

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I believe that I shall see the good things of
the Lord in the land of the living.

May 28, 2017



"Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you, just as you gave him authority over all people, so that your son may give eternal life to all you gave him." *John 17:1b-2*

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 – May 27

5:00 PM Julia and Raymond Gallagher

Sunday, May 28 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Fred Faust

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Alex Dengler

12:00 PM Georgette Gurguies

Monday, May 29 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 30 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Patsy Landolfi

Wednesday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM Joe Frisenda

Thursday, June 1 – Saint Justin, Martyr

8:15 AM Jean Frisenda

Friday, June 2 – Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

Saturday, June 3 – Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

8:15 AM Joseph Kuzmik

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – June 3

5:00 PM Leon and Ellen Pralatoski

Sunday, June 4 – Pentecost Sunday

8:30 AM Ann Marie and John Flammer

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

12:00 PM Jim Donnery

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Josie Pidala. The candle will burn from May 28th through June 3rd.

The **Flowers** on the Altar this weekend were donated in loving memory of Florence Calimano by the Calimano Family.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

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

and for all our dearly departed, especially

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| Roger Ailes | Diana Bechelli |
| Marie Baranowski | George J. Rapalje |

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

Pamela Mackey – May 2nd, 2017

Jean Frisenda – May 3rd, 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: | Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a |
| Wednesday: | Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56 |
| Thursday: | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday: | Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday: | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25 |
| Sunday: | <u>Vigil</u> : Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2a, 24, 35c, 27-28, 29bc-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39 <u>Day</u> : Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23 |

WEEKEND OF MAY 21, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION & COLLECTION
FOR OPERATING EXPENSES – \$9,333

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | Adults | Children | Total |
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| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 87 | 5 | 92 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 106 | 17 | 123 |
| St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am | 53 | 9 | 62 |
| Sunday, 12:00 pm | 85 | 15 | 100 |
| Total | 331 | 46 | 377 |

Banns of Marriage

NICHOLAS NASTASI & EMILY LOMBARDO
Wedding Date – June 3, 2017

Consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

Lectors

St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

Eucharistic Ministers

St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am
Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12:00 pm

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

Today • May 28th

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. 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.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2017-18 school year has been mailed to all families enrolled in our Religious Education Program this past year. 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!

Special Collection Next Weekend: CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG BLACK AND INDIAN PEOPLE

Next weekend our parish will take up a collection for the Catholic Missions Among Black and Indian People. Since 1884, proceeds from the Black and Indian Missions Collection have been distributed as grants to dioceses supporting and strengthening evangelization programs, which would otherwise be in danger of disappearing among the Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut communities of the United States.



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...

- May 29 – The intentions of the Blessed Mother
- Jun 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Jun 12 – Married couples of the parish
- Jun 19 – All fathers of the parish

Jesus brings love, security and healing

We all have inner hurts, carried in our hearts. There are negative feelings and emotions that swirl around in the subconscious and unconscious realms. Touching them with healing grace is essential to a full awareness of God's loving presence and subsequently to the fullness of life in God... Jesus brings the love, the security and the healing that are needed to make the difference between coping and healing. Jesus' love alone is adequate and can touch the wounds that human insight and self-knowledge have brought to light." – Fr. Richard McAlear, O.M.I., *Walls and Bridges: Healing of the Heart*

COUNTER-INTUITIVE KEYS TO A HAPPY LIFE

Fr. Michael Rennie – Happiness is found not when we directly seek it but instead when we do our level best to give it away to each other. Here are some counter-intuitive keys to a happy life:

Think of others first. When we think of others as human beings first, we empathize with them more, enjoy the intricacies of their personalities (including the quirks), and find it easier to forget about ourselves and seek joy in the them.

Live for the next life as much as this one. Mourning the shortness of this life helps us to appreciate its fragile beauty, but also knowing that there's an even better world right around the corner, helps us to let go and enjoy whatever time we have here. Nothing gained here on earth survives death except our souls. The more we adorn our souls and beautify them through love, the more we take with us to heaven – especially if our love helps others make it there too.

