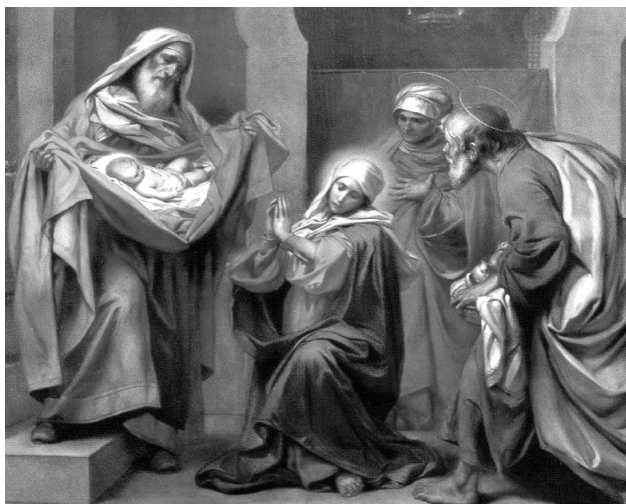


THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

December 31, 2017



“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted – and you yourself a sword will pierce – so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” *Luke 2:34-35*

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 30

5:00 PM James Doherty

Sunday, December 31 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 AM James Mitchell

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Alan Fujii

12:00 PM Roger Ailes

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

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

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

8:15 AM Elizabeth Valenti

Wednesday, January 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:15 AM Rosemarie Woodruff

Thursday, January 4 – Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:15 AM Edward J. Cretelli

Friday, January 5 – Saint John Neumann, Bishop

8:15 AM Deceased Members of the Tilearcio Family

Saturday, January 6 – Saint André Bessette, Religious

8:15 AM Katherine Filipich

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – January 6

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

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Carlos Quintanilla

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Teresa Pfeifer

12:00 PM James Mitchell

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 |
| Christopher Hartly | Vivian Pisanelli |
| Joseph Hoda | Joan Rosado |
| Parker Jane Holloway | Phillip Rossignol |
| Joey Hyatt, Jr. | Melissa Castro-Santos |
| Elizabeth M. Hynes | Miguel Santos |
| Kaitlyn Jandrucko | Laura Schiele |
| Dennis Klubnick | Sally Singh |
| Geoff Lyons | Ralph Torres |
| Kathleen Manganello | Connie Tuomey |
| Mary Marion | Chris Ventura |
| 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.

MONTH'S MIND

Richard J. Mazzuca, Sr – December 2nd, 2017

We remember our loved ones who have died one month following their passing on to eternal life.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday: | Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21 |
| Tuesday: | 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28 |
| Wednesday: | 1 Jn 2:29 – 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34 |
| Thursday: | 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42 |
| Friday: | 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51 |
| Saturday: | 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] |
| Sunday: | Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12 |

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 24, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,832

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | Adults | Children | Total |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 123 | 3 | 126 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 54 | 5 | 59 |
| St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am | 54 | 5 | 59 |
| Sunday, 12:00 pm | *** | *** | *** |
| Total*** | 277 | 33 | 310 |

***We did not have a Noon Mass on December 24th.

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.



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 1 – Unborn and persecuted Christians
- Jan 8 – Doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- Jan 15 – The elderly and grandparents
- Jan 22 – Employees and volunteers of the Parish

Lord, make me yours...

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 3rd, 2018

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

*Please pray for our Second Graders who will
receive the Sacrament of First
Reconciliation on Sunday, January 7th.*

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Loretto Council, No. 536 is sponsoring the local level of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Thursday, January 11th (snow date, Thursday, January 18th) at 6:00 PM at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries Gym, 781 Route 9D, Garrison. **Registration will start at 5:45 PM.**

All boys and girls ages **9 to 14** are invited to compete in their respective age division. **Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1st, 2018.** There is no cost to participate. Proof of age (**birth certificate or other proof of age**) and written parental consent will be required on the entry form.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Dan Dillon at 265-3802 or Youth Director Bob Flaherty at 265-3191.

Epiphany Dinner

By Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, January 6th

Join us after the 5:00 pm Mass or any time before 8 pm
In the Parish Hall

A portion of the net proceeds will be donated to the
Respect Life Committee

Menu

Roast Pork, Roasted Potatoes and Carrots, Salad,
Bread, Soft Drinks, Coffee and Dessert

Hot Dogs/Macaroni and Butter

Tickets

Tickets available at the door

Age 0-5: Free * 6 to 11: \$5 * 12 and over: \$15

Raffle for Basket of Cheer

For more information contact John Scherer:
(845) 661-1557 or
johnkscherer@gmail.com.

