

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

April 22, 2018



"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." *John 10:14-15*

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 – 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

Monday, April 23 – Saint George, Martyr; Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Angelina D'Amato

Tuesday, April 24 – Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Wednesday, April 25 – Saint Mark, Evangelist

8:15 AM James C. Tompkins

Thursday, April 26 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Nancy A. Tompkins – *5th Anniversary*

Friday, April 27 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Patrick Lahey

Saturday, April 28 – Saint Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort, Priest

8:15 AM Richard Tomlins

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 28

5:00 PM Julia and Raymond Gallagher

Sunday, April 29 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Louis Thorpe

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Laura B. Schiele

12:00 PM Atillio Poli

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Russ Pipitone (12th Anniversary) donated by the Pipitone Family. The candle will burn from April 22nd through April 28th.

The **Flowers** on the Altar this weekend were donated in loving memory of Deceased Members of the Rapalje Family.

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.

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, 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:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

WEEKEND OF APRIL 15, 2018

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,451

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	104	7	111
Sunday, 8:30 am	93	12	105
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	47	6	53
Sunday, 12:00 pm	***	***	***
Total	244	25	269

***Attendance was not taken at the 12:00 pm 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

Next 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.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 25th, 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

FIRST COMMUNION PRACTICE & RETREAT

Sunday, May 6th • 1:30 pm

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2018-19 school year has been mailed to all families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. If you did not receive the 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!

Special Collection Next Weekend:

AID TO THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Next week we will take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region.



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 23 – Our country and elected officials

Apr 30 – The Knights of Columbus

May 7 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

May 14 – For all mothers of the parish

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

Bring donor card/photo id with signature.
Please eat and drink before donating.

Walk-ins and new donors welcome.

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.

Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison.

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

WHY DO WE KNEEL DOWN TO PRAY?

A gesture of adoration and penance that requires a certain humility

Aleteia.org, by Jacques Gauthier – When we pray on our knees, the body prostrates itself and the heart surrenders itself. This attitude of prayer expresses submission to God, obedience to his will, adoration, humility and penance. It reflects an attitude of faith, par excellence. How much the saints have been taught on their knees before the Blessed Sacrament!

To pray on our knees is to communicate an attitude. As with any bodily gesture or posture, the act of kneeling before God says something. The body communicates a message. To place ourselves on our knees is to “speak” adoration and penance, which requires a certain humility. Humility is a fundamental attitude for prayer; in humility we accept our condition as creatures, placing ourselves before him, awaiting him, aware of our complete dependence upon him for our very existence.

This attitude makes us more free, because it situates us in the truth of our human finiteness. We recognize that God is everything for us and that without his merciful love, we are, literally, nothing. To be on our knees, near the floor, somehow nourishes this attitude of humility (humus) and of interior stillness, so essential for adoration.

Adoration, proskynein in Greek, calls for a posture of kneeling and prostrating oneself. To bend our knees before God is to recognize humbly that everything comes from him. It communicates the prayer of the Prophet Daniel (6:11): “Even after Daniel heard that this law [against praying to God] had been signed, he continued his custom of going home to kneel in prayer and give thanks to his God in the upper chamber three times a day, with the windows open toward Jerusalem.”

SUFFERING? PRAY THIS PRAYER FROM SAINT BERNADETTE

Let my crucified heart sink forever into Thine...

Aleteia.org, Kathleen N. Hatrup – Saint Bernadette, who saw Our Lady in Lourdes, found solace in her suffering by turning her eyes to Our Lord. “O Jesus, Jesus,” she prayed, “I no longer feel my cross when I think of yours.” If you’re suffering today, pray this excerpt of one of her prayers:

Let the crucifix be not only in my eyes and on my breast, but in my heart.

O Jesus! Release all my affections and draw them upwards.

Let my crucified heart sink forever into Thine and bury itself in the mysterious wound made by the entry of the lance.



TODAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

While appreciating all vocations, the Church concentrates its attention this day on vocations to the ordained ministries (priesthood and diaconate), to the Religious life in all its forms (male and female, contemplative and apostolic), to societies of apostolic life, to secular institutes in their diversity of services and membership, and to the missionary life, in the particular sense of mission “ad gentes” (“to the Nations”).

A Prayer for Vocations

O God, Father of all Mercies, Provider of a bountiful Harvest, send Your Graces upon those you have called to gather the fruits of Your labor; preserve and strengthen them in their lifelong service of You.

Open the hearts of Your children that they may discern Your Holy Will; inspire in them a love and desire to surrender themselves to serving others in the name of Your son, Jesus Christ.

Teach all Your faithful to follow their respective paths in life guided by Your Divine Word and Truth. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, and Saints, humbly hear our prayers and grant Your Church's needs, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

STRUGGLING WITH A DECISION? TRY THIS PRAYER

Our Lady is especially honored on April 26 for her ability to counsel us in difficulties.

