

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

September 10, 2017



“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”
Matthew 18:19-20

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 – September 9

5:00 PM Fernando Berarducci

Sunday, September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Patrick O'Connor

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – The Vetri and Cangelosi Families

12:00 PM Alex Dengler

Monday, September 11 – Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, September 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary

8:15 AM Sister Mary Martin

Wednesday, September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM George Rapalje

Thursday, September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:15 AM Roger Ailes

Friday, September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

8:15 AM Michael McCullagh

Saturday, September 16 – Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

8:15 AM Mary Kenedy

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 16

5:00 PM Charles and Mary Sauer

Sunday, September 17 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Patricia and Eugene Kelly

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

12:00 PM Salvatore Frisenda

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Rev. and Mrs. John Mills. The candle will burn from September 10th through September 16th.

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	Todd Morris
Lucas Boesch	Joseph Nowakowski
Electra Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Luis Padilla
The Brusco Family	Rosario Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Neilan Pierce
Ned Flanagan	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Joan Rosado
Joseph Hoda	Phillip Rossignol
Parker Jane Holloway	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Laura Schiele
Geoff Lyons	Sally Singh
Kathleen Manganello	Ralph Torres
Mary Marion	Connie Tuomey
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	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: Col 1:24 – 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday: Sir 27:30 – 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,654

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	84	12	96
Sunday, 8:30 am	91	22	113
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	53	7	60
Sunday, 12:00 pm	101	18	119
Total	329	59	388

Banns of Marriage

WILLIAM O'DONNELL & GAIL CUNNINGHAM
Wedding Date – September 16, 2017



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

CHARITABLE & BENEVOLENT PROGRAM

Raffle tickets for sale September 16th and 17th

Loretto Council, No. 536 Knights of Columbus will be selling raffle tickets at the Masses on September 16th and 17th for the annual Charitable & Benevolent Program sponsored by the NY State Council Knights of Columbus. The top 3 prizes are \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. There also will be 10 consolation prizes of \$1,000 each. The cost of the raffle tickets will be \$1 each, 6 for \$5 or a book of 12 tickets for \$10.

Loretto Council will receive a portion of the proceeds for each book sold which will be used to support their many local charitable programs during the year such as the Food Pantry, Easter Egg Hunt, Free Throw, Scholarship, and other works of charity. The NY State Council uses their proceeds to support many programs such as Pro-Life, Religious Vocations, Youth, New York Special Olympics, Financial Assistance to Religious in the Military, Catholic Advocacy and other charitable works.

Your support of this very important program is appreciated. Any questions, please contact Dan Dillon, C&B program Coordinator at 265-3802.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • September 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 September 23rd and 24th.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have not done so already, please register your children in our 2017-2018 Religious Education Program. Registration forms have been mailed to all families who were enrolled in the program this past year.

If you did not receive the registration 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!

FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

This Wednesday, September 13th, 2017

Grade 1 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm

Grades 2 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm



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...

- Sept 11 – Victims and families of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks
- Sept 18 – Catechists of the parish
- Sept 25 – Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Oct 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Birthright of Peekskill's

FESTIVAL FOR LIFE

Saturday • September 16th • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
At Peekskill's beautiful Riverfront Green

Bring your family and pack a picnic!
Join us for a day of music, performers and guest speakers.

Help us celebrate our mission of life and love!
"The essence of Birthright is love."

Birthright of Peekskill is a crisis pregnancy center. We are non-denominational, non-political, and devoted to helping mothers and their babies.

For more information contact the Peekskill Birthright office at 914-737-0344.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, Sept. 13th, 2017 • 7 pm • In the Parish Hall

POPE FRANCIS: TO FOLLOW CHRIST MEANS ALSO TO ACCEPT THE CROSS

Vatican City, September 3, 2017 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that last Sunday Pope Francis spoke about the sacrifice of the cross, explaining how as followers of Christ we must embrace suffering, because it is through the suffering and death of Christ that his love is made known to us. “Always, even today, the temptation is to follow a Christ without a cross, rather, to teach God the right path,” the Pope said September 3rd. Like Peter we maybe say: “No, this will never happen.” “But Jesus reminds us that his way is the way of love,” Francis said, and there is no true love without Christ’s self-sacrifice. We must embrace suffering, because as Christ told his disciples: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”

Before leading the Angelus Pope Francis reflected on our call as Christians not to be absorbed by the world’s vision to live an easy life, but rather to go “against the current,” pointing out the challenge to self-centeredness found in Christ’s words, “Whoever wants to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for my cause will find it.” “In this paradox is contained the golden rule that God has inscribed into the human nature created in Christ: the rule that only love gives meaning and happiness to life,” Pope Francis said.

