, Acadia Lambino, Austin Hsu, Giovanni Di Costanzo, Langan Family, Ashley Johnson, Carole Lettieri, Julito Garcia, Patty Mills, Nicole Offer, Thomas Barry, Bill Pittman, Ilya Spry, Brian Reynolds, Mary Hacia, Susan & Michael Perrella, Mimi Casino, Suzanne Toomey, Marilyn Prall, Marzena DiCostanzo, Sharon Molnar, Ruth Brown, Ernest Arndt, Eddie Mahoney, Robert Bressler, Shannon Walsh, James Lettieri, Marie Monzeglio, Francelina Silva, Margaret Adams, Rick Miranda

*Please Note: Names may be placed on the sick list by calling the Parish Office. A name is only added to the sick list if called in by a family member.*

★★★ IN PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO SERVE ★★★

SPC Laura Bozzay – Corpus Christi Army Depot  
Captain Jay Caluna - Hawaii  
SSGT Kristoffer Engel – Papa Air Base, Hungary  
LT COL Chad Fitzgerald – Camp Pendleton, CA  
Senior Airman Cyril Maximus Gutierrez – McGuire AFB, NJ  
SSGT Eric Kerr – 193rd Special Operations Wing, Harrisburg, PA  
CW2 Kevin Michael Kho – Camp Carroll, Republic of Korea  
Chaplain, LT COL Louis A. Mattina - 514<sup>th</sup> Air Mobility Wing, JBMDL, NJ  
LT Vincent Moscatello – Norfolk, VA  
SSGT Kenneth W. Pine – 111<sup>th</sup> Attack Wing, Biddle ANG, PA  
SGT Jack Sutter – Schofield Barracks, HI

**Please Pray For Our Priests**

*This week we especially remember:*

Pope Leo XIV

Bishop Emeritus Paul G. Bootkoski

Very Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva

Rev. Robert Meyers

Rev. Robert Pinnisi

Rev. David Chalackal, CMI

Very Rev. Robert B. Kolakowski

Rev. Michael G. Krull

Rev. Abraham Lotha

Rev. Can. Robert G. Lynam

**ANNUAL BABY SHOWER!**



Our parish is once again sponsoring a **Virtual Baby Shower** to support the work of **Life Choices, Inc. of Metuchen**. **Donations may be made through Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. This year Life Choices has requested: **gift cards from Target, Walmart, Aldi and Shoprite, as well as pull-up diapers size 3T, 4T and 5T for both boys and girls**. Gift cards may be placed in an envelope marked “BABY SHOWER” and put in the collection basket at Mass. Diapers may be put in the receptacle at the church entrance. Donations may also be brought to the Parish Office 9am – 5pm, Monday – Friday. Thank you for your generous support and helping mothers who **CHOOSE LIFE!**



**Gertrude Hawk Candy Sale!**

Our Annual Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Fundraiser has begun! This program benefits our Religious Education activities and sacramental programs. As the religious formation of children, the future of our church, is the concern of us all, we ask all parishioners to participate by selling and/or purchasing Easter candy. Brochures/order forms are at all church entrances. Order forms and payment must be submitted in the collection basket or to the Parish Office by **Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Make checks payable to *Our Lady of Fatima*. Contact Jim Whelan at [jwhelan@olffparish.org](mailto:jwhelan@olffparish.org) or 732-968-5555, ext. 112 if you have any questions. **Thank you for your support.**



**THANK YOU!**

We would like to acknowledge Elmer Lopez and his family who donated the full cost of the labor and materials to replace both the carpeting in the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel and the flooring in the Parish Center. We are so grateful for their generous donation that allowed this work to happen.

**2026 LENTEN OBLIGATIONS**

1. The days of fast and abstinence are Ash Wednesday (February 18) and Good Friday (April 3).
2. All other Fridays of Lent (February 20, 27; March 6, 13, 20, 27) are days of abstinence.
3. Fasting in the Catholic tradition means to limit oneself to one full meal and two smaller meals which together are not equal to a full meal, so as to experience hunger. The obligation of fast applies only to Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59.
4. Abstinence in the Roman Catholic tradition means to abstain from meat (beef, chicken, pork, turkey, etc.). The obligation of abstinence applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

**SNOW REMOVAL**

As you are all aware, we have had unusually heavy snow this winter. Making it worse, the storms have all come on weekends which impacts Mass attendance and offering income. We ask two things of you. First, if you were unable to attend Mass due to the storm, we ask that you make the offering you would have made if you attended Mass. Second, we ask your support during the special collection on the weekend of February 14-15 to help offset the significant snow removal expense we incurred. Special red envelopes for this purpose can be found near all the church entrances. Thank you for your generosity.

