

# Fatima Focus

## Our Lady of Fatima Parish Community

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### Parish Mission Statement

Firmly rooted in our Roman Catholic tradition, we, the Parish of Our Lady of Fatima are a welcoming, caring and inclusive community of believers. We seek to bear witness to Christ's love for all in our lives, in our community and in our world.

We strive to continue the mission of Jesus through

worship and in our educational, spiritual and social justice programs and in our commitment to stewardship.

We are a collaborative, diverse, multi-cultural parish dedicated to reaching out to all God's people, especially those in need.

All are welcome in this parish.

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### Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Parish

#### **Sundays**

Sat.: 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sun.: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Family Liturgy),  
11:30 A.M.

**Rectory Office: Mon. - Fri.: 9 AM - 12 Noon & 1 - 5 PM;**

**Sat.: 9AM - 5PM Sun.: 9 AM - 1PM**

Rectory Phone: 767-0781

Religious Education: 944-8322

Parish Outreach: 883-3903

#### **Weekdays**

Mon. - Fri: 8:00 AM

#### **Holydays**

Eve: 7:30 PM - Day: 8:00 AM

Rectory Fax: 767-2981

Convent: 883-1762

(See page 2 for further Parish information.)

## Parish Staff

Reverend Steven J. Peterson, **Pastor**  
Sister Gerri O'Neill, **O.P. Director Faith Formation**  
Sister Kathy Somerville, **O.P. Director Parish**  
**Social Ministry**

Arthur Candido, **Deacon**  
Helen Mochwart, **Music Director**  
Barbara Minerva, **Business Manager**

## Office Personnel

### **Rectory Secretaries:**

Jose Machuca  
Leonor Sanchez

### **Faith Formation Secretary:**

Patricia Devine

## Sacraments

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:00 – 4:45pm or by  
Appointment

**Baptism:** Please contact the rectory four to six  
weeks in advance for information and  
appointment.

**Marriage:** Those planning a wedding should  
contact the rectory at least 6 months in advance  
(516)767-0781.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the  
Month (11:30am Mass)

## Devotions

**Our Lady of Fatima Novena:** Mondays following  
the 8:00am Mass.

**Rosary:** After Daily Mass

## Apostolado Hispano

**Misa en Español:** Los Sábados a las 7:00pm.

**Bautizos:** El 4° Sábado del mes durante la misa  
en español. Los padres deben llamar a la  
rectoría, (516)767-0781, al menos dos meses  
antes.

**Confesiones:** Llamar y hacer cita (516)767-0781

**Matrimonio:** Parejas deben llamar a la rectoría,  
(516)767-0781, al menos 6 meses antes de la  
fecha del la boda.

## Parish Ministries

### Altar Servers:

Deacon Arthur Candido (516)883-8032

### Altar Server Schedule:

Jane Candido (516)883-8032

### Baptism Preparation:

Rev. Steven Peterson (516)767-0781

### Bereavement:

Yvonne Calabrese (516)883-4817

### Building & Grounds:

Christopher Bollerman (516)767-0781

### Communication to the Sick:

Deacon Arthur Candido (516)883-8032

### CaringHands Prayer Chain:

Marge Walsh (516)767-2936

### Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Leonor Sanchez (516)708-1202

### Faith Formation Board:

Dan Trunk (516)883-3329

### Finance Council:

Frank Murphy

### Gardening:

S. Kathy Somerville, O.P. (516)883-3903  
Barbara Minerva (516)883-7652

### Lectors:

Moderator: S. Kathy Somerville, O.P.  
Schedule: Jane Candido (516)883-8032

### Liturgy & Spirituality:

Rev. Steven Peterson (516)767-0781

### Music:

Helen Mochwart (516)883-4415

### Offering Counters:

Helen Raduazzo (516)883-8869

### Pastoral Council:

Agatha Cotilleta (516)570-0925  
Alicia Kellso (631)219-4552

### Parish Trustee:

Ruth Masarik (516)883-4080  
Michael Raduazzo (516)883-8869

### Small Faith Communities:

Sister Gerri O'Neill, O.P. (516)944-8322

### Ushers:

Michael Raduazzo (516)883-8869

### Websites:

Janina Krach (516)883-8444

**Parish Website:** [www.ourladyoffatimapw.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimapw.org)

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/ourladyoffatimapw](http://www.facebook.com/ourladyoffatimapw)

