

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Praise the Lord, my soul!

September 25, 2016



"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented." *Luke 16:25*

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 24

5:00 PM Winifred Pralatoski – *25th Anniversary*

Sunday, September 25 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Joseph Giachinta

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Susan Homola

12:00 PM Robert A. Stevens

Monday, September 26 – Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

8:15 AM Susan Homola

Tuesday, September 27 – Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:15 AM Marcia DiCastro

Wednesday, September 28 – Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM William A. Schultz, Bill Schultz and all the People of the Parish

Thursday, September 29 – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

8:15 AM Josephine Pidala

Friday, September 30 – Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

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Saturday, October 1 – Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Cefitio and Maria Berarducci

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – October 1

5:00 PM William Marsh, Sr.

Sunday, October 2 – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time; Respect Life Sunday

8:30 AM Charles Daly – *7th Anniversary*

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Susan Homola

12:00 PM Joseph Bitil

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Nena Stollefson donated by Frank and Anita Pidala and Family. The candle will burn from September 25th through October 1st.

The **Flowers** in front of the Blessed Mother this weekend were donated in loving memory of Josie Pidala by the Isler Family and Maletz 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.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Wesley Ann McGovern
Lucas Boesch	Merna Mendelson
Robert Broughal	Todd Morris
Michael Brusco	Joseph Nowakowski
Kathleen Clements	Brian O'Keeffe
Carmine Comberiatà	Inelda O'Keeffe
Joseph C. Etta	Neilan Pierce
Bill Flaherty	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
Paula Martino	

and for all our dearly departed, especially

William Freeman

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

Sylvio G. Nastasi – August 24th

Peter Sgro – August 31st

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday:	Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday:	Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
Thursday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Friday:	Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
Saturday:	Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday:	Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,832

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	86	6	92
Sunday, 8:30 am	112	22	134
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	65	8	73
Sunday, 12:00 pm	86	19	105
Total	349	55	404

Banns of Marriage

SAL CORDARO & MICHELLE GRASSO
Wedding Date – October 15, 2016



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Loretto Council #536

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus, the largest Catholic Men's Organization in the world, is accepting NEW applications for membership over the next 3 weeks. The Knights do charitable work to help our priests, our parish, and our community. There are also many "Family Benefits" associated with membership in the Knights.

If you would like more information, please fill out one of the cards in the pews and place it in the collection basket or hand it to an usher as you leave the Church. We will also have an information table outside, and refreshments in the basement, after each Mass on October 16th. If you would like to speak to someone, at any time, about the Knights and Family Benefits, please call Membership Coordinator John Hackney, 646-541-5830.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Today • September 25th

The Knights of Columbus are collecting food and other items, including diapers, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, shampoo, cleaners and paper towels, for the Philipstown Food Pantry this weekend – September 24th and 25th. Please leave donations in the cry room. 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

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, September 28th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm



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 26 – The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee
- Oct 3 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Oct 10 – Doctors, nurses and all medical personnel
- Oct 17 – The elderly and grandparents

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

BLESSING OF ANIMALS

The annual Blessing of Animals at Our Lady of Loretto Church will take place next Sunday, October 2nd. Bring your pets to the Church steps after the Noon Mass (around 12:50 pm) for this special blessing. The Blessing of Animals is held every year in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi whose feast day is celebrated on October 4th.

THE BEST PREPARATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer is the best preparation for Holy Communion. Prayer is the raising of the mind to God. When we pray we go to meet Christ Who is coming to us. If our Creator and Savior comes from heaven with such great love, it is only fitting that we should go to meet Him. And this is what we do when we spend some time in prayer."

Saint Bernardine of Siena

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 or call 845-265-2385.

14th Annual Healing Mass in Honor of Saint Peregrine

Thursday, September 29th • 7:00 pm

For cancer patients, survivors, and their families, friends and the medical community: Join us for a healing Mass in honor of St. Peregrine, patron saint of those with cancer, followed by a social in Mt. Alvernia Chapel in Wappingers Falls. The communal rite of the anointing of the sick will be celebrated during the Mass followed by a blessing with the saint's relic. For directions: visit us at mtalvernia.org or call (845) 297-5706.

HEALING MASS

Thursday, September 29th • 7:00 pm

St. Patrick's Church • 137 Moseman Road • Yorktown Heights, NY • (914) 526-6538

Come early for songs of praise at 6:45 pm. Monsignor Dermot Brennan will be the celebrant. Individual prayer for healing will follow the Mass. Bring your physical, emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing touch.

RESPECT LIFE COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, September 29th • 7:00 pm
In the Parish Hall

Happy Anniversary of Your Ordination Father Anthony!

Father Anthony celebrates the 16th anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood this Thursday, September 29th. Congratulations Father Anthony! Thank you for all you do for us! May God bless you abundantly for your generous and devoted service on this special day and in the years to come.