**Array of Hope  
THE EMMAUS CONCERT  
EXPERIENCE**

**Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 7:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Fatima Auditorium**

***A Fun Faith-Filled Experience  
for Families!***

The Emmaus Experience is a powerful multimedia concert event that shares the Gospel in a relevant and contemporary way. It brings the Faith to life through dynamic live performances by Array of Hope Music, engaging talks, stunning visuals and heartfelt personal testimonies. This is a multi-generational event that will be enjoyed by the whole family! We encourage everyone to attend - bring your family! Watch the video via the QR code. Tickets are \$10 per youth, \$20 per adult. Hope to see you there!



## FEAST OF THE LITTLE SHEPHERDS OF FATIMA

Saint Francisco Marto - Saint Jacinta Marto  
Venerable Lucia dos Santos

Candlelight Rosary 6:00 pm - Holy Mass 7:00 pm

Fr. James L. P. Miara, Main Celebrant & Homilist

Friday, February 20, 2026

Before her cousin was taken to the hospital, Lucia asked Jacinta what she was going to do in heaven. Jacinta answered, "I'm going to love Jesus very much, and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, too. I'm going to pray a lot for you, for sinners, for the Holy Father, for my parents and my brothers and sisters, **and for all the people who have asked me to pray for them...**"



## 2027 Mass Book is Now Open

To request a Mass to be offered for a loved one living or deceased, complete a Mass Request form which can be found at the church entrances, at the parish office, or in the **Forms** section on our website [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org). A \$10 offering per intention is requested. Please note that in order to allow more parishioners the opportunity to request Masses to be offered for their loved ones, Mass requests for 2027 will be limited to ten per family for the 3 months the book is open, until May 1.

## Prayer for a New Bishop

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Eternal High Priest and Good Shepherd,  
we thank you for the many blessings  
that you have poured on our local Church of Metuchen.  
We thank you for James, our fifth Bishop,  
and for his many gifts in shepherding your people.  
Hear our prayer for the selection of a new bishop  
for the Church of Metuchen.  
We pray for Leo, our Pope,  
that he is given wisdom in discernment  
and given wise counsel as he selects our next bishop  
who would be ever more conformed to You, the Divine Master.  
Lord we prayer that our next bishop will have a heart on fire  
for you and for your Church.  
May he be filled with wisdom, faithfulness, holiness and zeal  
for reigniting the faith and spreading the Gospel  
throughout our Diocese.  
Through the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Your mother and ours,  
draw our new bishop, and the flock entrusted to his care,  
to the fullness of eternal life,  
where you live and reign  
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. Amen.

## Parish Social Media

We invite everyone to follow us on social media for up-to-the-minute information and alerts. Visit our website at [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org). Follow and like our current account on Facebook "Our Lady of Fatima Church – Piscataway."

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Join us every Friday during Lent at both 12 noon and 7:00 pm in our church to pray the Stations of the Cross. Please note that Stations of the Cross will not take place 7:00 pm on February 20<sup>th</sup> due to the Feast of the Little Shepherd Children Rosary and Mass.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL DIVINE MERCY

### FAMILY HEALING RETREAT



Join us 8:00 am – 4:30 pm on Saturday, April 18, 2026, for a day of praise and worship, special speakers, Eucharistic Adoration, ongoing Confession, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, and more. For more information and the registration form visit our parish website at <https://www.olfparish.org/forms>. Online registration is not available.

Register early as seats are limited!