**Blog:** [ourladyoffatimapw.wordpress.com](http://ourladyoffatimapw.wordpress.com)



# Mass Intentions

**Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m. The People of the Parish

**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
8:00 a.m.  
7:00 p.m. Rehearsal for Holy Week

**Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – HOLY THURSDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 p.m. Mass of The Lord’s Supper

**Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – GOOD FRIDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Noon: Stations  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Passion  
7:00 p.m. Liturgia de la Pasión

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – HOLY SATURDAY**  
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
8:00 p.m. Easter Novena – Easter Vigil

**Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> EASTER SUNDAY**  
8:00 a.m. Easter Novena  
10:00 a.m. Easter Novena  
11:30 a.m. Easter Novena  
1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass – Easter Novena

*Shea, Amy Smith, Eileen Smith, Joan Smith, Linda Crum Smith, Angela Starchich, Annie Tolentino, Carlos Torres, Margaret Marie Trinko, Carla Vario, Marilyn Zahn-Veritzan, Mary Whol, Andrew Wholykowski and all who are homebound or have special needs.*

## BULLETIN REFLECTION

Good stewards strive to conform their lives to that of Christ – emptying themselves of all pride and putting themselves at the service of others.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 22<sup>nd</sup>: \$3,519.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Fuel \$931.00

Thank you for your generous sacrificial giving! Your faithful sacrificial giving each week helps Our Lady of Fatima to continue our Pastoral Ministries and care for our parish buildings.

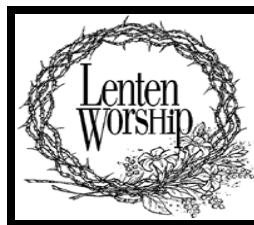
*Peace,  
Fr. Steve*



## Prayer for the Sick

*Vicky Affrunti, Ryan Armstrong, Ruth Anne Barret, Bree Bellavita, Rose Bennett, Michele Bischoff, Baby: Darian James Bogin, John*

*Bradley, Virginia Cantino, Raleigh Capozzi, Mary St. John Clark, Anne Keily-Cohen, Maryann Dishuc, Michael DiLeo, Kyle Faticone, Charlie Fertitta, Patrick Finnegan, Kathryn Giulitti, Kathleen Grace, Florence Gramarossa, Marie Hayes, Michael Katz, Rita Knizewski, Kathleen Lewis, Pat Lopilato, Rita Marchese, Angela Mazzella, Norma Mazzeo, Elaina McLoughin, Dolores Messina, Katherine Mitchell, Don Mochwart, Melba Molson, Andy & Ronnie Mosby, Charles Murphy, Seraphina O'Brien, Jesse Nesbit, Li O'Donnell, George O'Krepie, John Orr, Glenn Petersons, Gia Pometta, Theresa Pontilla, Elaine Poster, Harold Poole, Vivian Puglisi, Lena Rella, Nancy Scialpi, Diana Schmeltzer, Justin Simeon, Jim Simonsen, Raymond*



## Mass Schedule

**April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**&**  
**April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday:** 8:00 PM ~ Fr. Steve  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM ~ Fr. Steve  
10:00 AM ~ Fr. Steve  
11:30 AM ~ Fr. Steve  
1:00 PM – Fr.

## Liturgy Corner

### *MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2015*

#### *“Make your hearts firm” (Jas 5:8)*

#### “Make your hearts firm!” (James 5:8) – Individual Christians

As individuals too, we have are tempted by indifference. Flooded with news reports and troubling images of human suffering, we often feel our complete inability to help. What can we do to avoid being caught up in this spiral of distress and powerlessness?

First, we can pray in communion with the Church on earth and in heaven. Let us not underestimate the power of so many voices united in prayer! The 24 Hours for the Lord initiative, which I hope will be observed on 13-14 March throughout the Church, also at the diocesan level, is meant to be a sign of this need for prayer.

Second, we can help by acts of charity, reaching out to both those near and far through the Church’s many charitable organizations. Lent is a favorable time for showing this concern for others by small yet concrete signs of our belonging to the one human family.

Third, the suffering of others is a call to conversion, since their need reminds me of the uncertainty of my own life and my dependence on God and my brothers and sisters. If we humbly implore God’s grace and accept our own limitations, we will trust in the infinite possibilities which God’s love holds out to us. We will also be able to resist the diabolical temptation of thinking that by our own effort we can save the world and ourselves.

As a way of overcoming indifference and our pretensions to self-sufficiency, I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. Anyone who wishes to be merciful must have a strong and steadfast heart, closed to the tempter but open to God. A heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others.

