

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Lord, let your face shine on us.

April 15, 2018



"Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things." *Luke 24:46-48*

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 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*

Monday, April 16 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 17 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Larry Green

Wednesday, April 18 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Frank Tripoli

Thursday, April 19 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Lois Sutton

Friday, April 20 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Helen A. Dye

4:00 PM Confirmation

Saturday, April 21 – Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Angelina D'Amato

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 21

5:00 PM Madeline McCord

Sunday, April 22 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Patricia and Eugene Kelly

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – William and Anthony Minelli and Family

12:00 PM Sharon Parchen

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Deceased Members of the Immorlica and Rizzo Families donated by Peter and Teresa Hardin. The candle will burn from April 15th through April 21st.

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.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Merna Mendelson
Kelsey Berger	Todd Morris
Lucas Boesch	Joseph Nowakowski
Electra Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
John Brosnan	Luis Padilla
Robert Broughal	Rosario Padilla
The Brusco Family	Neilan Pierce
Bernadette Clement	Vivian Pisanelli
Kathleen Clements	Joan Rosado
Joan Greco	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

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Ralph R. Lyons

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

Lois M. Sutton – March 18th, 2018
Angelina D'Amato – March 19th, 2018
Helen Dye – March 20th, 2018

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 – 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 1ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

WEEKEND OF APRIL 8, 2018
REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,623

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	94	6	100
Sunday, 8:30 am	135	18	153
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	40	14	54
Sunday, 12:00 pm	102	11	113
Total	371	49	420

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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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 18th, 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

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE & RETREAT

Sunday, May 6th • 1:30 pm

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

Please pray for our children who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on Saturday, May 12th.



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 16 – Priests and vocations to the priesthood and religious life
- Apr 23 – Our country and elected officials
- Apr 30 – The Knights of Columbus
- May 7 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

THANK YOU!

A special thank you goes out to Catherine Treuter for custom tailoring our beautiful altar linens and tapestry accents for the Easter Season. A lot of thought and attention to detail went into this effort, as well as the workmanship that brought it all together. Another thank you to Catherine for preparing the Sanctuary for each service during Holy Week, along with Judy Meyer, Diana Roda and Beverly Leardi.

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 • 2:00 to 8:00 pm
Our Lady of Loretto Parish Hall
24 Fair Street • Cold Spring

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

www.nybloodcenter.org for our online registration
1-800-933-BLOOD [2566]
Local contact: 845-424-3456

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

CLASP (CATHOLIC LITERATURE AND ARTS SUMMER PROGRAM)

Sunday, July 29th – Friday, August 3rd

A theater camp for high school students and incoming freshmen

No prior music/acting/crew or theater experience is necessary! We need set-designers, actors, singers, tech-people, and crew! More information: cyfm.org.

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6 OTHER WAYS OF SAYING GRACE BESIDES “BLESS US, O LORD...”

Compiled by Anna O’Neil

God is great and God is good,
And we thank him for our food;
By his hand we must be fed,
Give us Lord, our daily bread. Amen.

Freestyle, ending with “We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.”

Blessed are you, Lord our God, king of the universe, by whose word all things exist.
– Traditional Jewish blessing

O Thou,
the Sustainer of
our bodies, hearts, and souls,
Bless all
that we thankfully
receive.

For the meal we are about to eat,
for those that made it possible,
and for those with whom we are about to share it,
we are thankful.

Ending any prayer with “... And may the Lord provide for the needs of others.”

Do not let hope die!

Stake your lives on it! We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.

– Saint John Paul II

BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS: NEVERTHELESS, SHE PERSISTED

Feast Day • April 16th

Aleteia.org, by Elizabeth Scalia – Bernadette Soubirous was an impoverished, malnourished, asthmatic, uneducated, possibly learning disabled 14-year-old when she accompanied her sister and a friend on a firewood-gathering mission to the grotto of Massabielle. While there, Bernadette had a vision of a “beautiful lady.” Neither her sister nor their friend saw what she saw, and she asked them to say nothing to anyone. Naturally, they blabbed away about it as soon as they got home. Bernadette’s mother, thinking her daughter was looking for attention, smacked her and told her to stop talking nonsense. Nevertheless, she persisted.

The following Sunday, Bernadette returned to the grotto, and the lady greeted her, and asked her to return for a fortnight. People said she was neurotic, fantasizing or hallucinating. Nevertheless, she persisted.

Over the course of the fortnight, during which Bernadette fell into ecstasy before the vision, doctors would prick her skin, put candles to her and otherwise try to shock her out of her “trance.” She became a public curiosity and the source of gossip, speculation, and a wholly unwanted celebrity among believers and unbelievers alike – a very distasteful situation for a shy young woman. Nevertheless, she persisted.

She was told she was too stupid for heaven to use in any meaningful way, even though God has a habit of using the most confounding and least “obvious” persons to work his will in the world. Told by the local priest to get the name of the lady for him, she didn’t even understand the words, or the concept, or the dogma that she brought back to him when she pounded on his rectory door and then, when admitted, imitated the gesture of the lady as she said, “I am the Immaculate Conception.” Nevertheless, she persisted.

