

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that you and your families are well. I am writing today to announce that this September we will begin a Jubilee Year to mark the 75th anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, founded in 1948. This is a providential moment for all of us to renew and deepen our love for Jesus Christ and our dedication to living our Catholic faith.

In the Scriptures, a Jubilee marks a special time of the Lord's grace and mercy. And in the tradition of the Church, Jubilee Years are designated to commemorate important moments in the history of salvation.

During this jubilee year we give thanks for the past. We celebrate the present and we prepare for the future. "Renewed in Christ" is our Jubilee theme, and I am confident that during this holy year God will pour out many graces on our Church and on our families. I pray that we will open our hearts to the Spirit and that we will continue to experience God's presence and loving mercy in our lives.

We will launch our Jubilee Year on September 18, 2022 with Opening Mass at 12 Noon – Bishop W. Francis Malooly presiding and will continue our anniversary celebrations until September 10, 2023, when a Closing Mass will be held at 3 PM with Bishop William E Koenig presiding.

A brochure containing a calendar of events is included in this mailing. Please mark your calendar to join us as for as many celebration events as your schedule allows. In addition to the items included in the Diamond Jubilee brochure, there will be a monthly *Dining for Dollars* fundraiser each month on or around the 13<sup>th</sup> as the calendar permits. The 13<sup>th</sup> references the date of the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima. The 1<sup>st</sup> *Dining for Dollars* Fundraiser Event is scheduled ALL DAY Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at Seasons Pizza, Route 13, New Castle DE.

You will find more information on our website at [olfnewcastle.com](http://olfnewcastle.com) and on our FB page at [facebook.com/olfnewcastle](https://facebook.com/olfnewcastle). Please check for updated information; *Dining for Dollars* flyers and calendar changes regarding any jubilee events.

In honor of our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the parish is looking to welcome 75 new parishioners/families. We also encourage those already registered to commit to 75 minutes of community service during the year. Please snap a picture of your family or friends to post on our Service in Action board. Lastly, as part of our 75th Anniversary

celebration, parishioners are invited to donate \$75 to commemorate the 75 years of our existence and service in building the Kingdom of God in the Wilmington Manor area. All donations received will go to repair and upgrade our aging buildings now 60-75 years old. Updates will be given regularly. A return envelope for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is included with this mailing and can also be found in the Church vestibules.

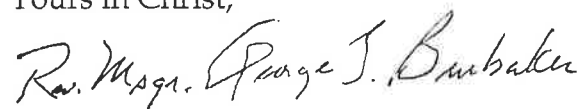
A very significant part of our parish history has been and will continue to be our parish school (1949-2015) and its alumni. Through our commitment to teach the Catholic faith, to build community and to serve, many meaningful and supportive relationships have developed and many lifelong friends have been made. Our alumni are a valued asset to our parish and our community and we would like to keep in touch with you and help your classmates keep in touch with you. Will you help us by updating your information? Perhaps send an updated photo and share some of your milestone events for our bulletin and alumni spotlight board: *Where are they now?* An Alumni Update Form is part of your package. Please take the time to complete and return the alumni updates for the members of your family who graduated from Our Lady of Fatima 1957 through 2015.

As our parish mission so eloquently states, may we continue "to seek to promote the continued renewal of the Church according to the degrees of the Second Vatican Council . . . live and pray under the patronage and the example of Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, who heard the Word of God and kept it, who welcomed Christ into her life and shared Him with our world."

Let us pray that the Jubilee Year will be a special time for all of us; and, entrusted to the care of our Blessed Mother and patroness under the title Our Lady of Fatima, may she give us all a new love for her Son, Jesus Christ. May she lead us to a new awakening of our faith here and now.

May this year be a time of renewal and especially a time of new enthusiasm in our commitment to love God and one another.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rev. Msgr. George J. Brubaker".

Rev. Msgr. George J. Brubaker  
Pastor



# Our Lady Of Fatima

*Serving the spiritual needs of New Castle area Catholics for three-quarters of a century!*

## ➔ **'Dining For Dollars' Fundraiser At Season's Pizza:**

On Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, Season's Pizza (next to the church) will return 15% of the entire day's proceeds to the parish. Both dining-in and takeout are included.

## ➔ **Opening 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass & Parish Picnic:**

A special year-long celebration begins on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, with Bishop Emeritus W. Francis Malooly presiding at the 12 Noon Mass. It will be followed by a fun-filled parish picnic and ice cream social. Additional information will be available in our weekly parish bulletin.

## ➔ **'Dining For Dollars' Fundraiser At 'The Legend':**

On Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, The Legend Restaurant (at the Route 13/141 cloverleaf) will return 15% of the day's proceeds to the parish. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included.

