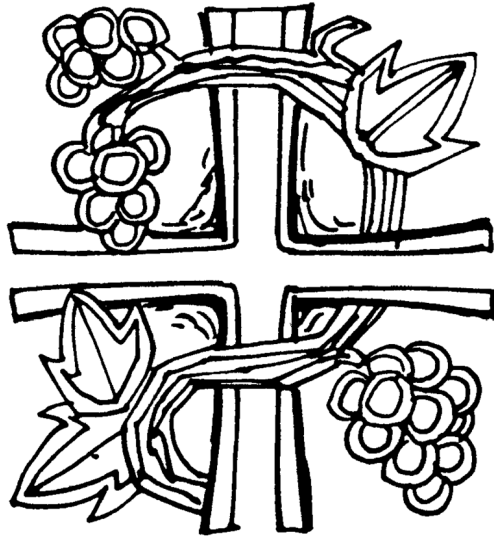


SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He who does justice will live in
the presence of the Lord.

July 17, 2016



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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 – July 16

5:00 PM Joseph Giachinta

Sunday, July 17 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Anne Wade

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – James Cannon

12:00 PM Joseph Percacciolo, Sr.

Monday, July 18 – Weekday

8:15 AM Marcia DiCastro

Tuesday, July 19 – Weekday

8:15 AM Henry F. Boesch, Sr.

Wednesday, July 20 – Weekday

8:15 AM Kevin Moroney

Thursday, July 21 – Weekday

8:15 AM Giovanni Mariani

Friday, July 22 – St. Mary Magdalene

8:15 AM Kuczak Family

Saturday, July 23 – Weekday

8:15 AM Dee Kavana

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – July 23

5:00 PM Bud Fleming

Sunday, July 24 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dominick Grandetti

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – James Cannon

12:00 PM Robert A. Stevens

OUR LADY OF LORETTO WEBSITE

Visit us on the web at: www.ladyofloretto.org

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Marion Tompkins and the Tompkins Family, donated by Chuck & Nancy Tompkins. The candle will burn July 17th through July 23rd.

The **Offertory Gifts** this week were donated in loving memory of the deceased members of the Immorlica & Rizzo Families, donated by Peter & Teresa Hardin.

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, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. Prayer facilitator – Diana Roda: 424-4175.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Paula Martino
Lucas Boesch	Wesley Ann McGovern
Robert Broughal	Merna Mendelson
Michael Brusco	Todd Morris
Kathleen Clements	Joseph Nowakowski
Carmine Comberiata	Brian O'Keeffe
Joseph C. Etta	Inelda O'Keeffe
Bill Flaherty	Neilan Pierce
William Freeman	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Frank Volkmann
Mary Marion	Lidia Watrud

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: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

SPECIAL CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

At Our Lady of Loretto Church
Mondays • 7:00-8:00 pm

WEEKEND OF JULY 10, 2016
REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,442

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	110	6	116
Sunday, 8:30 am	Not taken	Not taken	Not taken
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	49	6	55
Sunday, 12:00 pm	78	7	85
Total	237	19	256



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...

- July 18 – Altar Servers and parish vocations
- July 25 – Holy Father's Intentions
- August 1 – The Unborn & Persecuted Christians
- August 8 – The Samaritans & the sick and suffering



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • July 24th

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 July 23rd and 24th.

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

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2016-17 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. Registration forms are available at the parish website: www.ladyofloretto.org. After June 30th, there is an additional "late fee" of \$25 per registration. Thank you!

NEEDED: DONATED SUPPLIES FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

As we come to the end of another school year, it's time to replenish the supplies for our Religious Ed program. We are asking for donations of supplies such as crayons, magic markers, pens, pencils, children's scissors and glue sticks, etc. This will offset the cost of running the program and will enable us to keep from raising tuition. And, most importantly, don't forget to pray for our catechists and all the children in our parish. Thank you!