The lady asked her to dig with her hands in the dirt of the grotto, and to eat the grass amid it, behavior that disgusted many and caused them to mock Bernadette. Nevertheless, she persisted.

The next morning, a spring appeared where she had dug, and there was an immediate healing of illness. Suddenly the little visionary was a pet of society, offered money, asked for blessings. Repeatedly, she was called upon to relate the details of her visions to civil authorities and Church authorities, who doubted her story. Fortright, she said to them, “My job is to inform, not to convince.” Nevertheless, she persisted.

She walked away from all of that, and into a convent where she endured great hardship from superiors intent on insuring that this already-humble young woman wouldn’t become full of herself. Nevertheless, she persisted.

She died after suffering terrible agony, at the age of 35. When Bernadette’s cause for sainthood was opened, and the exhumation was performed, her body was found to be completely incorrupt – soft and pliable, her skin rosy in tone. You might say, “Nevertheless, even in death, she persisted.”

POPE FRANCIS: WE SHOULD LEAVE EVERY MASS BETTER THAN WHEN WE WENT IN

Vatican City, April 4, 2018 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that Pope Francis said the Eucharist is key to living an authentic Christian witness, and that those who leave Mass unchanged, continuing to gossip or hold onto unholy habits, have missed the point.

“While the Mass ends, the commitment for Christian witness opens. We leave the church to go in peace to bring the blessing of God to our daily activities, to our homes, to our work, to the affairs of the earthly city, glorifying the Lord with our lives,” the Pope said.

The Mass, he said, is not just a weekly commitment that can be forgotten about once people go out the church doors.

“No. Christians go to Mass to participate in the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, and to live as better Christians,” he said. “If we leave the church gossiping” or talking badly about other people, then “the Mass didn’t enter into my heart, because I am not capable of living Christian testimony.”

“Every time I leave Mass I must leave better than I went in,” he said, adding that the Eucharist should leave a person with a better heart, a better spirit and “a stronger desire to live as a Christian.”

In his speech, the pope focused on the concluding rite of Mass, in which believers are told to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord.”

The Mass, particularly with this commission, “finds fulfillment in the concrete choices one makes [and] involves us first-hand in the mysteries of Christ,” he said.

“We cannot forget that we celebrate the Eucharist to learn to become Eucharistic men and women,” he said, explaining that this means allowing Christ to act in and through the choices one makes, taking on his thoughts, feelings and actions.

St. Paul expresses this clearly when he speaks of his own assimilation to Jesus, saying he no longer lives, but Christ lives in him, Francis said, explaining that the apostle’s experience “also illuminates us.”

“In the measure in which we mortify our egoism, meaning we allow what opposes the Gospel and the love of Jesus to die, greater space is created in us for the power of his Spirit,” he said.

And while the liturgy is a prime way to gain great unity with Jesus, Francis noted that the presence of Christ in the consecrated bread and wine “does not end with the Mass.” Rather, the Eucharist is kept in the tabernacle in order to give communion to the sick who are unable to attend Mass, and it is also kept for moments of “silent adoration” through the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Eucharistic worship outside of the Mass, whether in private or in community, helps us to remain in Christ” and imitate his words and actions, Francis said, adding that Christians are men and women “who allow their soul to grow with the strength of God.”

“Not these small, tight, egoistic souls,” he said, but “great souls” who allow themselves to grow with the strength of the Holy Spirit and after being washed by the body and blood of Christ.

The Eucharist also separates us from sin, he said, because “the more we participate in the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to separate ourselves from him with mortal sin.”

Community is also an essential element of the Mass, he said, because the Eucharist “makes the Church,” and ought to lead to an increased commitment in service of the poor, who bear the flesh of Christ.

Pope Francis closed his audience asking pilgrims to give thanks to the Lord “for the path of rediscovering the holy Mass which he has given us to walk together,” and prayed that each person would allow themselves “to be attracted with a renewed faith to this real encounter with Jesus, died and risen for us.”

“May our lives always flourish like this, like Easter, with flowers of hope and good works, that we always find the strength for this in the Eucharist, in union with Jesus.”

A PRAYER FOR THE DAYS YOU JUST CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE

When life on this earth seems overwhelming, support from heaven is waiting to come.

Aleteia.org, by Kathleen N. Hattrup – No matter how mindful we are of our blessings, some stages of life – or simply, some days – are particularly marked by burdens. Often, the weight we carry is made heavier because we feel alone in facing what we must.

The following prayer, attributed to St. Augustine, reminds us that, even when we feel that life is overwhelming and no one has our back, “heroes and saints of every age” are at the ready to give us support. They are our truest brothers and sisters and friends – more attentive to our needs than any earthly helpmate, and also more able to help.

Let us, with them, “tune our hearts to brave music,” and, as St. Catherine of Siena said, “start being brave about everything.”

God of our life,
There are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and weigh us down;
when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies grey and threatening;
when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
Flood the path with light,
turn our eyes to where the skies are full of promise;
tune our hearts to brave music;
give us the sense of comradeship
with heroes and saints of every age;
and so quicken our spirits
that we may be able to encourage
the souls of all who journey with us
on the road of life,
to your honor and glory.