

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Praise the Lord, who heals the  
brokenhearted.**

**February 4, 2018**



He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons, not permitting them to speak because they knew him. *Mark 1:34*

### 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 – February 3**

5:00 PM Jean Frisenda

#### **Sunday, February 4 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Louis Thorpe

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – All the People of the Parish

12:00 PM Awatif Gurguies

#### **Monday, February 5 – Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr**

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

#### **Tuesday, February 6 – Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs**

8:15 AM Debbie Phillips

#### **Wednesday, February 7 – Weekday**

8:15 AM Rosemarie Woodruff

#### **Thursday, February 8 – Saint Jerome Emiliani, Priest; Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

8:15 AM Debbie Phillips

#### **Friday, February 9 – Weekday**

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

#### **Saturday, February 10 – Saint Scholastica, Virgin**

8:15 AM George Tompkins

#### **Vigil (Sunday) Mass – February 10**

5:00 PM Joan Lahey

#### **Sunday, February 11 – Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Richard Mazzuca

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – The D'Arco Family and the  
Pecorelli Family

12:00 PM Betty Hynes

## 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
Kelsey Berger	Joseph Nowakowski
Lucas Boesch	Brian O'Keeffe
Electra Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Luis Padilla
Robert Broughal	Rosario Padilla
The Brusco Family	Neilan Pierce
Kathleen Clements	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Joan Rosado
Joseph Hoda	Phillip Rossignol
Parker Jane Holloway	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Miguel Santos
Kaitlyn Jandrucko	Warren Schiele
Dennis Klubnick	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Connie Tuomey
Mary Marion	Chris Ventura
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Frances M. Walsh

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

Elizabeth Mary Hynes – January 6th, 2018

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

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 – 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

## WEEKEND OF JANUARY 28, 2018

DOUBLE COLLECTION – \$9,304

*Thank you for your generosity.*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	97	6	103
Sunday, 8:30 am	98	14	112
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	36	7	43
Sunday, 12:00 pm	103	15	118
<b>Total</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>376</b>

### Become 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

### MARDI GRAS PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday • February 13th • 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
See to the right for details

### PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • February 25th

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 February 24th and 25th.

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.

**CHARITY - UNITY - FRATERNITY - PATRIOTISM**

## OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

### CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 7th, 2018

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...

- Feb 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Feb 12 – Married couples of the parish
- Feb 19 – Those in single life
- Feb 26 – The Respect Life Committee

### Our Lady of Loretto Parish

#### Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus,  
Loretto Council No. 536

Tuesday, February 13th • 6:00 to 8:00 pm  
(Come anytime during these two hours for dinner.)  
In the Parish Hall

FREE

Pancakes, sausage, bacon, various beverages

Please use the sign up sheet at the back of the church so we can have an idea of how many will be attending.

*Come join the Knights as we kick off the Lenten Season!*

### THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

### THE POPE ON WORK

"We collaborate with the creative work of God when, through our work, we cultivate and preserve creation; we participate, in the Spirit of Jesus, in his redemptive mission, when by our activity we give sustenance to our families and respond to the needs of our neighbor."

– Pope Francis

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Begins Wednesday, February 14th

As the season of Lent draws near, it is helpful to recall the discipline of the Church in regard to fast, abstinence, and other forms of penance.

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.
- The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- The Obligation of Abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. Those who are not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat, are encouraged to do so to the extent they are able.
- The Law of Fasting obliges all between the ages of 18 and 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. If needed, two smaller meals may also be taken, but together they may not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. No one should consider this obligation lightly. Those who are not specifically obliged to fast, are encouraged to do so to the extent they are able.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting or abstaining may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast or abstain, but should perform some other act of penance or charity. Parents should encourage minors to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity beyond what is prescribed by law. And all are encouraged to avail themselves of the sacrament of Reconciliation, since it is a true encounter with the loving, forgiving Savior, who takes away the burden of our sin and is the source of true peace and joy.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, February 14th is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Our Ash Wednesday schedule is as follows:

**8:15 am Mass**  
**3:45 pm Prayer Service**  
**7:00 pm Mass**

Ashes will be distributed at both Masses and at the prayer service, all to be held at Our Lady of Loretto Church.

