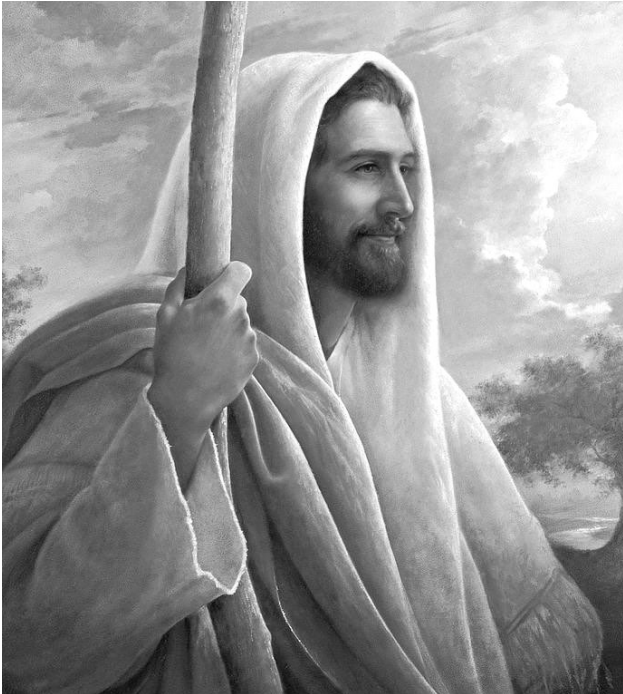


FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright.

February 5, 2017



I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. *John 8:12*

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 – February 4

5:00 PM Elizabeth Raz

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Charles Carpino

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Salerno & Pecorelli Families

12:00 PM Awatef Gurgues

Monday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 7 – Weekday

8:15 AM Mary Percacciolo

Wednesday, February 8 – Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

8:15 AM Italia Iaconangelo

Thursday, February 9 – Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Merante

Friday, February 10 – Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:15 AM Joan Lahey – *13th Anniversary*

Saturday, February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

8:15 AM Helen Percacciolo

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – February 11

5:00 PM Helen Donovan

Sunday, February 12 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Charlie Speight – *6th Anniversary*

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – All the People of the Parish

12:00 PM James Doherty

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of James A. Tompkins and the Tompkins Family donated by Chuck and Paula Tompkins. The candle will burn from February 5th through February 11th.

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	Merna Mendelson
Lucas Boesch	Todd Morris
Electra Bokanoski	Joseph Nowakowski
Nicole Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Inelda O'Keeffe
The Brusco Family	Luis Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Rosario Padilla
Carmine Comberiatra	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Laura Schiele
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Connie Tuomey
Mary Marion	Frank Volkmann
Paula Martino	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Josephine Merante	John Spada
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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

Helen Percacciolo – January 11th, 2017

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 29, 2017

1ST COLLECTION – \$7,396

2ND COLLECTION – \$2,730

TOTAL – \$10,126

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	92	6	98
Sunday, 8:30 am	84	25	109
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	48	10	58
Sunday, 12:00 pm	115	19	134
Total	339	60	399

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • February 26th

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 February 25th and 26th. 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

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 8th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm



EUCHARISTIC 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...

- Feb 6 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Feb 13 – The Knights of Columbus
- Feb 20 – Teenagers in our Parish
- Feb 27 – Our parish choir and musicians

GIRLS' DAY-BY-DAY-AGAPE (DDA) RETREAT

Friday, February 17th through Monday, February 20th
For high school teens 14+ years old. No matter where YOU are on your spiritual journey, come! Teen TEAM members present talks on their own lives, struggles and triumphs in Christ; Friars, adult team and CYFM community help facilitate and support. Come to this amazing weekend of prayer, listening, sharing, growing, and feeling the love of Christ. Disconnect from stress and reconnect with what truly matters while enjoying a weekend full of laughter, prayer, music, wonderful meals and other awesome teens. The cost is \$140 per person for materials, meals and lodging. Early bird fee of \$125 must be postmarked 9 days prior to the retreat. All paperwork and non-refundable \$75 deposit must be received by the registration deadline, February 14th. For information and application, contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "EVENTS."

