

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, I love your commands.

July 30, 2017



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field."

Matthew 13:44

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 29

5:00 PM Frederick J. Des Marais

Sunday, July 30 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM George W. Van Tassel, Sr.

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Ethan Oak LaFleur

12:00 PM Agnes Barry Impellitteri

Monday, July 31 – Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:15 AM Peter S. Maier

Tuesday, August 1 – Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Terrance Mangan

Wednesday, August 2 – Saint Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest

8:15 AM Deceased Members of the Tilearcio Family

Thursday, August 3 – Weekday

8:15 AM Madeline Kiely

Friday, August 4 – Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:15 AM Carl Harlan and all the People of the Parish

Saturday, August 5 – The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major

8:15 AM Patrick Lahey

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – August 5

5:00 PM Santa F. Huston

Sunday, August 6 – The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:30 AM Mason Yeager

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Christine Garrott

12:00 PM Helen Percacciolo

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Santa F. Huston donated by Adam R. Huston and the Warren Family. The candle will burn from July 30th through August 5th.

The **Roses** on the Altar on Saturday, August 5th are donated in loving memory of Santa F. Huston by Adam R. Huston.

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.

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

Armando Iaconangelo

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

Diana Lapiano – July 2nd, 2017

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23; Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday:	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

WEEKEND OF JULY 23, 2017

DOUBLE COLLECTION – \$8,849

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	116	6	122
Sunday, 8:30 am	95	17	112
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	44	6	50
Sunday, 12:00 pm	103	14	117
Total	358	43	401

Banns of Marriage

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

CONNOR WALSH & MOLLY FREEMAN
Wedding Date – August 11, 2017

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, August 4th, 2017 • 2:00 to 8:00 pm

North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Rd • Cold Spring

To register on line or for questions:
www.nybloodcenter.org
1-800-933-BLOOD [2566]

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Today • July 30th

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 – Bob Murphy

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

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

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!



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...

- Jul 31 – Children of the parish
- Aug 7 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Aug 14 – Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers
- Aug 21 – All teachers in our parish

Knights of Columbus Announce Officers

Loretto Council No. 536 announces its new officers for the 2017 - 2018 year.

The officers are: Grand Knight Robert Murphy, Chaplain Fr. Joe DiMauro, Associate Chaplain Fr. Anthony Yorke, Deputy Grand Knight Paul Grandetti, Chancellor John Hackney and Recorder Kenn Sapeta.

Other officers named were Financial Secretary Thomas Des Marais, Treasurer Steve Marino, Advocate John Scherer, Warden Gordon Casement, Guards Lester Tilearcio and Joe Ramos.

The Board of Trustees includes: Keith Anderson, Robert Flaherty and Daniel Dillon.

The Knights of Columbus is the world's largest lay Catholic organization with over 2 million members in the United States, Canada, the Philippines, Mexico, Central America, and Poland. It provides members and their families with volunteer opportunities in service to the Catholic Church, the community, families and young people. In 2016 the Knights of Columbus worldwide raised and distributed more than \$ 177 million to charity and rendered more than 75 million hours of volunteer service.

OKTOBERFEST IN COLD SPRING

Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th
Mayor's park. Rain or shine under the big tent
Limited Tickets to be sold in advance.

Information: www.KofC536.com, [facebook.com/kofc536](https://www.facebook.com/kofc536)
kofc536.com and [eventbrite.com/kofc536](https://www.eventbrite.com/kofc536)

Meetings to prepare are being held at 7:30 pm in the
Parish Hall, on Tuesdays, August 1st, 15th and 29th.

We need volunteers. We need to spread the word about
the event. Anyone willing to help, please attend the
meetings.

Here are some examples of where we need people to
volunteer:

1. Social media and getting our facebook, eventbrite and website out to the public
2. Collecting tickets and money at the door
3. Serving beer
4. Serving brats and potato pancakes
5. Security
6. Clean-up detail
7. Set up and tear down chairs and tents and tables
8. Taking leftover food to shelters
9. Keep the garbage cans empty
10. Get ice and other stuff if necessary
11. Parking and traffic patrol
12. Exit security and surveying our visitors
13. Porta potty brigade
14. Children's fun zone
15. Corn Hole game area supervisor
16. Serving deserts or pretzels

'A SAINT FOR OUR TIMES' – THE INSPIRING STORY OF CHIARA CORBELLA PETRILLO

Catholic News Agency (CNA) and EWTN News – Chiara Corbella Petrillo lived a short life. She met her husband Enrico Petrillo at age 18, became the mother of three children, and died at the age 28. But what happened within those 10 years has touched the hearts of thousands across the globe. Chiara's sainthood cause was opened last month, five years after her death. Her story is told in the 2015 book, "Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy," published by Sophia Institute Press.

