

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord!

February 12, 2017



We speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

1 Cor 2:7-8

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 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

Monday, February 13 – Weekday

8:15 AM Kathleen Lusardi – 2nd Anniversary

Tuesday, February 14 – Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Wednesday, February 15 – Weekday

8:15 AM Patrick Lahey

Thursday, February 16 – Weekday

8:15 AM Katherine Filipich

Friday, February 17 – The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

8:15 AM Helen Percacciolo

Saturday, February 18 – Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – February 18

5:00 PM James Pega

Sunday, February 19 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

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

12:00 PM Carolyn and Joseph Dragicevich

MEMORIALS

The **Flowers** on the Altar this weekend were donated in loving memory 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

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| 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 Comberiata | 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

Mary Stropoli

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

Alex Dengler – January 19th, 2017

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

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| Monday: | Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13 |
| Tuesday: | Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Ps 116:12-15, 18-19; Mk 8:22-26 |
| Thursday: | Gn 9:1-13; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mk 8:27-33 |
| Friday: | Gn 11:1-9; Ps 33:10-15; Mk 8:34 – 9:1 |
| Saturday: | Heb 11:1-7; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Mk 9:2-13 |
| Sunday: | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48 |

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 5, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,667

PETER'S PENCE – \$1,468

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | Adults | Children | Total |
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| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 106 | 12 | 118 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 102 | 31 | 133 |
| St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am | 58 | 9 | 67 |
| Sunday, 12:00 pm | 104 | 6 | 110 |
| Total | 370 | 58 | 428 |

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

Presented by Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross

Monday, February 20th • 7:00 pm
St. Columbanus Church • 122 Oregon Road
Cortlandt Manor, NY

St. Columbanus Parish welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics. Over 150 relics will be shown, some believed to be as old as 2,000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Saint Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world.



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!

MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday • February 28th
See to the right for details.

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney:
johnhackney@hotmail.com.

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 15th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

**Classes will not be held on Wednesday,
February 22nd.**

Classes resume the following Wednesday, March 1st.



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...

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

Our Lady of Loretto Parish

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Put on by the Knights of Columbus

Tuesday, February 28th • 6:00 to 8:00 pm
(Come anytime during these two hours for dinner.)
In the Parish Hall

FREE

Pancakes, sausage, bacon, soft drinks

Come join the Knights as we kick off the Lenten Season.

EVERYTHING BECOMES A GRACE

"The most important and most fruitful acts of our freedom are not those by which we transform the outside world, as those by which we change our inner attitude in light of the faith that God can bring good out of everything without exception. He is a never-failing source of unlimited riches. Our lives no longer have in them anything negative, ordinary, or indifferent. Positive things become a reason for gratitude and joy, negative things an opportunity for abandonment, faith, and offering: everything becomes a grace." – Father Jacques Philippe

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

Thursday, March 2nd through Sunday, March 5th

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 28th. For information and application, contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "EVENTS." Find us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Flocknote: CYFMGarrison.

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3 WAYS TO RENEW YOUR HEART BY ACTING LIKE A CHILD

*Let's not forget to notice – and even imitate – their
innocence, exuberance, and gratitude.*

For Her Blog, By Dena Dyer – Children are often impatient, selfish, and belligerent. (But aren't we all?) However, they're also unencumbered by the stress of paying bills and the strain of 9-to-5 jobs. Little ones don't have to worry about career plans or navigate complicated relationships. Their lack of worldly cares gives most children strikingly-clear minds and pure hearts. What if we could become more of who God created us to be, simply by studying children's best qualities? When we notice – even imitate – their innocence, exuberance, and gratitude, we might just find ourselves with renewed hearts and minds. Here are a few things we can learn, or re-learn, from kids:

1. Label people less, love more
2. Work less, play more
3. Worry less, trust God and others more

POPE FRANCIS' LETTER TO YOUNG CATHOLICS: "DISCOVER GOD'S PLAN IN YOUR LIFE"

My Dear Young People,

I am pleased to announce that in October 2018 a Synod of Bishops will take place to treat the topic: "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment." I wanted you to be the center of attention, because you are in my heart. I am reminded of the words which God spoke to Abraham: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you." (Gen 12.1). These words are now also addressed to you. They are words of a Father who invites you to "go", to set out towards a future which is unknown but one which will surely lead to

fulfillment, a future towards which He Himself accompanies you. I invite you to hear God's voice resounding in your heart through the breath of the Holy Spirit.