Spending our time, talents and our energy only to save and take care of ourselves actually leads to loss, to a “sad and sterile existence,” he explained. Whereas, if we live our lives for the Lord, set on fire with love, then our lives will be fruitful and we will have genuine joy.

The Pope pointed out that we rediscover the mystery of Christ’s cross every time we participate in the Eucharist. In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass Christ’s redeeming sacrifice, “in which the Son of God completely loses himself to receive himself again from the Father,” is made present. In the Eucharist, we, the lost, are found by Christ. The love of Christ crucified and risen is given to us as food and drink, he said.

“Mary Most Holy, who followed Jesus to Calvary, also accompany us and help us not to fear the cross,” he concluded. “Not a cross without Jesus, the cross with Jesus, that is, the cross of suffering for love of God and brethren.”

After the Angelus, the Pope prayed for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey, which hit the Gulf Coast of the United States a few weeks ago, particularly Texas and Louisiana, asking for the special intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “I also want to express my deepest interest in the suffering of the people of Texas and Louisiana suffering from a hurricane and exceptional rain that have caused casualties, thousands of displaced persons and massive material damage,” he said.

He also renewed his spiritual closeness to the people of South Asia, who have also been affected by severe flooding, asking, “Mary the Most Holy, comfort of the afflicted, to obtain from the Lord the grace of comfort for these our severely tested brothers.”

RCIA – THE PROCESS BY WHICH ADULTS BECOME CATHOLIC

- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who never received First Holy Communion and Confirmation?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who received First Holy Communion but did not make your Confirmation?
- Are you baptized into another religion and wish to understand the Catholic way of life and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many adults have experienced the joy of understanding our Catholic faith more fully through RCIA, and now we are making this program available at Our Lady of Loretto.

The program will start on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 and will run every Tuesday evening through April 3, 2018.

If you or anyone you know desires to become a fully Initiated Catholic (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) please have them call the Rectory and leave Father Kiely a message at 845-265-3718. All candidates must meet with Father Kiely prior to the start of the RCIA process.

THE STATUES OF MARY THAT SURVIVED HURRICANE HARVEY

The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that besides widespread damage from flooding and winds, Hurricane Harvey, which swept through Houston, also caused several fires in its wake. The Roja family had to evacuate their home on their land west of Corpus Christi as Harvey approached, and were devastated to learn that it had been destroyed by fire, CNN reported.

But there were two things that were left intact: statues of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “Some blame God and others blame the hurricane, but the only thing left standing here were holy things,” Natali Rojas told CNN affiliate KRIS. She found both a large statue of the Virgin Mary and a smaller statue the size of her hand. “I dug around here looking for things and all I found was the Virgin Mary.”

“Throughout my life I’ve suffered a lot... we’re trying to show other families how to stay strong, how to believe in God, and keep everybody together as a family,” said Jesus Rojas, Natali’s father.

Jesus added that they were grateful for the work of the local fire department who battled the blaze even as the hurricane approached. Natali said she was grateful her family evacuated, and that the Virgin Mary was a sign of hope for her family amid the devastation.

“Appreciate what you have, listen to the warnings, embrace your children and thank God for today and yesterday, and pray for a better tomorrow,” she said.

A SHORT GUIDE TO PRAYING THE CHAPLET OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows – September 15th

This ancient spiritual practice helps us enter into the heart of Our Blessed Mother as we recall her sufferings.

