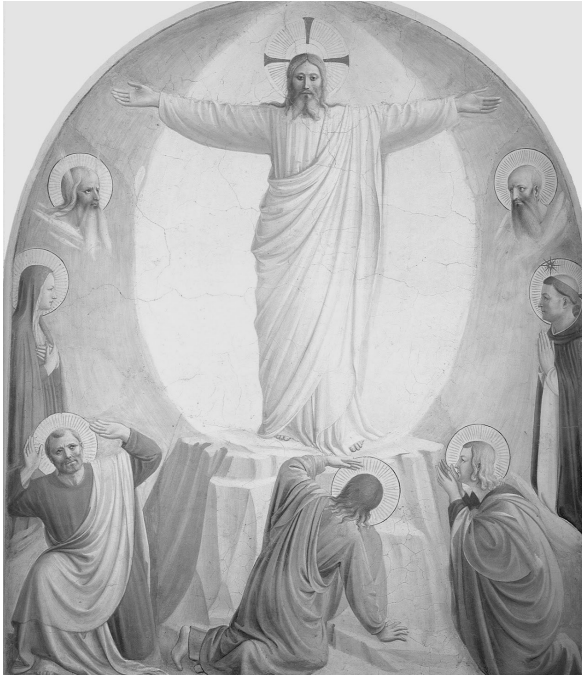


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

February 21, 2016



Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." *Luke 9:35*

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 20

5:00 PM Joseph Giachinta

Sunday, February 21 – Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Patricia and Eugene Kelly

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – George Callahan

12:00 PM Charles Rodd

Monday, February 22 – The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

8:15 AM John Macaluso

Tuesday, February 23 – Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

8:15 AM Anthony Limanni

Wednesday, February 24 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Joseph Giachinta and all the People of the Parish

Thursday, February 25 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Lucille Meltzer

Friday, February 26 – Lenten Weekday *Day of Abstinence*

8:15 AM Ellen McNelly

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 27 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Gianna Sirotti

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – February 27

5:00 PM Santa Ferrara

Sunday, February 28 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Frederick Des Marais and Alfred Sanchirico

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Thomas Chefalo

12:00 PM Aleck Dubatowka

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Charles Merando and the Merando Family donated by Chuck and Paula Tompkins. The candle will burn from February 21st through February 27th.

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, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. Prayer facilitator – Diana Roda: 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	Dorian Murray
Robert Broughal	Joseph Nowakowski
Michael Brusco	Inelda O'Keefe
Kathleen Clements	Neilan Pierce
Carmine Comberiatra	Vivian Pisanelli
Bill Flaherty	Phillip Rossignol
William Freeman	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joseph Hoda	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Guy Schiller, Sr.
Geoff Lyons	Jerry Sima
Kathleen Manganello	Sally Singh
Mary Marion	Ralph Torres
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Thomas Chefalo	Helen M. Basso
Jane M. Hannon	

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 Pt 5:1–4; Ps 23:1–3a, 4–6; Mt 16:13–19
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16–20; Ps 50:8–9, 16bc–17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1–12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18–20; Ps 31:5–6, 14–16; Mt 20:17–28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5–10; Ps 1:1–4, 6; Lk 16:19–31
Friday:	Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a; 17b–28a; Ps 105:16–21; Mt 21:33–43, 45–46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14–15, 18–20; Ps 103:1–4, 9–12; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15; Ps 103:1–4, 6–8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12; Lk 13:1–9; Alternate readings (Year A): Ex 17:3–7; Ps 95:1–2, 6–9; Rom 5:1–2, 5–8; Jn 4:5–42 [5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42]

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 14, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,052

Thank you for your generosity.

SPECIAL CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE YEAR OF MERCY

At Our Lady of Loretto Church

Mondays • 7:00-8:00 pm

The Holy Year of Mercy

December 8th, 2015 – November 20th, 2016

OUR PARISH WEBSITE...

Is up and running. Check it out!

lorettochurch.org

THANK YOU FROM YOUR PARISH!

We are deeply grateful to:

The Knights of Columbus
for the new flags in front of the Church

And to

Andrew Mikalsen
who put together our new parish website,
lorettochurch.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • February 28th

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 27th and 28th.

Please leave donations in the cry room during that weekend. Thank you for your generosity!

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Saturday • March 12th • 6:30 to 10 pm

A sit-down dinner served by the Knights and our parish Youth Group, God Squad. A portion of the proceeds benefit: God Squad and the Right to Life Committee

See to the right for details.

