

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

May God bless us in his mercy.

January 1, 2017



And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. *Luke 2:19*

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 – December 31

5:00 PM Jon Rose

Sunday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

8:30 AM All the People of the Parish

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Frances Houterman

12:00 PM Edith Budney

Monday, January 2 – Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

8:15 AM William Mangan and all the People of the Parish

Tuesday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 AM Patrick Lahey

Wednesday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 AM Deceased Members of the Tilearcio Family

Thursday, January 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:15 AM George Filipich

Friday, January 6 – Saint André Bessette, Religious

8:15 AM Cecil Campbell

Saturday, January 7 – Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – January 7

5:00 PM Mary Dillon – *11th Anniversary*

Sunday, January 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Peter Sgro

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Edith Budney

12:00 PM Deceased Members of the McConville Family

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.

BETTER MARRIAGE

Are you spinning your wheels and unsure how to get there? We've got answers. To receive e-mail updates on marriage enrichment events in your area, register online at www.flrl.org. Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York

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

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| Lucy Abbatine | Wesley Ann McGovern |
| Lucas Boesch | Merna Mendelson |
| Robert Broughal | Todd Morris |
| The Brusco Family | Joseph Nowakowski |
| Kathleen Clements | Brian O'Keeffe |
| Carmine Comberiatà | Inelda O'Keeffe |
| Joseph C. Etta | Neilan Pierce |
| Christopher Hartly | Vivian Pisanelli |
| Joseph Hoda | Phillip Rossignol |
| Parker Jane Holloway | Melissa Castro-Santos |
| Joey Hyatt, Jr. | Miguel Santos |
| Elizabeth M. Hynes | Sally Singh |
| Geoff Lyons | Ralph Torres |
| Kathleen Manganello | Connie Tuomey |
| Mary Marion | Frank Volkmann |
| Paula Martino | Lidia Watrud |

and for all our dearly departed, 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

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| Monday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3-6; Jn 1:29-34 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 4:14-22a |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38] |
| Saturday: | 1 Jn 5:14-21; Sal 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 2:1-11 |
| Sunday: | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |

TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Here are some things you can do for Mary in the New Year

Pray the Rosary often, and as a family when possible

Offer your Holy Communion for Mary's intentions

Adore her Son at Eucharistic Adoration, Monday nights at Our Lady of Loretto, 7:00 pm

Pray the *Angelus* at Noon and 6 pm

Read *True Devotion to Mary* by Saint Louis de Montfort or *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Father Gaitley...

Then consecrate yourself to Mary (see page 4 of this bulletin)

**OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

"Handing on the Faith"

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 4th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Please pray for our Second Graders who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Sunday, January 8th.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



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...

- Jan 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Jan 9 – Archbishop Dolan and all bishops
- Jan 16 – Children of the Parish
- Jan 23 – Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

EPIPHANY DINNER

Saturday • January 14th • After the 5:00 pm Mass
See to the right for details

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • January 29th

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 January 28th and 29th.

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

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney: johnhackney@hotmail.com.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

We support our Catholic Church, families, community and our country.

Epiphany Dinner

by the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 14th ★ After the 5:00 pm Mass
In the Parish Hall

Menu

Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes, Vegetables,
Salad, Bread

Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Ticket Price

Age 0-5: Free ★ 6 to 11: \$10 ★ 12 and over: \$15
Sign-up sheet in the back of the Church/Chapel

"Be a Catholic: When you kneel before an altar, do it in such a way that others may be able to recognize that you know before whom you kneel."

– Saint Maximilian Kolbe

SERVE THE CHURCH

Consider becoming an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

Altar Servers (4th Grade and up)

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12 Noon
St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm,
Sundays • 12:00 pm
St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or call 845-265-2385.

Special Collection Next Weekend: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN AND CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA

The Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half of all proceeds remain in our archdiocese and support local needs, so please be generous in this collection. CCC equips us to share our experience of faith, worship, and witness with the world.

The Catholic University of America (CUA), located in Washington, D.C., is the national university of the Catholic Church. Founded in 1887, CUA offers students an excellent education in a faith-filled atmosphere that is grounded in the Catholic intellectual tradition. The Collection for The Catholic University of America underwrites scholarships to assist financially deserving students in completing their education at CUA in over 50 disciplines.

SAVE THE DATES: 2017 CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

January 10th, January 31st, February 14th,
March 14th, and April 4th
from 9-11 am or by Appointment

The Catholic School Region of Northern Westchester and Dutchess invites you to experience Catholic schools in action by visiting on a Touring Tuesday open house event. Prospective parents are invited to visit from 9-11 am or by appointment. Reservations are required for Touring Tuesdays.

RSVP to 646-794-2885 or [Catholic SchoolsNY.org](http://CatholicSchoolsNY.org). Additional open house dates and times will be scheduled during Catholic Schools Week – January 29th through February 3rd. We look forward to welcoming you!

All of us at the Catholic Schools Office wish you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas Season!

