

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In every age, O Lord, you have been our  
refuge.

September 4, 2016



"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me  
cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:27)

### 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 – September 3

5:00 PM Lorraine DeDomenico

#### Sunday, September 4 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Kevin Kelly - 15th Anniversary

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Susan Homola

12:00 PM Robert A. Stevens

#### Monday, September 5 – Saint Theresa of Calcutta, Religious

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

#### Tuesday, September 6 – Weekday

8:15 AM Josie Pidala

#### Wednesday, September 7 – Weekday

8:15 AM Anna and Karl Treuter

#### Thursday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM Fernando Berarducci

#### Friday, September 9 – Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

#### Saturday, September 10 – Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Pidala

#### Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 10

5:00 PM Charles and Mary Sauer

#### Sunday, September 11 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dominick Grandetti

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Claudina Davila

12:00 PM Arthur J. Sutton

### MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving  
memory of Betty Timmons donated by Gerard and Joanne  
Nocton and Family. The candle will burn from September  
4th through September 10th.

The **Flowers** on the Altar this weekend were donated in  
loving memory of Lorraine DeDomenico by the Calimano  
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.

### BETTER MARRIAGE

Are you spinning your wheels and unsure how to get  
there? We've got answers. To receive e-mail updates on  
marriage enrichment events in your area, register online  
at [www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org). Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect  
Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York

### 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.

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions • Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy)  
Stockbridge • 800-804-3823

### 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

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Sylvio G. Nastasi

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

Susan Homola – August 3rd, 2016

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

## WEEKEND OF AUGUST 28, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,322

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	96	10	106
Sunday, 8:30 am	110	28	138
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	48	9	57
Sunday, 12:00 pm	79	9	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>333</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>389</b>

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
- Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday: Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 [1-10]



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Loretto Council #536

#### PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • September 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 September 24th and 25th.

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.

#### IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

We support our Catholic Church, families, community and our country.

Charity – Unity – Fraternity – Patriotism

### 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](http://www.ladyofloretto.org). Thank you!

### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Wednesday, September 14th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

### SERVE THE CHURCH

#### Consider becoming an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

#### Altar Servers (4th Grade and up)

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12 Noon

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

#### Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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

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

If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at  
[anna.mcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:anna.mcfadden@gmail.com) or call 845-265-2385.



### 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...

Sept 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Sept 12 – Father Kiely, Father Anthony, Father Emil and Father Bob

Sept 19 – Parishioners of Our Lady of Loretto

Sept 26 – The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee

## SPECIAL CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

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

*“Jesus receives you: He will receive you with so much love. Be courageous, and go to confession.”*

– Pope Francis

The Holy Year of Mercy  
December 8th, 2015 – November 20th, 2016

## WORLD MISSION SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 11

### Special Collection Next Weekend

World Mission Sunday, organized by the Propagation of the Faith, is a day set aside for Catholics worldwide to recommit themselves to the Church's missionary activity through prayer and sacrifice. This year, World Mission Sunday is celebrated on September 11th and we will have a special collection for the Missions at all Masses.

As described by Saint John Paul II, World Mission Sunday is “an important day in the life of the Church because it teaches how to give: as an offering made to God, in the Eucharistic celebration and for all the missions of the world.”

Mission dioceses – about 1,110 at this time – receive regular annual assistance from the funds collected. And every year the needs of the Catholic Church in the Missions grow – as new dioceses are formed, as new seminaries are opened because of the growing number of young men hearing Christ's call to follow Him as priests, as areas devastated by war or natural disaster are rebuilt, and as other areas, long suppressed, are opening up to hear the message of Christ and His Church. That is why the involvement and commitment of Catholics from around the world is so urgently needed. Please give generously and keep the Missions in your prayers.

*Today vast numbers of people still do not know Jesus Christ. For this reason, the mission ad gentes continues to be most urgent. All the members of the Church are called to participate in this mission, for the Church is missionary by her very nature: she was born “to go forth”.*

– Pope Francis, June 8, 2014

## FALL LITURGY AND SACRED MUSIC COURSES

St. Joseph's Seminary  
201 Seminary Ave • Yonkers, NY 10704

*Introduction to Liturgy* – Fr. Matthew Ernest, S.T.D.  
*Principles of Sacred Music* – Dr. Jennifer Donelson, DMA

Monday nights from 7:00 to 9:30 pm  
September 12th through December 19th

For more information: [nyliturgy.org/workshops](http://nyliturgy.org/workshops)  
Contact: [liturgy@archny.org](mailto:liturgy@archny.org) or 914-968-6200, x8177

## ON THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

We invite all military, police, firefighters and EMS personnel to wear their uniforms at the 8:30 am Mass on Sunday, September 11th.

A special blessing will be given at the end of Mass.

## POPE: ELBOWING THROUGH LIFE GETS YOU NOWHERE; GOD'S REWARDS ARE GREATER ANYWAY

*“God pays a lot more than man!”*

Vatican City, August 28th, 2016 – Zenit News reported that Pope Francis warned against seeking the best places in life, even elbowing neighbors out of the way, and reminded that in any case, “God pays a lot more than man! He gives us a place much more beautiful than any given us by man.” The Holy Father offered this reflection as he considered the Gospel of the day, from Luke 14, before praying the midday Angelus with those gathered in St. Peter's Square.

