

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

September 3, 2017



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." *Matthew 16:24b-25*

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 – 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

Monday, September 4 – Weekday; Labor Day

8:15 AM Jean Frisenda

Tuesday, September 5 – Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

8:15 AM Lorraine DeDomenico

Wednesday, September 6 – Weekday

8:15 AM George Rapalje

Thursday, September 7 – Weekday

8:15 AM Joseph Etta

Friday, September 8 – The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM Karl and Anna Treuter and all the People of the Parish

Saturday, September 9 – Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:15 AM Chris and "M" Caplise

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – September 9

5:00 PM Fernando Berarducci

Sunday, September 10 – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Patrick O'Connor

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – The Vetri and Cangelosi Families

12:00 PM Alex Dengler

MEMORIALS

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

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, 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

Eleanor Turner – August 5th

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday:	Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Saturday:	Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 27, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,961

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	76	6	82
Sunday, 8:30 am	93	17	110
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	48	5	53
Sunday, 12:00 pm	92	19	111
Total	309	47	356

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

Sunday • September 24th

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 September 23rd and 24th.

Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. 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

Grade 1 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm
Grades 2 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm
Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm



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...

- 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
- Sept 25 – Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

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 non-denominational, non-political, and devoted to helping mothers and their babies.

For more information contact the Peekskill Birthright office at 914-737-0344.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Special Collection Next Weekend: LATIN AMERICA AND HOME MISSIONS

Next weekend our parish will take up a collection for Latin America and Home Missions.

Latin America. This collection assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs.

Catholic Home Missions. Right now, over 40 percent of dioceses in the U.S. are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support of this appeal helps ease the struggle of these dioceses.

Please prayerfully consider supporting this combined collection.



Mount Saint Mary College
Dominican Center
330 Powell Avenue
Newburgh, NY
Saturday, September 16th

7:30 pm • Holy Hour and Confessions
8:45 pm • Performer/Artist/Fellowship

Come encounter Christ in adoration, fellowship and the Catholic arts!

This month's featured performer: Matt Faley
www.MattFaley.com

This month's featured artist: Patrick Maney

For more information: CUNorth@IgniteTruth.org

Catholic Underground North is part of an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is run by young adults, but persons of all ages are welcome to attend. We hope you can join us!

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Parishes. That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN TO YOU

"In the spiritual life there are two great principles which should never be forgotten: Without grace we can do nothing; with it we can do all things. Sometimes it anticipates our desires; ordinarily, God waits till we ask for it. This is a general law thus expressed by Our Lord: 'Ask, and it shall be given to you.' Prayer is, therefore, not only a precept, it is a necessity. God places the treasure of His graces at our disposal, and its key is prayer. You desire more faith, more hope, more love; 'ask, and it shall be given to you.' Your good resolutions remain sterile, resulting always in the same failures: 'ask, and it shall be given to you'. Precepts are numerous, virtue painful, temptation seductive, the enemy ruthless, the will weak: 'ask, and it shall be given to you.'" – Rev. Dom Vitalis Lehodey

THERE ARE NO USELESS PEBBLES FOR BUILDING THE CHURCH, SAYS POPE

Christ has a spot picked out for each of us, thought of from all eternity.

Aleteia.org, August 27th, 2017, Kathleen N. Hattrup – Pope Francis said that no one is too small or insignificant to have a great role in building up the Church – because "in the hands of Jesus, even the smallest rock becomes precious, because he takes it up, safeguards it with great tenderness, smooths it with his Spirit, and places it in the particular spot that he has designed from eternity, and where it can be useful for the construction."

The Holy Father said this as he reflected on the day's Gospel reading, before praying the midday Angelus with those gathered in Saint Peter's Square.

Considering Jesus' question to the apostles, "and who do you say that I am," Pope Francis noted that the "Master anticipates from his followers an answer that is different and higher than public opinion" and in fact, this answer comes from Simon Peter.

Peter, who replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God," "finds on his lips words that are greater than himself, words that do not spring from his natural capacities. Perhaps he hadn't even gone to primary school and he is capable of saying these words, stronger than himself," the pope noted. "But they are inspired by the Heavenly Father, who reveals to the first of the Twelve the true identity of Jesus."

With Peter's response, the pope said, Jesus sees the faith given the apostle by the Father, the solid foundation on which to construct his community, the Church.

"As well with us today, Jesus wants to continue constructing his Church," Francis continued. And even though we aren't rocks, but only small pebbles, "no pebble is useless."

We all become "living stones," he said, "because when Jesus takes in his hands his rock, he makes it his own, he fills it with life, he fills it with the life of the Holy Spirit, he fills it with life thanks to his love, and thus we have a place and a mission in the Church. She, the Church, is a living community, made of so very many rocks, each one diverse, which form a solid edifice in the sign of fraternity and communion."