During this Lent, then, brothers and sisters, let us all ask the Lord: “*Fac cor nostrum secundum cor tuum*”: Make our hearts like yours (Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus). In this way we will receive a heart which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.

It is my prayerful hope that this Lent will prove spiritually fruitful for each believer and every ecclesial community. I ask all of you to pray for me.  
May the Lord bless you and Our Lady keep you.

From the Vatican, 4 October 2014

Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

**Pope FRANCIS**

# Worship

## Readings for the Week

### Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

- Isaiah 42:1-7
- John 12:1-22

### Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

- Isaiah 49:1-6
- John 13:21-33, 36-38

### Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

- Isaiah 50:4-9A
- Matthew 26:14-25

### Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> Holy Thursday

- Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
- 1Corinthians 11:23-26
- John 13:1-15

### Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Good Friday

- Isaiah 52:13- 53:12
- Hebrew 4:14—16; 5:7-9
- John 18: 1—19, 42

### Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – Holy Saturday

#### EASTER VIGIL

- Exodus 14:15—15:1
- Romans 6:3-11
- Mark 16:1-7

## Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 2015 ~ EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD.

### First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43

- *The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, where we hear Saint Peter preaching about the Resurrection as the source of eternal life.*

### Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

- *In the second reading, Paul addresses the Colossians and reminds them that, because of Christ's Resurrection, their faithfulness to Jesus and living according to his teaching will result in eternal life with him..*

### Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

- *In the Gospel, Saint John recounts the events of Easter Sunday – the finding of the empty tomb.*

### The reflection question for this week is:

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is abandoned by everyone to die alone.

**HOW HAVE I FELT ABANDONED AND ALONE  
WHEN I SUFFER?**

- **The SACRAMENT OF PENANCE** will be celebrated on MONDAY (MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>), from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM. There will be a COMMUNAL CELEBRATION of Penance on TUESDAY, MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup>, AT 7:30 PM in the church. All are welcome to celebrate the sacrament of Penance before the great feast of Easter. Please remember that Penance will not be celebrated on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, or Holy Saturday.

- On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 AM.

- **REHEARSAL** for those involved as servers or as lectors for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 7:00 PM. The rehearsal will last about 45 minutes.

### SCHEDULE FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM:

#### HOLY THURSDAY:

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer  
 8:00 PM: Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual Mass). During the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper the Washing of the Feet takes place. Everyone who wants to participate in the washing of the feet is most welcome to. Simply come to one of the chairs that will be set up in the church and either one of the servers, Deacon Artie, or Fr. Steve will wash your feet. All feet will be most welcome!  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:30 PM.

#### GOOD FRIDAY:

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer  
 10:00 AM: Indoor Stations of the Cross.  
 Noon: Outdoor Stations of the Cross.  
 3:00 PM: Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Jesus in English  
 7:00 PM: Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Jesus in Spanish

**HOLY SATURDAY:**

9:00 AM: Morning Prayer

8:00 PM: Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY:**

8:00 AM: Mass (English)

10:00 AM: Mass (English)

11:30 AM: (English)

1:00 PM: Mass (Spanish)

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN! ALLELUIA!  
 ALLELUIA! THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF THE  
 EASTER SEASON BEGINS!

- **The ADULT CONFIRMATION GROUP** will meet on EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup>, at 7:15 PM in the Parish Office.

- **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated on APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>. Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at St. Peter's starting at 3:00 PM The prayer will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the praying of the chaplet of Divine Mercy, and will close with Benediction. It will be a bilingual celebration. All are most welcome!

- **The LITURGY COMMITTEE** will meet on TUESDAY, APRIL 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the sacristy.

- **The SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** WILL BE CELEBRATED ON Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to celebrate this sacrament of forgiveness and healing.

- "When the church is reborn of water in this same Spirit, she becomes one body in Christ so that they are two in a single body. This wedding lasts from the first moment of Christ's incarnation until his return, so that all its rites may be completed. Then, those who are ready, having duly fulfilled the requirements of so exalted a marriage will go into the eternal wedding banquet with Christ, filled with awe. Meanwhile Christ's promised bride is brought to her husband, and in faith and mercy they pledge themselves to one another every day until he comes again." (Paschasius Radbertus Ninth Century)

- "For the church, the many abuses of human life, liberty and dignity are heartfelt suffering. The

church, entrusted with the earth's glory, believes that in each person is the Creator's image and that everyone who tramples it offends God. As the holy defender of God's rights and God's images, the church must cry out. It takes as spittle in its face, as lashes on its back, as the cross in its passion, all that human beings suffer, even though they be unbelievers. They suffer as God's images. There is no dichotomy between humans and God's image. Whoever tortures a human being, whoever abuses a human being, whoever outrages a human being abuses God's image, and the church takes as its own that cross, that martyrdom." (Oscar Arnulfo Romero)

