

OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH

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

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HOLY MASS

APRIL 12, 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

Sunday after all Masses

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 1st Saturday of the month after the 9:00 am Mass

BAPTISM – Infants

1st and 3rd 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)

CCD Office Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs. 9:00am-2:00pm, Wed., 9:00 am-8:00 pm, Sun. 9:00 am-12:00 pm, & Fri. the office is closed.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

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.

FOR THE HONOR OF OUR LADY AND THE GLORY OF GOD

Commitment Weekend April 18 - 19

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

Next Saturday and Sunday, April 18 and 19, will mark our Commitment Weekend. This weekend is an opportunity for every parishioner to participate in the *For the Honor of Our Lady and the Glory of God* campaign.

If you have not already sent in your pledge card, please plan to bring it to Mass on April 18 or 19.

In-pew pledge cards will also be available at all the Masses, and the celebrant will speak about how to complete the in-pew form.

CAMPAIGN PRAYER

You may have noticed our campaign prayer being prayed at Mass last weekend. You should have also received a prayer card with your campaign materials. Please join in praying for the success of our campaign by reciting this prayer at least once each week.

More prayer cards are available in the church and at the parish office



OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH CAMPAIGN PRAYER

O Lord our God, all praise and glory be to you, from whom all blessings come.

We thank you for the gift of our church where we are blessed with the peace, hope, and strength of your presence.

We thank you for those who built our church and for the sacrifices they made which have blessed us throughout the years. May their example inspire us to do the same as we now plan and build for our future.

Through the intercession of Saint Anne, through whom we dedicate this Campaign, may we face the challenges of our undertaking with courage, cooperation, and generosity. Through her prayers may you sanctify our efforts and make them a source of blessing for generations to come.

O Good Saint Anne, pray for us, that all our endeavors may be done with pure and generous hearts for the Honor of Our Lady and the Glory of God.

FOR THE HONOR OF OUR LADY AND THE GLORY OF GOD

A Capital Campaign for Our Lady of Fatima Church

Thank you to the 125+ donors who have made a pledge to support the For the Honor of Our Lady and the Glory of God campaign. If you have not yet made your pledge, there is still time! Please return your pledge card or give online by April 15th.

Rev. Paul Da Silva	Martin & Catherine Horn	Alberto & Mary Beth Parache
Rev. Bob Meyers	Matthew & Anne Houston	Agnes Paras
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Joseph & Harriette Doll	The Lopez Family	Gregg & Laura Stewart
Paul Dominick	Eva Lorico	Sharon Strack
Donna Estores	Arceli Manaos	Mario & Elenita Sumallo
Edelmira Estrada	Peter & Ellen Mancusi	John & Noreen Surma
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Paul & Christine Fallon	John and Angeline Mapa	Jose & Marivee Tutor
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Joseph Fay	George & Roberta Maurer	Robert & Lisa Vega
Rose Fay	Arthur & Eileen Mc Clelland	Wilfredo & Vivien Velez
Jacinto & Monica Fernandes	Barbara Mc Queary	Keith & Jill Venturella
Kimberly Flynn	Mary McCaffrey	William Vescuso
Mark & Jane Foti	Edward McGratty	Dawn Wallis
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Rita Gorczynski	Thomas Nerger	Antonio & Alicia Yanza
Janet Guerrero	Emmanuel & Andrea Odor	James & Jo Anne Zimmerman
Sofronio and Amelia Gutierrez	Ngozi Okosa	
Kathryn Hand	Charles Omoregie	
Thomas and Edwina Hart	Jean-Michel & Paulina Oriol	
Patricia Holup	Gregory Palmer	

Pledges made since April 7, 2026 are not included in this list. Parishioners who have made a verbal commitment but have not yet returned a pledge card are also not included. If your name should appear on this list and does not, please contact the parish center.

Parish Directory

PARISH CLERGY

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

PARISH STAFF

* Volunteer Staff Member

Secretarial:	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 Ext. 104
Business:	Jim Whelan, <i>Business/Property Manager</i> *Ed Lyons, <i>Event/Facilities Manager</i> Ralph DeLillo, <i>Bookkeeper</i>	Ext. 112 or jwhelan@olfparish.org 732-642-6748 Ext. 103
Communications:	*Cathy Horn, <i>Bulletin/Website Manager</i> *Melissa Seader, <i>Facebook Manager</i>	Ext. 117 czhorn.nj@gmail.com 908-812-1892 mseader@olfparish.org
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Religious Education (CCD):	Deacon Lou Pizzigoni III, <i>PCL</i> Clara Sardo, <i>Assistant PCL</i>	Ext. 105 deaconlou@olfparish.org Ext. 106 csardo@olfparish.org
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Special Parish Activities:	*Veronica Klein, <i>Coordinator</i>	732-763-6357 vklein13@optonline.net
Stewardship Council:	*Roberta Maurer, <i>Coordinator</i>	732-245-9124 rebaspec@comcast.net