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti
Deputy Grand Knight – Sean Tortora

To join, email our Membership Director, Phil D'Amato:
phildamato55@gmail.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

CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

7TH GRADE FAMILY MASS

Sunday, February 28th • 8:30 am Mass in the Church



The Knights of Columbus invite you to our

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER & DANCE

Saturday • March 12th • 6:30 to 10 pm

In the Parish Hall

Entertainment

"Band of Brothers" Irish band

Sponsored by *Cathryn's Tuscan Grill* and *Robert McCaffrey Realty*

**Sit-down dinner served by the Knights of Columbus
and our parish Youth Group, God Squad**

Menu

Corned Beef • Cabbage & Potato • Chicken Cutlets
Salad • Soda Bread • Dessert • Coffee & Tea • Irish Beer
on Tap and Table Wine

Schedule

Social Half Hour – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

Wine provided by *Yannitelli Wine & Spirits*

Dinner – 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Dancing and Dessert – 8:00 to 10:00 pm

Tickets

\$25 per person. A table of 8 can be reserved.

Tickets on sale after all Masses – February 28th and
March 6th weekends.

(Checks payable to K. of C. 536)

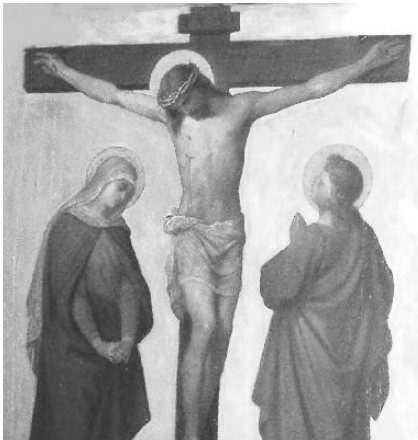
Basket of Cheer Raffle and 50/50 Raffle at the dinner

Parishioners, friends and family are all invited!
Casual attire.

A portion of the proceeds benefit: God Squad Youth
Group and the Right to Life Committee

Questions? Contact John Scherer: 845-661-1557 or
johnkscherer@gmail.com or call Tom Des Marais:
265-4577. For more information, visit KofC536.com.

Stations of the Cross



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

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 22nd – Married couples of the parish

Feb 29th – Those in single life

Mar 7th – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Mar 14th – The Respect Life Committee

2016 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL



"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

Hebrews 13:16

The Cardinal's Appeal offers vital support to many Catholic programs and ministries across our Archdiocese.

Please prayerfully consider your sacrifice so we can continue to care for each other as God asked us to do.

Next weekend you will have the opportunity to make a donation or pledge to the 2016 Cardinal's Annual Appeal at Mass.

You can also make an online gift today:
www.cardinalsappeal.org

Thank you for your generosity.

DO SOMETHING FOR THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS THIS LENT

"During the Lenten season, we recall Christ's suffering and death. In turn, remembering and assisting those who are today suffering and dying for their belief in Christ is an excellent way to do good where it is most needed and to enter more deeply into the spirit of this season."

K of C Supreme Knight Carl Anderson

So what can you do this Lenten season to remember and assist those suffering and dying for Christ? Look to the three pillars of Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

Prayer

- **Pray the Rosary.** "You shall obtain all you ask of me by recitation of the Rosary." – Mary to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan de la Roche
- **Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.** "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My Will." – Jesus to Saint Faustina (Diary 1731)
- **Attend weekday Mass.** Offer it for the persecuted Christians
- **Go to Eucharistic Adoration.** Mondays, 7:00 to 8:00 pm at Our Lady of Loretto
- **Pray the Saint Michael Prayer.** Saint Michael courageously rallied angels around him to thrust the devil and all the fallen angels into hell. We can call upon him to continue in his fight against evil in the world by praying his prayer.
- **Consecrate yourself to Mary.** And Mary can make your prayers as powerful as hers. There are many other amazing benefits as well.

Use *True Devotion to Mary* by St. Louis de Montfort or *33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley. Feb. 22nd is the day St. Louis de Montfort would have us begin a 33-day preparation for a Marian Consecration. It's timed perfectly so that we can consecrate ourselves to Jesus through Mary on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation and also Good Friday.

