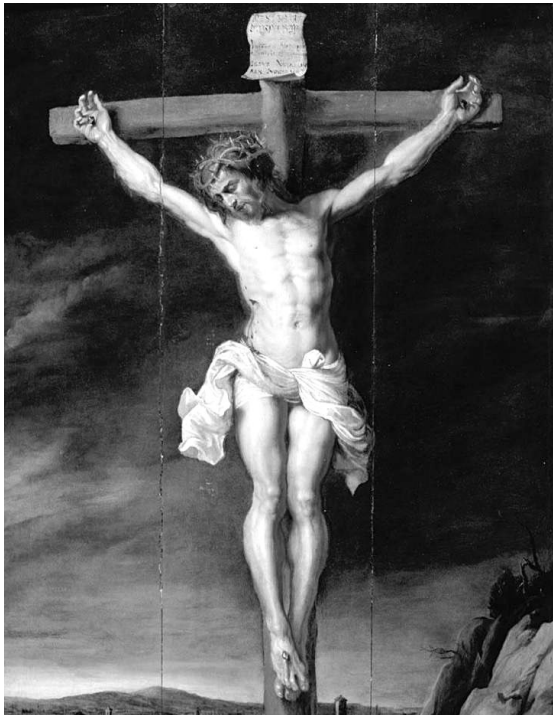


FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

March 11, 2018



“Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” *John 3:14-15*

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 10

5:00 PM Michael Danaher

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Ann Marie and John Flammer

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

12:00 PM Agnes J. Impellitteri – *5th Anniversary*

Monday, March 12 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Joe Bena

Wednesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Kathryn Thorpe – *5th Anniversary*

Thursday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Edward J. Cretelli

Friday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday

Day of Abstinence

8:15 AM Mike and Mary Hannigan

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 17 – Saint Patrick, Bishop

8:15 AM Nicholas Budney

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – March 17

5:00 PM Patrick Lahey

Sunday, March 18 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Louis Thorpe

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

12:00 PM Richard Tomlins

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Patrick Lahey donated by Terry Lahey. The candle will burn from March 11th through March 17th.

The **Offertory Gifts** this week were requested in loving memory of Theresa and Anthony A. Immorlica, Sr. by Peter and Teresa Hardin.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Children Easter Choir rehearsals are being held on Mondays, March 5th through March 26th, from 3:30 to 4:15 pm at the Church.

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.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Todd Morris
Kelsey Berger	Joseph Nowakowski
Lucas Boesch	Brian O'Keeffe
Electra Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Luis Padilla
John Brosnan	Rosario Padilla
Robert Broughal	Neilan Pierce
The Brusco Family	Vivian Pisanelli
Kathleen Clements	Joan Rosado
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Frank Sardo
Kaitlyn Jandrucko	Warren Schiele
Dennis Klubnick	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Connie Tuomey
Mary Marion	Chris Ventura
William Marquardt	Frank Volkmann
Paula Martino	Lidia Watrud
Merna Mendelson	

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 Tomlins – February 15th

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33; Alternate readings (Year A): Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

WEEKEND OF MARCH 4, 2018

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,942

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	97	7	104
Sunday, 8:30 am	103	43	146
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	***	***	***
Sunday, 12:00 pm	101	22	123
Total	301	72	373

***There was no Mass at Saint Joseph's.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Put on by Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, March 17th
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

In the Parish Hall

Menu

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

Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Loretto Council #536

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday • March 17th (see above for details)

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • March 25th

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 24th and 25th.

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

Grand Knight – Bob Murphy

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

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 14th, 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

Saturday, March 17th is Father Kiely's
Birthday

Happy Birthday Father Kiely! Thank you for your self-sacrifice and generous service to our parish. On your birthday and always, we wish you God's good gifts, abundant joy and Heaven's peace!

Loretto Council No. 536 Holding Annual Easter Egg Hunt



The Knights of Columbus, Loretto Council No. 536, will be holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th (rain date March 31st) at McConville Park at 11:00 am. Boys and girls ages 8 and under are eligible to participate. Parents should bring their own baskets. Any questions, please contact Bob Flaherty, Youth Director at (845) 265-3191 or Dan Dillon, Past Grand Knight at (845) 265-3802.



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 12 – Archbishop Dolan and all bishops

Mar 19 – His Holiness, Pope Francis

Mar 26 – All children of the parish

Apr 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents:

The Living Stations of the Cross

Teens bring the journey of Christ's Passion alive!

Passion Sunday, March 25th, 3:00 pm

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

**ATTENTION:
LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND
ALTAR SERVERS**

We need help at the following Masses/Services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter:

ALTAR SERVERS

Palm Sunday, March 25th: All Masses, including the 5:00 pm Vigil

Good Friday, March 30th

The Lord's Passion Service at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st: All Masses

LECTORS

Palm Sunday, March 25th: 8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's) and 12:00 pm

Easter Vigil, March 31st: 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st: 8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's) and 12:00 pm

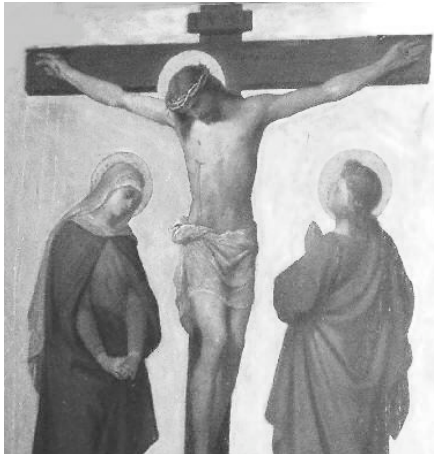
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Palm Sunday, March 25th: All Masses, including the 5:00 pm Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 1st: All Masses

If you can help out at any of these Masses/Services, please contact Anna McFadden: anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or (845) 265-2385. Thank you!