Seek excellence. The human soul will continue growing over the course of our whole lives. Happy people are always looking to improve and build on progress, knowing that none of us is made to simply be comfortable and get by. We are made for greatness.

Be kind to those who are miserable. Truly happy people want to share their happiness, especially with those most in need. This can be challenging, especially when it comes to showing kindness to those who may have hurt us in the past.

Don't allow emotions to rule you. Emotions are good and natural reactions to events around us, but if they overwhelm us they can cloud our judgment. We often mistake motivations in others (and even ourselves), and our emotions can cause us to feel unhappy when we really don't need to be. Happiness is a deeper state of being than emotions. When we're over-emotional, it helps to take a quiet moment and reflect on whether what we're feeling is truly accurate and if we might benefit from adjusting our perspective.

Find the silver lining. Positivity doesn't need to be a naive denial of reality. Negativity is sometimes considered more realistic, but it can be every bit as wrong as too much positivity. The balance is somewhere in the middle, the willingness to acknowledge it's been a bad day, but also understanding that there is good in every situation. Everything life throws at us can build character and bring people closer together. Seek to accentuate what is excellent instead of dwelling on inadequacies and you'll be on the road to true happiness.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

This Saturday, June 3rd, 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.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

"Mary joins us, she fights at our side. She supports Christians in the fight against the forces of evil. Especially through prayer, through the Rosary. Hear me out, the Rosary... Do you pray the Rosary each day?" – Pope Francis, August 15, 2013



FRUITS OF THE MYSTERIES OF THE ROSARY

The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation – Humility
2. The Visitation – Love of Neighbor
3. The Nativity of the Lord – Poverty of Spirit, Detachment from the Things of the World
4. The Presentation – Obedience
5. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple – Piety

The Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of Jesus – Openness to the Holy Spirit
2. The Miracle at Cana – To Jesus through Mary
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God – Repentance, Trust in God
4. The Transfiguration – Desire for Holiness
5. Institution of the Eucharist – Eucharistic Adoration, Active Participation at Mass

The Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Agony in the Garden – Contrition, Conformity to the Will of God
2. Scourging at the Pillar – Purity, Mortification
3. Crowning with Thorns – Moral Courage
4. Carrying of the Cross – Patience
5. Crucifixion – Salvation, Self-Denial

The Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection – Faith
2. The Ascension – Hope, Desire for Heaven
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Love of God
4. The Assumption of Mary – Devotion to Mary
5. Coronation of the Virgin Mary – Eternal Happiness

IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH THE ROSARY

Aleteia.org, Tom Hoopes – Here are ways to make the Rosary “less of a chore.” We can start with five very practical tips Saint John Paul II shared in his Apostolic Letter on the Rosary.

First: The short introduction.

I have noticed over the years that the Rosary’s long intro is dreaded by children – and by some adults, too. So I was liberated when St. John Paul II wrote, “In different parts of the Church, there are many ways to introduce the Rosary. In some places, it is customary to begin with the opening words of Psalm 70: ‘O God, come to my aid; O Lord, make haste to help me’... In other places, the Rosary begins with the recitation of the Creed” (No. 37). So, we started trying it the first way the saintly pope said. The shorter introduction is a great relief to young minds (and some adults, too), allowing them to focus on the mysteries. And now when we do occasionally say the Rosary with the Creed, it’s welcomed as a novelty.

Second: Picture the mysteries.

John Paul recommends in his letter (No. 29) that looking at images of the mysteries helps a great deal. He’s right. And while it used to be complicated to assemble the images you need, in the age of smart phones, sacred art is just one click away. Or, more often than not, I simply use my imagination. I pick five figures from the mystery and imagine one per Hail Mary, then cycle through again. So, for the First Glorious Mystery: sleeping soldiers... risen Jesus... Mary Magdalene surprised... John and Peter racing to the tomb... the angel on the stone. Or, for any mystery, you can simply imagine: Mary, then Joseph, then Jesus, then the Blessed Sacrament, then a mystery-specific image, for your five. Or you can go through the five wounds twice. Or, if you’re in a chapel, pick five sacred objects and cycle through those: The Mary statue, the Joseph statue, the Sacred Heart picture, the tabernacle, the crucifix.

