

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

March 5, 2017



Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 4:1-2b

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 – March 4

5:00 PM Edward and William Mangan

Sunday, March 5 – First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Ugo Scanga – *2nd Anniversary*

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – All the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Helen Percacciolo

Monday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Merante

Tuesday, March 7 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:15 AM Strangio Family

Wednesday, March 8 – Saint John of God, Religious

8:15 AM Kent Whitcomb

Thursday, March 9 – Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

8:15 AM Katherine Filipich

Friday, March 10 – Lenten Weekday Day of Abstinence

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 11 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – March 11

5:00 PM James Doherty

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM James Doherty

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Margaret Tomann

12:00 PM Agnes Impellittere – *4th Anniversary*

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.flr.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

Lucy Abbatine	Merna Mendelson
Lucas Boesch	Todd Morris
Electra Bokanoski	Joseph Nowakowski
Nicole Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Inelda O'Keeffe
The Brusco Family	Luis Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Rosario Padilla
Carmine Comberiatà	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Laura Schiele
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

Monday:	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday:	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday:	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday:	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday:	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday:	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 26, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION & COLLECTION
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES – \$9,881

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	96	5	101
Sunday, 8:30 am	92	28	120
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	52	10	62
Sunday, 12:00 pm	113	7	120
Total	353	50	403

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Put on by Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, March 18th
6:00 to 9:00 pm

In the Parish Hall

Menu

Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread and more!
Children's menu available

Tickets

Adults (12 and over): \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door
Children (6 to 11 yrs): \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door
Under 6: Free

Tickets on sale after Mass during the March 5th and
March 12th weekends.

Basket of Cheer Raffle



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday • March 18th – See above for details.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • March 26th

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 March 25th and 26th. 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.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 8th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Classes will not be held on Wednesday,
March 15th.**

Classes resume Wednesday, March 22nd.



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...

- Mar 6 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Mar 13 – Those in single life
- Mar 20 – Parishioners of Our Lady of Loretto
- Mar 27 – The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday, March 26th • 12:00 pm Mass

At Our Lady of Loretto

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at Our Lady of Loretto Church on Sunday, March 26th at the Noon Mass.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The effects of the Anointing of the Sick: "The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." (CCC 1514)

POPE FRANCIS' 13 TIPS FOR A GOOD MARRIAGE

In Amoris Laetitia, the pope offers several suggestions on how to keep your marriage strong and happy through the years.

Aleteia.org – In his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis used St. Paul's "hymn to love," taken from his First Letter to the Corinthians, to offer several pieces of advice on how to keep one's marriage strong throughout the years, based on true love.

*"Love is patient, love is kind,
love is not jealous or boastful;
it is not arrogant or rude.
Love does not insist on its own way, it is not irritable or resentful;
it does not rejoice at wrong,
but rejoices in the right.
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things,
endures all things" (1 Cor 13:4-7).*

"It is helpful to think more deeply about the meaning of this Pauline text and its relevance for the concrete situation of every family," he explained.

- 1. Love is patient.** For Francis, "being patient does not mean letting ourselves be constantly mistreated, tolerating physical aggression or allowing other people to use us." "Love always has an aspect of deep compassion that leads to accepting the other person as part of this world, even when he or she acts differently than I would like." "We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the center and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively," he warned.
- 2. Love is at the service of others.** The pope underscored that, through his letter, St. Paul "wants to stress that love is more than a mere feeling. Rather, it should be understood along the lines of the Hebrew verb 'to love'; it is 'to do good.'" "As Saint Ignatius of Loyola said, 'Love is shown more by deeds than by words.' It thus shows its fruitfulness and allows us to experience the happiness of giving, the nobility and grandeur of spending ourselves unstintingly, without asking to be repaid, purely for the pleasure of giving and serving."
- 3. Love is not jealous.** "Love has no room for discomfiture at another person's good fortune (cf. Acts 7:9; 17:5)," the pope emphasized, adding that "Envy is a form of sadness provoked by another's prosperity; it shows that we are not concerned for the happiness of others but only with our own well-being." "True love values the other person's achievements. It does not see him or her as a threat. It frees us from the sour taste of envy. It recognizes that everyone has different gifts and a unique path in life."
- 4. Love is not boastful.** Francis emphasizes that "Those who love not only refrain from speaking too much about themselves, but are focused on others; they do not need to be the center of attention." "Some think that they are important because they are more knowledgeable than others; they want to lord it over them. Yet what really makes us important is a love that understands, shows concern, and embraces the weak."
- 5. Love is not rude.** "To love is also to be gentle and thoughtful," the Pope said, "and this indicates that 'love is not rude or impolite; it is not harsh. Its actions, words and gestures are pleasing and not abrasive. Love abhors making others suffer.'"
- 6. Love is generous.** Contrary to the popular saying, that "to love another we must first love ourselves," the pope recalls that St. Paul's hymn to love "states that love 'does not seek its own interest,' nor 'seek what is its own.'" "Generously serving others is far more noble than loving ourselves."
- 7. Love is not irritable or resentful.** In *Amoris Laetitia*, the pope warns us about "a hidden irritation that sets us on edge where others are concerned, as if they were troublesome or threatening and thus to be avoided." "The Gospel tells us to look to the log in our own eye (cf. Mt 7:5)," he adds. "If we must fight evil, so be it; but we must always say 'no' to violence in the home."
- 8. Love forgives.** Francis recommends not leaving any space for "ill will to take root in our hearts," but to work for "forgiveness, which is rooted in a positive attitude that seeks to understand other people's weaknesses and to excuse them." "Family communion," the pope states, "can only be preserved and perfected through a great spirit of sacrifice. It requires, in fact, a ready and generous openness of each and all to understanding, to forbearance, to pardon, to reconciliation."
- 9. Love rejoices with others.** "When a loving person can do good for others, or sees that others are happy, they themselves live happily and in this way give glory to God, for 'God loves a cheerful giver' (2 Cor 9:7)," the Holy Father says. "The family must always be a place where, when something good happens to one of its members, they know that others will be there to celebrate it with them."
- 10. Love bears all things.** This, the pope explains, "implies limiting judgment, checking the impulse to issue a firm and ruthless condemnation: 'Judge not and you will not be judged' (Lk 6:37)." "Married couples joined by love speak well of each other; they try to show their spouse's good side, not their weakness and faults. In any event, they keep silent rather than speak ill of them. This is not merely a way of acting in front of others; it springs from an interior attitude."
- 11. Love believes all things.** "This goes beyond simply presuming that the other is not lying or cheating," the pope explains. "It means we do not have to control the other person, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything."
- 12. Love hopes all things.** This word, the pope says, "speaks of the hope of one who knows that others can change." "This does not mean that everything will change in this life. It does involve realizing that, though things may not always turn out as we wish, God may well make crooked lines straight and draw some good from the evil we endure in this world."