## OCIA: The Order of Christian Initiation Of Adults

**Are you a non-Catholic who would like to become a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to complete your initiation into the Church? The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)** is a religious formation program which introduces and explains the Catholic Faith to adults while preparing them to receive the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This program is available to unbaptized persons, baptized Christians from other faiths, and Catholics who have not received Confirmation and First Eucharist. If you are a non-Catholic interested in becoming Roman Catholic, or a Catholic seeking to complete your initiation into the Church, we invite you to enroll in the OCIA. To join us for an OCIA inquiry session please contact the Parish Office. There is no commitment to join the program when you attend an inquiry session. Joining the program does not mean that you have to become a Catholic. At the end of the program, individuals are free to choose to accept the sacraments or not. The OCIA is also a great class for any Catholic who simply wants to learn more about their Catholic faith. For more information contact Rose Fay at 732-325-8903.

## Catholic Press Month

Donations for The Catholic Spirit may be given using the envelopes provided anytime during February. Donations will supplement the cost of providing free distribution of newspapers to the parishes. We thank you for your generosity.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 8, 2026**

[IS 58: 7-10](#); [PS 112:4-9](#); [1 COR 2:1-5](#); [MT 5:13-16](#)

Today's readings are both encouragement and instruction for us as Christian stewards. They offer clear direction on what matters most to God and how He calls us to use the gifts He has entrusted to us.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah gives us straightforward guidance: "Share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own." There is no ambiguity here. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is not optional — it is a fundamental responsibility of the Christian steward.

Yet the Lord also reminds us of His generosity when we live this way. "Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your wound shall quickly be healed." When we give of ourselves, we do not lose — we gain. God's grace grows within us, and we experience deeper joy and peace as our lives become more aligned with His will.

In the Gospel, Jesus speaks plainly to His disciples — and to us — calling us the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world." But salt loses its purpose if it goes stale, and light cannot shine if it is hidden. Our faith must be lived, not concealed. We are called to act so that others may see the way we serve, how we care for the vulnerable, how we prioritize our families, and above all, how we love God — and through our witness, give glory to Him.

This is the stewardship way of life. Let us embrace it fully.

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online form, and you will be contacted shortly by our Membership Director. For more info visit our updated website at [www.kofc2544.com](http://www.kofc2544.com)

## Events for the Week

### MEETING ROOM KEY

<b>BFM</b>	<b>Blessed Fr. Michael McGivney Rm.</b>
<b>EC</b>	<b>Education Center/School</b>
<b>PC</b>	<b>Parish Center</b>
<b>RCAG</b>	<b>Rec Center Auditorium/Gym</b>
<b>RCC</b>	<b>Rec Center Cafeteria</b>
<b>SJC</b>	<b>St. Joseph Cottolengo Rm.</b>
<b>SLR</b>	<b>St. Lorenzo Ruiz Rm.</b>
<b>SMC</b>	<b>St. Margaret of Castello Rm.</b>

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2026

**OCIA:** 9:15 am (PC)  
**CCD (Gr. 1-6):** 10:15 – 11:30 am (Ed Ctr)  
**Adult Choir Sings:** 11:00 am (Church)  
**JABL Hoops:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm (RCAG)  
**Kalahi Basketball:** 6:00 – 10:30 pm (RCAG)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2026

**JABL Hoops:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm (RCAG)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026

**Children's Choir Practice:** 4:15 – 5:15 pm  
**Nothing But Nets Basketball:** 6:00 – 8:00 pm (RCAG)  
**Legion of Mary:** 7:45 – 8:45 pm (BFM)  
**Kinilaw Basketball:** 8:30 – 10:30 pm (RCAG)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026

**CCD (Gr. 1-6):** 4:15 - 5:30 pm (Ed Center)  
**CCD (Gr. 7-8):** 6:15 - 7:30 pm (Ed Center)  
**Men's Basketball:** 6:30 - 8:30 pm (RCAG)  
**Holy Hour for the Dying:** 8:00 – 9:00 pm (PC)  
**MNB Hoops:** 9:00 - 11:00 pm (RCAG)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026

**Rosary Makers Guild:** 1:00 – 2:00 pm (SJC)  
**Holy Hour for the Dying:** 3:00 – 4:00 pm (Church)  
**Adult Choir Practice:** 7:30 (Church)  
**JABL Hoops:** 7:30 – 9:30 pm (RCAG)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2026

**Adult Confirmation Class:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm (BFM)  
**Consoling the Heart of Mary:** 7:00 – 8:00 pm (PC)  
**Hispanic Rosary Society:** 7:30 pm (SJC)  
**Kinilaw Basketball:** 8:30 – 10:30 pm (RCAG)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2026

