

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

April 16, 2017



Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Victimae Paschali Laudes

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.

Easter Vigil (Sunday) – April 15

8:00 PM All the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 AM All the People of the Parish

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

12:00 PM All the People of the Parish

Monday, April 17 – Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM Jean DeRose

Tuesday, April 18 – Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM Frank Tripoli

Wednesday, April 19 – Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi

Thursday, April 20 – Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM Agne Curtin and Kathleen Chapman

Friday, April 21 – Friday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Saturday, April 22 – Saturday within the Octave of Easter

8:15 AM Mary Stropoli

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – April 22

5:00 PM The Frisenda Family, Florence Weise and Santa Huston

Sunday, April 23 – Second Sunday of Easter; Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:30 AM John Hallenback, Jr. and Deceased Members of the Critelli Family

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Louis Pecorelli and Dante Cecchini

12:00 PM Alex Dengler

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.

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 Comberiat	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

Margaret "Peggy" Pataki

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: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

WEEKEND OF APRIL 9, 2017
REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$7,448

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	104	10	114
Sunday, 8:30 am	***	***	***
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	73	13	86
Sunday, 12:00 pm	127	27	154
Total***	304	50	354

***Attendance was not taken at the 8:30 am Mass.



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...

- Apr 17 – The elderly and grandparents
- Apr 24 – Employees and volunteers of the parish
- May 1 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- May 8 – Judicial professionals



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • April 30th

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 April 29th and 30th.

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 THIS WEEK

Wednesday, April 19th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

FAMILY CATECHESIS EVENT

Divine Mercy Sunday • April 23rd • 2:30 pm

Our Religious Ed Program will be holding its second Family Catechesis Event on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23rd. First there will be a special Divine Mercy service in the Church beginning at 2:30 pm, followed by a reception and family activity in the Parish Hall.

Please be aware that Family Catechesis Events count as class time, so please make every effort to attend. This is a beautiful once-a-year service that you will find truly inspiring.

CONFIRMATION PRACTICE

Wednesday, May 3rd

FIRST COMMUNION FAMILY RETREAT AND PRACTICE

Sunday, May 7th • 1:30 pm

Please pray for our Confirmandi who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday, May 5th.

Please pray for our 2nd Graders who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 13th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2017-18 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. Thank you!

Christian hope "is the expectation of something that has already been accomplished..."

There is a door there, and I hope to arrive at the door. What must I do? Walk towards the door! I am sure that I will arrive at the door. Such is Christian hope: to be sure that I am journeying to something that is, not what I want it to be. Even our resurrection, and that of the faithful departed, then, is not something which may or may not happen; rather, it is a certain reality, as it is rooted in the event of the Resurrection of Christ."

– Pope Francis

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1881 by Roman Catholic priest Michael J. McGivney in New Haven, CT. His idea was to create a fraternal order, based on the tenets of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, whose goal was to help its members and community during difficult economic times. The Order continues to do this work today in our community and around the world.

Through the generous support of parishioners from Our Lady of Loretto, St. Joseph's and the diligent work of the Knights, each year the Loretto Council #536 of the Knights of Columbus awards two scholarships to college-bound high school seniors who best exemplify the principles of the Order.

In order to be eligible for a scholarship, a graduating senior must be a resident of the greater Philipstown community and be accepted to an accredited post-secondary institution. Our Lady of Loretto and St. Joseph's parishioners and families of any Knight of Columbus will be given preference.

Applicants are required to write an essay (up to 300 words) describing how, through their actions and efforts, they live the values of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism which contributes to their faith, family, community and school.

The Knights of Columbus Scholarship Committee will select awardees.

Applicants for the scholarship must include the following information along with their essay:

1. Name, Address and Home Phone
2. Current high school
3. Post-secondary school
4. Probable college major
5. A list of in-school academic/social/athletic activities (offices held, honors, letters, etc). (Include number of years, estimated hours of involvement and titles if any)

An interview of the applicants may take place prior to awarding the scholarships.

When completed, please return all documents to the guidance office or mail them to:

Loretto Council Knights of Columbus
P.O. Box 241
Cold Spring, NY 10516

All applications must be submitted and/or post marked by Monday, May 1st, 2017

(Applications available at the back of the Church and at the Haldane High School office)

THE HOLY FATHER'S URGENT PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL

Landslide Victims: Victims of the landslide in Colombia and peace in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, and Paraguay.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SENDING MORE AID TO GENOCIDE VICTIMS IN MIDEAST

One year after State Department designation, targets of ISIS need support.

Aletheia.org – The Knights of Columbus are providing \$1.9 million in new assistance to Iraqi and Syrian Christians targeted by ISIS, marking the first anniversary of the March 17, 2016 declaration by the U.S. State Department that the persecution of Christians in that area is genocide. The U.S. declaration followed some six weeks after the European Parliament also recognized the ISIS crimes as genocide.

