

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

April 17, 2016



Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand."

John 10:27-28

ANNOUNCED MASSES

If you wish to bring up the gifts for a Mass being said for your loved one(s), please see the Usher before Mass.

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 16

5:00 PM Anna Dahoney

Sunday, April 17 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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8:30 AM Frederick Des Marais and Martin Nelles
10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Louis Pecorelli
12:00 PM James J. Corless

Monday, April 18 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Jane Hannon

Tuesday, April 19 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

Wednesday, April 20 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM David Reece

Thursday, April 21 – Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Friday, April 22 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Joseph Landolfi, Jr.

Saturday, April 23 – Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Nanette Torri

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 23

5:00 PM Joseph Giachinta

Sunday, April 24 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM James C. Tompkins
10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – All the People of the Parish
12:00 PM Joseph Giachinta

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Rosalie Frisenda donated by Josie Pidala. The candle will burn from April 17th through April 23rd.

The **Flowers** in front of the Blessed Mother on April 7th were donated in loving memory of Joseph Percacciolo, Jr. by Joann Gair-Wilson.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Adult Choir rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the choir loft. New members are welcome at all weekend Masses. If you would like to sing, please come to a rehearsal or call Jeffrey V. Lutz at 228-5612.

GRAYMOOR PRAYER GROUP

Increase your time in prayer. The Graymoor Prayer Group, following the Medjugorje prayer format, meets Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. The prayer facilitator is Diana Roda: (845) 424-4175.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions • Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy)
Stockbridge • 800-804-3823

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Wesley Ann McGovern
Lucas Boesch	Merna Mendelson
Robert Broughal	Todd Morris
Michael Brusco	Joseph Nowakowski
Kathleen Clements	Inelda O'Keefe
Carmine Comberiat	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	Vivian Pisanelli
Bill Flaherty	Phillip Rossignol
William Freeman	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joseph Hoda	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Jerry Sima
Geoff Lyons	Sally Singh
Kathleen Manganello	Ralph Torres
Mary Marion	Frank Volkmann
Paula Martino	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Evelyn Byrnes Mast	Martin Nelles
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that the fighting among nations cease, that vengeance end and lasting peace begin, and for all of our prayers in our book of petitions.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

WEEKEND OF APRIL 10, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,213
ARCHDIOCESE OF THE MILITARY COLLECTION –
\$1,378

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 8:00 pm	96	10	106
Sunday, 8:30 am	78	29	107
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	45	3	48
Sunday, 12:00 pm	116	19	135
Total***	335	61	396

SPECIAL CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

At Our Lady of Loretto Church
Mondays • 7:00-8:00 pm

*"Jesus receives you: He will receive you with so much
love. Be courageous, and go to confession."*

– Pope Francis

The Holy Year of Mercy
December 8th, 2015 – November 20th, 2016

COURAGE

COURAGE International is an official ministry of the Roman Catholic Church providing spiritual support which is in complete accord with the moral teachings of the Roman Catholic Church. We offer weekly meetings designed to help a person with same-sex attractions develop a life of interior chastity in union with Christ.

For more information contact Rev. Paul Check, Director
203-803-1564 or visit couragerc.org.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

At Our Lady of Loretto • Every Monday • 7:00-8:00 pm
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament remains as it is with individual prayer time, but specific groups are being identified for certain Mondays so they can come together to focus in prayer for a specific intention...

- Apr 18th – Priests and for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Apr 25th – The Knights of Columbus
- May 2nd – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- May 9th – Teenagers in our Parish

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 20th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

1ST HOLY COMMUNION FAMILY RETREAT AND REHEARSAL

Sunday, May 1st • 1:30 pm

*Please pray for our 2nd Graders who will receive the
Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday,
May 7th at 10:00 am.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2016-17 school year has been mailed to all families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. If you did not receive the information, or are new to the program, please call or stop by the Parish Office to register your children for next year's classes. Thank you!