- "One who has surrendered to it knows that the way ends on the Cross - even when it is leading through the jubilation of Gennesaret or the triumphal entry into Jerusalem." (Dag Hammarskjöld)

## **Administration**

- **FAITH DIRECT:** Please consider helping Our Lady of Fatima Parish to save some money by switching to FAITH DIRECT. It makes sure that your weekly sacrificial support of the parish is here no matter what the weather is like or if you have to be away for the weekend. It helps simplify your giving and also cuts down our use of paper envelopes. You can sign up online by going to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net). Our parish code is NY303. You can also sign up by mailing an enrollment form which is available in the parish office.

- **THE CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL:** Please help our parish reach its goal. This year our goal is \$39,600. Our hope is that as many parishioners as possible participate in this annual appeal which helps thousands of people on Long Island who turn to the diocese and local parishes for assistance. Your financial support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal helps not only our diocese but also our very own parish provide vital pastoral care programs to those who are in need.

- **The STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** will meet on TUESDAY, APRIL 7<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the sacristy.

- **The COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE** will meet on THURSDAY, APRIL 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the Parish Office.

- The **PASTORAL COUNCIL** will meet on Wednesday APRIL 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 PM in the SACRISTY.

- **PARISH TRUSTEES** will meet on SATURDAY, APRIL 18<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM in the Parish Office. Again we welcome our new trustees: Mike Barry and Maria Carpinelli and thank Mike Raduazzo and Ruth Masarek for so many years of service to Our Lady of Fatima Parish.

- **ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE** – The drawing for the winner of our ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE will take place at our annual brunch at the Port Washington Yacht Club on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. The prize is \$10,000 (provided we sell all 300 chances). Each chance is \$100. Only 300 chances will be sold. Information about the raffle has been mailed to our parishioners. If, by mistake, you haven't received the information in the mail, please call the Parish Office. Please support this annual parish fund raiser.

- **PARISH FUND RAISING APPEAL**: Within the next two weeks you will receive a letter in the mail describing the work of our threefold appeal: the Restoration of our Church, Faith Formation and Parish Social Ministry. Please take time to read the letter and consider how you can help us reach our goal so that we can bring our dreams for our parish to a reality. We have been very blest for these 65 years. With the financial support of all our parishioners we will be able to continue to proclaim the gospel message through our Faith Formation programs and our Parish Social Ministry programs as well as to restore our beautiful church.

## Community Life

Dear Friends,

The days of Lent are quickly coming to their fulfillment. The days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will give way to rejoicing and

celebration. This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. It marks entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem and the beginning of Holy Week. This week we will celebrate the holiest days of our liturgical year (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday).

The readings for Palm Sunday are a mixture of tradition and breaking tradition. The gospel proclaimed at the Mass for the blessing of palms (MK. 11: 1-10) starts by describing a pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the celebration of the approaching feast of Passover. Such pilgrimages with processions were not uncommon. The laying down of palm branches and the singing of Psalm 118 were not unusual for these processions. It probably happened dozens of times a day at this time of year as pilgrims came to Jerusalem to celebrate one of the holiest days of the year.

But for Mark there is something extraordinary happening. For Mark sees in this particular procession that as one of the many crowds proclaim: "the one who came in the name of Yahweh" was truly here. Although every pilgrim who came into Jerusalem believed that the title belonged to him or her; that they were the ones who were coming into Jerusalem in the name of the Lord, Mark sees something entirely different. For Mark, "the one who comes in the name of Yahweh" is solely Jesus of Nazareth; this wandering preacher, he proclaims, was actually the Messiah for whom all Jews were longing.

Yet Mark knows that Jesus is not the Messiah that the vast majority of Jews were looking for. That's why he makes such a big thing about Jesus riding on a donkey and not a horse. The common belief during the lifetime of Jesus was that the Messiah would begin his reign by casting down the Romans. The Messiah would be a military hero; he would enter Jerusalem riding upon a horse. Such a hero would not be caught dead riding a donkey. By mentioning Jesus' riding a donkey, Mark dashes the hopes of many of the Jews who were longing for a messiah who would defeat their enemies. If anyone processing into Jerusalem that day actually regarded this carpenter from Capernaum as the Messiah, he was a messiah unlike any messiah anyone had ever dreamed about. He was giving a brand new definition to the title.