"In the story of the Petrillo couple, many people recognize a providential consolation from heaven," said Simone Troisi and Christiana Paccini, close friends of the Petrillo's who wrote the biography of Chiara's life. "They discover that in any situation, there is no real reason to be sad. This is because Chiara shows that if you have God as your guide, misfortunes do not exist," they told CNA.

Chiara and Enrico married in Italy on September 21, 2008 after having met at Medjugorje in 2002. During the early years of their marriage, the young Italian couple faced many hardships together, including the death of two children, who both died only 30 minutes after birth.

Chiara became pregnant a third time with their son, Francesco. However, the joyful news of their pregnancy also came with a fatal diagnosis of cancer for Chiara. Her cancer was an unusual lesion of the tongue, which was

later discovered to be a carcinoma. Chiara rejected any treatment that could have saved her life during pregnancy because it would have risked the life of her unborn son. As the cancer progressed, it became difficult for Chiara to speak and see clearly, eventually making her final days on earth particularly excruciating.

"Her [Chiara's] suffering became a holy place because it was the place where she encountered God," Troisi and Paccini recalled. Although many couples face hardships, Troisi and Paccini remembered something different about the Petrillos – they leaned on God's grace which made their family particularly serene. They made peace with the reality that Chiara would never grow old with Enrico or watch Francesco grow up.

During Chiara's last days, Enrico embraced God's grace just as Chiara did, saying, "If she is going to be with Someone who loves her more than I, why should I be upset?" Chiara died on June 13, 2012 at home in her wedding gown, surrounded by her family and friends. Although her earthly life was over, Chiara would continue to be a witness to joy.

Troisi and Paccini believe that Chiara's legacy is still living on because she gave witness to the truth that "love exists." Neither she nor Enrico were afraid of love, marriage, or of committing themselves to their family. According to the authors, the young couple showed how "the purpose of our life is to love... to be married is a wonderful thing, an adventure that opens you up to Heaven in the home." Chiara and Enrico's remarkable story is "a story of salvation in which God shows himself as a faithful God: they trust in Him and are not disappointed," they stated.

However, they were quick to note that Chiara was not "an extraordinary young woman, in a way that makes her different from us." Rather, she struggled with many human fears and anxieties, especially with thoughts of pain, vomiting, and purgatory. "She had the same questions that we have, the same objections and struggles, the same fears," Troisi and Paccini noted, saying what made her different was her "capacity to cast everything on the Father, to welcome the grace needed for whatever step she had to make."

With Chiara, the ordinary always became the extraordinary. Troisi and Paccini have fond memories of everyday life with the Petrillos, when a conversation about cooking chicken would end in talking about heaven. "We would share simple things like dinner, chatting, games on the rug with little Francesco... always very simple, without masks," they remembered. "But when we were together, there was no difficulty in believing that eternal life was here and now!"

Chiara has been called "a saint for our times." Although her death was only five years ago, her legacy lives on and has inspired others around the world to be the same witness to joy. "Today, this joy is visible in those that lived alongside her: even if they miss her, they experience a mysterious and profound joy," Troisi and Paccini stated. "We cannot insist enough on the fact that Chiara did what she did, not trusting in her own strength, but trusting in the grace and the consolation of God... She never doubted God's faithfulness to His promise of happiness for her story."

DON'T MINIMIZE YOUR TINY CROSSES AND SMALL ANNOYANCES – GOD DOESN'T

Just because others have it worse than you do doesn't mean your suffering doesn't matter.