POPE FRANCIS' 13 TIPS FOR A GOOD MARRIAGE (CONT'D)

13. **Love endures all things.** The pope points out that this endurance "involves not only the ability to tolerate certain aggravations, but something greater: a constant readiness to confront any challenge." "Love does not yield to resentment, scorn for others or the desire to hurt or to gain some advantage. The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up."

SCOUT SUNDAY

Sunday, March 12th, 2017 • 8:30 am Mass

Scouts of all faiths are invited to attend. Wear your uniform and arrive early – at 8:15 am – to process in together. A reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

SAINTS FOR YOUTH RETREAT

Friday, March 17th, 7:00 pm through
Sunday March 19th, 2:00 pm

Finding the extraordinary in the ordinary! Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents: Saints for YOUTH Retreat! Get to know the heroes of our Church, everyday people who discovered holiness all around them. These men and women were just like you and I, and their stories still impact us today. Join us for a weekend as we dive deeper into their stories, hardships, and discoveries of holiness in their daily encounters. Every generation has its saints, will it be you? The cost is \$125 per person which includes lodging, meals and materials. The application and non-refundable \$60 deposit is due by March 14th. For information and application, contact CYFM or visit our website: cyfm.org and click on "EVENTS"

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Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent

7:30 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church

Bishops: "We call upon all the Catholic faithful to join us as we speak in defense of human dignity"

A joint statement from Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), and Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, vice president:

Over the past several days, many brother bishops have spoken out in defense of God's people. We are grateful for their witness. Now, we call upon all the Catholic faithful to join us as we unite our voices with all who speak in defense of human dignity.

The bond between Christians and Muslims is founded on the unbreakable strength of charity and justice. The Second Vatican Council in *Nostra Aetate* urged us to sincerely work toward a mutual understanding that would "promote together for the benefit of all mankind social justice and moral welfare, as well as peace and freedom." The Church will not waiver in her defense of our sisters and brothers of all faiths who suffer at the hands of merciless persecutors.

The refugees fleeing from ISIS and other extremists are sacrificing all they have in the name of peace and freedom. Often, they could be spared if only they surrendered to the violent vision of their tormentors. They stand firm in their faith. Many are families, no different from yours or mine, seeking safety and security for their children. Our nation should welcome them as allies in a common fight against evil. We must screen vigilantly for infiltrators who would do us harm, but we must always be equally vigilant in our welcome of friends.

The Lord Jesus fled the tyranny of Herod, was falsely accused and then deserted by his friends. He had nowhere to lay His head (Lk. 9:58). Welcoming the stranger and those in flight is not one option among many in the Christian life. It is the very form of Christianity itself. Our actions must remind people of Jesus. The actions of our government must remind people of basic humanity. Where our brothers and sisters suffer rejection and abandonment, we will lift our voice on their behalf. We will welcome them and receive them. They are Jesus, and the Church will not turn away from Him.

Our desire is not to enter the political arena, but rather to proclaim Christ alive in the world today. In the very moment a family abandons their home under threat of death, Jesus is present. And He says to each of us, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40).

See the Face of the Lord in the Faces of Exiles and Refugees

"How can we not see the face of the Lord in the face of the millions of exiles, refugees, and displaced persons who are fleeing in desperation from the horror of war, persecution and dictatorship? For every one of them, each with a unique face, God reveals himself always as the one who courageously comes to our aid. Like Veronica, the woman whose face is unknown to us, who lovingly wiped Jesus' face." – *Pope Francis*