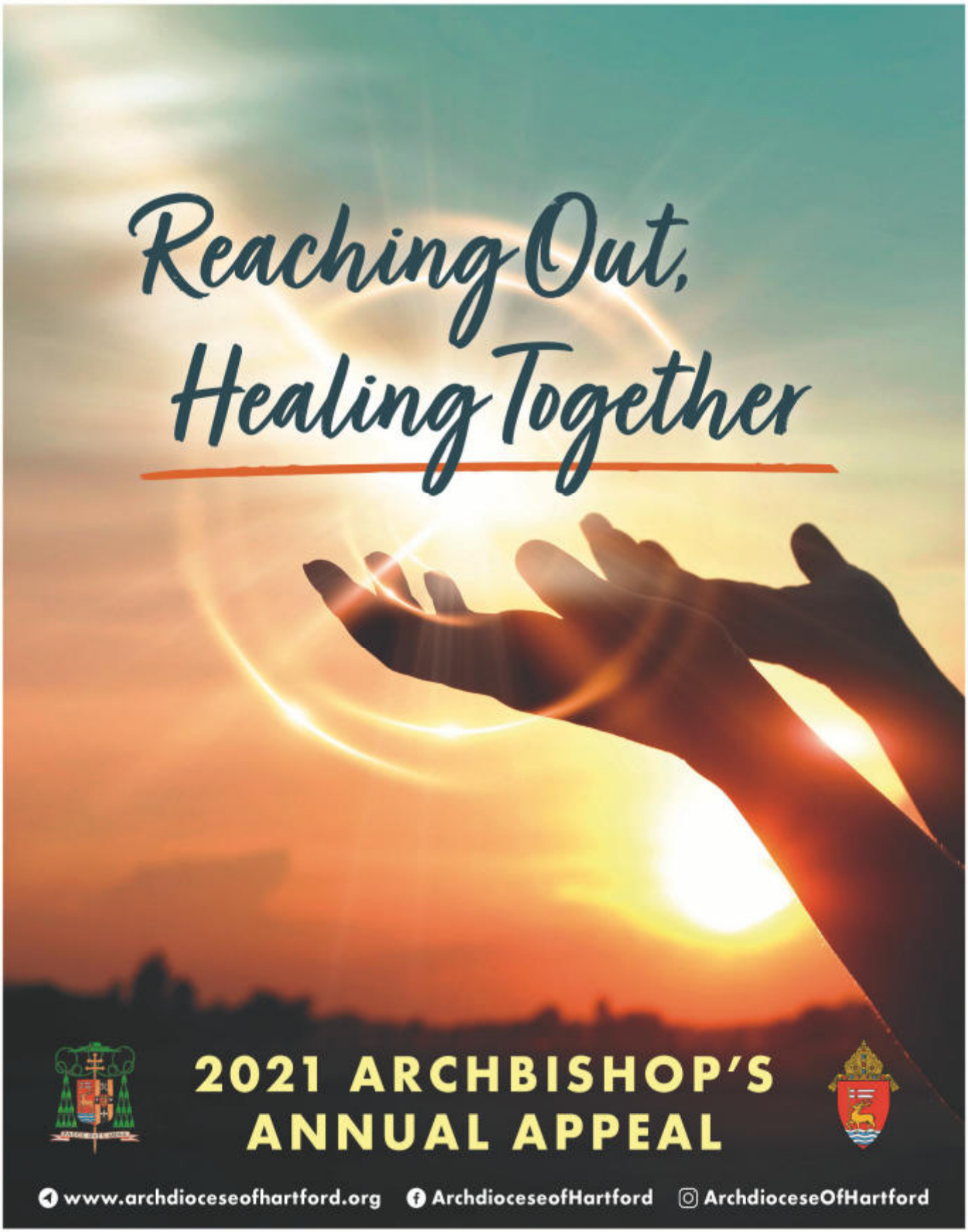
Kickoff Weekend | March 6-7, 2021



PRAYER & WORSHIP

Parish Mission:

We, the Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church, affirm our love for and devotion to Jesus Christ.
By inviting all to participate, we seek to foster a sense of family.
Through Jesus' love and example, we serve those in need with our time, talents, and resources.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: The Parish welcomes you and encourages your participation in its liturgy and social activities as a parishioner. All Parishioners are asked to be registered with the parish by completing a census form and to use the envelope collection system or to give on-line. Registration is the only way of certifying anyone as a member of our Parish Family.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with the parish clergy.