***Other events throughout the coming year include activities for the entire family, with a Community 'Trunk Or Treat' Event (October 30<sup>th</sup>), a Memorial Mass in November, as well as many other programs. The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will end on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 with Bishop William Koenig presiding at the closing Mass and a dinner/dance.***



**Our Lady of Fatima is celebrating 75 years!**

**The Anniversary Steering Committee is working on a schedule of events to celebrate our 75 years. More information will be posted in our bulletin and on our website and FB page when they are confirmed.**

## **How You Can Get involved in Our Celebration**

### **Photographs**

We welcome photos which will be compiled into a final format later this year to be shared with our Church community. You may Email your photos to [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com). Please include a brief description with date of your photo. You can also deliver your photos to the Rectory office in clearly marked envelope so they can be scanned. Your photos will be handled with utmost care and returned to you.

### **Story, Anecdote or Reflection**

The topics are endless - perhaps you are part of a parish ministry, a school alumni or a member of a planning committee. Please prepare a written memory. Your statement should be double-spaced. No computer? No problem - print your memory out by hand making sure it is clear and legible. Include your full name and contact phone number in case we have any questions. Please submit your reflection to the Parish Office or put it in envelope and slip it in the weekly collection or the Rectory Office mail slot. Label your submission to 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary History. If you have any questions or need encouragement or assistance on writing your story, contact the parish office at 302-328-3431 and we will make arrangements for a committee member to meet with you.

### **Volunteer**

If you would like to assist with any of our planned events, please let us know! We need many people to make this celebration year a memorable and successful one. The more volunteers we have - well, you know the rest of that sentence . . . Email [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com) or call the Parish Office.

### **Special Message to OLF former priest**

Take some time to send a Thank You or write a special message to one of our former priests. Each priest who has been assigned to our parish shares a special charisma, wonderful message or life lesson with us. Gathered well wishes and thanks will be sent to each priest directly. Please submit your letters/notes directly to the Parish Office or drop in reception box which will be located in the parking lot vestibule.



Alumni Search - Where are they now? Update your information, tell us what's new and share your story! We want to keep in touch with you. We would love to feature our alumni during our Jubilee Anniversary. Send a memory, an updated photo or share a milestone event in your life. You can send your information to the Rectory, in weekly collection basket or Email to [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com).

Silent Auction - A complete list of suggested items is being compiled by our Silent Auction Procurement Team. It is even possible that a Silent Auction Event might be on the calendar! Your help is needed to reach out to your contacts and donate items such as season tickets, a golf foursome, wine baskets, home accessories, Time Share, Cultural Events, Hotel Package, Autographed sports or music memorabilia etc. Donations are tax deductible. More details to come. Questions? Email [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com)

Seeking Sponsorships - We invite individuals, families and businesses to sponsor our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. All sponsors will have their name or business printed on our banner which will be displayed at all events. Cost is \$25 per individual, \$50 per family, \$100 per small Business and \$175 per large business. For more information, please Email [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com). *Donations are tax deductible.* Place your donation in a special marked envelope marked OLF75. Be sure to include OLF75 in memo line on all checks. \*PLEASE REACH OUT to your personal service providers, interest groups, doctors, business affiliations, attorneys, etc. for their support.

Spread the Word - You are our best advertisers and PR Team members. Share our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary information and event calendar with your family, neighbors and friends. Reach out to former parishioners and invite them to "Come Home" for our celebrations. Touch base with your sons, daughters and grandchildren's classmates. Ask them to share where they are now and what are they doing? Send us a note so that we can feature them on a Alumni Board during our events. We need "U" to spell SUCCESS!



### Mark Your Calendar

LAUNCH EVENT

Sunday September 18, 2022 12 Noon Mass

Bishop Emeritus W. Francis Malooly, Presiding





## WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU !

If you are an alumnus - please let us know how things are going, where you are now and update your contact information. Looking forward to celebrating with you! Return your form via US Mail or weekly collection, drop off to Rectory or send to [OLFatima75@gmail.com](mailto:OLFatima75@gmail.com).

### Update My Information

Keep your contact information up to date so we can make sure you are getting the latest news and updates from Our Lady of Fatima. Please complete a form for everyone in your family who has attended and graduated from Our Lady of Fatima.

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children: You can share names/ages or just number of children \_\_\_\_\_

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  Cell

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATION INFORMATION

Degree: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated from: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Description \_\_\_\_\_

NEWS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in attending an alumni social event? Yes  No

Would you attend a Mass for OLF Alumni? Yes  No

Is it okay to share this news in publications or on social media?

Yes, okay to share  No, not okay to share

PLEASE SHARE YOUR LATEST (THEN & NOW) PHOTOS WITH US