*Why ashes?* On this day the Catholic Church invites us to receive a cross of ashes on our foreheads as a sign that during the coming season of Lent, we will make sincere efforts to cleanse our lives of sin and to discipline ourselves through fasting and prayer. Ashes are not distributed to those under the age of reason (which the Church recognizes as 7 years old), since they have no need of repentance.

*Ashes and the Word of God:* Through the scripture readings on Ash Wednesday, God calls us to turn to him with our whole heart and be faithful to the Gospel again. Received in the light of God's revealing Word, ashes become for us a sign of our desire to turn back to God, a God who is "gracious and merciful, rich in kindness and relenting in punishment." Ashes are reminders of mortality and the fleetingness of life. God's Word reminds us that it is not the death of the body, but rather the death of the soul that is to be feared.

*Congratulations to our children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on January 7th*

Caitlin Alves	Maria McFadden
Henry Bailey	Margaret O'Sullivan
Riley Chiarella	Jake Rojas
Jack Conrey	Luciano Ruggiero
Araliss Coronel	Mark Scanga
Michael Enright	Thomas Sexton
Martina Kulan	August Skiptunis
Antonio Lopez	Aaden Wik
Leonardo Mancinelli	Emily Wynn
Massimiliano Mancinelli	Troy Zemaits

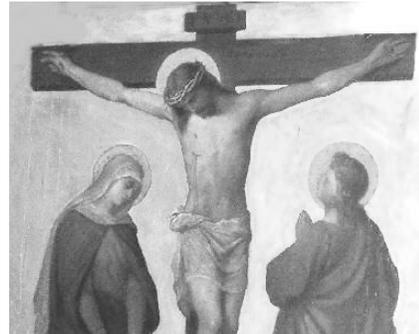
### THANK YOU

#### From the Putnam County Department of Social Services

I would like to thank the parishioners of Our Lady of Loretto for your kind and generous donation of toys and clothes during the 2017 holiday season. Each year the Agency collects donations which are distributed amongst the homeless families in temporary housing, low income families needing assistance and the children residing in residential programs and foster care homes. We truly appreciate your contributions and please know that they are received by those who are truly in need.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and have a wonderful, peaceful and blessed New Year. Thank you again for your support.

### Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent  
7:30 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church

### Special Collection Next Weekend: PETER'S PENCE

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. "There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy, and those who suffer; and to favor justice, promote reconciliation, and build peace," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

## THIS LENT, TRY BECOMING EMPTY

*Make room in your soul for God.*

Aleteia.org, by Sherry Antonetti – Ash Wednesday is around the corner. Giving up screens, volunteering at a soup kitchen, praying a daily rosary, making a holy hour, reading a book written by a saint, spending time with Scripture... there are countless ways to seek to deepen our relationship with God during Lent, and in the process, weaken our addiction to sin.

What matters first is the desire. What do we want from Lent? If the answer is to grow in faith, to encounter God, and weaken one's own will in order to submit to God's, we should prepare by discerning, where am I weak? Where am I refusing God? How am I refusing God?

If you don't know the answers, look at the Blessed Mother. She stands as a brilliant contrast to any other soul in her perfect discipleship. Mary is obedient. Her heart is open to the word of God. Mary is gentle. Mary is a servant. Mary is patient. Mary forbears in the face of grave suffering, and graver injustice. Mary ministers to others. Mary is courageous. Mary stays when it is hard.

Mary can lead us to choose a particular area that might especially be keeping us from her Son. We can also ask ourselves, "What would my family like to see in me at the end of this Lent? What change could I make in myself that would be a gift for them?" Now, we have the what we must do, and with Ash Wednesday, we must begin, in earnest, to do it.