PARISH MINISTRIES & APOSTOLATES

Adult Confirmation Program	Rose Fay	732-325-8903
Adult Education	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Altar Servers (Youth)	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Altar Servers (Adult Men)	Al Tuttle	732-648-5188
Baby Showers	Madge Heeney	732-748-8845
Baptism Preparation Classes (" <i>Pre-Jordan</i> ")	Connie Cannata	732-968-5555
Bible Study	VACANT	732-968-5555
Blessed Mother Birthday Celebration	Cathy Culpepper	732-895-2388
Blood Drives – Knights of Columbus	Harry Buttito	732-207-8193
Blue Army (<i>World Apostolate of Fatima</i>)	VACANT	732-968-5555
Candlelight Procession Committee	Irene Russo	732-752-0547
Cantors	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 jlyons@olfparish.org 732-642-6747
Choir (Adult)	Jean Lyons	Ext. 111 jlyons@olfparish.org 732-642-6747
Choir (Children's)	Joanne Mild	732-844-6001 joanne@mild.net
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	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or llopez@olfparish.org
Church Renovation Committee	Fr. Paul Da Silva	732-968-5555
Clothing Collection (for Catholic Charities)	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or llopez@olfparish.org
Collection Counters (<i>St. Matthew Counters</i>)	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 jlyons@olfparish.org 732-642-6747
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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 deaconlou@olfparish.org
Ministry to Mothers Ministry (St. Jane de Chantal)	Anne Houston	973-479-6467 aeHouston511@gmail.com
New Parishioner Welcome	Roberta Maurer	732-245-9124 or Ext. 110
Newsletter (Little Shepherds)	Anne Houston	973-479-6467 aeHouston511@gmail.com
OCIA (<i>Order of Christian Initiation of Adults</i>)	Rose Fay	732-325-8903
OCIC (<i>Order of Christian Initiation of Children</i>)	Deacon Lou Pizzigoni III, PCL	Ext. 105 deaconlou@olfparish.org
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
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Parish History/Heritage Committee	Cynthia Harris	732-968-5555
Picnic	Luis Lopez	Ext. 114 or llopez@olfparish.org
Respect Life Ministry (St. Margaret of Castello)	Nicole Miller	315-816-8289 nmiller@olfparish.org
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
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 deaconlou@olfparish.org 7

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 12, 2026 † Sunday of Divine Mercy



Mass Intentions

	SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026 SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY
7:00 AM	† Jadwiga Walczak <i>r/o John & Connie Smentkowski</i>
9:00 AM	† Anna Mastroianni <i>r/o Dominick & Carmen</i>
11:00 AM	People of the Parish
1:00 PM	† Helen Tylicki <i>r/o Theodore & Jenny Tylicki</i> † Souls in Purgatory † Nancy & Andrew Infante <i>r/o Family</i> † Quirino R. Soria Sr. <i>r/o Junie Soria</i>
5:00 PM	† Jose Farinhas <i>r/o Lawrence & Edith Farinhas</i>
	MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr
7:00 AM	† Rita Lafleur <i>r/o Peter Szurick</i>
9:00 AM	† Rosario Corradino <i>r/o Dan & Susan Bernstein</i>
	TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026
7:00 AM	† Dennis Bibby <i>r/o Sue Ellen Bibby</i>
7:00 PM	For the Needs of Roel Ramos
	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026
7:00 AM	For the Needs of Maria Rojas
9:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving <i>r/o Marco Family</i>
	THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026
7:00 AM	† Souls in Purgatory
7:00 PM	† Michael DeCicco <i>r/o Russo Family</i>
	FRIDAY, APRIL 17 2026
7:00 AM	† Marilyn Swier <i>r/o Mary Dennis</i>
9:00 AM	† Elmer P. Straub (2 nd Anniversary) <i>r/o Wife & Family</i>
	SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026
9:00 AM	† Carolyn Sacuk <i>r/o Houston Family</i>
5:00 PM	† Thomas Tylicki <i>r/o Theodore & Jenny Tylicki</i>
	SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2026 – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
7:00 AM	For the Needs of Michael Perrella
9:00 AM	† Cicilia Mastroianni <i>r/o Dominick & Carmen</i>
11:00 AM	† Irene Omoregie <i>r/o Charles, Jeffrey & Family</i>
1:00 PM	† Augusto B. Jagoring <i>r/o Eva Lorico</i> † Emma Margarita Cortes <i>r/o Nancy & Benjamin Ramos</i> † John Lang <i>r/o Ciesla Family</i> † Emma Margarita Cortes <i>r/o Sharon Strack</i>
5:00 PM	People of the Parish



