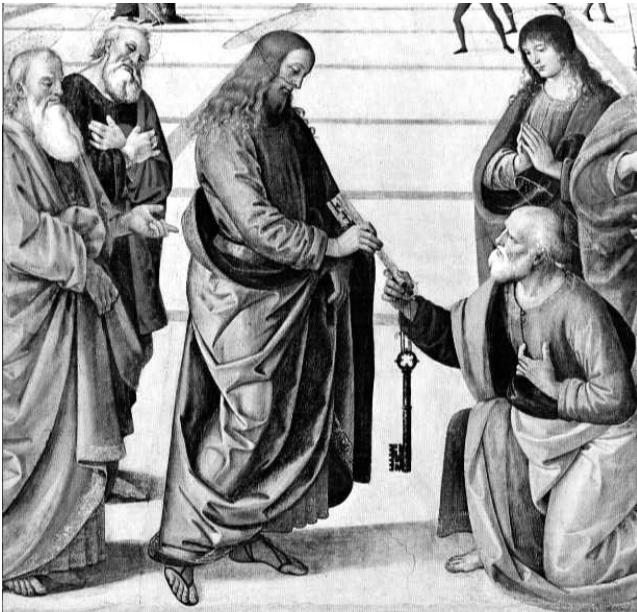


## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the  
work of your hands.

August 27, 2017



"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I  
will build my church." *Matthew 16:18a*

### 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 – August 26

5:00 PM Jim Doherty

#### Sunday, August 27 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Patrick Donnelly, Sr. – *28th Anniversary*  
10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Louis and Concetta Pecorelli  
12:00 PM Alex Dengler

#### Monday, August 28 – Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Fernando Berarducci

#### Tuesday, August 29 – The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

8:15 AM Helen Percacciolo

#### Wednesday, August 30 – Weekday

8:15 AM Kathryn Thorpe

#### Thursday, August 31 – Weekday

8:15 AM Peter Sgro and all the People of the Parish

#### Friday, September 1 – Weekday

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

#### Saturday, September 2 – Weekday

8:15 AM George Rapalje

#### Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 2

5:00 PM Kevin Kelly – *16th Anniversary*

#### Sunday, September 3 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Thomas and Josephine Merante  
10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Sarah McHugh  
12:00 PM Peter Sgro

## MEMORIALS

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

## 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	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

Eleanor Turner

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:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

## WEEKEND OF AUGUST 20, 2017

DOUBLE COLLECTION – \$7,378

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	86	2	88
Sunday, 8:30 am	***	***	***
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	38	7	45
Sunday, 12:00 pm	104	20	124
<b>Total***</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>257</b>

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

### *Banns of Marriage*

WILLIAM O'DONNELL & GAIL CUNNINGHAM  
Wedding Date – September 16, 2017

### Consider becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

#### Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm,  
Sundays • 12:00 pm  
St. Joseph's Chapel: Sundays • 10:15 am

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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

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 • August 27th

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!

### FIRST DAY OF CLASSES

Wednesday, September 13th, 2017

### RCIA – THE PROCESS BY WHICH ADULTS BECOME CATHOLIC

- Are you unbaptized but recognize a need for spirituality in your life?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who never received First Holy Communion and Confirmation?
- Are you a baptized Catholic who received First Holy Communion but did not make your Confirmation?
- Are you baptized into another religion and wish to understand the Catholic way of life and are interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is the place for you. Every year adults are welcomed into the Catholic community through RCIA. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings you to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Many adults have experienced the joy of understanding our Catholic faith more fully through RCIA, and now we are making this program available at Our Lady of Loretto. The program will start on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 and will run every Tuesday evening through April 3, 2018. If you or anyone you know desires to become a fully Initiated Catholic (Baptism, Holy Communion and Confirmation) please have them call the Rectory and leave Father Kiely a message at 845-265-3718. All candidates must meet with Father Kiely prior to the start of the RCIA process.