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent
7:30 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church

THE BEATITUDES AND THE MASS

A presentation of the orderly progression of the beatitudes in the Holy Mass. This extraordinary connection made while studying the Holy Mass is the focus.

Speaker: Madonna (Donna) Motta

Date: Thursday, March 15th

Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Place: Graymoor Spiritual Life Center
3rd Floor Seminar Room

**LORETTO COUNCIL, 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 contribute 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)
6. A list of out-of-school extra-curricular activities (church, scouts, humanitarian, 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 Tuesday, May 1st, 2018

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

OUR LADY OF LORETTO WEBSITE

Please remember that our Church website (www.ladyofloretto.org) has a lot of information that might be helpful throughout the year. We post Mass schedules for Sundays and Holidays, archived bulletins and links for daily readings as well as other Catholic news.

For the Religious Education Program, we post the Registration Forms, the calendar, and class cancellations.

On the home page, there is also an option for on-line giving called WeShare, which more parishioners might want to explore.

The Parish Office is only open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, so make use of the website for your convenience, especially if you have a question when the office is closed.

ANNUAL ONLINE GIVING STATEMENTS

For those who use online giving Information needed

As some of you may know, ParishPay online giving services was acquired by Liturgical Publications, Inc. in February 2017, and is now operated under the name WeShare. In order to ensure that all of you using the WeShare (formerly ParishPay) program, are able to obtain your annual online giving statements in a timely manner, we ask that you go online and validate your contact information with WeShare. You can do this by going to the Donate Online link on the parish's website and follow the prompt by clicking "Verify My Account", enter your username and the last four digits of the funding source (bank a/c or credit/debit card) and continue to verify your information. Thank you for your cooperation with this request.

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS

**At the Cathedral of St. Patrick
Sunday, June 3rd, 2018**

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish to register. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th, 2018.**

WHEN YOU'RE SCARED THAT YOU'RE SHUTTING GOD OUT, REMEMBER BAPTISM

Before any choice is made, God has accepted us entirely, in our helplessness, even in our non-responsiveness.

Aleteia.org, by Anna O'Neil – Most of the time I feel like God's grace is wasted on me. I mean, he's given me his actual body in the Eucharist, but I get distracted so easily that 30 seconds after Communion, I may already be thinking about something else. Confession is the same. I remember to be grateful for a few minutes, but later on in the day, I fall into the same tired, boring sins, for the umpteenth time.

If we're all called to be saints, then God wants to give us

the grace to live that heroic life – but I don't want to accept that grace, or rise to the challenge, for fear of everything I'd have to give up. You know that hymn, "Rain down, rain down, rain down Your love on Your people..."? Well I have this image in my head of grace pouring down in torrents from the sky, and I'm the only one standing there with an umbrella.

I do know, of course, that God's grace is more powerful than my stubbornness, and if you open the door just a crack, that's enough for him to work with. That's what mercy is. But none of it seemed very real to me, until I started thinking about my unborn child's baptism. See, Catholics understand that Baptism isn't just a symbolic welcoming of a person into the community. It's a true integration of the child into the Mystical Body of Christ, it's the real remission of Original Sin, and, as the Catechism says, it's "the gateway to life in the Spirit. (1213)" It's a really, really big deal.

And where does all this outpouring of grace go? Right onto the head of an infant who might be so young he can't even control his limbs yet, an infant who might sleep through the whole thing, if he's not startled by the cold water.

Before the baby remotely has the capacity to respond to God's grace in any way, the Church pours out the whole grace of salvation on him. The baby can't choose to receive the grace or not, and he has no idea what's happening, but that doesn't get in the way at all. The infant has nothing to contribute, not faith, not works, not prayer, and to be honest, not even love – after all, love has to involve the will, and the child's will is so far undeveloped. None of that seems to matter to God, though.

Whenever I'm lucky enough to attend a baptism, I see more clearly that, both literally and symbolically, Baptism is our front line of defense against despair. Yes, God wants us to respond to his grace, and yes, each of us who grows up has to make the choice, again and again, to put good over evil. So I'm right to ask myself whether I'm being responsive to the grace God is trying to give me.

But there's more to the story of my salvation than just that. Baptism shows us that, before any choice is made, God has accepted us entirely, in our helplessness, even in our non-responsiveness. Despair can't coexist with an understanding of that utter, unreserved, acceptance.

Christ told us that "unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 18:3) I think partly it's because we actually are only children, and the change we have to make is to remember it and start acting like it again. I mean, we don't actually have anything to offer God that he lacks, we know much less than we think we do, and we're far more reliant on him than we sometimes like to admit.

So with all of that in mind, whenever I get scared that I'm not holding up my end of the bargain, that I'm not making the most of God's grace, I'll still examine my conscience and try to shape up – but first I'll remind myself that God took me in before I had anything to give, and that his grace is much, much bigger than I've been assuming. And all in all, I still don't have more to give now than when I was an infant, so what's really changed between his grace then, and his grace today?