MARCH FOR LIFE

January 19th, 2018 • Washington, D.C.

Bus Information:

Saint Columba Parish • 428 Route 82
Hopewell Junction, NY

The cost for students is \$25 and adults is \$35. The bus leaves St. Columba after the 4:30 am Mass.

For reservations or more information, contact George Morton at 845-226-6896; georgemorton@msn.com

SURVIVING DIVORCE

Helping you find peace power and passion after your divorce

Surviving Divorce was created to bring hope and healing to those who have experienced the pain and loneliness of a broken marriage. It is for the newly separated and divorced and those still struggling with issues many years later. It will help them find answers to their questions, restore hope, and begin authentic healing. Developed and hosted by Rose Sweet, *Surviving Divorce* features experts Dr. Ray Guarendi, Ph.D., Fr. Donald Calloway, M.I.C., Fr. Steve Porter, S.T.I., Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J., and Christopher West. It also includes personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced the breakdown of their families. They courageously share their stories with heart, humor, and wisdom. As they witness to their pain and the healing power of Christ in their lives, participants will laugh, cry, and identify with their journeys from heartache to healing.

Surviving Divorce will help you:

- Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- Find personal healing and hope.
- Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings and finances.

Dates, times and location:

Dates: 1st and 3rd Fridays, January through June (beginning January 19th)

Time: 7:45 to 9:00 pm

Location: Saint James the Apostle Parish (Carriage House), 14 Gleneida Avenue, Carmel, NY 10512

For registration and more information, contact Dennis at (845) 612-9720 or Pat DeNota at (845) 225-2079, Ext. 102

In addition, you must purchase the required text prior to the session by visiting Ascension Press (Ascension Press.com)

“Do not be afraid of the future! Dare to dream big! I want to invite you to that great dream today.” – Pope Francis

Today is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

THE HOLY FAMILY, AN EXAMPLE FOR ALL FAMILIES

Through God's mysterious design, it was in that family that the Son of God spent long years of a hidden life. It is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families. It was unique in the world. Its life was passed in anonymity and silence in a little town in Palestine. It underwent trials of poverty, persecution and exile. It glorified God in an incomparably exalted and pure way. And it will not fail to help Christian families – indeed, all the families in the world – to be faithful to their day-to-day duties, to bear the cares and tribulations of life, to be open and generous to the needs of others, and to fulfill with joy the plan of God in their regard.

Saint John Paul II, *Familiaris Consortio*

Prayer for the Feast of the Holy Family

Dear Lord, bless our family. Be so kind as to give us the unity, peace, and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

Saint Joseph, bless the father of our family. Obtain for him the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence he needs to support and direct those under his care.

Mother Mary, bless the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be.

Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man.

Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION



This Saturday, January 6th, 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.

JANUARY 1ST 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 Jesus through Mary (see below)

Do something special for God in 2018: 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 Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Saint 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.

Mary

"She is a true Mother, a Mother who suffers because she truly takes to heart the problems of our lives.

She is a Mother who is close by, who never lets us out of her sight – a tender Mother, who holds us by the hand on our daily journey."

– Pope Francis

FAMILY TRADITIONS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1st, 2018

What a perfect way to begin the New Year – with the Mother of Our Lord! We have listed below a few family traditions for this special feast day that you may want to try out at home.

Collect Images of Mary

This feast day celebrates the maternity of Mary. To honor her, you could display a statue of Mary or a picture of her with the infant Jesus and place a candle before it. Some families have a tradition of collecting images of Our Lady – folk art, icons, reproductions of classical paintings. On this day you might begin a scrapbook of such pictures or a display of Marian art on one wall in your house.

Keep the TV Off

On this day and other major feasts, many devout families make it a rule to keep the TV off.

Petitions for the New Year

After going to Mass as a family, share special petitions for the New Year at home.

CATHOLIC NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS

God wants us to strive to be the best person we can be despite temptations surrounding us. Creating resolutions gives us time to think about our lives and what we can and should change. If we stay the same, we will not grow. We are expected to grow in grace. Pray to God for guidance concerning your resolutions and future endeavors.

Here are some great Catholic New Year Resolutions.

Pray daily – This can include any type or form of prayer.

Attend Mass not only on Sundays, but during the week as well.

Adore Jesus present in the Holy Eucharist as often as possible. (Our Lady of Loretto Parish has Eucharistic Adoration every Monday, 7:00-8:00 pm.)

Pray the Rosary daily or weekly.

Confession – Try to go to confession once per month.

Be kind to people daily, even when you do not feel like it. Respect others.

Do good deeds as often as possible, even when you do not feel like it.

Be active in the Church community.