This week the Sanctuary Candle Intention is for:

Jean Ross & Antoinette Toscano
Requested by: Family

(Please call the office, until further notice, if you wish to dedicate the sanctuary candle for someone)

PRAYER INTENTION– March

Intention for evangelization - Sacrament of reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*

4:00 pm Rose Morelli; Req. by: Judy Acosta

SUNDAY

8:30 am Jean Ross & Antoinette Toscano; Req. by: Family

10:30 am Ronald Knight; Req. by: Dorothy Lipton

MONDAY—*St. John of God, Religious*

NOON

TUESDAY—*St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

NOON

WEDNESDAY

NOON For the intentions of our Homebound Parishioners

SATURDAY— *Vigil Mass*

4:00 pm Catherine Barrett; Req. by: Family

SUNDAY

8:30 am

10:30 am Michael, Margaret, & Patrick Casey, Michael O'Sullivan,; Req. by: Family

Readings for the Week of March 7, 2021

Sunday:	Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20]/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/ Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Remember in Your Prayers- Those affected by this pandemic in any way...and the following:

Felix G.
Daniel Kelly
Arlene Succi
Amy Doyle
Henry Breindel
Corinne Sommo
Edward Fenton
Linette Alex
Erin Brady
Edward Borrelli
Louise Raccio
Aurele Poulin
Amy Rutolo
Marilyn Dering
Richard Ludington
Tracy Sommo Blum

Anne Singer-Miller
Special Healing Intention
Donald Gervais Jr.
Carl Rodenhizer
Gerda Leveille
Amy A.
Kimberly Cerasale
Gail Sudal
Andrew I.
Dorothy Lipton
Leo Perry
Lynn Maroney
Erin Giammattei
C & J
F. & D. Kelly
Stephen & Donna Yatcko

Readey Family
Special Intention
James T. Cullen
Lee Sullivan
Concetta Polito & Family
Helen Dudek
Donna Massores
Andrew Cappola
Brian & Doris Morris
Ed Cunniff
Daniel Amato
Jessica Cleveland
Dennis Deloughery
George Grillo
Rosemary Neubig
& All Our Homebound

POINTS TO PONDER & NEWS

Help Stop State Sponsored Suicide

The Connecticut General Assembly is considering legalizing a form of suicide in our state commonly referred to as "aid-in-dying" or "physician-assisted suicide". The legislation is *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concer*

Modern hospice care and the proper use of pain medications render suicide unnecessary, and we need to be mindful of the threat that a suicide mentality poses to vulnerable people and to people with disabilities

Many people believe that a physician is deeply involved in this process. This not true. The physician orders the mixture of medications, the patient must then orally consume the deadly cocktail of drugs without assistance. Many times without even a physician or nurse present.

We should never allow legislators to establish suicide as a solution to medical issues.

Catholic Teaching condemns physician-assisted suicide because it, like murder, involves taking an innocent human life: *Suicide is always as morally objectionable as murder. The Church's tradition has always rejected it as a gravely evil choice: To concur with the intention of another person to commit suicide and to help in carrying it out through so-called "assisted suicide" means to cooperate in, and at times to be the actual perpetrator of, an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested. Saint Augustine writes that "it is never licit to kill another: even if he should wish it." True "compassion" leads to sharing another's pain; it does not kill the person whose suffering we cannot bear. (John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, no. 66).*

To take action please call your State Rep. or for further information: www.ctstopsuicide.org

Our parish hall roof was repaired this past week.

There was more damage than anticipated, however, we were able to use the proceeds from our Annual Collection.
If the Holy Spirit leads you...we would welcome any additional help to offset the cost.

What's Happening This Week

MONDAY, MAR. 1ST—FRIDAY, MAR. 5TH

8 am—4 pm, Church is open for Private Prayer @ OLoF

Sat. Mar. 6th Church is open for Private prayer 8:30 am—1 pm @ MHT

Town-wide-Stations of the Cross
Fridays 7:00 pm @ the host Church

Mar. 12th - Church of the Resurrection

Mar. 19th - **Our Lady of Fatima**

Mar. 26th - Most Holy Trinity

Join in this devotion of love as we journey with Jesus, our Lord.

