

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

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

April 8, 2018



Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." *John 20:27*

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 7

5:00 PM Martin Nelles

Sunday, April 8 – Second Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:30 AM Lucille Komasa

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Rose and Pat Cangelosi

12:00 PM Laura Schiele

Monday, April 9 – The Annunciation of the Lord

8:15 AM Joan Lahey

Tuesday, April 10 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Betty Hynes

Wednesday, April 11 – Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Glenn Baumler

Thursday, April 12 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Gus and Katina Filipich

Friday, April 13 – Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Saturday, April 14 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Richard Tomlins

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 14

5:00 PM Amelia Landolfi Serino

Sunday, April 15 – Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

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

12:00 PM James J. Corless – 25th Anniversary

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 8th through April 14th.

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
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
Bernadette Clement	Joan Rosado
Kathleen Clements	Phillip Rossignol
Christopher Hartly	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joseph Hoda	Miguel Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Frank Sardo
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Warren Schiele
Kaitlyn Jandrucko	Sally Singh
Dennis Klubnick	Ralph Torres
Geoff Lyons	Connie Tuomey
Kathleen Manganello	Carol Valentine
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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
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 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

EASTER WEEKEND – APRIL 1, 2018

EASTER COLLECTION – \$19,822

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	114	10	124
Sunday, 8:30 am	***	***	***
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	125	13	138
Sunday, 12:00 pm	154	29	183
Total***	393	52	445

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

Consider becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server

We especially need help at the following Masses:

Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm,
Sundays • 12:00 pm

St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12:00 pm

St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

Altar Servers (4th Grade and up)

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12 Noon

St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at
anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or call 845-265-2385.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • April 29th

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 28th and 29th.

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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"Handing on the Faith"

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 11th, 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

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Wednesday, April 18th • 6:30 pm

Please pray for our Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, April 20th.



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 9 – Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- Apr 16 – Priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- Apr 23 – Our country and elected officials
- Apr 30 – The Knights of Columbus

"In our self-centered culture and classic American emphasis on work, we often feel we have to accomplish something during our times of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We rate our experience by how 'good' our prayer was, how heartfelt our devotion was, or how focused we could remain.

Yet prayer and contemplation are fundamentally God's work, in which we are invited to participate. We need only to give Him the opening, and He will do the rest.

By coming to adoration, we are handing Him the keys to our hearts, allowing the rays of His love and grace to bathe our souls in the light of His Presence, as the rays of the sun bathe our bodies in light.

If we can take the time to pull away from the busyness and distractions of life and just sit at His feet, He will lead us." – Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration

ON THE ANNUNCIATION

Feast Day this year: April 9th

Our salvation hinges upon our consent to being saved.

Aleteia.org, Elizabeth Scalia – *The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary; And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.*

The Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord is celebrated by the Catholic Church on March 25 – exactly nine months before the Nativity of the Lord, in December. Why do we bother? Why insistently recall this singular moment – one that many non-Catholic Christians barely consider, except, perhaps, in the run-up to Christmas?

Because this single moment contains within it the first and foremost lesson of Christianity – the one around which every other lesson whirls: Our salvation hinges upon our consent to being saved, and it is a consent that must be given over and over again. Just as God's own intention – his Word of assent – was necessary for the creation and sustained expansion of the universe, so was Mary's "yes" necessary to the its salvation. God said, "Let there be...", and from that was brought forth light. At the Annunciation it is the created creature who says the Word. "Yes," Mary said, "let it be ...," and from that was brought forth the light of the world.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord: Be it done unto me according to thy word.

"Yes." "Let it be." These are the words that permit life rather than refuse it. Creation and sustenance are born of positive assent, affirmation. "God created us without us, but he will not save us without us," wrote Augustine in one of his sermons, and the Annunciation demonstrates it.

While this week we remember the Annunciation in a special way, the Church puts this great truth and ever-instructive mystery before us constantly by recommending the daily recitation of the Angelus, whose words continually bring us back to the beginning, that first lesson, for our continued instruction – the reminder that our every yes keeps us on a God-directed path. And then it does something else. It plops us right into a mystery that is imponderable and yet ever-pleasant to dwell upon:

And the Word was made Flesh: And dwelt among us.