Mark proclaims that every follower of Jesus of Nazareth is another Christ. He or she is expected to carry on the ministry of Jesus. We proclaim that Jesus is indeed alive today sharing his love for all people through us. We are the ones who share his love and words with the weary. We are the ones who empty ourselves for the sake of the other and we are the ones who suffer in whatever way necessary to convey the love of Christ for all humanity. We are called to constantly redefine ourselves to meet the needs of those around us.

On this Palm Sunday, let us pray for one another. Let us pray that this Holy Week will be a time of abundant grace and peace for all of us and all of our loved ones. Next Sunday we will celebrate Easter and proclaim that the Lord Jesus is indeed risen from the dead and lives among us. We will sing our alleluias, light our Paschal Candle, renew our baptismal vows, bless ourselves with Easter water, and be sent forth to proclaim the Easter message. These are indeed the holiest of days!

Peace,  
Fr. Steve

- **The BABY BOTTLES** are due back no later than Monday morning (March 30<sup>th</sup>)
- **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY.** Our next Hospitality Sunday will be APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> following the 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:30 AM Mass. Please come over to our Parish Hall after Mass for fellowship and some great refreshments. Our Pastoral Council will be hosting our Hospitality Sunday in April.
- **NEW PARISHIONERS.** Welcome all new parishioners. Please come to either the 10:00 AM. or 11:30 AM. Mass, on the weekend of April 19<sup>th</sup> and join other parishioners in the Parish Center after Mass.
- **SEDER SUPPER:** Our annual SEDER SUPPER will be held tomorrow MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center. Please save the date and plan on joining with other parishioners to celebrate this holy night.

- **ANNUAL PARISH BRUNCH** – Please save the date. Our Annual Parish Brunch will be held on SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Port Washington Yacht Club. It will be a wonderful afternoon with great food and wonderful company. The cost remains the same: \$55 a person.

- **SAVE THE DATE:** Attention all High School Graduates for 2015: There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for all Our Lady of Fatima Parish High School graduates on SUNDAY, JUNE 14<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30 AM Mass. The Mass will be followed by a brunch in the backyard of the Rectory for the graduates and their families.

- **MANY THANKS** to all who participated in our annual palm cross making and Easter basket event on March 27<sup>th</sup>

- **HOLY LAND COLLECTION.-** On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Each day, the news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ’s birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving to the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity’s holiest sites and for God’s people in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

**ANNIVERSARY MASS**

We are planning to have a wedding anniversary Mass on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:30 AM Mass.

This Mass is for all those couples who are celebrating a significant anniversary this year. You decide if it is a special one for you.

If you would like to be part of this celebration and/or would like to help with the planning, please call or email Jane Candido at 883-8032 or [jmcandido@verizon.net](mailto:jmcandido@verizon.net) as soon as possible.





The Diocese of Rockville Centre  
**Golden Wedding Liturgy**

**This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Church of St. Lawrence the Martyr in Sayville and on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Church of Maria Regina in Seaford. Both liturgies will begin at 2:30 PM.**

***Couples may register for ONE liturgy.***

Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory.

Registration must be received by the Office of Worship by April 6<sup>th</sup>, for the April 19<sup>th</sup> liturgy and by April 13<sup>th</sup>, for the April 26<sup>th</sup> liturgy.

There will be additional celebrations in the fall for those who may find that more convenient. If you have any questions you may call (516)678-5800 Extension 207.

There will be reserved seating for the registered couples only. Family and friends will be seated on a first come – first served basis.

After the liturgy, there will be an opportunity to have a photo taken with the celebrating bishop if you wish.

You will be mailed a complimentary photo and certificate approximately four to six weeks after the liturgy.

Please mail completed form to:  
 Office of Worship Diocese of Rockville Centre  
 P.O. Box 9023  
 Rockville Centre, New York 11570

***Faith Formation***

- The **READING GROUP** will meet today (SUNDAY), at 3:00 PM. In the sacristy. The book for March is: JESUS: A PILGRIMAGE, by James Martin. The Reading Group will meet again on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. The book for April will be RECLAIMING FRANCIS: HOW THE SAINT AND THE POPE ARE RENEWING THE CHURCH by Charles M. Murphy. All are most welcome.

- Please remember to pray for those who will celebrate their First Communion and Confirmation in May. Please also pray for the four adults who are preparing to celebrate their First Eucharist and Confirmation on Pentecost.