Karl Anderson, CEO of the Catholic men's charitable organization, remarked on the "genocide" label with the affirmation that "words are not enough." "Those targeted for genocide continue to need our assistance, especially since many have received no funding from the U.S. government or from the United Nations. The new administration should rectify the policies it found in place, and stop the de facto discrimination that is continuing to endanger these communities targeted by ISIS for genocide," he said in a statement.

The Knights of Columbus monetary donation will be used for:

- Medical clinics in Iraq
- Easter food baskets for displaced Christians under the care of the Archdiocese of Erbil
- General relief for the Christians of Aleppo, Syria, via the city's Melkite Archdiocese
- Support for the Christian refugee relief programs of the Syriac Catholic patriarch

Last year, the Knights of Columbus headed a campaign urging the State Department declaration of genocide of Christians by ISIS and other extremist groups. The successful effort included a 278-page report on the genocide in Iraq and Syria. The State Department issued the declaration of genocide on March 17, 2016, only the second time the U.S. government has declared an ongoing situation to be genocide.

Anderson said 2017 may be "the decisive year in determining whether many Christian communities throughout the Middle East will continue to exist," and called for aid from the U.S. government and the international community. He also urged prayer for "those who are being persecuted and killed for their faith."

Genocide is the "crime of crimes," according to the United Nations, because it involves the intentional destruction, "in whole or in part," of an entire people.

Donations to support Christian refugees can be made through *Knights of Columbus Charities*.

Professor Robert Destro of the Columbus School of Law at The Catholic University of America announced a joint statement of "recommended actions" for the administration to take to protect genocide survivors. The document is a call "to stand up constantly" for minorities "who are being targeted today by ISIS and all of its affiliates around the world" and was signed by numerous political and religious leaders.

Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus have donated \$12 million in aid to persecuted Christians in the Middle East.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Sunday, April 23rd • 2:45 pm



Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at Our Lady of Loretto Church next Sunday, April 23rd – the Feast of Divine Mercy. At 2:45 pm we will gather in the Church to pray the Chaplet of Mercy and venerate The Image of Mercy. If you have questions, call Diana Roda, 424-4175.

Concerning the Feast of Mercy

Jesus said: My daughter [Saint Faustina], tell the whole world about My Inconceivable Mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. **The soul that will go to Confession* and receive Holy Communion shall**

obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.

On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. (Diary 699)

Yes, the first Sunday after Easter is the Feast of Mercy, but there must also be deeds of mercy, which are to arise out of love for Me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere. You must not shrink from this or try to absolve yourself from it. (Diary 742)

Plenary Indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday

In a decree dated August 3, 2002, the Apostolic Penitentiary announced that in order “to ensure that the faithful would observe this day (Divine Mercy Sunday) with intense devotion, the Supreme Pontiff himself established that this Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence... so that the faithful might receive in great abundance the gift of the consolation of the Holy Spirit. In this way, they can foster a growing love for God and for their neighbor, and after they have obtained God’s pardon, they in turn might be persuaded to show a prompt pardon to their brothers and sisters.”

The plenary indulgence is granted (under the usual conditions of a sacramental Confession*, Eucharistic Communion, and a prayer for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff) to the faithful who, on Divine Mercy Sunday, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, recite the Our Father and the Creed, and also adding a devout prayer (e.g. *Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!*).

*The confessional requirement does not have to be met on the Feast itself – about 20 days before or after the Feast is sufficient. We would only need confession again, if received earlier in the Lenten or Easter Season, if we were in the state of mortal sin on the Feast.

EXCERPTS FROM SAINT JOHN PAUL II'S HOMILY ON THE FIRST UNIVERSAL CELEBRATION OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 2001

Divine Mercy: The Easter Gift

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! (Ps 117:1). Let us make our own the Psalmist's exclamation: “The Lord's mercy endures forever!” In order to understand thoroughly the truth of these words, let us be led to the heart of the event of salvation, which unites Christ's Death and Resurrection with our lives and with the world's history. This miracle of mercy has radically changed humanity's destiny. It is a miracle in which is unfolded the fullness of the love of the Father who, for our redemption, does not even draw back before the sacrifice of His Only-begotten Son.

The Heart of Christ!

His “Sacred Heart” has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. Saint Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart, that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. The two rays, [according to what Jesus Himself told her], denote blood and water (Diary, 299). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (See Jn 3:5; 4:14).

Through the mystery of this wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

“Jesus, I trust in You!”

This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in Your hands, O Lord, our only Savior. You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of Your Heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of Your Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, Saint Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Savior's face, we would like to repeat with you: “Jesus, I trust in You!” Now and forever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord, the Merciful Savior

“I have opened my Heart as a living fountain of mercy. Let all souls draw life from it. Let them approach this sea of mercy with great trust. Sinners will attain justification, and the just will be confirmed in good. Whoever places his trust in My mercy will be filled with My divine peace at the hour of death.” (Diary 1520)

“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!... Tell My daughter, that I am Love and Mercy itself. When a soul approaches Me with trust, I fill it with such an abundance of graces that it cannot contain them within itself, but radiates them to other souls.” (Diary 1074)