**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 Rupeikis, 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, Maria Romeo, Jacek Malinowski, Gloria Labanda, Joe Valanzola

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
SSGT 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 - 514th Air Mobility Wing, JBMDL, NJ
LT Vincent Moscatello – Norfolk, VA
SSGT Kenneth W. Pine – 111th 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
Rev. Marco A. Caceres
Rev. Vincent P. Chen
Msgr. William J. Fadrowski
Rev. John C. Gloss
Msgr. Richard J. Lyons
Rev. John R. Pringle

SANCTUARY LAMPS BURNING THIS WEEK

Sanctuary Lamp in the Church
t Carol Lynn Boyd r/o Family



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



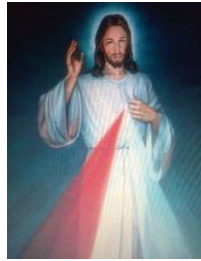
Please pray for the children in our parish who are preparing to receive the sacrament of First Holy Communion on **Saturday, May 2nd**.

CCD parents – please refer to the *Office of Catechesis* section of this bulletin for additional information about the children's retreat and arrival instructions for the day of the First Holy Communion Mass.

EASTER WATER

Bottles of Holy Easter Water that have been blessed during the Easter Vigil are located in the Sanctuary near the Paschal Candle. Each family is invited to take one bottle which may be used to bless your home. Available only while supplies last.

10TH 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 or to register online visit <https://www.olfparish.org/forms> or scan this QR code.



*A Patriotic & Inspirational Concert
Celebrating 250 Years of American Independence*

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Featuring:

**Fr. Alphonse's
Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea**

Sunday, May 17, 2026 ~ 3:00 PM

**Piscataway High School Performing Arts Center
100 Behmer Road, Piscataway, NJ**

Ticket Prices

- Adults: \$50
- Veterans/Active Duty: \$40
- Under 12 years old: \$40

For Tickets & Information call 732-968-5555 or visit www.olfparish.org – or see the flyer attached in this bulletin.

Enjoy an afternoon of timeless American classics, beloved orchestral favorites, and uplifting music!

All proceeds benefit Our Lady of Fatima Church renovations.

**NJ Right to Life Annual Banquet
Thursday, April 30, 2026**

The 2025 New Jersey Right to Life Banquet will be held **Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:30 pm** at the **Hyatt Regency in New Brunswick**. This year's speakers are **Lawrence B. Jones** and **Emily Compagno**, both with shows on Fox News.

Join us for this uplifting and inspirational event! The cost is \$125. To reserve your seat call Irene Russo at 732-752-0547 or email irene555russo@gmail.com Your check should be written to **Our Lady of Fatima Church** with "NJRTL Banquet" in the memo section; checks may be brought to the parish office or put in the collection basket on Sunday with a note that includes your name and phone number. Registrations will be accepted until April 28th or until our table is filled.

**St. Margaret of Castello Respect Life Ministry
Rosary for Life**

Saturday, April 18th at 4:00 pm

Join the Respect Life Ministry every third Saturday at 4:00 pm to recite the Rosary for Life. *For more info contact Nicole Miller at 315-816-8289 or at nmiller@olfparish.org.*

STEWARDSHIP CORNER



Sunday of Divine Mercy April 12, 2026

[ACTS 2:42-47](#); [PS 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24](#); [1 PT 1:3-9](#); [JN 20:19-31](#)

The Christian steward approaches life with an “Easter vision,” rooted in gratitude for the salvation our Lord has won for us through His death and Resurrection. Today’s readings on this Divine Mercy Sunday remind us that this vision is meant to shape our daily lives and that we can place complete trust in the mercy of God to lead us, step by step, toward heaven.

It can be difficult to keep our focus on heaven when earthly concerns — job stress, family struggles, health problems and political division — press in around us. At times, we can become like the Apostle Thomas in today’s Gospel, struggling to believe amid disappointment and uncertainty. Absent when Jesus first appeared to the other Apostles after the Resurrection, Thomas refused to accept their testimony that they had “seen the Lord.”

He insisted that he would not believe unless he placed his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Christ’s side. Yet Thomas’ doubts did not repel our Lord — they drew Him near in an extraordinary way. Jesus saw beyond the doubt to the pain beneath it. He did not condemn Thomas, but calmed his fears and invited him to touch His Sacred Wounds.