Children of our Parish 4th Grade and up

We are in need of more Altar Servers for the Sunday
Masses:

10:15 am at Saint Joseph's Chapel

12 Noon at Our Lady of Loretto

Please consider serving the Lord on the Altar!
If interested, call the Parish Office at 265-3718.

GOD SQUAD NEWS

Welcome 8th Graders!

Tonight • April 17th • 6:30 to 8:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

Last Meeting of the Year

Sunday • May 1st

PRAYER MEETING

Thursday, April 28th • 7:45 pm

St. Patrick's Parish Center • 137 Moseman Road •
Yorktown Heights, NY • (914) 737-4286

Join us to praise God in song, hear His Word in
Scripture, and share what God is doing in our lives.
Guest speaker Fr. Anthony Sorgie will speak on:

**A Church of Mercy
During the Year of Mercy**

This prayer meeting is sponsored by the Catholic
Charismatic Prayer Groups of Northern Westchester
and Putnam. All are welcome to attend.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

ATTN: KNITTERS/CROCHETERS

The Cold Spring United Methodist Church has started a Prayer Shawl Ministry. We're looking for donations of yarn to make lap blankets or shawls which are being distributed to children and adults who are going through an illness or difficult times. People in hospitals, nursing homes or going through treatments could use the comfort and love of a nice cozy cover. Let's remind those suffering in any way that there are people who care and are praying for them.

The group is also involved in the "Military Family Ministry" where shawls and dishcloths are made and distributed to military families. Prayer patches are made and given to our servicemen to let them remember they are being prayed for as they serve over seas.

If you would like to join the group, the meetings are on Thursdays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. For information call Cold Spring UMC at 845-265-3365 or Beverley Hotaling at 265-9511.

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

NEW DAY AND NEW SITE

Thursday, May 5th, 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall

1-800-933-2566 or www.nybloodcenter.org

Donors are reminded to maintain their hemoglobin level with iron rich food: red meat, broccoli, dried apricots, baked potato, cooked beans, wheat germ, egg noodles, sesame and pumpkin seeds.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Knights are awarding two scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who best exemplify the principles of the Knights of Columbus.
(see to the right for more details).

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • April 24th

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting food and other items, including diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cleaners and paper towels, for the Philipstown Food Pantry the weekend of April 23rd and 24th.

Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

To join, email our Membership Director, Phil D'Amato:
phildamato55@gmail.com.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

2016 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Hebrews 13:16

Sacrificial Giving: Sacrifice to Serve

The Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to many Catholic programs and ministries across our archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider your sacrifice so we can continue to care for each other as God asked us to do.

**Make an online gift today: www.cardinalsappeal.org
Thank you for your generosity.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1881 by Roman Catholic priest Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT. His idea was to create a fraternal order, based on the tenets of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, whose goal was to help its members and community during difficult economic times. The Order continues to do this work today in our community and around the world.

Through the generous support of parishioners from Our Lady of Loretto, St. Joseph's and the diligent work of the Knights, each year the Loretto Council #536 of the Knights of Columbus awards two scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who best exemplify the principles of the Order.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, a graduating senior must be a resident of the greater Philipstown community and be accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. Our Lady of Loretto and St. Joseph's parishioners and families of any Knight of Columbus will be given preference. Applicants are required to write an essay (up to 300 words) describing how, through their actions and efforts, they live the values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism which contributes to their faith, family, community and school.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee will select awardees. The scholarship dollar amount is \$500 for each.

Applicants for the scholarship must include the following information along with their essay:

1. Name, Address and Home Phone
2. Current high school
3. Post-secondary school
4. Probable college major
5. A list of in-school academic/social/athletic activities (offices held, honors, letters, etc).
(Include number of years, estimated hours of involvement and titles if any)

An interview of the applicants may take place prior to awarding the scholarships.

