

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his
love is everlasting.

April 23, 2017



"My Lord and my God!" *John 20:28b*

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 22

5:00 PM The Frisenda Family, Florence Weise and Santa Huston

Sunday, April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:30 AM John Hallenback, Jr. and Deceased Members of the Critelli Family

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Louis Pecorelli and Dante Cecchini

12:00 PM Alex Dengler

Monday, April 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 25 – Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:15 AM James C. Tompkins

Wednesday, April 26 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Jen McKay

Thursday, April 27 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Patrick Lahey

Friday, April 28 – Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

8:15 AM Norman Waldron

Saturday, April 29 – Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Cesidio and Maria Berarducci

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 29

5:00 PM Elizabeth Raz

Sunday, April 30 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Peter Sgro

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Bill Freeman

12:00 PM Genevieve Ricevuto

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Nancy A. Tompkins, James C. Tompkins and the Tompkins Family donated by Chuck and Paula Tompkins. The candle will burn from April 23rd through April 29th.

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	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: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

EASTER WEEKEND

APRIL 16, 2017

EASTER COLLECTION – \$16,231

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION – \$1,440

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 8:00 pm	122	6	128
Sunday, 8:30 am	***	***	***
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	113	23	136
Sunday, 12:00 pm	165	48	213
Total***	400	77	477

***Attendance was not taken at the 8:30 am Mass.



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 24 – Employees and volunteers of the parish
- May 1 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- May 8 – Judicial professionals
- May 15 – All mothers of the parish



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • April 30th

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 29th and 30th. 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"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 26th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

LAST DAY OF CLASSES

Wednesday, May 10th, 2017

FAMILY CATECHESIS EVENT

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today • April 23rd • 2:30 pm

Our Religious Ed Program will be holding its second Family Catechesis Event today, Divine Mercy Sunday. First there will be a special Divine Mercy service in the Church beginning at 2:30 pm, followed by a reception and family activity in the Parish Hall.

Please be aware that Family Catechesis Events count as class time, so please make every effort to attend. This is a beautiful once-a-year service that you will find truly inspiring.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Wednesday, May 3rd

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY RETREAT AND PRACTICE

Sunday, May 7th • 1:30 pm

Please pray for our Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 5th.

Please pray for our 2nd Graders who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2017-18 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!

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 4th, 2017 • 2:00 to 8:00 pm

Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall
24 Fair Street • Cold Spring

To register on line or for questions:
www.nybloodcenter.org, 1-800-933-BLOOD [2566]

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

FINANCIAL WRONGDOING HOTLINE

The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline at 877-820-0541, or on the internet: www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY. Both are available 24 hours per day.

Special Collection Next Weekend: AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week we will take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region.

2017 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.

**It's not to late! Make an online gift today:
www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you!**

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO FAMILIES

An official statement regarding the next World Meeting of Families, to be held in Dublin, Ireland, August 21-26, 2018

I wish to underline how important it is for families to ask themselves often if they live based on love, for love and in love. In practice, this means giving oneself, forgiving, not losing patience, anticipating the other, respecting. How much better family life would be if every day we lived according to the words, "please," "thank you" and "I'm sorry."

Every day we have the experience of fragility and weakness, and therefore we all, families and pastors, are in need of renewed humility that forms the desire to form ourselves, to educate and be educated, to help and be helped, to accompany, discern and integrate all men of good will.

I dream of an outbound Church, not a self-referential one, a Church that does not pass by far from man's wounds, a merciful Church that proclaims the heart of the revelation of God as Love, which is Mercy. It is this very mercy that makes us new in love; and we know how much Christian families are a place of mercy and witnesses of mercy.

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.

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, May 1st, 2017**

(Applications available at the back of the Church and at the Haldane High School office)

**In short, the mercy of God is not an abstract
ideal...**

but a concrete reality with which he reveals his love as that of a father or a mother, moved to the very depths out of the love for their child.

– Pope Francis, *Misericordiae Vultus*

CYFM'S HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RETREAT

Saturday, May 6th – Sunday, May 7th

Transition into your future with confidence & faith; take time at this juncture of great change to focus on your past, present, and future. Discover and appreciate who you are, what you hold most dear, and acquire the tools to boldly embrace your future. Move beyond what has become familiar and comfortable in order to grow and be strengthened for the continued journey of a life with Christ after high school. The cost of \$80 per person includes lodging, meals and materials. Mail your application and non-refundable \$40 deposit made payable to CYFM by May 2nd. Find information and application at www.cyfm.org and click on "Events". Also find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison.

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries • P.O. Box 192
781 Route 9D • Garrison, NY 10524 • (845) 424-3609

POPE FRANCIS HAS SOME IDEAS ON HOW TO FIX THE PRIEST SHORTAGE

Vatican City – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that in a recently-released interview, Pope Francis discussed the shortage of vocations to the priesthood, saying the first response must be prayer. He also mentioned working with youth, the low birthrate, and the ordination of married men. "The first [response] – because I speak as a believer – the Lord told us to pray. Prayer, prayer is missing," Pope Francis said.

He called the lack of priests, to the point that some parishes are cared for by female "community leaders" in Switzerland, "a problem that the Church must resolve." After prayer, he recommended working "with youth who are seeking orientation. And this is very difficult, the work with youth, but it must be done because they ask for this: the youth are the great discarded ones in modern society, because they have no work in many countries." "For vocations, there is also another problem," he said, "the problem of the birthrate. If there are no young men there can be no priests."

He repeated his caution against "proselytism," saying, "You can't gain vocations with proselytism. 'Proselytism' – as if it were a charity society that makes you a partner." Without priestly vocations "the Church is weakened, because a Church without the Eucharist doesn't have strength: the Church makes the Eucharist, but the Eucharist also makes the Church. The problem of vocations is a serious problem."

Turning to the question of relaxing permissions for the ordination of married men and the requirement of priestly celibacy, he said that "optional celibacy is discussed, above all where priests are needed. But optional celibacy is not the solution." His interviewer asked if the permission for the ordination of *virii probati* – older married men – to the diaconate could be expanded to the priesthood. While saying making celibacy optional for priests is not the solution, Pope Francis also signaled an openness to discussing the possibility. "We must think yes, *virii probati* are a possibility. But then we must also consider what tasks they could perform, for example in isolated communities."

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY, April 23rd, 2017 • 2:45 pm
At Our Lady of Loretto Church

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Loretto Church today, April 23rd – the Feast of Divine Mercy. At 2:45 pm we will gather in the Church to pray the Chaplet of Mercy and venerate The Image of Mercy. If you have questions, call Diana Roda, (845) 424-4175.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy Jesus said:

My daughter [Saint Faustina], tell the whole world about My Inconceivable Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners.

On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy.

The soul that will go to Confession* and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet.

My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order "to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence... so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God's pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters."

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental Confession*, Eucharistic Communion, and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

*The confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself – about 20 days before or after the Feast is sufficient. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in the Lenten or Easter Season, if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.