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

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Comfort for the Afflicted. That all those who are afflicted, especially the poor, refugees, and marginalized, may find welcome and comfort in our communities.

PRAYERS YOU MIGHT HAVE FORGOTTEN, OR NEVER HEARD OF AT ALL

Try incorporating them into your prayer life this year.

Aleteia.org, by Tommy Tighe – Classic prayers like the Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, and a handful of others from your youth are probably so deeply ingrained in our subconscious that it's not hard to find ourselves turning to them now and then, particularly in a moment of emergency. These "typical" prayers are deeply powerful and undeniably helpful in our times of need, but how about incorporating some lesser known invocations into your prayer life? We've pulled together a nice little list of 5 prayers that seem to have fallen out of popularity. The year 2017 might be the perfect time to bring them back.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.

Blessed be His Holy Name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true Man.

Blessed be the Name of Jesus.

Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most Holy.

Blessed be her Holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her Glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.

Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in His Angels and in His Saints. Amen.

Traditionally recited when the Eucharist is exposed in a solemn blessing called Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, this 18th-century prayer was originally written by Luigi Felici as a prayer of reparation after saying or hearing blasphemy. Pope Pius VII expanded the prayer four years after it was penned by Felici, and this led to it holding a more elevated place within the Church's life.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ make me holy,

Body of Christ save me,

Blood of Christ fill me with love,

Water from Christ's side, wash me,

Passion of Christ strengthen me,

Good Jesus hear me,

Within your wounds hide me,

Never let me be parted from you,

From the evil enemy protect me,

At the hour of my death call,

And tell me to come to You,

That with your saints I may praise you,

Through all eternity. Amen.

This medieval prayer to Jesus was mistakenly attributed to Saint Ignatius, as he included it in the Spiritual Exercises. In reality, this prayer dates back to the early 14th century, and was possibly authored by Pope John XXII. It ended up becoming so popular that by the time Saint Ignatius added it to his Spiritual Exercises, he only mentions it without including the entire text, assuming that everyone could recite it by heart.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Short, simple, and sweet. This prayer is especially utilized within the Eastern Churches, while being less well known in the West. It is often used as a prayer to be continually repeated throughout the day to help open one's heart to the Lord, and was especially esteemed by the Church Fathers. The prayer was most likely composed in the 5th century by the Desert Fathers in Egypt, and seems primed for a comeback.

Prayer of Abandonment

Father,

I abandon myself into your hands;

do with me what you will.

Whatever you may do, I thank you:

I am ready for all, I accept all.

Let only your will be done in me,

and in all your creatures –

I wish no more than this, O Lord.

Into your hands I commend my soul:

I offer it to you with all the love of my heart,

for I love you, Lord, and so need to give myself,

to surrender myself into your hands without reserve,

and with boundless confidence,

for you are my Father.

Charles de Foucauld's Prayer of Abandonment finds its origins in two possible stories. One posits that he composed the prayer during a retreat in Nazareth in 1897 while another suggests that this prayer is simply Charles' reflection on Jesus' prayer to His Father.

Charles lost his faith early in his life, but had a profound conversion at the age of 28, and this led to his joining the Trappist order, and then later becoming an ordained priest. His Prayer of Abandonment is a deep and profound proclamation of unconditional trust in God, and that's something we desperately need in these uncertain times.

Little Office of Our Lady

O Mary of all women,

You are the chosen one,

Who, ancient prophets promised,

Would bear God's only Son;

All Hebrew generations

Prepared the way to thee,

That in your womb the God-man

Might come to set us free.

Most people have heard of the Divine Office, or Liturgy of the Hours, but far fewer are aware of the Little Office of Our Lady. It's a prayer in imitation of the Divine Office, containing a cycle of psalms, hymns, Scripture, and other readings. In contrast to the Divine Office, however, the Little Office of Our Lady is unchanged each day, outside of variation during the hour of Matins.

It most likely originated as a monastic devotion around the 8th century, but didn't come into general use until the 10th. For those wanting to jump into the Divine Office but finding themselves overwhelmed by the undertaking, the Little Office can be a great first step.

If you have made a commitment to improve your prayer life in 2017, these five prayers might be a great place to start. Incorporating them into our daily prayer life can help us grow closer to God, His Son, and one another, and since most people don't know them, it can make you quite the Catholic hipster as well.