***Outreach***

**Parish Social Ministry**

**FOOD PANTRY** – Thank you to all those who have donated to Our Lady of Fatima Food Pantry.

**Please remember to check the expiration dates on all your donated items.**

**☺Toiletries are always welcome! ☺**



**CaringHands Corner**

Word is getting around that CaringHands Prayer Chain is alive and thriving. Our people are on call every day. As soon as we receive a call for prayer requests, the captains are contacted. Each captain has a group of people they call. Our dedicated people are always on call and so prayers begin immediately. There are no days off for our prayer chain staff. If a captain goes away on vacation they will have another person cover for them during that time. Some of these calls tug

at you heart, especially if it's for a young person, child or infant. At present, we have 6 in this age category on our prayer list and many more on our Prayer Chain. The Prayer list is dedicated to those who need our prayers and want their names printed in the Fatima Focus. The Prayer Chain is for those who want anonymity. We know who the caller is and we take the information and place it in a book adding the date for later reference. We then pass the information to our group using first names and their needs only. Most of the Prayer Chain Ministry members keep a record of the people who need our prayers and use the notes as they pray. We do this because of the many requests we receive. These notes can be offered up to God as they pray. Each person can make their own time and way of praying. The only commitment of a Prayer Chain member is to pray daily for these people's needs. As of now, we have close to 40 members who dedicate their time to pray. It is up to the individual how they go about this. There are **NO MEETINGS TO ATTEND....** Can we use more than 40 people for our Prayer Chain? **ABSOLUTELY! We need you and you have been called.** Don't waste any more time. We receive more than we give when we answer God's call. It doesn't matter what age you are; this is ministry is for all ages. **Use your dedication to prayer and join us today.**

I am sure you have done many good works this lent and I know that God is with you. Let the good you do continue as you enter this week before Holy Week. We invite you to pray and meditate, asking God in His everlasting mercy, if this could be your call to enter into this commitment with us. It will be an ongoing journey of love for God's people in need.

Call Marge Walsh: 516- 767-2936 or email:  
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*"When did I help the sick?" "What you did for the least of my people that you did unto me".*

### Living Stewardship

We are grateful this week for all stewards in our parish who commit to supporting the vision and mission of Jesus – to build the Kingdom of God – by serving others through ministry.

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### UN MENSAJE DE NUESTRO PARROCO

Queridos amigos,

Los días de Cuaresma rápidamente se están cumpliendo. Los días de oración, ayuno y caridad darán paso al regocijo y celebración. Este fin de semana celebramos el Domingo de Ramos. El Domingo de Ramos celebra la entrada de Jesús en Jerusalén y comienza la Semana Santa. Esta semana vamos a celebrar los días más sagrados del año litúrgico (Jueves Santo, Viernes Santo, Sábado Santo).

Las lecturas del Domingo de Ramos son una mezcla de tradición y la ruptura de la misma tradición. El Evangelio proclamado en la misa para la bendición de las palmas (Mc. 11: 1-10) comienza por describir una peregrinación a Jerusalén en celebración de la fiesta venidera de la Pascua. Tales peregrinaciones con procesiones no eran infrecuentes. El despliegue de ramas de palma en el camino y el canto del Salmo 118 no eran raros en estas procesiones. Probablemente sucedieron docenas de veces al día en esta época del año cuando los peregrinos llegaron a Jerusalén para celebrar uno de los días más sagrados del año.

Pero para Marcos algo extraordinario está sucediendo. Marcos ve en esta procesión particular que, como una de las multitudes proclama, "él que vino en el nombre de Yavé" verdaderamente está aquí. Aunque cada peregrino que entró en Jerusalén creó que el título le pertenecía a él o ella, que ellos eran los que venían a Jerusalén en el nombre del Señor, Marcos ve algo completamente diferente. Para Marcos, "el que viene en nombre del Señor" es

únicamente Jesús de Nazaret. Este predicador deambulante, proclama Marcos, era en realidad el Mesías por quien todos los judíos estaban anhelando.

Sin embargo, Marcos sabe que Jesús no es el Mesías que la gran mayoría de los judíos estaban esperando. Es por eso que él hace una cosa tan grande acerca de Jesús montado a un burro y no a un caballo. La creencia común durante el curso de la vida de Jesús fue que el Mesías comenzaría su reinado, desechándolos a los romanos. El Mesías sería un héroe militar; entraría en Jerusalén montado a caballo. Un tal héroe nunca pensaría en montar a un burro. Al mencionar que Jesús está montado a un burro, Marcos quita las esperanzas de muchos de los judíos que anhelaban un mesías que vencería a sus enemigos. Si un peregrino en Jerusalén aquel día actualmente consideraba a este carpintero de Capernaúm como el Mesías, él era un mesías a diferencia de cualquier mesías que nadie jamás había soñado. Estaba dando una definición nueva al título.