### ReNew & ReFresh ReTreat: Franciscan Legacy

Sept 1st, 7:00 pm through Sept 3, 3:00 pm

Our world needs the charisms of St. Francis right now! Come to relax and retreat, a time for spiritual refreshing and socializing. Experience our welcoming community and get to know our new Cap Corps Volunteers (CCVs) and Chaplain, Fr. Erik Lenhart! The cost is \$125 per person. Closing Mass and Commissioning of 2017-2018 CCVs on Sunday at 3:00 pm. A \$60 deposit and the application is due by Aug 29th. Find more information at cyfm.org. Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries, 781 Route 9D, PO Box 192, Garrison, NY 10524. (845) 424-3609.



### **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...

- Aug 28 – All students in our parish
- Sept 4 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Sept 11 – Victims and families of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks
- Sept 18 – Catechists of the parish

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**



This Saturday, September 2nd, 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.

### **A STUDENT'S PRAYER**

Father of Light and Wisdom, thank you for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love.

Help me to keep learning every day of my life – no matter what the subject may be. Let me be convinced that all knowledge leads to you and let me know how to find you and love you in all the things you have made.

Encourage me when the studies are difficult and when I am tempted to give up. Enlighten me always, and help me to grasp the truth held out to me.

Grant me the grace to put my knowledge to use in building the kingdom of God on earth so that I may enter the kingdom of God in heaven. Amen.

### **Birthright of Peekskill's**

### **FESTIVAL FOR LIFE**

Saturday • September 16th • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
At Peekskill's beautiful Riverfront Green

Bring your family and pack a picnic!  
Join us for a day of music, performers and guest speakers.

Help us celebrate our mission of life and love!  
*"The essence of Birthright is love."*

Birthright of Peekskill is a crisis pregnancy center. We are part of an international organization, inter-denominational, non-political and are devoted to helping mothers, fathers, and their babies.

If you know of someone who is pregnant and needs help, please call 1-800-550-4900.

For more information about this event, contact the Peekskill Birthright office at 914-737-0344.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

Respect Life Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, September 13th, 2017 • 7:00 pm  
In the Parish Hall

### **OKTOBERFEST IN COLD SPRING**

Hosted by the Knights of Columbus, Loretto Council #536

September 23rd and 24th at Mayor's Park

**NEEDED: VOLUNTEERS AND The KEG KLUB GANG!**

**This can be a major fundraising event for our Parish.** We need all hands on deck because we do all the work. There are no vendors.

So please look at your calendars and see which day you can help out! We need everyone's support. Volunteering consists of a variety of things – we will keep you posted.

The KEG KLUB GANG is here again this year and we will be looking to Parishioners to sponsor a Keg for a \$100. More information to follow. Very exciting stuff!

Tuesday, August 29th in the Parish Hall at 7:30pm  
Oktoberfest meeting

Sunday, September 10th  
Volunteer and Keg Klub sign up

Any questions you can contact John Scherer at (845) 661-1557 or johnkscherer@gmail.com

*Beware of condemning any man's action.  
Consider your neighbor's intention, which is often honest and innocent, even though his act seems bad in outward appearance.*

– Saint Ignatius Loyola

## FIRST HUMAN EMBRYOS EDITED IN THE USA. HERE'S WHY IT'S PROBLEMATIC.

Washington D.C. – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that researchers in Oregon have announced that they have successfully altered genes in a human embryo for the first time in the United States, but Catholic ethicists warn that the procedure was morally objectionable for many reasons.

“Very young humans have been created in vitro and treated not as ends, but as mere means or research fodder to achieve particular investigative goals,” said Fr. Tadeusz Pacholczyk, Director of Education for the The National Catholic Bioethics Center, in a statement to CNA. “Their value as human beings is profoundly denigrated every time they are created, experimented upon, and then killed. Moreover, if such embryos were to grow up, as will doubtless occur in the future, there are likely to be unintended effects from modifying their genes,” Fr. Pacholczyk continued.

