

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**The seed that falls on good ground will yield
a fruitful harvest.**

July 16, 2017



“The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.” *Matthew 13:23*

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 – July 15

5:00 PM Helen Donovan

Sunday, July 16 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Helen Percacciolo

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Frank Weise

12:00 PM Joseph Percacciolo, Sr.

Monday, July 17 – Weekday

8:15 AM George Rapalje

Tuesday, July 18 – Saint Camillus de Lellis, Priest

8:15 AM Katherine Filipich

Wednesday, July 19 – Weekday

8:15 AM The Wiszniak & Droszczak Families and all the People of the Parish

Thursday, July 20 – Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Kevin Moroney

Friday, July 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Peter Sgro

Saturday, July 22 – Saint Mary Magdalene

8:15 AM Joseph Kuzmik

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – July 22

5:00 PM Karen Ann Sullivan

Sunday, July 23 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dee Kavana

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Daniel Moriarty

12:00 PM Rose and Eugene Spencer

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Marion Tompkins and the Tompkins Family donated by Chuck and Paula Tompkins. The candle will burn from July 16th through July 22nd.

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

Lucy Abbatine	Todd Morris
Lucas Boesch	Joseph Nowakowski
Electra Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Luis Padilla
The Brusco Family	Rosario Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Neilan Pierce
Ned Flanagan	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

Diana Lapiano

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:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 – 11:1
Tuesday:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thursday:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Friday:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Saturday:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Sunday:	Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

WEEKEND OF JULY 9, 2017
REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,738

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	96	3	99
Sunday, 8:30 am	89	20	109
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	39	6	45
Sunday, 12:00 pm	107	25	132
Total	331	54	385

Banns of Marriage

TIMOTHY MURRAY & HEATHER WATERS
 Wedding Date – July 28, 2017

GRANITE FRISEDA & SABRINA SCANGA
 Wedding Date – August 5, 2017



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Loretto Council #536

NEW MEMBER

Grand Knight Paul Grandetti of Loretto Council No. 536 is proud to announce that parishioner Tom McCullough became a member of the Knights of Columbus by taking the 1st Degree of Charity and the 2nd Degree of Unity at a recent ceremony. In attendance were Grand Knight Paul Grandetti and Membership Director John Hackney.

A 29-year-old parish priest, Father Michael J. McGivney, founded the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Today there are more than 1.8 million members of the Knights of Columbus in over 14,000 local councils in the United States, Canada, Philippines, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Guam, Guatemala, Panama, Virgin Islands, Dominican Republic, Bahamas and Saipan.

Anyone interested in joining the Knights of Columbus can contact John Hackney, Membership Director at johnhackney@hotmail.com for an application. Additional information can also be found at the kofc.org.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • July 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 July 29th and 30th. Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR
 THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

If you have not done so already, please register your children in our 2017-2018 Religious Education Program. Registration forms have been mailed to all families who were enrolled in the program this past year.

If you did not receive the registration 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!



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...

- Jul 17 – Archbishop Dolan and all bishops
- Jul 24 – His Holiness Pope Francis
- Jul 31 – Children of the parish
- Aug 7 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

A 9-HOUR NOVENA

A version of Saint Padre Pio's "Ask and You Shall Receive" Novena... Say once every hour for 9 hours continuously.

Oh Jesus who has said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you," through the intercession of Mary, I knock, I seek, I ask that my prayer be granted (mention request).

Oh Jesus who has said, "All that you ask of the Father in my name, He will grant you," through the intercession of Mary thy most Holy Mother, I humbly and urgently ask thy Father in thy name that my prayer be granted (mention request).

Oh Jesus who has said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall not pass," through the intercession of Mary thy most Holy Mother, I feel confident that my prayer will be granted (mention request).

USHERS NEEDED FOR MASS ATTENDANCE

We are seeking ushers to count the number of people at the 8:30 am Mass each week. If you can do it, call the Parish Office at 845-265-3718.

THE BROWN SCAPULAR



The Brown Scapular was given to Saint Simon Stock, Prior of the Carmelite Order in England, in the year 1251. On July 16th, Our Lady held out the Brown Scapular to Saint Simon Stock and promised, "Whoever dies piously wearing this scapular will not suffer eternal flames." The Brown Scapular is a sacramental of the Church; it is a gift from heaven and a symbol of salvation, for a true child of Mary is never lost! The scapular is a safeguard in danger, whether physical or moral; it invites its wearer to penance and purity while shielding him from Satan and sin.

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI referred to wearing the scapular as a "particular sign of union with Jesus and Mary." "For those who wear it, it is a sign of filial abandonment to the protection of the Immaculate Virgin," he said. "In our battle against evil, may Mary our Mother wrap us in her mantle."

THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the fire of love burning in the Church and in our hearts, even though we often cover him with the ash of our sins. Let us ask him: "Spirit of God, Lord, who dwell in my heart and in the heart of the Church, guiding and shaping her in diversity, come! Like water, we need you to live. Come down upon us anew, teach us unity, renew our hearts and teach us to love as you love us, to forgive as you forgive us. Amen". – *Pope Francis*

BREATHE IN ME, O HOLY SPIRIT

By Saint Augustine

*Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may all be holy.*

*Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work, too, may be holy.*

*Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I love but what is holy.*

*Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to defend all that is holy.*

*Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit,
that I always may be holy. Amen.*

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE BEHELD BY POPE FRANCIS

Aleteia.org – It seems that on August 18, 1996, as Father Alejandro Pezet was ending Mass at the parish of Santa Maria y Caballito Almagro, a woman reported that a Host had been desecrated on a candleholder in the back of the church. Unable to consume the Host, Fr. Pezet placed it in a dish of water and stored it in the tabernacle. The following Monday, the priest opened the tabernacle and found that the Host seemed to have become a bloody substance:

He informed Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio (now Pope Francis), who gave instructions that the Host be professionally photographed. The photos were taken on September 6th. They clearly show that the Host, which had become a fragment of bloodied flesh, had grown significantly in size. For several years the Host remained in the tabernacle, the whole affair being kept a strict secret. Since the Host suffered no visible decomposition, Cardinal Bergoglio decided to have it scientifically analyzed.

On October 5th, 1999, in the presence of the Cardinal's representatives, scientist Dr. Ricardo Castanon Gomez took a sample of the bloody fragment and sent it to New York for analysis. Since he did not wish to prejudice the study, he purposely did not inform the team of scientists of its provenance. One of these scientists was Dr. Frederic Zugiba, the well-known cardiologist and forensic pathologist. He determined that the analyzed substance was real flesh and blood containing human DNA.

Zugiba testified that, "the analyzed material is a fragment of the heart muscle found in the wall of the left ventricle close to the valves. This muscle is responsible for the contraction of the heart. It should be borne in mind that the left cardiac ventricle pumps blood to all parts of the body. The heart muscle is in an inflammatory condition and contains a large number of white blood cells. This indicates that the heart was alive at the time the sample was taken. It is my contention that the heart was alive, since white blood cells die outside a living organism. They require a living organism to sustain them. Thus, their presence indicates that the heart was alive when the sample was taken. What is more, these white blood cells had penetrated the tissue, which further indicates that the heart had been under severe stress, as if the owner had been beaten severely about the chest."

Faith does not depend on miracles, and these phenomena will never be satisfactorily explained, but they can serve as helpful focuses in dry times, and as sound reminders that no matter how much we think we know, we cannot even begin to approach the ways or purposes of God. As Thomas Aquinas himself said after a vision that caused him to lay down his busy pen: "I can write no more. I have seen things that make my writings like straw."

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament of the Eucharist, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude."

– Saint Angela of Foligno

HUMANITY URGENTLY NEEDS THE GOSPEL, POPE SAYS FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2017

Vatican City – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that in his message for World Mission Day, Pope Francis said that the Church needs to spread the Gospel, caring for the spiritual wounds of people who desperately need the Good News of Jesus Christ. “The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” Pope Francis said. “Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the Good Samaritan, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as Good Shepherd, constantly seeking out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere.”

The Pope’s message was published a few months ahead of the Church’s celebration of World Mission Day, which will take place October 22, 2017.

“Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel,” the Pope continued, such as those of recent martyrs and those for whom it is difficult to even go to Mass or receive the Eucharist. The Pope mentioned, for example, “the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed.”

“I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in northern Uganda,” he said also, “where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: ‘My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?’ as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord.” “For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage.”

In his message, Francis pointed out that the Church is missionary by nature, “otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away.” Because of this, we must ask ourselves certain questions about our responsibility as Christians and believers, especially in a world “marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent.”

The questions the Pope proposed we ask ourselves are: “What is the basis of our mission? What is the heart of our mission? What are the essential approaches we need to take in carrying out our mission?” One essential, Francis said, is that the Church’s mission in the world be constantly invigorated by a spirituality of “exodus” and “pilgrimage;” that we are called to go forth into the world, past our own comfort zones, in order to reach people on the peripheries.

“The Church’s mission impels us to undertake a constant pilgrimage across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice,” he explained. “The Church’s mission inspires a sense of constant exile, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the ‘already’ and ‘not yet’ of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

And part of the Kingdom of Heaven is spreading the

message of the Gospel of Christ, also called the “Good News,” he said, because it is filled with a contagious joy, the offer of a new life in Christ, who through the Holy Spirit becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life. And it is this life that “sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.”

God desires our “existential transformation,” the Pope continued, guided by the Holy Spirit, which finds expression in worship and in an imitation of Jesus. Francis went on to explain what this means for the mission of the Church, which he said is not about spreading a “religious ideology” or a “lofty ethical teaching.” Instead, “through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the Kairos, the favorable time of salvation.”

“Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth.” Quoting from the words of Benedict XVI in “Deus Caritas Est,” Francis said that Christianity is an encounter with a Person, not an “ethical choice or lofty idea.”

And through the Sacraments of the Church, this Person “continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive him with humble and religious faith to share his life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection.” The Pope mentioned the important role of both young people and the Pontifical Mission Societies in serving humanity “with courage and enthusiasm.” In the Pontifical Mission Societies, “thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone,” he said.

The celebration of World Mission Day in October, promoted by the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, “is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.”

Finally, Francis said, in carrying out her mission, the Church must draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. “Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own ‘yes,’ conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time,” he concluded. “May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.”

Our duty and privilege as Christians is to evangelize, to proclaim the wonderful news that we were created in love, redeemed in love, and are called to be perfected in love.

– Fr Robert McTeigue, SJ