**Men's Saturday Basketball:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (RCAG)  
**Kalahi Basketball JABL Hoops:** 4:00 – 10:30 pm (RCAG)

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**Children's Choir Sings:** 9:00 am (Church)  
**OCIA:** 9:15 am (PC)  
**CCD (Gr. 1-6):** 10:15-11:30 am (Ed Center)  
**Adult Choir Sings:** 11:00 am (Church)  
**JABL Hoops:** 1:00 – 3:00 pm (RCAG)  
**Kalahi Basketball:** 6:00 – 10:30 pm (RCAG)

### \* Reminder – Weather Emergencies \*

If New Jersey is ever under a **snow state of emergency**, all parish activities, including Masses, are cancelled until the declaration is lifted.

**WE ARE A TITHING PARISH**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** Contagious **Stewardship**

*“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” MATTHEW 5:16*

The generosity of being a good **Steward** of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God’s gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them, and they don’t put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

**Sunday, January 25, 2026 - \$ 7,803**

**Sunday, January 26, 2025 - \$ 12,907**

**INCOME & EXPENSES January 20 - 26, 2026**

**Church, Parish Center, Rectory & Education Rec Center**

**INCOME:**

Mass Collection .....	\$ 5,159	
Online Giving .....	<u>2,644</u>	
Total Regular Mass Collections .....		\$ 7,803
Foundation for Catholic Education .....	1,538	
Donations .....	252	
All Other Income .....	<u>493</u>	
<b>TOTAL INCOME.....</b>		<b>\$ 10,086</b>

**EXPENSE:**

Medical .....	6,612	
Foundation for Catholic Education .....	1,538	
Contract Service Maintenance .....	1,212	
All Other Expenses .....	<u>2,412</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE .....</b>		<b>\$ 11,774</b>
<b>EXPENSE OVER INCOME .....</b>		<b>\$ (1,688)</b>

**CHURCH RENOVATION FUND - As of January 26, 2026**

Received 1/1/19 – 12/31/25 .....	2,399,608	
Less Expenses (1/1/19 – 12/31/25) .....	<u>(354,318)</u>	
Total Funds Available as of 12/31/25 .....		\$ 2,045,290
Received since 1/1/2026:		
Received through last week .....	\$ 5,070	
Received this week .....	726	
2026 Total Renovation Funds Rec’d .....	5,796	
Less 2026 Renovation Expenses .....	<u>-</u>	
Net Received in 2026 .....	\$ <u>5,796</u>	
<b>Reno Fund Balance available for Phase 2....</b>		<b>\$ 2,051,086</b>



*We thank all our parishioners and donors for so generously supporting the renovation of our church. Please continue to pray to St. Anne, on whose intercession we rely.*

**SCAM ALERT**

Be advised that no priest, parish employee, or member of any parish committee will ever email you or call you requesting you to purchase gift cards. Father Paul will never email or call any parishioner presenting an emergency situation asking for gift cards or cash to be sent immediately. If you receive such a message, report this to the parish office – this is a scam!

**2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

Any parishioner who would like a statement of their 2025 Church Contributions for income tax purposes should fill out the information below and either drop the request in the collection basket at Mass or mail/bring it to the Parish Office.

**Parishioner Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Church Envelope # (Required):** \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution Statements will not be automatically mailed. Requests must be made in writing with all the above information provided. Please do not call the Parish Office as requests cannot be taken over the phone. Thank you.

**Consoling the Heart of Mary**

All are invited to a weekly hour of prayer entitled **“Consoling the Heart of Mary”** held **every Friday evening 7:00 – 8:00 pm** at the Parish Center. During the hour you will meditate on the sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary and pray together the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrow, lifting up in prayer your personal intentions and those of others.

*Welcome!*

**PLEASE REGISTER WITH US!**

We *welcome* and invite all Catholics who live in the area to register with our parish. Only those parishioners who have been registered for at least six months may qualify to receive a certificate of eligibility to become a Godparent and/or Sponsor. Everyone who turns 18 years of age should register as an adult, even if they live with their parents today. Call our Parish Office at 732-968-5555.