FOR CHRISTIANS, LIFE ALWAYS HAS MEANING – EVEN WHEN IT'S HARD, POPE SAYS

Vatican City, August 23rd, 2017 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that Pope Francis said going through life downcast as if it has no meaning is not the attitude of a Christian, who has the assurance that even when things look grim, there is always new hope found in Christ. “It is not Christian to walk with your gaze turned down, without raising your eyes to the horizon. As if our entire path expires here, in the palm of a few meters of the journey,” the Pope said.

To live “as if in our lives there was not destination and no landing, place, and we were forced to an eternal wandering, without any reason for our many labors; this is not Christian,” he said. Rather, as Christians “we believe and we know that death and hatred are not the final words pronounced in the parable of human existence,” he said, adding that to be a Christian “means a new perspective: a gaze full of hope.”

Pope Francis spoke to pilgrims in the Vatican's Paul VI Hall for his weekly general audience, continuing his catechesis on Christian hope. In his address, Francis turned to the day's reading from Revelation, in which God, seated on his throne in heaven, says “I will make all things new.” This passage, he said, is a reminder that “Christian hope is based on faith in God who always creates newness in the life of man, in history and in the cosmos. Newness and surprises.”

Turning to the last pages of the bible, the Pope said they show us the final goal for all believers, which is the heavenly Jerusalem, described as “an immense tent, where God will welcome all men to live with them permanently.” “This is our hope,” Francis said, noting how the bible goes on to describe how God will “wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.”

He urged those present to reflect on the passage “not in an abstract way,” but in light of all the sad news published in recent days such as the terrorist attack in Barcelona and natural disasters – news “which we all risk becoming addicted to.” Pointing to the many children who suffer from war, youth whose dreams are often destroyed and refugees who embark on dangerous journeys and who many times are exploited, Pope Francis noted that “unfortunately life is also this.”

However, returning to the day's scripture passage, he stressed that “there is a Father who weeps with tears of infinite mercy toward his children.” “We have a God who knows how to weep, who weeps with us,” he said, adding that he is also a Father “who waits to console us, because he knows our sufferings and has prepared for us a different future.” God, the Pope said, “did not want our lives by mistake, forcing himself and us to long nights of anguish.” Rather, “he created us because he wants us happy. He is our Father, and if we here, now, experience a life that is not what he wanted for us, Jesus guarantees us that God himself is working his ransom.”

Some people believe that all of life's happiness lay in youth and in the past, and that living “is a slow decay.” Still

others hold that the joys we experience “are only episodic and passionate,” and that the life of man “is writing nonsense,” the Pope noted. But as Christians, “we don't believe this. We believe instead that on man's horizon there is a sun that illuminates forever. We believe that our most beautiful days are still to come.” “We are people more of spring than autumn,” he said, and urged those present to ask themselves: “Am I a man, woman, child of the spring, or the fall? Is my spirit in the fall or the spring?”

“Don't forget that question,” he said in off-the-cuff remarks, asking again “am I a person of the spring or the fall? The spring, which waits for flowers, fruit, the sun, which is Jesus; or the autumn, which is always looking down, embittered, with, as sometimes I've said, a face like peppers in vinegar.” There are always problems in life, such as gossip, war or illness, but in the end “the grain grows and in the end, evil is eliminated,” he said.

Pope Francis closed his address saying Christians have the knowledge that in the Kingdom of God, grain grows “even if in there are weeds in the middle.” “In the end evil will be eliminated,” he said. “The future does not belong to us, but we know that Jesus Christ is the greatest grace of life: he is the embrace of God who waits for us at the end, but who already accompanies us and consoles us on the journey.”



Our Lady of Loretto Parish Prayer

Heavenly Father, we the people of Our Lady of Loretto Parish, praise and thank You for calling us to be Your People. Pour down Your grace and mercy upon our parish.

Holy Spirit, send Your fire into our hearts and minds. Help us to obey your will. Renew us, unite us, make us one family in You.

Lord Jesus, we offer and consecrate our beloved parish to Your Sacred Heart, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, our Mother.

Almighty and ever living God, we beg forgiveness for our sins, the sins of our community, our country, and our world. We declare You to be our King. Free us from the lies and empty promises of evil.

We pray for our priests. Shelter them in your heart. Keep them as spotless as the Host, that daily they hold in their sacred hands. Give them zeal, strength and courage.

We pray for our religious education program and parish ministries; for our families, our youth, the sick, the lonely, and the elderly.

Keep us all steadfast in the true Catholic faith. Preserve it pure within us and in our parish. Protect our liturgy, sacraments and Catholic tradition – keep them sacred and holy in your sight. Amen.

Leader: Our Lady of Loretto
All respond: Pray for us.