

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Let us go rejoicing to the house of  
the Lord.

November 27, 2016



Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day... Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.

*Romans 13:12b-13a, 14*

### 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 – November 26

5:00 PM Joseph & Benedetta Frisenda, Santa  
Ferrara, Bernice DiMarco and Josie Pidala

#### Sunday, November 27 – First Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Dimon & Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo  
Family

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Bill Freeman

12:00 PM Anthony Kurdziel – 1st Anniversary

#### Monday, November 28 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

#### Tuesday, November 29 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Pidala

#### Wednesday, November 30 – Saint Andrew, Apostle

8:15 AM John Hallenback, Jr. and Deceased  
Members of the Critelli Family

#### Thursday, December 1 – Advent Weekday

9:00 AM Dana Duncan

#### Friday, December 2 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Peter Sgro

#### Saturday, December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:15 AM Josie Pidala

#### Vigil (Sunday) Mass – December 3

5:00 PM The Frisenda Family, Florence Weise and  
Santa Huston

#### Sunday, December 4 – Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Kristen Faust

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Bill Freeman

12:00 PM Rachel C. Percacciolo

## CHOIR REHEARSALS

**Children Christmas Choir** rehearsals are held on Mondays, November 28th through December 19th, 3:15 to 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church.

**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.

## BETTER MARRIAGE

Are you spinning your wheels and unsure how to get there? We've got answers. To receive e-mail updates on marriage enrichment events in your area, register online at [www.flrl.org](http://www.flrl.org). Sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York

## 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

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| Lucy Abbatine        | Wesley Ann McGovern   |
| Lucas Boesch         | Merna Mendelson       |
| Robert Broughal      | Todd Morris           |
| The Brusco Family    | Joseph Nowakowski     |
| Kathleen Clements    | Brian O'Keeffe        |
| Carmine Comberiatà   | Inelda O'Keeffe       |
| Joseph C. Etta       | Neilan Pierce         |
| Bill Flaherty        | 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  | Connie Tuomey         |
| Mary Marion          | Frank Volkmann        |
| Paula Martino        | 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

Margaret Tomann – November 3rd, 2016

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

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 – 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

## SERVE THE CHURCH

### Consider becoming an Altar Server, Lector or Eucharistic Minister

We especially need help at the following Masses:

#### Altar Servers (4th Grade and up)

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

#### Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm

#### Eucharistic Ministers

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

If interested, please contact Anna McFadden at [anna.mcfadden@gmail.com](mailto:anna.mcfadden@gmail.com) or call 845-265-2385.

## "A Loretto Christmas Pageant"

Sunday, December 11th • 3:00 pm

At Our Lady of Loretto Church



Put on by the children of Our Lady of Loretto  
A reception will follow in the Parish Hall



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

### PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Today • November 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* – Paul Grandetti

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney:  
[johnhackney@hotmail.com](mailto:johnhackney@hotmail.com).

Information can also be found at [KofC536.com](http://KofC536.com).

### IN SOLIDARITY WITH OUR PRIESTS

We support our Catholic Church, families, community and our country.

## OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ [ollfaithformation@gmail.com](mailto:ollfaithformation@gmail.com)

### CLASSES THIS WEEK

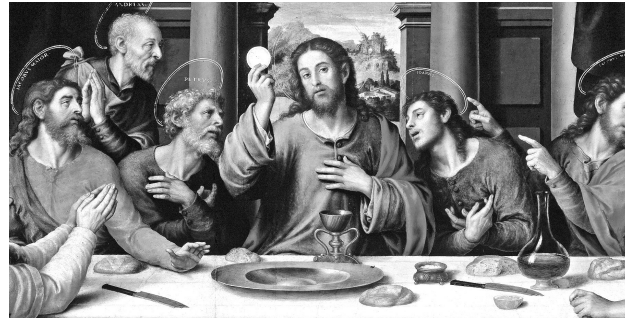
Wednesday, November 30th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

### 4TH GRADE FAMILY MASS

Sunday, December 4th • 8:30 am Mass in the Church



## OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 11th • 3:00 pm in the Church  
Family Catechesis Event

*All families are encouraged to attend.*

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR

The Children's Christmas Choir will begin practice on Monday, November 28th from 3:15 to 4:00 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church. The choir will practice every Monday until Christmas and will sing at the 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Mass. All children are invited to join – show up at practice or call Jeffrey V. Lutz at 845-228-5612.



## 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...

- Nov 28 – Those in single life
- Dec 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Dec 12 – Intentions of the Blessed Mother
- Dec 19 – Our Catechists

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Thursday, December 8th, 2016



### **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION \* HOLY MASS**

Our Lady of Loretto Parish will celebrate Mass for the Immaculate Conception on:

**Wednesday, December 7th • 5:00 pm**

**Thursday, December 8th • 8:15 am and 7:00 pm**

### **HOURLY OF GRACE FOR THE WORLD**

On December 8th Our Lady invites us to participate in the Hour of Grace for the World. Please join us for a one-hour prayer service:

**12:00 to 1:00 pm  
In the Church**

During this hour we will concentrate on our union with God, meditate on the Passion of Jesus, say the Holy Rosary and pray Psalm 51 as Our Lady has requested. Mary wants all souls to be drawn to God, and that Jesus be loved in every heart. She wants us to help make reparation for the grievous sins offending her beloved Son. Learn about Our Lady under the title of *Rosa Mystica*.