**ONLINE GIVING**



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We are pleased to offer parishioners the convenience of making your weekly contributions to our church online. Simply go to our website [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org), click the **ONLINE GIVING** button on the top right side of the screen, and be brought right to the **Parish Giving** website for our parish. Or just scan this QR code and reach the site instantly. Create your personal account and join the many others who enjoy the ease and convenience of online giving. This is a secure and confidential tool that adheres to banking security standards. You can start, stop or change your contributions at any time. You may contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards.

## Parish Missalette Memorial Gift Program

Parishioners who would like to gift a church missalette have the opportunity to do so. Complete the form below with your name or the name(s) of a loved one, living or deceased. A gift of \$15 will memorialize one book with a bookplate that will be placed on the inside of a missalette cover.

**GIVEN AS A GIFT BY (please print)**

**IN THE NAME (please print)**

Envelopes entitled "Parish Memorial Gift Program" will be available in the pews for this purpose. Please fill in the appropriate information and place the envelope along with your \$15 donation in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. **Thank you!**

## LAZARUS MINISTRY

Our Parish Lazarus Ministry is seeking volunteers to serve on our Funeral Day Team. Responsibilities include serving as a greeter before the Funeral Mass and offering prayers during Holy Mass. If you are able to be of assistance or would like more information, please call Sharon at 732-752-4979.

## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Sponsoring altar flowers, sanctuary lamps or votive candles are always a welcome gift, a means of thanksgiving, or a special way to remember an important event of life or death. They may be sponsored in honor of a loved one, living or deceased. Sponsorships are available on a weekly basis. Candle sponsorships are \$10; flowers for the main altar are \$175, and flowers for the side altars are \$125. Call our Parish Office at 732-968-5555 to arrange your sponsorship.

## Respect Life Monthly Rosary

Our parish Respect Life Ministry invites you to join us **every third Saturday at 4:00 pm to recite the Holy Rosary beginning Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>**. *Our Respect Life Ministry is dedicated to educating, praying, and service, and meets the first Friday of the month at the Parish Center in the St. Lorenzo Ruiz room. The next meeting is this **Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. See you there!** For more info contact Nicole Miller at 315-816-8289 or at [nmiller@olfparish.org](mailto:nmiller@olfparish.org).*



## FISH NEWS

**FISH Inc. Dunellen Area** is the local Christian service organization providing food, clothing, and other seasonal assistance to those in need in our local communities. If you need assistance, or you'd like to volunteer, call our **FISH Hotline at 732-356-0081** and leave a message. If you are able to donate non-perishables, you can leave them at the church entrance Sunday mornings.



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## PERPETUAL ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Our parish offers Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 24 hours a day, 7 days a week** (except during inclement weather) in our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel located in the Parish Center. We are very blessed to be the only parish in the Diocese of Metuchen to offer Perpetual Adoration, offering individuals the opportunity to spend quiet prayerful time with Jesus. We welcome and encourage you to regularly visit our chapel and invite others as well. Eucharistic Guardians commit themselves to an hour of silent prayer each week in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, making Perpetual Adoration possible by assuring Jesus is never left alone. *If you are called to become a Eucharistic Guardian and can commit to spending one hour a week in the presence of the Lord, call Gerry Aboyme at 732-266-4145 or fill out a sign-up card which is available at the entrances of the church.*

## THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

The Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary is an international association of Catholics who are committed to reciting the Holy Rosary on a weekly basis for the purpose of giving praise and honor to the Blessed Virgin Mary and obtaining, through her intercession, spiritual benefits for all its members. Every member strives to pray the traditional fifteen decades of the Rosary each week, adding to their own intentions the intentions of the living and deceased members of the Confraternity worldwide. **If you'd like to register through our parish, please contact Sue Ellen Bibby [sbibby5@icloud.com](mailto:sbibby5@icloud.com).**



## Office of Catechesis

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GRADES 1-8

Religious education classes are held as follows:

#### Sunday Classes

10:15 – 11:30 am for Grades 1 – 6

#### Wednesday Classes

4:15 – 5:30 pm Grades 1-6; 6:15 – 7:30 pm Grades 7 & 8

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Religious Education office at 732-968-5555, ext. 105 or 106.