What amazing grace.

When we are tempted to doubt, we need only seek the Lord — in prayer, in the sacraments and through the encouragement of our Christian community. Just as He did for Thomas, our Lord will mercifully restore our Easter vision and fill us with His joy and peace.

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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.

Events for the Week

MEETING ROOM KEY

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026

OCIA: 9:15 – 10:45 am (*Ed Center*)
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*)

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026

JABL Hoops: 7:30 – 9:30 pm (*RCAG*)

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 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, APRIL 16, 2026

Holy Hour for the Dying: 3:00 – 4:00 pm (*Church*)
Adult Choir Practice: 7:30 – 8:30 pm (*Church*)
JABL Hoops: 7:30 – 9:30 pm (*RCAG*)

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

Fishes & Loaves Café: 6:15 – 7:00 pm (*RCC*)
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*) - **Cancelled**

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026

Divine Mercy Healing Retreat: 8:00 am – 4:30 pm (*RCG*)
Men’s Saturday Basketball: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm **Cancelled**
Kalahi Basketball JABL Hoops: 4:00 – 10:30 pm **Cancelled**
Respect Life Ministry Rosary for Life: 4:00 pm (*Church*)

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 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*)

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Sunday of Divine Mercy Stewards Welcome

“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19

Are you a good steward by making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 - \$ 19,903

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 - \$ 14,551

INCOME & EXPENSES March 24-30, 2026

Church, Parish Center, Rectory & Education Rec Center

INCOME:

Mass Collection	\$ 17,025
Online Giving	<u>2,878</u>
Total Regular Mass Collections	\$ 19,903
Retirement Collection – Diocesan Priests	6,399
Donations	238
All Other Income	<u>1,494</u>
TOTAL INCOME.....	\$ 29,844

EXPENSE:

Payroll	20,291
Contract Service Mtce (2 Feb storms)	8,400
Retirement Collection – Diocesan Priests	6,399
Priest Pension	2,363
Religious Ed (Candy Fundraiser)	2,091
All Other Expenses	<u>2,209</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 41,753
EXPENSE OVER INCOME	\$ (11,909)

CHURCH RENOVATION FUND - As of March 30, 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	\$ 12,877
Received this week	<u>500</u>
2026 Total Renovation Funds Rec'd	13,377
Less 2026 Renovation Expenses	-
Net Received in 2026	\$ 13,377
Reno Fund Balance available for Phase 2....	\$ 2,058,667



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.

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 and follow and like our current account on Facebook **“Our Lady of Fatima Church – Piscataway.”**

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.*

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.

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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.

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.*

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Catholic men over the age of 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus Council 2544. Simply scan this QR code and complete



the short online form, and you will be contacted shortly by our Membership Director. For more info visit our updated website at www.kofc2544.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.

Message to First Holy Communion CCD Parents

As a reminder, the **First Holy Communion (FHC) Retreat and Practice is Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 am**. The retreat will start at the gym at 10:00 am and conclude at the church at 1:00 pm. A lite lunch will be served. **Parents are required to attend with their child.**

The First Holy Communion Mass will be on **Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 am**. **Students must arrive at the gym by 10:30 am.**

All families are invited to attend the Mass in the Church. Please note that no photography will be allowed in the church during Mass. A professional photographer will be hired by the parish and will take pictures of your children as they receive their First Holy Communion. Photographs are only allowed in the Church and on the Church grounds before and after Mass.

First Communion Gifts Suggestions: Children's Catholic Bible, Rosary, Prayer book, or visit the following websites for additional suggestions: WWW.CatholicCompany.Com or WWW.EWTNReligiousCatalogue.Com

It is very important that your child continue to attend Mass each and every Sunday. Code of Canon Law (Canon 1247) strictly requires Catholics to attend Mass every Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation. The Sunday Mass Schedule is listed in every bulletin and on our parish website. We encourage you to make attending Mass a family tradition!!

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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). *EnCourage* Hotline: 732-642-6747. All calls are strictly confidential. Also visit: www.everlastinghills.org to view the documentary *Desire of the Everlasting Hills*. Go to: couragec.org for more info.

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 box at the church entrance on Sundays.

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For information or to register contact: Rachele Hanna at rachele.hanna@gmail.com
 Deadline to register
 April 13, 2026

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 Cost \$25 (for book)

The Surviving Divorce program is sponsored by the Diocese of Metuchen's Office of Family Life



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April 14th, 21st & 28th

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Week of April 12, 2026



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