

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lord, come to my aid!

August 14, 2016



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 13

5:00 PM Kitty O'Sullivan - 26th Anniversary

Sunday, August 14 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dimon & Robert Nicolosi & Cirillo Family

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Sigmund Nokland

12:00 PM Sadie Early - 33rd Anniversary

Monday, August 15 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:15 AM Joseph Landolfi, Sr.

Tuesday, August 16 – Weekday

8:15 AM For All the People of the Parish

Wednesday, August 17 – Weekday

8:15 AM Sabat Family

Thursday, August 18 – Weekday

8:15 AM Ellen McNelly

Friday, August 19 – Weekday

8:15 AM Anthony A. Immorlica, Sr. - 16th Anniversary

Saturday, August 20 – St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM James J. Corless

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – August 20

5:00 PM Santa Ferrara

Sunday, August 21 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Gloria Boesch

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Louis & Concetta Pecorelli

12:00 PM Ray Impellittere

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed Wednesday afternoons from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm, June 1st through August 31st, to accommodate administrative work for the Religious Education Program.

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of the Reverend & Mrs. Mills. The candle will burn August 7th through August 13th.

The **Offertory Gifts** this week were donated in loving memory of Anthony A. Immorlica, Sr. by Peter & Teresa Hardin.

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	Paula Martino
Lucas Boesch	Wesley Ann McGovern
Robert Broughal	Merna Mendelson
Michael Brusco	Todd Morris
Kathleen Clements	Joseph Nowakowski
Carmine Comberiata	Brian O'Keeffe
Joseph C. Etta	Inelda O'Keeffe
Bill Flaherty	Neilan Pierce
William Freeman	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Sally Singh
Geoff Lyons	Ralph Torres
Kathleen Manganello	Frank Volkmann
Mary Marion	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Susan Homola

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

Jane M. Palmero – July 15th

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7a; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday:	Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

WEEKEND OF AUGUST 7, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,031

SECOND COLLECTION – \$1,171

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	108	14	122
Sunday, 8:30 am	98	19	117
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	47	4	51
Sunday, 12:00 pm	80	23	103
Total	333	60	393



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...

August 15 – Souls in Purgatory

August 22 – Police & community service personnel

August 29 – Military Personnel and their families



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • August 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 during the weekend of August 27th and 28th.

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

Grand Knight – Paul Grandetti

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"

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Registration information for the 2016-17 school year has been mailed to all families currently enrolled in our Religious Education Program. If you did not receive the information, or are new to the program, please call or stop by the Parish Office to register your children for next year's classes. Registration forms are available at the parish website: www.ladyofloretto.org. Thank you!

THANK YOU!



A heartfelt thank you to the 67 donors who gave to the Philipstown Community Blood Drive. We reached 130% of our goal because of you.

Our next blood drive will be on November 3rd.

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.



PRAYER FOR FIREFIGHTER SAFETY

Merciful Father in heaven, look down in Your love upon all those who protect us and ours from the ravages of fire and flame. Grant them the courage and skills to carry out their duties well and safely. When they must go into the face of danger, be by their side in the smoke and flames. Watch over their families, ever reminding them that those who fight fire are also in Your loving care. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.



POPE FRANCIS: KEEPING WATCH AND AWAITING THE LORD

In the passage of the Gospel for today (Luke 12:32-48), Jesus speaks to his disciples about the attitude they should have regarding the final encounter with him, and explains how the expectation of this encounter should push us toward a life full of good works. Among other things, he says, "Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no thief can reach nor moth destroy."

CAPUCHIN YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

August 26-28, 2016

CYFM has been providing teen leadership training for over 37 years. Even teens that don't consider themselves leaders benefit from the authenticity and skill-training that we offer.

The Leadership modules include the practical: effective communication, understanding group dynamics and facilitating groups, developing and delivering effective presentations, enhancing self-esteem, and time management; as well as how to combine all those skills for utilization in Evangelization as authentic Christian leaders.

Through the skills they acquire and perfect during the training teens convert themselves, their parishes, their schools, and their families. They are prepared and transformed into the people that God is calling them to be!

Fee: \$115.00 per person includes lodging, meals, and materials; application and non-refundable \$60.00 deposit due by 8/23/16.

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This is an invitation to give value to almsgiving as a work of mercy, to not place our confidence in fleeting things. To use things, without attachment and egotism, but rather according to the logic of God, the logic of attention to others, the logic of love. We can have many things, be very attached to money, have a lot. But after the end, we can't take it with us. Remember that the shroud doesn't have pockets.

Jesus' teaching continues with three brief parables on the theme of vigilance. Vigilance is important — being attentive, vigilant in life.

The first is the parable of the servants who await the return of the master during the night. "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival": It is the blessedness of waiting for the Lord with faith, of being prepared, with an attitude of service. He makes himself present every day. He knocks at the door of our hearts. And he who opens to him will be blessed, because he will have a great reward. In fact, the Lord himself will be the servant of his servants — this is a beautiful reward. In the great banquet of his Kingdom, he himself will pass by to serve.