5 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT FIRST SATURDAYS

This devotion was specifically requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – *“If the Church has accepted the message of Fátima, it is above all because that message contains a truth and a call whose basic content is the truth and the call of the Gospel itself. ‘Repent, and believe in the Gospel’ (Mark 1:15): these are the first words that the Messiah addressed to humanity. The message of Fátima is, in its basic nucleus, a call to conversion and repentance, as in the Gospel.”*
– Pope Saint John Paul

Why First Saturdays? A more recent practice in the Church that is lesser known and is often confused with the First Friday devotions is the observance of the five consecutive First Saturdays in reparation to Our Lady. It is a separate devotion that was specifically requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary for the troubling times that we live in. Connected to the visions of Our Lady in Fatima, Portugal, the central theme of the devotion is repentance, conversion and reparation. To help us better understand this “new” devotion in the life of the Church, here are five things to know.

1. How did the First Saturday Devotion begin?

Saturdays have traditionally been a day to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary for many centuries, but it wasn't until 1925 that the First Saturday devotion was revealed. On December 10, 1925, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Sister Lucia at a convent in Pontevedra, Spain. Sister Lucia had previously been the recipient of Marian visions in Fatima, Portugal, along with her cousins Jacinta and Francisco. In this new private revelation eight years after the visions at Fatima, Mary requested the institution of the five consecutive First Saturday devotions in reparation to her Immaculate Heart.

2. Why five consecutive months?

The five months correspond to five different blasphemies against the Immaculate Heart of Mary as revealed by Our Lady to Sister Lucia:

1. against her Immaculate Conception
2. against her perpetual virginity
3. against her place as the Mother of God and mother of all humanity
4. those who openly seek to foster in the hearts of children indifference, or even hatred, for this Immaculate Mother
5. those who directly insult her holy images

3. What am I supposed to do on First Saturdays?

Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of making reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude done to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Going to confession is also a requirement of this devotion, along with reciting the five decades of the rosary and meditating on the mysteries (one or all) of the rosary for 15 minutes.

4. What are the “promises” connected to this devotion?

Our Lady said to Sister Lucia, “Look, my daughter, at my heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men

pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console me and say that I promise to assist at the hour of death, with the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the first Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on 15 mysteries of the rosary, with the intention of making reparation to me.”

This means that anyone who practices this devotion with faith will be given extra graces at the moment of their death with the promise of reaching the gates of heaven.

5. Are the First Saturdays just another “ticket” to heaven?

Similar to the First Friday devotion, it is not as simple as going to Mass for five months and then expecting to receive extra graces at the hour of death. The purpose of this devotion is to lead a soul closer to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The closer we get to Mary, the closer we are to Jesus, her Son. By practicing these extra devotions, we allow Mary to form our hearts and prepare us for a lifelong relationship with Christ.

Mary wants to lead us to heaven and a sure path to eternal life is the frequent reception of Holy Communion and the sacrament of confession. She is the “Star of the Sea” who points the way and beckons us to draw closer. May we practice the First Saturday devotions in a spirit of faith to honor the Mother of God and repair the damage done to her Immaculate Heart.

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

“I pray that your decisions will be guided by the rich spiritual and ethical values that have shaped the history of the American people”

Upon your inauguration as the forty-fifth President of the United States of America, I offer you my cordial good wishes and the assurance of my prayers that Almighty God will grant you wisdom and strength in the exercise of your high office. At a time when our human family is beset by grave humanitarian crises demanding farsighted and united political responses, I pray that your decisions will be guided by the rich spiritual and ethical values that have shaped the history of the American people and your nation's commitment to the advancement of human dignity and freedom worldwide. Under your leadership, may America's stature continue to be measured above all by its concern for the poor, the outcast and those in need who, like Lazarus, stand before our door. With these sentiments, I ask the Lord to grant you and your family, and all the beloved American people, his blessings of peace, concord and every material and spiritual prosperity.

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“For He (Jesus) became man that we might become divine; and He revealed Himself through a body that we might receive an idea of the invisible Father; and He endured insults from men that we might inherit incorruption.”

– Saint Athanasius of Alexandria