The lesson Jesus gives in the Gospel, the Pope said, is on the value of humility. “History teaches us that pride, ambition, vanity and ostentation are the cause of many evils,” he said. “And Jesus helps us see the need we have to choose the last places, that is, to seek littleness and hiddenness: humility.” Our Lord's lesson underscores the opposing nature of two attitudes: the one who “chooses his own place” and the one who “allows his place to be assigned by God and awaits from him his reward.”

“Let's not forget this,” Francis added: “God pays a lot more than man! He gives us a place much more beautiful than any given us by man. The place given us by God is close to his heart and his reward is eternal life. ‘Blessed indeed will you be,’ Jesus says, ‘For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’” “Today Jesus becomes the voice of the voiceless and directs to each of us a grief-filled call to open our hearts and make our own the suffering and the anguish of the poor, the hungry, the marginalized, the fugitive, those cast down by life, those rejected by society and the arrogance of the powerful. And these who are thrown away represent, in reality, the majority of the population.”

The Pope invited the faithful to ask for Our Lady's help in the path of humility. “She has been humble her whole life; may she make us capable of actions given gratuitously, acts of welcome, of solidarity with the marginalized, so as to come to be worthy of the divine reward.”

## Immerse Yourself Entirely in My Mercy

*Jesus to Saint Faustina:* Today the Lord said to me, Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. Every time you go to confession, immerse yourself entirely in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. (Diary, 1602).



## Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady of Loretto!

Our warmest welcome to all that celebrate with us... whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, we thank God for you! If you'd like to register with us, or if any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

- Would like to register with the parish
- Change of address
- Request collection envelopes
- Moving out of our parish
- Need information, please phone  day  evening
- New telephone number
- Family member is ill (provide details below)
- Would like to receive Holy Communion
- Would like more information about parish group

Note: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DID YOU KNOW MOTHER TERESA EXPERIENCED VISIONS OF JESUS?

*Mother Teresa's Canonization: September 4th, 2016  
Feast Day: September 5th, 2016*

Vatican City, August 27th, 2016 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that even her friend of more than 30 years, Father Sebastian Vazhakala, did not know Mother Teresa had conversations with and visions of Jesus before forming the Missionaries of Charity. It wasn't until after her death, for the vast majority of people, that this part of Mother Teresa's spiritual life was uncovered. When Mother Teresa's cause for canonization was opened, just two years after her death in 1997, documents were found in the archives of the Jesuits in Calcutta, with the spiritual director and another of Mother Teresa's close priest friends, and in the office of the bishop, containing her accounts of the communications.

During a period lasting from September 10th, 1946 to December 3rd, 1947, Mother Teresa had ongoing communication with Jesus through words and visions, Fr. Vazhakala said. This all happened while she was a missionary sister in the Irish order of the Sisters of Loreto, teaching at St. Mary's school in Calcutta. Mother Teresa wrote that one day at Holy Communion, she heard Jesus say, "I want Indian nuns, victims of my love, who would be Mary and Martha, who would be so united to me as to radiate my love on souls." It was through these communications of the Eucharistic Jesus that Mother Teresa received her directions for forming her congregation of the Missionaries of Charity. "She was so united with Jesus," Fr. Vazhakala explained, "that she was able to radiate not her love, but Jesus' love through her, and with a human expression."

Jesus told her what sort of nuns he wanted her order to be filled with: "I want free nuns covered with the poverty of the Cross. I want obedient nuns covered with the obedience of the Cross. I want full-of-love nuns covered with the charity of the Cross," Fr. Vazhakala related. Jesus asked Mother Teresa, "Would you refuse to do this for me?" "In fact, Jesus told her in 1947," Fr. Vazhakala explained, "I cannot go alone to the poor people, you carry me with you into them."

After this period of joy and consolation, around 1949, Mother Teresa started to experience a "terrible darkness and dryness" in her spiritual life, said Fr. Vazhakala. "And in the beginning she thought it was because of her own sinfulness, unworthiness, her own weakness." Mother Teresa's spiritual director at the time helped her to understand that this spiritual dryness was just another way that Jesus wanted her to share in the poverty of the poor of Calcutta. This period lasted nearly 50 years, until her death, and she found it very painful. But, Fr. Vazhakala shared that she said, "If my darkness and dryness can be a light to some soul, let me be the first one to do that. If my life, if my suffering, is going to help souls to be saved, then I will prefer from the creation of the world to the end of time to suffer and die."

Mother Teresa's motto, and the motto of her congregation, was the words of Jesus, "I thirst." And that they could quench the thirst of Jesus by bringing souls to him. "And in every breathing, each sigh, each act of mind, shall be an act of love divine." That was her daily prayer. That was what was motivating her and all the sacrifices, even until that age of 87, and without resting," he said. Mother Teresa never rested from her work during her life on earth, and she continues to "work" for souls from heaven. "When I die and go home to God, I can bring more souls to God," she said at one point, Fr. Vazhakala noted. She said, "I'm not going to sleep in heaven, but I'm going to work harder in another form."

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER

*Centrality of the Human Person.* That each may contribute to the common good and to the building of a society that places the human person at the center.

*Mission to Evangelize.* That by participating in the Sacraments and meditating on Scripture, Christians may become more aware of their mission to evangelize.