Aleteia.org, Philip Kosloski – There are constantly situations in life that need discernment. What job should I take? What house should we buy? Should I marry my boyfriend? Is God calling me to the priesthood? How many children is God calling us to have? The list is endless and these are only some of the big questions. Plenty of the even more numerous lesser decisions that we have to make every day are also difficult.

What should we do in such situations?

The Church has always suggested turning to the Blessed Virgin Mary when encountering such a challenge. In the ancient Litany of Loreto we find Mary called the “Seat of Wisdom,” for she is regarded as one of the wisest creatures God has fashioned. Additionally, in that same litany Pope Leo XIII added the title, “Mother of Good Counsel,” after a miraculous turn of events outside of Rome.

According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, during the “reign of Paul II (1464-71) [it is related] that the picture of Our Lady, at first called ‘La Madonna del Paradiso’ and now better known as ‘Madonna del Buon Consiglio,’ appeared at Genazzano, a town about 25 miles southeast of Rome, on St. Mark’s Day, 25 April, 1467, in the old church of Santa Maria ... The venerated icon itself ... was observed to hang suspended in the air without the slightest apparent support; thus early tradition furthermore tells how one might have passed a thread around the image without touching it. At once devotion to Our Lady in Santa Maria sprang up; pilgrim-bands began to resort thither; while miracles in ever-increasing numbers, of which a register was opened two days after the event, were wrought, as they still continue to be, at the shrine.”

The miraculous image remains there to this day, even though most of the church was destroyed during World War II. Miracles continue to be attributed to Our Lady of Good Counsel both at the shrine and around the world.

The feast of Our Lady of Good Counsel is April 26.

The Blessed Virgin Mary had many difficult decisions to make in her own life time. For an example, we only need mention the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel came to her to announce that she would be the mother of the Son of God. She was not forced to do this and her decision was freely made to accept God’s will. How small do our decisions look in comparison to hers!

In honor of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Pope Pius XII composed a powerful prayer to her that recalls her intercession for those facing difficult decisions. If you need some extra heavenly help for a choice you have to make, try this prayer.

Holy Virgin, moved by the painful uncertainty we experience in seeking and acquiring the true and the good, we cast ourselves at thy feet and invoke thee under the sweet title of Mother of Good Counsel. We beseech thee: come to our aid at this moment in our

worldly sojourn when the double darkness of error and of evil plot our ruin by leading minds and hearts astray.

Seat of Wisdom and Star of the Sea, enlighten the victims of doubt and of error so that they may not be seduced by evil masquerading as good; strengthen them against the hostile and corrupting forces of passion and of sin.

Mother of Good Counsel, obtain for us our most urgent need.... (here mention your request) and secure for us from thy Divine Son the love of virtue and the strength to choose, in doubtful and difficult situations, the course agreeable to our salvation.

Supported by thy hand we shall thus journey without harm along the paths taught us by the word and example of Jesus our Savior, following the Sun of Truth and Justice in freedom and safety across the battlefield of life under the guidance of thy maternal Star, until we come at length to the harbor of salvation to enjoy with thee unalloyed and everlasting peace. Amen.

WHY DO CATHOLICS CONFESS THEIR SINS TO A PRIEST INSTEAD OF DIRECTLY TO GOD?

God knows I'm sorry, isn't that enough?

Aleteia.org, John Martignoni – Why do Catholics confess their sins to a priest, rather than going directly to God?

The quick answer is because that’s the way God wants us to do it. In James 5:16, God, through Sacred Scripture, commands us to “confess our sins to one another.” Notice, Scripture does not say confess your sins straight to God and only to God – it says confess your sins to one another. In Matthew, chapter 9, verse 6, Jesus tells us that He was given authority on earth to forgive sins. And then Scripture proceeds to tell us, in verse 8, that this authority was given to “men”... plural.

In John 20, verses 21-23, what is the first thing Jesus says to the gathered disciples on the night of His resurrection? “Jesus said to them, ‘Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.’” How did the Father send Jesus? We just saw in Matthew 9 that the Father sent Jesus with the authority on earth to forgive sins. Now Jesus sends out His disciples as the Father has sent Him... so, what authority must Jesus be sending His disciples out with? The authority on earth to forgive sins. And, just in case they didn’t get it, verses 22-23 say this, “And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.’”

Why would Jesus give the Apostles the power to forgive or to retain sins if He wasn’t expecting people to confess their sins to them? And how could they forgive or retain sins if no one was confessing their sins to them? The Bible tells us to confess our sins to one another. It also tells us that God gave men the authority on Earth to forgive sins. Jesus sends out His disciples with the authority on earth to forgive sins. When Catholics confess their sins to a priest, they are simply following the plan laid down by Jesus Christ. He forgives sins through the priest... it is God’s power, but He exercises that power through the ministry of the priest.