HISPANIC/LATIN CELEBRATION AT GRAYMOOR

This Sunday, July 17th, from 2:30-4:30 pm, there will be a special free will offering benefit concert for the Franciscan Sisters of the Atonement, at Our Lady of the Atonement Chapel. The celebration will feature the music of Lucas Cuatro 18, Coro Del Divino Nino Jesus, and Huella De Mi Tierra Columbiana.

Volleyball Camp at Our Lady of Lourdes

Volleyball Camp at Our Lady of Lourdes High School is scheduled for August 8th – 12th. Girls in 6th through 8th grades are invited for a week of instructional volleyball. The emphasis of the camp will be fundamental skill development in the areas of passing, serving, hitting and defense. The camp will operate Monday through Friday from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and will be limited to 50 campers. The fee is \$150. For more information visit ollchs.org or contact Emily Krieger (914) 475-3028.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, June 1st through August 31st, to accommodate administrative work for the Religious Education Program.

ELIZABETH SCALIA: WHY OUR LITTLE SINS MEAN A LOT

Does that little white lie you told really matter? Is it such a big deal when you procrastinate, don't take care of yourself, or complain? Elizabeth Scalia says yes, it matters.

In her new book *Little Sins Mean A Lot*, Scalia uses examples from her own life and experiences to demonstrate that our everyday "bad little habits" have a serious impact on our spiritual lives and can get in the way of growing closer to God.

Aleteia.org: You made yourself very vulnerable in the book, using personal examples and stories to illustrate the bad habits and sins you speak about. Were you different by the time you finished writing it, and if so, how?

Hmm, different. *Maybe*, perhaps only in how much more aware I am of my own recalcitrance. I can't deny my sins to anyone anymore, especially not to myself — I can't kid myself — when I catch myself falling into one of the habitual sins of my life, I no longer can pretend that I am acting unawares. Now, I have to own my stuff, own that I am knowingly doing what I ought not. Sometimes, the awareness is enough to make me pull back, reconsider, and choose differently. At other times, I see that I'm stubbornly plunging precisely into the mud I allude to on the very first page.

"Different" also in that, through the daily *examen*, I get to think it through, and — instead of hating myself as I normally would do — I am grateful for the small victories and expressing a more positive attitude about the battles that will face me the next day. "Different" in that I have made room for mercy in my own life.

How did you come up with the 13 sins you focus on?

I had planned on 12, to be biblical, but I realized that Sins of Omission needed to be in there. And that was a tough chapter to write. But I figured, if I was reluctant to look at "what I have failed to do" and how that has impacted others — and what that habit of not-doing has meant in some serious ways — then others would be too, and as long as I was bringing it all up, I might as well be tidy and thorough.

You write that one way to break the habit of "half-assing" things is to consider everything we're doing, at any given moment, to be "God's work." How do we shift into that kind of mindset?

That might be the insight I most appreciated coming to as I was writing *Little Sins*. While I take my work very seriously, I can't always say I've been as diligent while cleaning out the fridge or weeding the garden; something always gets undone, or I judge it's "good enough" and end the project so I can go do something that I really want to do — "my own work," so to speak. In writing the book it really became clear

to me that I have no "own" work; I have only the work God has put before me in a given moment, and so that is "God's work" and as such, it's deserving of all of my best efforts. I truly believe that. And it does make a difference to how I approach chores and projects.

What's the difference between a sin and a bad habit?

Teresa of Avila said, "Don't let your sins turn into bad habits." In my book I note that and then add: "Don't let your bad habits turn into sins." I confess I can't always easily differentiate between them, but Teresa is a Doctor of the Church, so if she says there's a difference, I will believe her. Maybe I can answer this way: if Teresa was talking to one of her nuns who had missed Mass once because she just wasn't in the mood, she might caution, "Sister, don't let your sin become a bad habit." In other words, try not to do that again.