## Church & Chapel Renovation

We are called to reflect on the growth of our faith community and ensure that our parish remains a welcoming and vibrant place of worship for future generations. Our Lady of Fatima Parish has long been a cornerstone of faith, community, and spiritual nourishment, and we now embark on an important journey to revitalize our sacred spaces to better serve our parishioners and community. This renovation project, designed to enhance both functionality and beauty, will encompass key improvements to the upper and lower levels of our church as well as exterior updates that ensure accessibility and inclusivity.

**Upper Level Enhancements:** To create a more welcoming and inspiring worship experience, significant updates will be made to the upper level of the church: the pews and sanctuary furniture will be replaced, the lighting will be improved, the floor will be upgraded, and the entire church will be painted. Other updates will include the following:

- **A Newly Configured Sanctuary:** In order to call attention to the true Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, the tabernacle will be placed in the center of the sanctuary, directly behind the altar. The floor will be reconfigured so as to reduce the number of accidental falls.
- **A New Sacred Space for Baptisms:** A new sacred space which emphasizes the importance and dignity of the Sacrament of Baptism will be created providing a permanent and more visible place for the Baptismal Font and the Paschal Candle.
- **A New Handicapped Accessible Reconciliation Room:** A new Reconciliation Room (Confessional) will be constructed allowing those in wheelchairs to also receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in a private and sacred setting.
- **Choir Loft Extension:** The choir loft will be extended so as to provide access to the elevator and create additional space for members to sing, play instruments and store their belongings.

**Lower Level Enhancements:** Comprising of two chapels, the lower level of the church will become a center dedicated to prayer, reflection and devotion as it will become the home of

## THE SHRINE OF THE THREE LITTLE SHEPHERDS OF FATIMA:

- **The Chapel of the Sacred Heart (Eucharistic Adoration Chapel):** A new Perpetual Adoration Chapel, nearly double the size of our current chapel, will be constructed in the lower level. It will offer a tranquil space for reflection and devotion and accommodate large numbers of visitors at all times.
- **The Chapel of the Immaculate Heart (Votive Chapel):** A new chapel housing the relics and the statues of the three Little Shepherds of Fatima and that of Our Blessed Lady will be constructed next to the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. This chapel will provide a serene and prayerful place where the faithful will be able to light votive candles for their personal intentions.

For more details on the shrine go to our Parish Home Page [www.olfparish.org](http://www.olfparish.org) and click the link to *The Shrine of the Three Little Shepherds of Fatima*.

Other updates to the lower level will include the following:

- **Handicapped Accessible Restrooms:** To ensure that all parishioners and visitors feel welcome and comfortable, multiple modern and fully accessible restrooms will be added.
- **Storage Space:** A much-needed area for storage will be constructed providing a clean and secure place for liturgical and seasonal church items.
- **Exterior Enhancement:** The renovation also includes plans for a new grand stairway and entrance to the lower level of the church. This will allow access to the lower level by stairs or by elevator, making the lower level easy to reach from either the upstairs church or outdoor parking lot.

**Join Us in Building Our Future:** The renovation project of Our Lady of Fatima Parish is more than a physical update—it's an investment in the spiritual and communal life of our parish. Each new and revitalized space has been thoughtfully planned to support our mission, our ministries, and the faith journey of every member of our community. We invite you to join us in building a renewed place of worship, where the legacy of our faith will continue to grow and flourish for generations to come.

**Proposed Campaign Goal: \$2.2 Million**

Sincerely in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

*Rev. Arlindo Paul Da Silva, Pastor*

## Area News

### PASTORAL CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH SAME-SEX ATTRACTION

**Ministry for those experiencing Same-Sex-Attractions (SSA):** *Courage* is support for Catholic men and women who experience SSA and desire to live chaste lives following the teachings of the Catholic Church. *EnCourage* helps loved ones of those with SSA. *Courage* contacts: 732-562-2476 ([couragecnj@gmail.com](mailto:couragecnj@gmail.com)). *EnCourage* Hotline: 732-642-6747. All calls are strictly confidential. Also visit: [www.everlastinghills.org](http://www.everlastinghills.org) to view the documentary *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*. Go to: [couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org) for more info.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – REGISTER TODAY!**

**Valentine’s Day!** No reason why Valentine’s Day should be just one day each year. Why not give your spouse a gift that lasts every day? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to enrich your marriage, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage. **The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held February 13 – 15. Please apply ASAP as space is limited.** Phone 1-732-904-9636 for application and information (Dan & Jeannette Soto). Visit us at: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) for more information.