Marcos proclama que cada seguidor de Jesús de Nazaret es otro Cristo. Él o ella debe llevar a cabo el ministerio de Jesús. Proclamamos que Jesús verdaderamente vive hoy y comparte su amor para todos a través de nosotros. Nosotros somos los que compartimos su amor y sus palabras con los cansados. Nosotros somos los que nos vaciamos por el bien del otro y nosotros somos los que sufrimos de cualquier manera necesaria para llevar el amor de Cristo a toda la humanidad. Somos llamados a redefinirnos constantemente a nosotros mismos para satisfacer las necesidades de quienes nos rodean.

En este Domingo de Ramos, oremos unos por otros. Oremos para que esta Semana Santa sea un tiempo de gracia abundante y paz para todos nosotros y todos nuestros queridos. El próximo domingo celebraremos la Pascua y proclamaremos que el Señor Jesús está en verdad resucitado de entre los muertos y vive entre nosotros. Cantaremos nuestras

aleluyas, encenderemos nuestro Cirio Pascual, renovaremos nuestros votos bautismales, bendeciremos a nosotros mismos con agua pascual, y seremos enviados para proclamar el mensaje de Pascua. Estos son de hecho los días más sagrados.

Paz,  
Padre Steve

### ***The Anointing of the Sick in a nutshell***

The Church gives us powerful gifts of grace in the sacraments. Two of these, the Eucharist and the Anointing of the Sick, are especially oriented toward the healing of our bodies and souls. In them, we are directly touched by Christ the Divine Physician. Prior to Vatican II the Anointing of the Sick was commonly called Extreme Unction or the Last Rites, because the sacrament was often given only at the moment of death. Some older people who remember this outdated understanding are still frightened at the thought of this sacrament, but there is no need to be afraid.

A Christian may receive the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick each time he/she falls seriously ill; the sacrament may be repeated each time one's condition worsens. By virtue of their age the elderly may receive this sacrament at any time. So if you know someone who is elderly or seriously ill, encourage them not to wait until it's too late to be anointed!

The graces of this sacrament include ( see Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 1532):

- The uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his/her own good and the good of the Church
- Strength, peace and courage to endure one's sufferings
- Forgiveness of sins
- Restoration of health, if it is conducive to his/her salvation
- Preparation for the passage from this life to eternal life

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### **ASISTENCIA PARROQUIAL**

**SEMANALES** – Por favor, continúen ayudándonos y hagan un esfuerzo de traer al menos una lata de comida cuando vengán a la Misa. Haría una gran diferencia para nuestra despensa. Necesitamos tuna, salsa para espagueti, cereal, aceite, frijoles, lentejas, garbanzos, macarrones con queso, frutas y vegetales enlatados, arroz, mantequilla de maní, jugo. Mil gracias por su apoyo tan grande.


- **Consejo Hispano** – El Consejo Hispano tiene su próxima reunión el martes, 7 de abril, comenzando a las 7:00 PM en la rectoría de la parroquia.

- **Ministros Hispanos** – Todos los ministros hispanos (Lectores, Ministros de Eucaristía, Consejo Hispano, Acomodadores, y Músicos) tiene una reunión con el Padre Steve el martes, 21 de abril, comenzando a las 7:00 PM en la Iglesia.

- **Voluntarios** – Nuestra Parroquia esta en necesidad de Ministros de Eucaristía, Miembros para el Consejo Hispano, Monaguillos/as o algún tipo de servicio comunitario. Si usted está interesado en dar Comunión durante la Misa Hispana o repartir a la comunidad, ser un Lector para leer durante la Misa, o tal vez quiere que su hijo/a sirva a Dios, por favor, llame al (516)883-6910 y hable con José para más información.

- **ANUAL ALMUERZO PARROQUIAL** – Guarde la fecha para nuestro Almuerzo Anual que se celebrará el Domingo, 17 de mayo, en el Port Washington Yacht Club. Será una tarde maravillosa con buena comida y compañía maravillosa. El costo es el mismo del año pasado: **\$55 por persona** (Adulto, Niños, y Mayores).