On the other hand, if she had a nun who was perhaps a bit of a dreamer, who missed the bells ringing calling her to Mass, she might caution the sister to not let that bad habit of unawareness — of dawdling in a daydream — turn into the sin of putting herself before God, before worship.

It seems to me that we are all guilty of most of the sins you talk about in the book, but which one(s) do you think people struggle with the most?

I think you're right, there is nothing new under the sun, and I'm not so unique that my sins are appreciably different from anyone else's — the procrastination; the gossip; the judgment and suspicion; the sins of omission.

The whole discussion of "little" sins latches on to how they root themselves within us and then grow into the deadly sins.

What sins do most of us struggle with? Possibly what I call "Clinging to our narratives beyond their usefulness," because that tends to spread its tentacles through so many of the deadly sins: wrath, envy, sloth, pride, greed, lust and even gluttony.

How do we make sure that attending to our daily little sins doesn't lead to us to be overly focused on ourselves and our inadequacies, or overly scrupulous?

Well, scrupulosity is something I certainly warn against in the book, as it comes with its own set of problems. The point of the book is not to make us neurotic about everything we think and do, but to simply become aware that we do them. I think making a daily examen as prescribed by Ignatius is the best tonic against scrupulosity because in going through its steps you find yourself honest before God but also receptive to his mercy.



"It is not up to us to try to categorize people, to see if they count as our neighbors. Rather, the decision to be, or not be a neighbor, depends on us. It depends on me. It depends on me to be or not be a neighbor to the person I meet who needs my help, even if he's a stranger, or even hostile," he noted, saying Jesus expects us to follow His example.

"Do good works, do not just say words that go off into the wind," Francis said off the cuff. "A song comes to mind: 'Words, words, words.' No! Please do! Act! And by the good works that we do with love and joy for others, our faith grows and bears fruit."

The Pope then said faithful ought to ask themselves several questions: "Is our faith fruitful? Does our faith produce good works? Or it is rather sterile, and therefore more dead than alive? Am I 'the neighbor' or do I simply just pass along? Or am I among those who select people according to their own pleasure?"

It's important, he highlighted, to ask ourselves these questions often because, "in the end, we will be judged on the works of mercy."

"The Lord will say to us: 'But you, you remember that time on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho? That man was me half dead. Do you remember? That hungry child was me. Do you remember? The migrant who many want to drive out it was me. Those grandparents alone, abandoned in nursing homes, it was me. That sick person alone in the hospital, that no one goes to see, was me.'"

Before reciting the midday prayer, Francis prayed that through Mary's intercession, "the Church may never lack generous hearts which bring the Heavenly Father's love and tenderness to the world."

POPE FRANCIS: DON'T JUST SPEAK, ACT

Reflecting on the Good Samaritan, Francis Says Ignoring Our Neighbors Can Have Eternal Consequences.

Who is my neighbor? Do I respond to their needs as such?

Pope Francis told the faithful in St. Peter's Square to ask themselves this during his Angelus address this past Sunday at noon, while reflecting on the day's reading from the Gospel of Luke.

As Francis discussed the parable of the Good Samaritan, who comes to help the man robbed and assaulted, as a priest and Levite just pass by and ignore him, the Pontiff urged those gathered to never be indifferent to others' suffering, for it can have eternal consequences.

The Pontiff reminded them that one day we all will be judged on our works of mercy.

THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test him and said,

"Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus said to him, "What is written in the law?"

How do you read it?"

He said in reply,

"You shall love the Lord, your God,

with all your heart,

with all your being,

with all your strength,

and with all your mind,

and your neighbor as yourself."

He replied to him, "You have answered correctly; do this and you will live."

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus,

"And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus replied,

"A man fell victim to robbers

as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho.

They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead.

A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side.

But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight.

He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them.

Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him.

The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, 'Take care of him.

If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.'

Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers' victim?"

He answered, "The one who treated him with mercy."

Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

— Luke 10:25-37