Fasting

Offer your fasting for the persecuted Christians. You can fast from:

Snacks • Desserts • Eating out at restaurants
Watching TV • Using your smartphone and other devices
Facebook • MySpace, etc. • Secular music

Almsgiving

- **Give to the Knights "40 Bucks for Lent".** To date the Knights of Columbus have raised nearly \$10 million to provide housing, food, medical aid, education and general relief to persecuted Christians and other religious minorities, especially from Iraq and Syria, and to raise awareness about their plight. Donations can be made to the Christian Refugee Relief Fund at christiansatrisk.org, or by sending checks/money orders (payable to "Knights of Columbus Charities") to P.O. Box 1966, New Haven, CT 06509-1966.
- **Give to other organizations that provide aid to the persecuted Christians.** *Aid to the Church in Need* and *Catholic Relief Services* are two prominent Catholic ones. Volunteer your money and/or skills.

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WAYS TO LIVE OUT THE SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

Source: United States Conference of Catholic Bishops

The Spiritual Works of Mercy have long been a part of the Christian tradition, appearing in the works of theologians and spiritual writers throughout history. Just as Jesus attended to the spiritual well-being of those he ministered to, these Spiritual Works of Mercy guide us to “help our neighbor in their spiritual needs” (U.S. Catholic Catechism For Adults – USCCA).

The seven Spiritual Works of Mercy are listed below. After each work of mercy there are also suggestions and words of advice for living them out in our daily lives.

Counsel the Doubtful. Everyone has moments of doubt in their faith journey. Nevertheless, we should always remember that Christ is the Way, the Truth, and the Life and turn to him along our way.

- “Listen to counsel and receive instruction, that you may eventually become wise” (Prov 19:20)
- The Cross of Christ – “The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength” (1 Cor 1:25)
- Has someone asked you for advice? Orient your response to Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life
- Follow Christ with the witness of your life so that others may see God’s love revealed in your actions
- Accompany a friend, who is struggling with believing, to join a parish group for service or faith formation, share a book you found useful in dealing with your friend’s faith concern, and worship at Sunday Mass.

Instruct the Ignorant. Learn about our faith and be open to talking with others about our beliefs. There is always something more to discover about our faith.

- Go on a service trip or short-term mission trip. No time? Donate to support someone on their service trip
- Volunteer to help with the Religious Education Program at our parish
- Invite someone to go to Mass with you this weekend
- Know your faith! Read through the USCCA to find out more about the Catholic faith and how to live it.

Admonish the Sinner. Do not judge, but be supportive in helping others find their way and correct their mistakes. Together we can learn to walk more closely with Christ.

- In humility we must strive to create a culture that does not accept sin, while realizing that we all fall at times
- Don’t judge, but guide others towards the path of salvation. (see Mt 7:1-2)
- When you correct someone, don’t be arrogant. We are all in need of God’s loving correction.
- We should journey together to a deeper understanding of our shared faith

- “Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother’s eye.” (Mt 7:5)

Comfort the Sorrowful. Be open to listening to and comforting those who are dealing with grief. Even if we aren’t sure of the right words to say, our presence can make a big difference.

- Lend a listening ear to those going through a tough time
- Make a home-cooked meal for a friend who is facing a difficult time
- Write a letter or send a card to someone who is suffering
- A few moments of your day may make a lifetime of difference to someone who is going through a difficult time

Forgive Injuries. Forgiving others is difficult at times because we do not have God’s limitless mercy and compassion. But Jesus teaches us that we should forgive as God forgives, relying on him to help us show others the mercy of God.

- Let go of grudges.
- Saying sorry is something we learn as kids, but how often do we really mean it? Forgiveness transforms hearts and lives.
- Participate in the Sacrament of Penance
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Bear Wrongs Patiently. Do not be bitter about wrongs done against you. Place your hope in God so that you can endure the troubles of this world and face them with a compassionate spirit.

- Frustrated with someone? Step away from the situation, take a few deep breaths, pray the *Our Father*, asking God for patience.

Pray for the Living and the Dead. Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God’s care.

- Request a Mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time.
- Request a Mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those whom you are keeping in your prayers.
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray about for them.
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

Jesus on Spiritual Mercy

“Many souls are often worried because they do not have the material means with which to carry out an act of mercy. Yet spiritual mercy, which requires neither permissions nor storehouses, is much more meritorious and is within the grasp of every soul.”

Jesus to Saint Faustina, from the Diary of Saint Faustina