Third: Read scripture.

Scripture reading, either in a block before each mystery, or in bits and pieces throughout, can do wonders to focus the mind, says John Paul (No. 30). And since it can also overload the mind, he suggests adding a significant silence after the reading (No. 31).

Fourth: Add a word after Jesus.

St. John Paul II credits Pope Paul VI (in No. 33) with promoting the practice of adding a word after “Jesus” in the Hail Mary, but many of us learned it from *Secret of the Rosary* by Saint Louis De Montfort. It goes like this: “Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus, *risen.*” Or: *Jesus ascending into heaven, pouring forth his Holy Spirit, assuming you into heaven, crowning you queen of heaven and earth.*

The added words are pretty intuitive, and we find that the shorter they are the better: *Jesus in agony, scourged, crowned with thorns, carrying his cross, crucified for our sins; Jesus baptized by John, at the wedding feast at Cana, proclaiming the kingdom, transfigured, instituting the Eucharist.* The first two joyful mysteries are hard. When in doubt, just name the mystery: *Jesus at the Annunciation, at the Visitation, at the Nativity, at the Presentation, found in the Temple.*

Five: Sing.

John Paul’s right: in a group setting, singing can rivet the attention (No. 34). Try chanting the Glory Be, he says; you might also add a snippet of a Marian hymn.

Six: Use figurines.

We use Fontanini figures. You know those giant Italian nativity sets with figurines from all kinds of biblical stories? I’ve been getting a new one for Father’s Day for years, and now we have quite a set. So now, every time we pray the Rosary a different child each day gets to “set up the mysteries.” She will put Mary and an Angel (and trees and a river and a rock and on and on) out for the Annunciation. Or he will put Jesus on a mountaintop for the Proclamation of the Kingdom – and put two old men on either side of him for the Transfiguration. Your Christmas Nativity set works as a starter. Joseph can double as adult Jesus, Wise Men can become rabbis or apostles, and the stable can double as a mountain and the Temple.

Seventh: Draw.

Maybe twice a month, we do what we call Rosary Reflections and we all draw the mysteries while we pray them. Drawing helps the children enter into the stories.

Eighth: We tour the house.

Say each mystery of the Rosary in a different room... Either randomly or in appropriate rooms: The First Joyful Mystery in mom’s closet where her maternity clothes are; the second in the kitchen where Mary helped Elizabeth; the third by the baby’s (or baby doll’s) crib; the fourth in the playroom (where every day we should present Jesus in the Temple of our bodies); the fifth in an upstairs room with a window that faces the church (where we can always find Jesus in the tabernacle when we have lost him in our lives).

Process from place to place holding a candle (candles, by the way, help make any Rosary “special” in the eyes of children – and adults).

Ninth: The Mixed-up Rosary.

Write all 20 mysteries of the Rosary on separate pieces of paper, and then pick five at random to pray for the day’s Rosary. Doing the Institution of the Eucharist followed by the Visitation followed by the Coronation followed by the Scourging at the Pillar followed by the Descent of the Holy Spirit would be confusing if it was the norm, but as an occasional practice it helps each mystery stand out.

Tenth: A “rotating leader” Rosary.

In our family, a different person leads each mystery of the Rosary. Leading a decade really captures the attention of the person leading it.

In a rotating leader Rosary, a different person leads each prayer in each decade. One person does the first half of the Our Father (and we all finish it); the next does the first half of the first Hail Mary; the next does the first half of the second Hail Mary and so on. It keeps everyone alert.

THE FAMILY ROSARY

The family rosary isn’t just some relic from past decades when the Church was stronger and Catholic culture more prominent in the public square. It’s something families need today, to strengthen their faith, especially when the world challenges it so. – Susan Lawson