

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

March 12, 2017



"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." *Matthew 17:5b*

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 – March 11

5:00 PM James Doherty

Sunday, March 12 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM James Doherty

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Margaret Tomann

12:00 PM Agnes Impellittere – *4th Anniversary*

Monday, March 13 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 14 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Kathryn Thorpe

Wednesday, March 15 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Thursday, March 16 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Katherine Filipich

Friday, March 17 – Saint Patrick, Bishop Day of Abstinence

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 18 – Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Josie Pidala

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – March 18

5:00 PM Pauline McGovern

Sunday, March 19 – Third Sunday of Lent

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

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Josephine & Stephen Genova

12:00 PM Peter Sgro

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Patrick Lahey donated by Francis Lahey. The candle will burn from March 12th through March 18th.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Children Easter Choir rehearsals will be held on Mondays, March 20th through April 10th, from 3:15 to 4:00 pm at the Church.

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

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

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 Comberjata	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, 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

WEEKEND OF MARCH 5, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$7,796

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	104	8	112
Sunday, 8:30 am	121	47	168
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	47	9	56
Sunday, 12:00 pm	98	17	115
Total	370	81	451

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Put on by Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, March 18th
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

In the Parish Hall

Menu

Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread and more!
Children's menu available

Tickets

Adults (12 and over): \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door
Children (6 to 11 yrs): \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door
Under 6: Free

Tickets on sale after all Masses this weekend.

Basket of Cheer Raffle



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday • March 18th
See above for details.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • March 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 March 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.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

**Classes will not be held this Wednesday,
March 15th.**

Classes resume Wednesday, March 22nd.



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...

- Mar 13 – Those in single life
- Mar 20 – Parishioners of Our Lady of Loretto
- Mar 27 – The Liturgy and Spiritual Life Committee
- Apr 3 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Sunday, March 26th • 12:00 pm Mass
At Our Lady of Loretto

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be offered at Our Lady of Loretto Church on Sunday, March 26th at the Noon Mass. Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall after the Mass.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church:

The effects of the Anointing of the Sick: "The special grace of the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick has as its effects: the uniting of the sick person to the passion of Christ, for his own good and that of the whole Church; the strengthening, peace, and courage to endure in a Christian manner the sufferings of illness or old age; the forgiveness of sins, if the sick person was not able to obtain it through the sacrament of penance; the restoration of health, if it is conducive to the salvation of his soul; the preparation for passing over to eternal life" (CCC 1532).

Does a person have to be dying to receive this sacrament? No. The Catechism says, "The anointing of the sick is not a sacrament for those only who are at the point of death. Hence, as soon as anyone of the faithful begins to be in danger of death from sickness or old age, the fitting time for him to receive this sacrament has certainly already arrived." (CCC 1514)

Blessed is one who trusts in the Lord, whose hope is the Lord. – Jeremiah 17:7

Children's Easter Choir

The Children's Easter Choir will practice on Mondays, March 20th through April 10th, from 3:15 to 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church. The choir will sing at the 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass on April 16th. All children are invited to join – show up at practice or call Jeffrey Lutz at (845) 228-5612.

SAINTS FOR YOUTH RETREAT

Friday, March 17th, 7:00 pm through
Sunday March 19th, 2:00 pm

Finding the extraordinary in the ordinary! Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries presents: Saints for YOUTH Retreat! Get to know the heroes of our Church, everyday people who discovered holiness all around them. These men and women were just like you and I, and their stories still impact us today. Join us for a weekend as we dive deeper into their stories, hardships, and discoveries of holiness in their daily encounters. Every generation has its saints, will it be you? The cost is \$125 per person which includes lodging, meals and materials. The application and non-refundable \$60 deposit is due by March 14th. For information and application, contact CYFM or visit our website: cyfm.org and click on "EVENTS"

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

ATTENTION:

LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

A reminder to let us know if you can serve at any of the Masses/Services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. We will need multiple lectors for Palm Sunday, the Lord's Passion Service and the Easter Vigil. Lectors, if you are able, please sign up for more than one Mass/Service. Here's the schedule for 2017:

Palm Sunday, April 9th

5:00 pm Vigil (April 8th)
8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's), 12:00 pm

Holy Thursday, April 13th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

Good Friday, April 14th

The Lord's Passion Service at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil, April 15th

Candle Light Service at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th

8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's), 12:00 pm

If you can help out at any of these Masses/Services, please contact Anna McFadden: anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or 265-2385. Thank you!

Happy Birthday Father Kiely!

Father Kiely celebrates his birthday this Friday, March 17th. Happy Birthday Father! We wish you many blessings on this day and in the year come.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Now that spring is here we can begin our renovations to the outside of the church. On Monday March 13th the process of putting up scaffolding around the outside of the church will begin and the repointing of the church will begin soon thereafter.

This will not affect the inside of the church or any of our services.

The scaffolding will remain up for the duration of the project, which they estimate will take about 6 months.

I ask you to please be careful when walking outside the church near the scaffolding and pray that we have good weather and the renovations go smoothly.

Thank You,
Father Kiely

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR MARCH

Support for Persecuted Christians. That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

Make a Consecration to Divine Mercy An Offering to Merciful Love

Deepen your trust in God and set your heart on fire with Jesus... with His Merciful Love. To make this powerful Consecration to Divine Mercy, complete the *33-Day Do-It-Yourself Retreat in Preparation for Consecration to Divine Mercy*.