- **COLECTA PARA LA TIERRA SANTA.** El Viernes Santo, nuestra parroquia llevara a cabo la colecta anual del Viernes Santo para la Tierra Santa. Las noticias diarias nos recuerdan de la violencia y la inestabilidad que atormentan al Medio Oriente, pero nosotros raramente escuchamos de la disminuyente comunidad Cristiana que se encuentra allá, una comunidad que lucha por permanecer en la tierra del nacimiento, muerte y resurrección de Cristo. Por favor ayude a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en la Tierra Santa. Esta colecta pontificia permite que los Franciscanos y otros continúen trabajando por los Cristianos en los lugares más santos y por el pueblo de Dios en la Tierra Santa. Por favor sea generoso con su ayuda.



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| Saturday | 11 <sup>th</sup> |
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| Saturday | 25 <sup>th</sup> |


**May**

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| Thursday | 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Saturday | 16 <sup>th</sup> |
| Thursday | 21 <sup>st</sup> |
| Saturday | 30 <sup>th</sup> |

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# Our Lady of Fatima Calendar

# April 2015

## March '15

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| Sunday   |  | Monday  |   | Tuesday  |  | Wednesday   |   | Thursday   |   | Friday   |  | Saturday                        |  |
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| <b>29</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>10:00 AM Family Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Family Time<br>11:30 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous | <b>30</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4PM to 6PM Penance (SJP)<br>6:30 PM Seder Supper                              | <b>31</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:30 PM Communal Penance   | <b>1</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br><b>Office Closed at Noon</b><br>7:00 PM Rehearsal for Holy Week | <b>2</b><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>8:00 PM Bilingual Mass - Misa Bilingüe      | <b>3</b><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>10:00 AM Indoor Stations<br>12:00 PM Outdoor Stations<br>3:00 PM Liturgy of the Passion<br>7:00 PM Liturgia de la Pasión | <b>4</b><br>9:00 AM Morning Prayer<br>7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal<br>8:00 PM Vigil Mass | <b>5</b><br><b>Easter Sunday</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>11:30 AM Mass (SJP)<br>1:00 PM Misa Hispana<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous | <b>6</b><br><b>Office Closed</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Older Confirmation                             | <b>7</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:30 PM Stewardship   | <b>8</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Communication Committee<br>7:00 PM ESOL Class - Clases de Ingles | <b>9</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Communication Committee<br>7:00 PM ESOL Class - Clases de Ingles   | <b>10</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP) | <b>11</b><br>4:00 PM Penance (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Misa Hispana |
| <b>12</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Family Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Family Time<br>11:30 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous                            | <b>13</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>14</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:30 PM Liturgy & Spirituality   | <b>15</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Pastoral Staff   | <b>16</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:30 PM Young Musician & Cantor<br>7:00 PM ESOL Class - Clases de Ingles  | <b>17</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)  | <b>18</b><br>4:00 PM Penance (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Misa Hispana    | <b>19</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Family Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Family Time<br>11:30 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous   | <b>20</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>21</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:30 PM Liturgy & Spirituality | <b>22</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Faith Partner Confirmation Meeting                              | <b>23</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Liturgical Ministers   | <b>24</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP) | <b>25</b><br>4:00 PM Penance (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Misa Hispana |
| <b>26</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:30 AM Anniversary Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous                   | <b>27</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>28</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:30 PM Parents - 2nd Grade  | <b>29</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation             | <b>30</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:30 AM Young Musicians & Cantor<br>7:00 PM ESOL Class - Clases de Ingles | <b>1</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)   | <b>2</b><br>4:00 PM Penance (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Misa Hispana     | <b>26</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Choir Rehearsal<br>11:30 AM Anniversary Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Alcoholic Anonymous                                | <b>27</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal | <b>28</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:30 PM Parents - 2nd Grade    | <b>29</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation                      | <b>30</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:30 AM Young Musicians & Cantor<br>7:00 PM ESOL Class - Clases de Ingles | <b>1</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)  | <b>2</b><br>4:00 PM Penance (SJP)<br>5:00 PM Mass (SJP)<br>7:00 PM Misa Hispana  |
| <b>3</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>10:00 AM Family Mass (SJP)<br>11:00 AM Family Time<br>11:30 AM Mass (SJP)  | <b>4</b><br>8:00 AM Mass (SJP)<br>4:00 PM Faith Formation<br>7:00 PM Faith Formation                             | <b>Notes</b><br>April 1 - The Parish Office will closed at noon and will not re-open until Tuesday, April 7, at 9:00 am.<br>April 2 - No ESOL Class / No habrá clases de Ingles |   |  |  |   |   |  |   |  |  |                                 |  |





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