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**CHOICES MATTERS CONFERENCE 2026**

**“Safeguarding Human Dignity...Shining a Light on Human Trafficking”** New Jersey, along with New York, will be hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup. These large events create opportunities for exploitation and abuse. This conference will help raise awareness about human trafficking and how the Church can help combat it. For more information or to register, visit: <https://diometuchen.org/choicesmatter>.

**Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage**

On **Saturday, September 26, 2026**, the Order of Preachers (Dominican Friars) will once again host a full-day Rosary Pilgrimage at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

This national event, which is expected to draw thousands of people, will include conferences preached by the friars, several hours of Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, the Recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Celebration of Holy Mass.

But this Pilgrimage begins not in September, but in monthly prayer.

**On January 31 we began a nine-month novena to Our Lady for the Dominican Rosary Pilgrimage, prayed on the last Saturday of each month January through September.** United in prayer, pilgrims across the country entrust this work – and all who will take part – to her loving intercession. You may join in the novena at any time, pray the novena prayer more frequently than once per month, or pray five decades of the Rosary along with reciting the novena prayer. The **Novena Prayer Card** is available at the parish office and church entrances. To learn more about the Pilgrimage and Novena, go to: [www.rosarypilgrimage.org](http://www.rosarypilgrimage.org)

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**50/50 RAFFLE!**

**WINNERS**

**1st Prize (\$9,042):** Dora H, Ticket #1136

**2nd Prize (\$3,014):** Mark V, Ticket #1265

**10 x 3rd Prizes (\$301.40):**

Jess S, Ticket #2273	Arlene H, Ticket #1183
Thelma M, Ticket # 1487	Bill A, Ticket #0448
Helena J, Ticket # 0560	Trinity LLC, Ticket #1205
Alejandra, Ticket #0210	Leann R, Ticket #2010
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**Word of Life**

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.”

USCCB, *Married Love and the Gift of Life*

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus says His disciples should enhance the world with goodness, light up the world with love, and influence the world for positive change.

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"Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."

Matthew 5:16



### Salt of the Earth... Light of the World



## If God's love was in a popcorn kernel...



It would get all heated up, ready to burst out and **expand** enormously.



A few tablespoons (unpopped) = a whole bowl (popped)

The aroma generates some curious attention, people gather, sensing a good thing - **just a bit of salt enhances the goodness!**



Offer Grace...  
Giving thanks  
to God...



Share the LOVE!