When God said to Abram, "Go!", what did he want to say? He certainly did not say to distance himself from his family or withdraw from the world. Abram received a compelling invitation, a challenge, to leave everything and go to a new land. What is this "new land" for us today, if not a more just and friendly society which you, young people, deeply desire and wish to build to the very ends of the earth? But unfortunately, today, "Go!" also has a different meaning, namely, that of abuse of power, injustice and war. Many among you are subjected to the real threat of violence and forced to flee their native land. Their cry goes up to God, like that of Israel, when the people were enslaved and oppressed by Pharaoh (cf. Ex 2:23).

I would also remind you of the words that Jesus once said to the disciples who asked him: "Teacher, where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see" (Jn 1:38). Jesus looks at you and invites you to go with him. Dear young people, have you noticed this look towards you? Have you heard this voice? Have you felt this urge to undertake this journey? I am sure that, despite the noise and confusion seemingly prevalent in the world, this call continues to resonate in the depths of your heart so as to open it to joy in its fullness. This will be possible to the extent that, even with professional guides, you will learn how to undertake a journey of discernment to discover God's plan in your life. Even when the journey is uncertain and you fall, God, rich in mercy, will extend his hand to pick you up.

In Krakow, at the opening of the last World Youth Day, I asked you several times: "Can we change things?" And you shouted: "yes!". That shout came from your young and youthful hearts, which do not tolerate injustice and cannot bow to a "throw-away culture" nor give in to the globalization of indifference. Listen to the cry arising from your inner selves! Even when you feel, like the prophet Jeremiah, the inexperience of youth, God encourages you to go where He sends you: "Do not be afraid, because I am with you to deliver you" (Jer 1:8).

A better world can be built also as a result of your efforts, your desire to change and your generosity. Do not be afraid to listen to the Spirit who proposes bold choices; do not delay when your conscience asks you to take risks in following the Master. The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism. Make your voice heard, let it resonate in communities and let it be heard by your shepherds of souls. Saint Benedict urged the abbots to consult, even the young, before any important decision, because "the Lord often reveals to the younger what is best." (Rule of Saint Benedict, III, 3).

Such is the case, even in the journey of this Synod. My brother bishops and I want even more to "work with you for your joy" (2 Cor 1:24). I entrust you to Mary of Nazareth, a young person like yourselves, whom God beheld lovingly, so she might take your hand and guide you to the joy of fully and generously responding to God's call with the words: *Here I am*.

With paternal affection,
FRANCIS

NFL COLUMNIST BELIEVES FAITH IN GOD IS BIGGEST UNDER-COVERED STORY IN FOOTBALL

That touchdown celebration you see every weekend, where guys point to the sky? That's not the first or only time these men address God, Christ, and heaven.

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – As the 2016-2017 NFL season came to an end, Sports Illustrated gathered a panel of respected NFL media members for a roundtable discussion on a variety of topics. Among the questions posed to the group of journalists, Sports Illustrated asked the question, "What is the biggest under-covered story in the NFL and why?" After various reporters gave expected answers such as greed, addictive painkillers, race and mental illness, NFL columnist Armando Salguero for the Miami Herald gave a surprising response: religious faith.