Father Michael Gaitley takes you through this retreat in his book *33 Days to Merciful Love*. He takes you through the spiritual teachings of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, and concludes with a consecration to Divine Mercy. St. Therese's teachings can be summarized as follows:

- Jesus' heart is full of Merciful Love
- He longs to pour out that Merciful Love on us sinners. His heart aches to do this.
- Saint Thérèse realized that sinners often close their hearts to the Lord's great mercy, and their rejection actually causes Jesus deep suffering.
- So for the purpose of consoling the Heart of Jesus, Thérèse asked the Lord to pour into her soul all the mercy rejected by others – and He did!

In this retreat, we follow in her footsteps. It requires only 2-3 pages of reading per day – it takes 10 minutes. It's great for busy people!

To make the consecration on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd, begin your retreat on March 21st.

Jesus to Saint Faustina:

"Tell the world about My mercy and My love. The flames of mercy are burning me. I desire to pour them out upon human souls. Oh, what pain they cause Me when they do not want to accept them!" (Diary, 1074)

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent

7:30 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church

POPE: “WANT HEARTS OF JOY AND LIVES WITH MEANING? ENCOUNTER CHRIST”

Zenit News – “Do not be afraid to open yourselves to the encounter with Christ and to deepen your relationship with Him.” Pope Francis gave this encouragement to Italian university students during his visit to Rome’s ‘Roma Tre’ University, noting that if they do so, their hearts will be full of joy and lives, full with meaning.

“I would like to speak to you person-to-person, and give witness of who I am,” he said. “I profess myself Christian and the transcendence to which I open myself and look at has a name: Jesus.” “I am convinced that His Gospel is a force of true personal and social renewal. Speaking thus, I do not propose to you illusions or philosophical or ideological theories, nor do I wish to engage in proselytism.” The Holy Father underlined that he was speaking to them of a Person who came to meet him when he too was a young man, and Who opened horizons for him and changed his life. “This Person can fill our heart with joy and our life with meaning,” Francis said.

Jesus, the Pope noted, travels with him always. “He does not disappoint and does not betray. He is always with us. He puts Himself with respect and discretion along our life’s path, above all, He supports us in the hour of loss and defeat, in the moment of weakness and sin, to always put us back on the way.” This, he said, “is the personal testimony of my life.” “Do not be afraid to open yourselves to the horizons of the spirit, and if you receive the gift of faith – because faith is a gift – do not be afraid to open yourselves to the encounter with Christ and to deepen your relationship with Him.”

“Faith never limits the ambit of reason, but opens it to an integral vision of man and of reality, preserving one from the danger of reducing the person to ‘human material,’” he said. Difficulties do not disappear with Jesus, Francis admitted, but, he noted, they are addressed in a different way, without fear, without lying to oneself and to others. Rather, he said, they are addressed with the light and strength that come from Him.

HOW TO PRACTICE SELF-DENIAL IN LENT

Aleteia.org, Russell Shaw – “Lent” is the name we give the deliberate process of spiritual renewal that the Church particularly emphasizes at this season. A central part of it is the practice of self-denial through which, paradoxically, we grow in self-possession in order to give ourselves more perfectly to God.

“Nothing is so likely to corrupt our hearts and to seduce us from God, as to surround ourselves with comforts,” Cardinal Newman said in a sermon on self-denial. Lent is a special, though hardly exclusive, time for putting some of those comforts aside and focusing on God. That is what things like fasting and abstinence and “giving up something for Lent” are meant to help us do. Here are a few common sense rules for the practice of self-denial in Lent.

First of all, don’t inflict your mortifications on other people. If doing without something makes you short-tempered with the people around you, work on controlling your temper first or else find something else you can deny yourself. In the same vein, remember that self-denial is between you and God. Your spiritual heroism, such as it is, shouldn’t be advertised. “Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them,” says Jesus – specifically citing almsgiving, prayer, and fasting – in the Ash Wednesday reading from Matthew’s Gospel. God knows what you’re doing. That is enough.

Next, when looking for something to deny yourself, make it something in your everyday experience. Consider concentrating on what some spiritual directors refer to as your “predominant fault.” If, for instance, your problem is laziness, try getting up 45 minutes early on weekdays in order to get to Mass. If it’s a tendency to waste time, set a definite time for turning the TV on – and turning it off – and stick to it. Use the time you’ve gained by not sitting in front of the TV to help out around the house or maybe read a good spiritual book.

Finally, make it a point often to remind yourself why it is you’re practicing self-denial and even to pray about it. “We have to give ourselves really, not just in word but in deed and truth,” St. Josemaría Escrivá once said. And giving ourselves to God and others requires that we first possess ourselves – something that the discipline of Lenten self-denial can help us to do.

As for how to proceed, Newman calls attention to some practical possibilities: “Accept the daily opportunities which occur of yielding to others, when you need not yield... Turn from ambitious thoughts, and (as far as you religiously may) make resolves against taking on authority... Sell and give alms; therefore hate to spend money on yourself... Shut your ears to praise... Curb your tongue, and turn away your eye, lest you fall into temptation... Be up at prayer ‘a great while before day.’” “So shall self-denial become natural to you, and change come over you, gently and imperceptibly,” Newman adds. Kind of like winter giving way to spring during Lent.

SAYING “NO” DURING LENT

“We live in a culture of consumption. We rarely say no to our desires. Those desires often drive us. Lent gives opportunity to say no to mindless consumption and thoughtless indulgence.” – Anita Lustrea