BEST LENT EVER

It's not too late...Join this free daily, short inspirational email: www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html

Sat., March 13th, 2021

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE
By Bud Ozar

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Last Weekend's Collection

Given by check or cash	$ 4, 338.00
Given online	$ 2, 238.00
Total	$ 6, 576.00

Budgeted weekly offering per week: $6, 470.00

Third Sunday of Lent by The Faithful Disciple

GROW: We have rules in our house. Every family does. "No back talk. Do your chores. Bedtime. Curfews. Respect one another. Be kind." Rules bring order out of chaos, forge a shared identity, and set standards to which everyone is held. Not surprisingly, life in God's family has rules, too. Hence the Ten Commandments, which we hear today. They begin with these words: "I, the Lord, am your God." If we miss that line, we miss the point of the rules – of the law. God's law is about God's love. Through his laws, God taught the Israelites a new way to live based on God's values: humility, justice, love, sacrifice, simplicity, kindness, and mercy – values they rarely saw when enslaved in Egypt. This Lent, we give thanks to God for the law of love and we pray to grow in this love, and be strengthened in virtue.

GO: Today's Gospel reminds me of the time my older son once helped his younger brother understand the rules of a game we were playing. He did so by showing his own cards, which meant he would lose that round. While not done under the same circumstances, or with the same anger with which Jesus cleansed the temple, my older son did what he did for the same reason and with the same effect: *love.* When Jesus cleansed the temple, he did so out of love: love for God the Father, and love for those being exploited by the marketers. ***We have an opportunity this Lent to witness to this same love of Christ by putting the needs of others first.*** Sure, our kids demand our time, energy, and resources. Our spouses and parents sometimes do, too. ***To follow Christ means to choose to sacrifice for others with love, not simply because it has to be done.*** Christ infused the world with love through his sacrifice.

We have the opportunity to be Christ today when we make our sacrifices out of love.

ACTIONS: Read the Ten Commandments this week and imagine God giving you all the wisdom you could ever want in those rules. Think about the chaos those rules have protected you from in your life.

Imagine telling your loved ones how to find happiness by following the way God guarantees will lead to joy.

(Read John 3:16)

GROW + GO

As we journey through Lent we start to think about how we can be better followers of Jesus and be better Stewards. Jesus gave up his life on the cross for us. He did that so that we might live forever! We remember and honor that sacrifice by living our lives as good stewards. We try to be kind and we should do nice things for our family and for others. We think about God and all the many gifts God has given us. We respect and treasure all our gifts! If you are not already doing these things, Lent is one of the best times to start!! Make a serious promise to follow Jesus' example and imitate his good deeds. This is a great way to follow Jesus!

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship A Way of Life Parish Stewardship Office , Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY

WEEK 3 Lent

Offer Up:
Abstain from hurtful words. Pause before responding to someone out of anger or resentment. Substitute words of healing and consideration.

Offer To:
Help someone else in the family, at work, or in school with a chore or task

Offer Of:
Make a list of people who need prayers. Set aside time each day this week to remember them in your morning or evening prayers.

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NEWS & EVENTS

This weekend marks the start of the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal As Catholics we have a profound impact on our local communities not only spiritual but also in the social realm through the many charities and outreach programs. Go to https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/ to learn more.

All funds contributed to the AAA are used exclusively for the purpose outlined in the appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/
No appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Easter Palm Cross Sale

Orders Forms are available on our website or at the Parish office.
All orders must be received by:
This Sunday: March 7th

Eucharistic Adoration &
the Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Mondays: 6 to 7 pm

@ Most Holy Trinity Church

ZEAL

"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.*" - Jn 2:17

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Beloved Saint Joseph,
chaste spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, provident and loving father of the Child Jesus grant us in this Year of Grace under your protection, that by your blessed intercession our families be mirrors of holiness, may they stay together in mutual help, in the obedience of faith and in a sincere desire to distance ourselves from sin. May your holy figure of a Man of God inspire all men to imitate your virtues of humility, purity and trust in the Lord. Amen.

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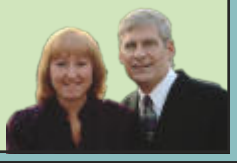

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