A team of scientists led by Shoukhrat Mitalipov at Oregon Health and Science University announced this week that they used a technology known as CRISPR to edit sections of the human genome, performing the procedure on embryonic humans. The technology, which selectively “snips” and trims areas of the genome and replaces it with strands of desired DNA, has previously been used on adult humans and other species. Researchers in China have also announced that they have used the technology on embryos, but the edited genes were only present in some of the embryonic subject’s cells.

While researchers laud the breakthrough as a step towards the birth of genetically modified humans and the potential ability to treat inherited genetic diseases, the embryonic humans created and tested in both the U.S. and Chinese experiments were all destroyed within a few days of the procedure. If allowed to survive, the subject embryos would have carried the edits they received in their own egg and sperm cells, and thus have the ability to pass those edited genes down to future generations.

CNA also spoke to John DiCamillo, an ethicist at the National Catholic Bioethics Center, in February about CRISPR technology more broadly, and the ethics surrounding the technique. He stressed that while Catholics “need to be attentive to where the dangers are” surrounding CRISPR technology generally, he cautioned Catholics not to “automatically consider any kind of gene editing to be automatically a problem.”

He pointed to gene therapy trials for disorders such as sickle cell disease and cancer that show promise for treating difficult disorders. He also noted that there “could be limited situations that could exist where the germ line could be legitimately edited. In other words, making changes to sperm, to eggs, or to early embryos as a way of potentially addressing diseases – inheritable diseases and so forth.”

However, permitting edits to germ line cells – such as embryos, eggs, and sperm – could also be “very dangerous on multiple levels,” DiCamillo warned. Since the technology is so new, patients or their descendants could experience a range of “unintended, perhaps harmful, side effects that can now be transmitted, inherited

by other individuals down the line.” An embryo who experiences gene modification could also carry and pass on edited genes.

Echoing similar concerns, Fr. Pacholczyk pointed as well to the guidance from the National Academies of Sciences’ 2017 report on human gene editing. In the report, he said, the scientists point out that this kind of gene editing is controversial “precisely because the resulting genetic changes would be inherited by the next generation, and the technology therefore would cross a line many have viewed as ethically inviolable.”

Fr. Pacholczyk also stressed the importance of limiting gene editing to therapeutic purposes, with the subject’s best interests in mind. He stated that human beings should never be subjected to the research without themselves or their guardians being offered informed consent and without the treatment being ordered to the patient’s health and healing.

In the cases in Oregon, however, the parents of the children created were not able to give valid consent because ethical consent “by definition excludes any approval of directly causing their death or otherwise using [subjects] as mere means to an end.” “These experiments were nontherapeutic, as the goal was ultimately to destroy the embryos,” Fr. Pacholczyk continued. “Consent is particularly important when dealing with very vulnerable research subjects, and human embryos are among the most vulnerable of God’s creatures.”

Currently, Food and Drug Administration regulations require that all embryos who experience gene editing are later destroyed.

Furthermore, to be ethical, any applications or experiments utilizing CRISPR or other gene editing technology cannot use any other methods in its process which are themselves intrinsically immoral, Fr. Pacholczyk said. The Catholic Church forbids immoral methods of removing spermatozoa and ova from the body outside of intercourse and conception of new human beings through in vitro methods because both techniques dissociate procreation from the integrally personal context of the conjugal act.

### *An Unconditional Love*

The first step God takes toward us is to love us unconditionally and in advance. God loves us first. God does not love us because there is some reason in us that arouses love. God loves us because He is Love, and love by nature tends to diffuse itself, to give itself. God does not tie his benevolence to our conversion: if anything this is a consequence of God’s love. Saint Paul says it perfectly: “But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). While we were yet sinners. An unconditional love. We were “distant,” like the prodigal son in the parable: “But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion...” (Lk 15:20).

For love of us, God carried out an exodus from Himself, to come to find us in this moor, through which it was foolish for him to pass. God loves us even when we had strayed. – *Pope Francis*