Aleteia.org, Anna O'Neil – Expecting that calling to mind other people's suffering ought to be enough to make yours somehow disappear? That isn't how it works. What this thought pattern does do, in fact, is tell you that your own sufferings don't count. That the suffering isn't real. That in comparison to others, you don't measure up. It instills the sneaky habit of comparing yourself to other people, so instead of acknowledging your pain, and taking it to Jesus, you end up saying, "This doesn't count, because so-and-so has it worse," and then feeling bad for being so unhappy about it.

That's perspective all right, but it isn't God's perspective. God is a God of love, and also of truth. He doesn't want us to inflate and exaggerate our suffering, because that doesn't reflect reality, so it isn't doing anyone any favors. But for the very same reason, he doesn't want to dismiss that suffering, minor or not. He doesn't want us saying, "This bad day wasn't actually a bad day because nobody died." If it was a bad day, then that matters. If God, the God of truth, sees our suffering as real, and even valuable, than so should we.

God encounters each of us so personally. He doesn't ration his love toward us based on how far up we might be on the pain scale. He doesn't say, "Well, you aren't suffering as bad as he is, so I'm not going to take much notice." He doesn't even say, "This suffering is so temporary. I'm just about to step in and blow it all away. So it doesn't really matter." It always matters. God always cares. That's what love does. When Jesus heard the news that his friend Lazarus had died, he wept, even though he knew perfectly well that in a few days he was going to make Lazarus better than new, and everybody in grief would be able to rejoice again.

God's perspective is about love, not comparison. And love is like fire – it starts small, and spreads everywhere it can. Surprisingly, when we learn to accept our own suffering, neither exaggerating it or dismissing it, we'll become more compassionate towards our suffering brothers and sisters, too.

We all know that, tempting as it is, it doesn't do any good to compare yourself to other people's virtues. The mother whose house is so much cleaner than yours, the man who is so much more confident, the friend who is so much smarter – they have their virtues, and we have ours. We know we should try to keep that kind of comparison from making us think less of ourselves. Let's learn not to compare our sufferings either, for the same reason. All suffering matters, and every suffering, no matter how small, can be joined with the value of Christ's own suffering to heal the world.

WE TOO CAN ENCOUNTER CHRIST

In the pain and sorrows of our daily lives, no matter how small, we too can encounter Christ and have our hearts set ablaze by his grace!

– Father Andrew Trapp

Each of us is God's love story

"The most wonderful reality is that... God was the first to be concerned about our lives, and who wants to raise up our lives, and to do this he calls us by name, recognizing the personal face of each of us. Every man is a love story that God writes on the earth. Each of us is God's love story. God calls each of us by his own name: he knows us by name, he watches us, he waits for us, he forgives us, he is patient with us." – *Pope Francis*

Without the priest, the passion and death of our Lord would be of no avail...



"It is the priest who continues the work of redemption here on earth... What use would be a house filled with gold, were there no one to open its door? The priest holds the key to the treasures of heaven: it is he who opens the door; he is the steward of the good Lord; the administrator of His goods."

"The priest is not a priest for himself, he is a priest for you. After God, the priest is everything. Leave a parish twenty years without priests; they will worship beasts. If the missionary Father and I were to go away, you would say, 'What can we do in this church? There is no Mass; Our Lord is no longer there: we may as well pray at home.' When people wish to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest, because where there is no longer any priest there is no sacrifice, and where there is no longer any sacrifice there is no religion."

Saint John Vianney, Feast Day: August 4th

PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE

August 2nd

A plenary indulgence is the remission, through the merits of Christ and the saints, through the Church, of all temporal punishment due to sin already forgiven. It can be requested for oneself or for a soul in Purgatory.

To obtain the Portiuncula plenary indulgence, a person must visit the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels at Assisi, or a Franciscan sanctuary, or one's parish church, with the intention of honoring Our Lady of the Angels. Then perform the work of reciting the Creed and Our Father and pray for the Pope's designated intentions. You should be free, at least intentionally, of attachment to venial and mortal sin, and truly repentant.

A plenary indulgence is granted for each visit (with the prescribed prayers) to the Church... i.e. you can make several visits to the Church and for each visit request the indulgence for a different soul in purgatory. Once the prayers and actions have been completed, the soul for whom the plenary indulgence has been requested, gets instantly out of purgatory. (Source: Fr. Peter Carota)

Make your sacramental confession eight days before or after. Participate or assist at Mass and receive Holy Communion eight days before or after.