THE ROSARY'S POWERFUL EFFICACY

We well know the Rosary's powerful efficacy to obtain the maternal aid of the Virgin. By no means is there only one way to pray to obtain this aid. However, we consider the Holy Rosary the most convenient and most fruitful means, as is clearly suggested by the very origin of this practice, heavenly rather than human, and by its nature...

There emerges another very great advantage (of the Rosary), so that all, even the most simple and least educated, have in this a prompt and easy way to nourish and preserve their own faith.

And truly, from the frequent meditation on the Mysteries, the soul little by little and imperceptibly draws and absorbs the virtues they contain, and is wondrously enkindled with a longing for things immortal, and becomes strongly and easily impelled to follow the path which Christ Himself and His Mother have followed. The recitation of identical formulas repeated so many times, rather than rendering the prayer sterile and boring, has on the contrary the admirable quality of infusing confidence in him who prays and brings to bear a gentle compulsion on the motherly Heart of Mary.

– Pope Pius XII



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

This Saturday, January 7th, is the first Saturday of the month. On December 10, 1925, Our Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep her company for fifteen minutes with the intention of making reparation to her.

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Christian Unity. That all Christians may be faithful to the Lord's teaching by striving with prayer and fraternal charity to restore ecclesial communion and by collaborating to meet the challenges facing humanity.



Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady of Loretto!

Our warmest welcome to all that celebrate with us... whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, we thank God for you! If you'd like to register with us, or if any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

- Would like to register with the parish
- Change of address
- Request collection envelopes
- Moving out of our parish
- Need information, please phone day evening
- New telephone number
- Family member is ill (provide details below)
- Would like to receive Holy Communion
- Would like more information about parish group

Note: _____

THY KINGDOM COME

"Praying fervently for the coming of the Kingdom also means being constantly alert for the signs of its presence, and working for its growth in every sector of society. It means facing the challenges of present and future with confidence in Christ's victory and a commitment to extending his reign. It means not losing heart in the face of resistance, adversity, and scandal. It means overcoming every separation between faith and life, and countering false gospels of freedom and happiness. It also means rejecting a false dichotomy between faith and political life, since, as the Second Vatican Council put it, 'there is no human activity – even in secular affairs – which can be withdrawn from God's dominion'. It means working to enrich society and culture with the beauty and truth of the Gospel, and never losing sight of that great hope which gives meaning and value to all the other hopes which inspire our lives." – Pope Benedict XVI

HOMEWORK FROM POPE FRANCIS: LET YOUR JOY BE CONTAGIOUS

Vatican City, December 19th, 2016 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that Pope Francis said that young Catholics can be a force for joy and peace. "Proclaiming to all the love and tenderness of Jesus, you become apostles of the joy of the Gospel. And joy is contagious," he said. Reflecting on the Nativity of Jesus Christ, he said: "The birth of Jesus is announced as a great joy, originating from the discovery that God loves us and, through the birth of Jesus, made Himself close to us to save us. We are beloved by God. What a wonderful thing!" "When we are a little sad, when it seems that everything is going wrong, when a friend disappoints us – or rather, when we disappoint ourselves – let us think 'God loves me', 'God never abandons me'," the Pope said. He said that God is always faithful and never ceases to love us even when we stray. "This is why in the heart of a Christian there is always joy," the Pope said. "And joy multiplies when shared!"

Do something special for God this year: Consider Consecration...

Consecration means "setting yourself apart for God"... an "offering of yourself to God". Here are a few ways you can do just that:

Consecration to Jesus through Mary

In this consecration, we give ourselves to Mary to be formed into the image of her Son, Jesus. St. Louis de Montfort described total consecration to Jesus through Mary as "the surest, easiest, and most perfect means" to becoming a saint. You can use:

33 Days to Morning Glory by Father Michael Gaitley – 33 days of "spiritual reading and prayerful pondering" based on St. Louis de Montfort's Consecration to Mary and expanded to include the Marian teachings of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Blessed Mother Teresa, and Saint John Paul II. The readings for each day are 2-3 pages long... 5-10 minutes of reading per day.

Preparation for Total Consecration by St. Louis de Montfort – This form of consecration will lead you through 33 days of prayers, scripture readings and other spiritual preparation. This book influenced Saint John Paul II to give himself to Mary.

Consecration to Divine Mercy

With this consecration you can deepen your trust in God and set your heart on fire with Jesus... with His Merciful Love. Use:

33 Days to Merciful Love by Father Michael Gaitley – *33 Days to Merciful Love* takes us through the spiritual teachings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy. Thérèse had a profound insight that the Heart of Jesus is full of mercy, and he longs to pour out that Merciful Love on us sinners. She realized that sinners often close their hearts to the Lord's great mercy, and their rejection actually causes Jesus deep suffering. So for the purpose of consoling the Heart of Jesus, Thérèse asked the Lord to pour into her soul all the mercy rejected by others – and He did! In this book, we follow in her footsteps.