yum yum  
yum

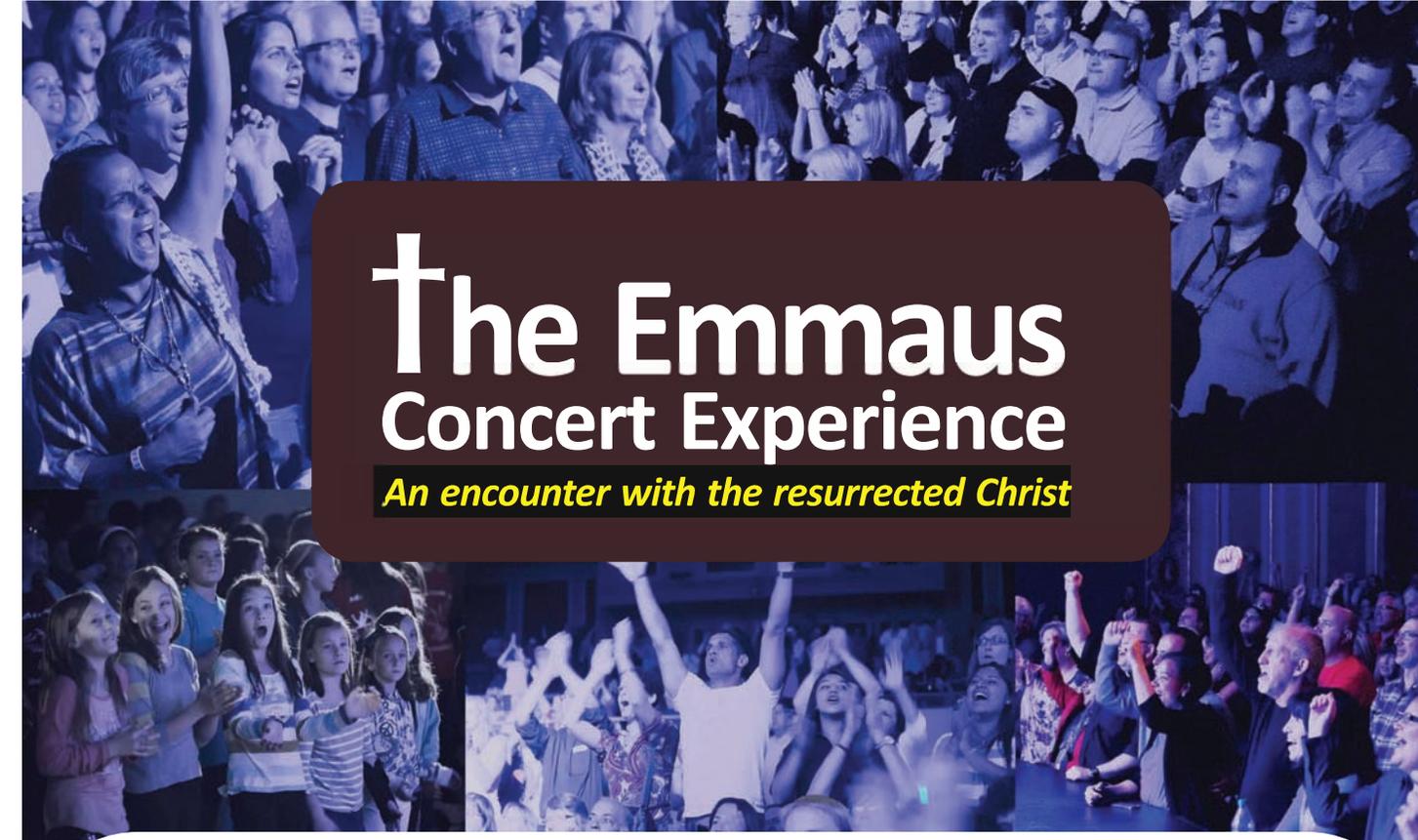
### LET'S MAKE POPCORN

With adult help, pop some popcorn your favorite way... kettle, air, microwave. Think of God's love being in each kernel, bursting out with each **pop, pop, pop.**

Share your light, salty snack and your thoughts...

**Think:** What are some things you can do to make God's world a better place? Do the words you speak bring out the best in another person, like salt brings out the flavor in popcorn? Do your actions light up the world with love and kindness improving other people's lives?





# The Emmaus Concert Experience

*An encounter with the resurrected Christ*

DATE OF EVENT:

**Sat., March 7th 2026**

**7:00PM**

LOCATION:

**Our Lady of Fatima  
Auditorium**

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COST:

**\$10.00 Youth | \$20.00 Adults**  
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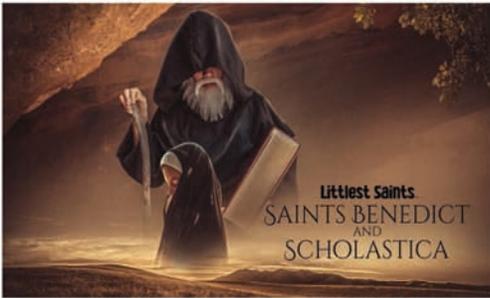
Journey with us and encounter the risen Jesus, just as the disciples did on the road to Emmaus.

*"Our hearts were burning", Luke (24:13-35).*

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# This Week on Formed

Week of February 08, 2026



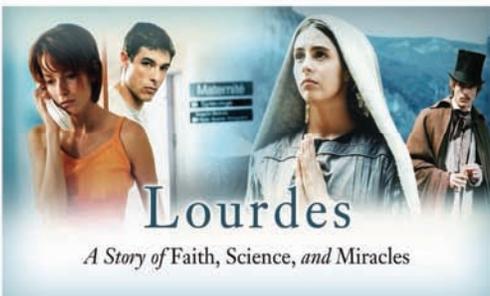
## **Sts. Benedict and Scholastica**

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



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