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ." – Saint John Vianney

ORPHANED WORLD CAN FIND A MOTHER IN MARY

September 16th, 2016 – The Catholic Universe reported that Pope Francis said that in a world that feels orphaned and abandoned, Christians can find a mother in Mary, who will defend them and is not ashamed of their sins. As she watched her Son crucified and in agony, Mary "gave birth to us in that moment with so much pain; it is truly a martyrdom," the pope said during a morning Mass on September 15th. "With her pierced heart, she accepted to give birth to all of us in that moment of pain. And from that moment she became our mother, from that moment she is our mother, the one who takes care of us and is not ashamed of us: She defends us," he said.

Celebrating the memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, the pope reflected on the humiliation and suffering Mary bore willingly while she witnessed the death of "her Son naked" on the cross. "Mary had such great suffering, but she did not go; she did not deny her Son. He was her flesh," he said.

The pope recalled his frequent visits to prisoners in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he often saw a long line of mothers waiting to see their imprisoned children. Like Mary, these women suffered not only scorn and judgment, they "also suffered the terrible humiliation of body searches that were done to them before entering." "Nevertheless, they were mothers and they went to find their flesh and blood. Just like Mary, who was there with her Son, with that great suffering," the pope said.

Pope Francis explained that the Russian mystics of the first centuries would often advise followers to "find refuge under the Mother of God's mantle" in times of spiritual turmoil. There, he added, is where all Christians "are safe." In his final moments on the cross, Jesus gave Mary as a mother to all men and women "in this world that suffers the crisis of a great 'orphanhood,'" the pope said. "We have someone who defends us, who teaches us, who accompanies us, who isn't ashamed of our sins. She is not ashamed because she is a mother," he said.

HOW BEYOND COMPREHENSION IS GOD'S MERCY

Saint Faustina: "I often attend upon the dying, and through entreaties obtain for them trust in God's mercy, and I implore God for an abundance of divine grace, which is always victorious. God's mercy sometimes touches the sinner at the last moment in a wondrous and mysterious way. Outwardly, it seems as if everything were lost, but it is not so. The soul, illumined by a ray of God's powerful final grace, turns to God in the last moment with such a power of love that, in an instant, it receives from God forgiveness of sin and punishment, while outwardly it shows no sign either of repentance or of contrition, because souls [at that stage] no longer react to external things. Oh, how beyond comprehension is God's mercy! Although a person is at the point of death, the merciful God gives the soul that interior vivid moment, so that if the soul is willing, it has the possibility of returning to God." (Diary 1698)

MARY UNDOER OF KNOTS

Feast Day: September 28th

"Eve, by her disobedience, tied the knot of disgrace for the human race; whereas Mary, by her obedience, undid it." – Saint Irenaeus



Look at the picture of Mary Undoer of Knots! In this angelic court, two angels stand out. One of them holds on to a ribbon, the ribbon of our life, which is full of knots big and small, loose and tight. They are the knots of our life, the knots of anguish and despair of separated couples, the dissolution of the family, the knots of a drug addict son or daughter, sick or separated from home or God, knots of alcoholism, the practice of abortion, depression, unemployment, fear, solitude, etc.

The good hearted angel looks to our Queen and holding onto the ribbon of our life, presents it to Mary, the Undoer of Knots and says, "We trust you, Mother; You can help us. Undo, then, the knots of this life!"

Then Mary takes our life into Her compassionate hands and with her long fingers of mercy goes on to undo each knot, one after the other. Look at Her. Feel the attention, love and tenderness with which She does this, hearing our plea, the supplication of a beloved child! See what happens? This ribbon becomes free of any type of knot, reflecting all the mercy and freeing power of the holy hands of Mary Undoer of Knots.

Another angel comes over then, and taking the ribbon of our life, freed of all knots, looks at us and seems to say, "See what She did. Look at what Mary, through her intercession can do again. Trust Her, place your problems and afflictions in Her hands!"

"Mary, undoer of knots, pray for us!"

JESUS CHRIST – AN INEXHAUSTIBLE INSTRUMENT OF MERCY

"Jesus Christ could have appeared among us, radiant with joy and encompassed by divine splendor, amidst the glitter and pomp of His sovereign majesty. He deemed it more worthy of His glory and more profitable to the salvation of men, to show Himself to them girt with a diadem of thorns, clothed in purple and stained with blood, His face bruised, the gaping grimace of death on His lips, bearing the bloody unction of the nails imprinted on His hands and feet.

In uniting Himself closely with suffering, Jesus Christ assuredly did not smooth all its severity and all its pangs; but He removed part of its bitterness, corrected and destroyed its poison. He made the chalice of His Blood fruitful. Like the brazen serpent set up by Moses in the desert, He implanted Himself in the center of the world as an inexhaustible instrument of mercy, life, and health.

Owing to this transformation, His divine wounds, like fountains ever gushing, remain eternally open to all straying and fallen souls who are eager to escape from their coarse, sensual aspirations, wanting to immerse themselves anew in the joys of sacrifice and the honor of purity."

Father Charles Arminjon, "The End of the Present World", pp.276-277

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Here's a great way to start it.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

This Saturday, October 1st, is the first Saturday of the month. On December 10, 1925, Our Blessed Mother promised to assist at the hour of death all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months shall confess, receive Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary and keep her company for fifteen minutes with the intention of making reparation to her.