Perhaps try, instead of taking on something new, focus on emptying out – and allowing yourself to ache with the emptiness. How can we really become empty, ready to be filled with God?

We must allow ourselves to feel the ache. So if we are going to fast from soda or sweets, let us not compensate with coffee or salty snacks. Allow yourself to experience the discomfort of want. If we consider Lent to be a journey into the desert of our souls, we have to allow for our skin to get parched, to feel dryness. We have to dig a hole in our heart to uproot sin, and leave the hole for God to fill.

Go to adoration (Monday nights at Our Lady of Loretto, 7 to 8 pm) in an attempt to let Jesus get a look at you, and burn away that which keeps you trapped in your own petty ways, your own fears and your own desires for comfort. Sitting before Jesus is a process of learning to be emptied out, and to be comfortable with that emptiness, knowing it's for him to fill.

Learn to be present. Adore Jesus by giving others the first fruits of your time. It is an emptying out process, because we often want to multi-task when others come to us, or to finish up so we can do other things. Do this one thing. The rest is unimportant. Stop filling the space you've made for your heart with papers and errands and distractions.

Lent is coming. Resolve this year to be emptied out, to make room in your soul for God to bring about great work.

## MEET CHIARA BADANO, AN AVERAGE TEENAGER WHO LOVED TO PLAY TENNIS AND LISTEN TO POP MUSIC

*And who is on her way to becoming a canonized saint.*

Aleteia.org, Philip Kosloski – When we think about saints, we don't usually think about teenagers who failed math class, stayed out late drinking coffee with friends, and loved listening to the latest pop music sensations. Yet, that describes Chiara Badano, an 18-year old soon-to-be canonized saint.

Badano was born on October 29, 1971, in a small village in Italy. She had a loving family and clung to her Catholic faith from an early age. Her generosity toward the less fortunate was already evident at age 4 when Badano would give away her toys to poor children and eagerly visited the nursing home to comfort the elderly.

At 9 years old she joined a youth group associated with the Catholic lay Focolare movement and was an avid disciple of their spirituality. As she grew older and entered high school, Badano was a popular girl in her class with lots of friends. She frequently played sports, sang, danced and stayed out late with friends. From the outside, she was just an ordinary teenager who loved to have fun.

Then at age 17 Badano felt a sharp pain in her shoulder that was eventually diagnosed as an aggressive bone cancer called osteosarcoma. It spread quickly and she was soon paralyzed, with the likely chance that she would die.

In the midst of the pain Badano possessed a supernatural joy and instead of seeing it as a curse, offered it all as a sacrifice to God. She continually said, "For you, Jesus, if you want it, I want it too!" Badano refused morphine, saying, "It reduces my lucidity, and there's only one thing I can do now: to offer my suffering to Jesus because I want to share as much as possible in his suffering on the cross."

Many of her friends visited her in the hospital and said about the experience, "At first we thought we would visit Chiara Luce to keep her spirits up, however, we soon realized that in fact, we were the ones who needed her. Her life was like a magnet drawing us towards her." One of the doctors said about her, "Through her smile, and through her eyes full of light, she showed us that death doesn't exist; only life exists."

Near the end of her short life she said to her mother, "Don't shed any tears for me. I'm going to Jesus. At my funeral, I don't want people crying, but singing with all their hearts." She also asked to be buried wearing a wedding gown, symbolizing how she would be forever united with Jesus in heaven.

Chiara Badano left this world on October 7, 1990, just short of her 19th birthday. She departed to meet Jesus with the words, "Goodbye. Be happy because I'm happy."

The cause for her canonization was officially opened in 1999 and she was declared "venerable" in 2008. Shortly thereafter Pope Benedict XVI recognized a miracle attributed to her intercession and she was beatified on September 25, 2010. One additional miracle is necessary to pave the way for her to be canonized a saint.