When completed, please return all documents to the guidance office or mail them to:

Loretto Council Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 241
Cold Spring, NY 10516

All applications must be submitted and/or post marked by Monday, April 25th, 2016

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

With the busy Liturgical calendar of Holy Week and Easter behind us, the warm weather is just around the corner. I don't know how many parishioners were aware that one of our old air conditioners stopped working at the very end of the summer last year, so it was time to bite the bullet and get them replaced. The work will start on Monday, April 18th, and last approximately two weeks (to be finished before First Communion). There might be scaffolding inside the Church while the work is going on, so please take precautions during this time. It will be well worth it... the new units are very energy efficient and QUIET!

God Bless,
Father Kiely

Congratulations Confirmandi

We congratulate our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 15th!

Kailyn August	Julianna Landolfi
Jagger Beachak	Luke Medina
'Alexander Capsarian	Isabela Monteleone
Matthew Champlin	Olivia Monteleone
Jason Chimbo-Patino	Lindsay Phillips
Madison Clark	Abigail Platt
McKenzie Clark	Catherine Tacuri
Denis Driscoll	Grace Tomann
Taylor Farrell	Sofia Viggiano
Alexandra Ferreira	Liana Waller
Athena Glorius	Aubrey Yannitelli
Luke Hammond	

TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



A PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age by raising up priests outstanding in holiness, living witnesses of Your unchanging love. In Your plan for our salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people.

Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously. Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent, but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You by devoting themselves to the service of Your people. Amen.

Feed My Sheep: "Love Does Not Have to Be Perfect"

Aleteia.org, By Deacon Greg Kandra, April 9, 2016

As most of you know, Pope Francis has just published an Apostolic Exhortation... "Amoris Laetitia," which means "The Joy of Love." Love in marriage, love in the family. Bishop Ed Sharfenberger of Albany, offered a beautiful response to the Exhortation, which I would advise anyone to follow:

"Jesus meets us wherever we are on life's journey," he wrote "and even runs after us when we get lost. He is the model Pastor, going out of His way to be our Way.

He continues: "I am taking my time to do what the Holy Father has asked us all to do and not rush my reading to find what I want to hear, but pray through it to hear what I need to hear. I want to grow and change, not just be told I am right and stay exactly where I am. Otherwise I will never reach others who need me to move to meet them."

I do want to mention one section of this exhortation... Pope Francis offers a thoughtful dissection of Paul's famous letter to the Corinthians, and the chapter on love. It should be required reading for anyone who is getting married, anyone who is married, anyone who is struggling with a difficult marriage. But these words here speak to us all, married and unmarried. They could be addressed to Peter. Or to you and me.

The Holy Father writes: "We have to realize that all of us are a complex mixture of light and shadows. Love does not have to be perfect for us to value it. The other person loves me as best they can, with all their limits, but the fact that love is imperfect does not mean that it is untrue or unreal. Love exists with imperfection. It bears all things and can hold its peace before the limitations of the loved one." As Pope Francis notes elsewhere: we are all works in progress. I would say that includes Peter, "a complex mixture of light and shadows" — and, of course, a figure of imperfection. He was not born a saint. He needed to walk with Christ, sometimes failing and lacking faith — even sinking in the stormy waves of life. But Christ's hand was there to save him. Peter persevered. He prevailed.

And to him Jesus said, as he continues to say to us: "Follow me." To all of us in our imperfection, in our weakness, in our sin, Jesus sees us through the eyes of mercy. And he speaks to us now. He says: You can aim higher. You can reach further. You don't have to be frustrated or despairing because of the daily haul of empty nets. You don't have to be weighed down by mistakes and pride and ego and sin. To all of us, Jesus extends this invitation: Follow me. Let me show you The Way.

The Church, in Her tenderness, wants to meet all of us where we are — as Jesus met his apostles on the seashore — and guide us in a different direction. From what I've been able to read so far, that is part of the message of "Amoris Laetitia." As we prepare to receive Christ in the Eucharist, may we remember that we are all "a complex mixture of light and shadows" — imperfect beings seeking a path to perfection. *Lord, I am not worthy, we pray. Speak but the word and my soul will be healed.* Christ, in his love and mercy, looks at us as he gazed at Peter on that morning long ago, and speaks the word that gives us hope.

Here is the way that leads us on the path to grace. "Follow me."