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – *As Christ was the ‘man of sorrows’ (Is 53, 3) through whom it pleased God to have ‘reconciled all things through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross’ (Col 1, 20), so too, Mary is ‘the woman of sorrows’ whom God associated with his Son as mother and participant in his Passion (socio-passions)” (Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy)*

Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows is very ancient, and over time pious customs have been developed to enter into the heart of Mary that was pierced so “thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed” (Luke 2:35). One such custom owes its origin to the Servite Order founded in 1233 by a group called the Seven Holy Founders. From the very beginning they sought to live a life dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

Through their spirituality they developed what has been called the “Servite Rosary,” also known as the “Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary.” It recalls seven events in the life of Mary when she experienced great sorrow. They are as follows:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34–35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13)
3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple of Jerusalem (Luke 2:43–45)
4. The Meeting of Mary and Jesus on his Way to Calvary (traditional)
5. Standing at the Foot of the Cross (John 19:25)
6. Jesus Being Taken Down from the Cross (Matthew 27:57–59)
7. The Burial of Jesus (John 19:40–42)

How to Pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

To pray this chaplet in memory of Our Lady’s Seven Sorrows, the custom is to pray the Our Father once and then the Hail Mary seven times for each sorrow. At the very end, three Hail Marys should be prayed in honor of Our Lady’s tears.

One method that helps facilitate the meditation on Mary’s sorrows is to announce each sorrow before praying the seven Hail Marys. Here is the text given by the Church in the 1910 version of the *Raccolta*:

With this confidence in my heart, I meditate on the First Sorrow, when Mary, Virgin Mother of my GOD, presented JESUS her only Son in the Temple, laid Him in the arms of holy and aged Simeon, and heard his prophetic word, “The sword of grief shall pierce thy soul,” foretelling thereby the Passion and Death of her Son JESUS.

The Second Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she was obliged to fly into Egypt by reason of the persecution of cruel Herod, who impiously sought to slay her well beloved Son.

The Third Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when, after having gone up to Jerusalem at the Paschal

Feast with Joseph her spouse and JESUS her beloved Son, she lost Him on the way back to her poor house, and for three days bewailed the loss of her only Love.

The Fourth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she met her dear Son JESUS carrying to Mount Calvary on his tender shoulders the heavy Cross whereon He was to be crucified for our salvation.

The Fifth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she saw her Son JESUS raised upon the hard tree of the Cross, and blood flowing from every part of his sacred Body, and then beheld Him die after three hours agony.

The Sixth Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin was when she saw the lance pierce the sacred Side of JESUS, her beloved Son, the nails withdrawn, and his holy Body laid in her purest bosom.

The Seventh and last Sorrow of the Blessed Virgin, Queen and Advocate of us, her servants, miserable sinners, was when she saw the Holy Body of her Son buried in the grave.

VI. Pray for us, Virgin most sorrowful.

R/. That we may be made worthy of the promises of CHRIST.

Let us pray.

GRANT, we beseech Thee, O LORD JESUS CHRIST, that the most blessed Virgin Mary, thy Mother, may intercede for us before the throne of thy mercy, now and at the hour of our death, whose most holy soul was transfixed with the sword of sorrow in the hour of thine own Passion. Through Thee, JESUS CHRIST, SAVIOR of the world, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

The Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows is a beautiful tradition in the Church and allows a soul to walk the via matris, following Mary who kept all of these sorrows in her heart.

MARY’S COMPASSION

"But as great as was St. Paul's devotion to our Lord, much greater was that of the Blessed Virgin: because she was his mother, and because she had him and all his sufferings actually before her eyes, and because she had the long intimacy of thirty years with him, and because she was from her special sanctity so unspeakably near him in spirit. When, then, he was mocked, bruised, scourged, and nailed to the Cross, she felt as keenly as if every indignity and torture inflicted on him was struck at herself. She could have cried out in agony at every pang of his. This is called her compassion, or her suffering with her Son, and it arose from this, that she was the 'Vessel of Devotion' unlike any other." – *Blessed John Henry Newman*

"When we appeal to the throne of grace we do so through Mary, honoring God by honoring His Mother, imitating Him by exalting her, touching the most responsive chord in the Sacred Heart of Christ with the sweet name of Mary."

– Saint Robert Bellarmine