With this parable, set in the night, Jesus portrays life as a vigil of active awaiting, which precedes the luminous day of eternity. To have access [to this day], it's necessary to be prepared, awake and busy with the service of others, with the comforting perspective that "there," it will no longer be us that serve God, but he himself will welcome us to his table. Considering this carefully, we see that this happens already each time that we find the Lord in prayer, or in serving the poor, and above all in the Eucharist, where he prepares a banquet to nourish us with his Word and his Body.

The second parable uses the image of the unforeseen arrival of a thief. This situation requires vigilance. In fact, Jesus exhorts, "You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come" (v 40). The disciple is he who awaits the Lord and his Kingdom.

The Gospel clarifies this perspective with the third parable, on the administrator of a house after the departure of the master. In the first scene, the administrator faithfully does his duty and receives his reward. In the second scene, the administrator abuses his authority and strikes the servants, and for this, upon the unforeseen return of the lord, he will be punished.

This scene describes the frequent situation of our day as well: Many injustices, much violence and daily evils arise from the idea of behaving like lords of life and of others. And we have only one lord, although he does not prefer to be called lord, he prefers that we call him Father. We are servants, all of us are sinners, sons, but he is the only Father.

Jesus today reminds us that awaiting eternal blessedness does not free us from the commitment to make the world more just and more inhabitable. In fact, precisely our hope of possessing the Kingdom in eternity drives us to work to improve the condition of our earthly life, especially that of our weakest brothers. May the Virgin Mary help us to be people and communities who are not limited to the present, or worse, nostalgic for the past, but rather, projected toward the future of God, toward the encounter with him, our life and our hope.



“NOW IS THE HOUR”: HOW ONE SENTENCE FROM A SAINT COULD CHANGE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE

A single sentence from Saint Benedict made me rethink the way I was living my life

BY TOD WORNER — ALETEIA.ORG

The wisdom was contained in a single sentence. It came from the quill of a saint nearly fifteen hundred years ago. And yet it made me think twice about the way I was living my life. The thought came from the Prologue of the Rule of St. Benedict, a guide for monastic life, and it was simple:

Now, therefore, let us finally arise. Scripture stirs us up saying, “Now is the hour to rise from sleep.”

Simple.

Almost too simple.

But it was the explication from Michael Casey, an Australian Benedictine monk, that really opened my eyes about how this saint’s simple sentence matters to me. Just consider...

[St.] Benedict is saying that compared with the spiritual possibilities that are brought within our range by grace, we are pretty sluggish. So we need to bestir ourselves, to get moving, to allow God’s grace to propel us further and faster toward the prospects divine providence has prepared for us...

No call is resisted and resented so fully as the call to wake up. So we need not be surprised if we do not want to be stirred into action, especially when we do not know exactly what will be involved. We are being summoned to an unspecified alertness. We are being asked to be prepared for unknown challenges, to say yes to demands that have not yet been made.

All of this requires a strong faith in Providence and a firm trust that God never calls us to perform beyond our real limits. And we have to be realistic. Despite my forebodings, I can rise reasonably confident that the heroism demanded of me today will not involve utter

disgrace, or torture, or martyrdom, but will simply point me toward small actions that transcend the usual boundaries I impose on my benevolence: a word of encouragement here, a few minutes of solicitous listening there, a helping hand, a gesture of forgiveness or solidarity, a hidden initiative that furthers the common good.

Occasions for such tiny acts of heroism will present themselves, but only if, first of all, we are awake and alert to their possibility...

To do better requires vigilance. How many times when we are

accused of doing wrong or failing to do something appropriate do we reply with excuses such as, “I didn’t know,” or “I wasn’t aware,” or “I wasn’t thinking”? The moral challenge passed us by because our conscience was not activated; we were asleep...

By creating a miasma of sensory fireworks we effectively block out anything beyond what is sensate: any spiritual perceptiveness, any attention to interiority. Our conscience is deadened by sensory overload and we are little aware of the possibilities that are open to us to create a better world...

The voice of conscience and the words of the Gospel are but a still, small voice in our noisy universe... A lively imagination stirs up the emotions and keeps us from attaining that level of inner tranquility that enables us to attend to the promptings of conscience and to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit.

The result is that we are so awake on one level that there is no room for a more interior awakening. Most of us cannot truly listen to another speaking if we are simultaneously watching television, texting on our cell phone, and internally fretting about some imagined grievance. In the same way, we cannot be spiritually aware without turning down the volume of other voices.

To be awake and alert spiritually we have to limit the amount of attention we give to other areas. And, according to St. Benedict, we have to make a start right away. “Now is the hour to rise from sleep.”

St. Benedict’s simple sentence and Michael Casey’s explanation reminded me what I have forgotten and what I need to do every day. The risk I have is to contentedly intellectually apprehend and believe my Catholic faith while sleepwalking through God’s innumerable calls in my every day life. We must wake up. We must know God’s will for us. We must recognize where our will is trying to subvert God’s. And we must eagerly seek to be faithfully heroic in the tiny acts of each day.

“Now is the hour to rise from sleep.”

St. Benedict, pray for us.