To remember the incarnation, every day, is to also remember the Passion and death of Christ Jesus, every day; which is also to remember that there is nothing we suffer in life that God himself did not consent to suffer, as well, out of sheer love for us, in his "mad eros of the cross." It is, finally, to remember that this love, this consent, this yes, has conquered all, which means we are – with every surrender, every yes of our own – made continually free, in Christ.

How grateful I am that our Church encourages the daily refreshment that is found in recalling the Annunciation, because in that brief pause of prayerful remembrance, there is an invitation to continual immersion in transcendent light and life. To rise of a morning with the words of the Angelus on our lips, "The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary..." and then to repeat them at noon, and at six, and again upon retiring, or to use those words while announcing the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary, is to be continually drawn back to what is real, and true, and

salvific; our perspective is trained toward Christ, and heaven, and the long view of things.

One antiphon in the Office of Readings urges us, "Surrender to God, and he will do everything for you." Each time I encounter it I am shocked, because it seems such a bold statement, and also a bit too easy, doesn't it? Like something a salesman, or a politician, might say: vote for me, and I will do everything for you. Except, then I remember that in God's case, it is true; the more we surrender to God's purposes, give up our own will, the more we assist in the propulsion of his will in our lives, which is really all about cooperating with his purposes for the good whole world.

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

PRAYING THE ANGELUS



Following the traditional routine of the Angelus requires you to stop whatever you are doing and pray for one minute at 6 am, noon, and 6 pm. Here's the prayer:

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

TODAY, April 8th, 2018 • 2:45 pm
At Our Lady of Loretto Church

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Loretto Church today, April 8th – 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, 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 grace 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

On June 29, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary of the Holy See promulgated a decree creating new indulgences that may be gained by the faithful in connection with the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. This decree grants a plenary indulgence to those who comply with all the conditions established, and a partial indulgence to those who incompletely fulfill the conditions.

A plenary indulgence is granted under the usual conditions (sacramental confession*, Eucharistic communion and prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on the Second Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday, in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy, or who, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (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.

AN ESSENTIAL KEY TO HOLINESS WE OFTEN FORGET

Hint: It doesn't involve any extra prayers or devotions.

Aletheia.org, Philip Kosloski – Prayer is essential to growth in the spiritual life, but so are basic human virtues – building blocks of daily life that everyone should strive to achieve, in order to make our world a better place.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains,

“Human virtues are firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life.

The virtuous man is he who freely practices the good. The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love” (CCC 1804).

Basically, a virtuous life is achieved through good habits. These habits are the foundation of holiness.

The ancient philosopher Aristotle also illustrated this same concept in his *Nicomachean Ethics*. He explained how “moral virtue comes about as a result of habit.” If we do not have a habit of virtue, we will never draw closer to God.

Throughout the centuries various writers have developed a list of the seven human virtues that provide an essential key to holiness. Going through this list is a perfect way to practice an examination of conscience, discovering how we have succeeded or failed in living out the Gospel.

Chastity – According to one’s state in life, chastity revolves around the proper ordering of sexuality.

Temperance – Deeply connected to many different passions, temperance allows for the ability of self-control.

Charity – A hallmark of Gospel living, charity is born out of a selfless love of neighbor.

Diligence – This virtue focuses on counteracting laziness and applying one self to a task with perseverance.

Patience – One of the hardest virtues, it means bearing difficult things (and difficult people) with gentleness and compassion.

Kindness – Often forgotten on the internet, kindness is a virtue and a worthy habit to adopt.

Humility – Last, but not least, humility counteracts a prideful nature and is true self-knowledge, recognizing both your faults and strengths.

Sometimes a confessor will challenge a penitent to pick one virtue to work on, taking baby steps to make it a lasting habit. A person can draw much closer to God by practicing a single virtuous habit each day.