"The biggest under-covered story in the NFL every year is how huge a factor faith in God and Jesus Christ is in the playing and coaching of the sport. Every day, in season and out of season, coaches and players (and women on staff) pray before they begin their duties and often ask God through Jesus Christ for guidance and health in the carrying out of their functions. Yes, they get paid and rewarded, but for many, everything they do is unto God. It is their motivator and at the center of who they are. In times of adversity, which come often in the NFL, they turn to their faith for answers, strength and encouragement. That touchdown celebration you see every weekend, where guys point to the sky? That's not the first or only time these men address God, Christ, and heaven, but rather that is the public view of a deep and daily walk and relationship these people have with their Lord."

Salguero explained that secular reporters are often baffled when NFL players share their faith and quickly try to ignore it. "When sideline reporters ask a question after the game and the player says, 'First I want to thank my Lord Jesus Christ,' the follow up is never, 'For what? What did He do for you?' The follow is more likely about a touchdown run or turnover... faith in God and Jesus Christ among NFL people makes the media uncomfortable and reporters and news organizations run away from the topic."

Many NFL players during this past season have been openly talking about their faith and it has reignited a conversation on the role of faith in the world of sports. For example, after Oakland Raiders quarterback Derek Carr suffered a season-ending injury, he wrote on Twitter, "Thank you to everyone that has been praying for me! Things happen in life that we don't always understand, BUT I do KNOW this: I serve a God that loves me and this is the ultimate healer!"

Even before the NFL season began, numerous athletes brought God onto network TV during the Olympics in Rio and confounded reporters who did not know what to do when gold-medalists praised God for their success. In the end, athletes have realized that they do not have to be divorced from their Christian faith if they want to be successful on the field, and this is something that the world continues to not understand.

ALREADY FAILED AT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS? TRY CONFESSION!

Katrina Fernandez – As Catholics we have the opportunity to start anew every time we receive the sacrament of Penance. Fresh starts and opportunities for personal growth are available to us every week, making annual resolutions seem superficial in comparison. After all, New Year's resolutions are just promises we make to ourselves to modify certain undesirable behaviors. The same could be said of confession, where we examine our sins, seek forgiveness, and promise to try to sin no more.

"I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to sin no more and to avoid the near occasions of sin." – Act of Contrition

But resolutions aren't the same as sins. Resolving to get more organized or lose weight isn't a sin to confess. But sloth and gluttony are. There is sin rooted in all our vices. We can't modify our behavior by just promising ourselves we will do better and try harder. True change and personal growth, the kind that sticks around longer than a month, comes when we examine the root of our behavior, seek to correct that root and not just the symptom, and acknowledge that no improvements in our lives can be made without the aid and grace of Christ. New Year's resolutions have nothing on the Catholic faith. Catholics were resolving to do better before it was cool.

If you mess up, don't take it personally and beat yourself up as a failure. Acknowledge you're human and not exempt from error. Allow some room for forgiveness and just try again. Maybe break your resolutions up into monthly goals so as not to overwhelm. And of course, incorporate your faith into resolution practices because what's the point of outwardly change without lasting internal spiritual growth?

Confession: It is Christ Himself Who is Present

As believers, we know that God always hears our prayers, even if sometimes it may not feel like it. As Catholics, we also know that God is present to us in a special way in the sacraments. The priest works in persona Christi Capitis, in the person of Christ the head, or as the Church teaches, "it is Christ Himself who is present." (CCC 1548). This is of great consolation in confession – the sacrament of divine mercy – when we are blessed to hear those most comforting of Jesus' words, "My son, your sins are forgiven." (CCC 1484)

– Brian Kranick

BEAR FRUIT THAT ENDURES

All people desire to leave a lasting mark. But what endures? Money does not. Even buildings do not, nor books. After a certain time, longer or shorter, all these things disappear. The only thing that lasts forever is the human soul, the human person created by God for eternity. The fruit that endures is therefore all that we have sown in human souls: love, knowledge, a gesture capable of touching hearts, words that open the soul to joy in the Lord. So let us go and pray to the Lord to help us bear fruit that endures. Only in this way will the earth be changed from a valley of tears to a garden of God.

– Cardinal Ratzinger during the 2005 conclave