Our Lady has promised that she will hear any prayer we make during the Hour of Grace if it is the will of the Father. She is our greatest intercessor. Mrs. Diana Roda will be the prayer facilitator. All are invited! For more information, please call Diana at 424-4175.

### **NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE**

On Thursday, December 8th, our Parish will take part in the National Night of Prayer for Life:

**8:00 to 9:00 pm, immediately following the 7:00 pm  
Mass in the Church**

We will pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament for the conversion of hearts of all those who promote, perform and support abortion, infanticide and euthanasia.

## THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

It is *she*, Mary herself, who is the Immaculate Conception; the feast day – celebrated December 8th – does not refer to Mary's conceiving Jesus by the Holy Spirit, but to the conception of *Mary* in the womb of her mother, St. Anne, by Mary's father, St. Joachim. What makes her conception immaculate is that from the very moment of her conception, she was filled with grace by God, Who knew, in His omniscience, that she would say "yes" to the Angel Gabriel and become the Mother of the Savior. Exactly nine months from now, on September 8th, we will celebrate Mary's birthday.

Mary is the All Holy, and it had to be this way: Christ took from her *His very Flesh and Blood* – the Flesh that was scourged for us, the Blood that was spilt for us, the Bread of Life that saves us! Mary, in her Immaculate Conception, is the patroness of the United States.

*"Mary, give me your Heart: so beautiful, so pure, so immaculate; your Heart so full of love and humility, that I may be able to receive Jesus in the Bread of Life and love Him as you love Him and serve Him in the distressing guise of the poor."*

– Saint Teresa of Calcutta

## **NOVEMBER – THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY**

Because of their great love for us, the souls in purgatory are not only anxious to leave purgatory, they are most concerned about our salvation, especially the salvation of their loved ones. They can intercede for us while in purgatory...

"Out of charity, out of justice, and out of excusable selfishness – [the souls in purgatory] have such power with God! – remember them often in your sacrifices and in your prayers." – *Saint Josemaria Escriva*

### **Prayer to the Holy Souls**

O, Holy Souls in Purgatory, you are the most certain heirs of heaven. You are most dear to Jesus as the trophies of His Precious Blood and to Mary, mother of mercy. Obtain for me through your intercession the grace to lead a holy life, to die a happy death, and to attain to the blessedness of eternity in heaven.

Dear suffering souls, who long to be delivered in order to praise and glorify God in heaven, by your unfailing pity, help me in the needs which distress me at this time, particularly (name your needs), so that I may obtain relief and assistance from God.

In gratitude for your intercession, I offer to God on your behalf the satisfactory merits of my prayer and work, my joys and sufferings of this day (week, month, or whatever space of time you wish to designate). Amen.

*Offer your Holy Communion for the souls in purgatory. Praying the Way of the Cross is also a powerful means of helping the Holy Souls and obtaining their help.*

## FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

This Saturday, December 3rd, 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.

## POPULAR ADVENT TRADITIONS

If you want to get the most out of Christmas and fill up your soul with love for Christ, the best way to do that is to "let every heart prepare Him room" – and celebrating Advent is the Church's way to do it! Listed below are eight ways to celebrate Advent.

1. **Advent Wreath.** The gradual lighting of the four candles (three purple and one pink), one on each Sunday of the Advent season, symbolizes not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.
2. **Advent Devotional Reading.** There are a lot of great Advent books that take you deeper into the profound theology of Advent. God comes to us as a Child, and this is amazing to think about!
3. **Special Prayers.** Adopt special prayers during the Advent season such as the *Saint Andrew Christmas Novena* (in the bulletin this weekend) and the *O Antiphons* (coming in the December 14th bulletin).
4. **Advent Calendars.** Counting down the days to Christmas helps children to anticipate patiently, and to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born.
5. **Jesse Tree.** The Jesse Tree (named after the father of King David, the ancestor of Jesus) is a great biblical activity for the family during the Advent season. It's fun for kids and great catechesis. It goes through the ancestry of Jesus and how all of his ancestors played a role in salvation history.
6. **Advent Penance Services.** Confession is an important part of preparing room for the coming of Christ into our hearts, that is, allowing Him to draw us into deeper conversion.
7. **Small Sacrifices for the Christ Child.** Just as the Magi labored through a long journey to worship and gave precious gifts to the Christ Child, so we can do the same; we can give the Baby Jesus our sacrifices during the Advent season. Two popular ways are Jesus Stockings and a Jesus Creche. In both cases these small sacrifices are written on little slips of paper and placed into the stocking, or into or next to the empty creche in your nativity scene. These add up each day of Advent as birthday presents for the newborn King.
8. **Give.** Advent is a great time to practice spiritual and corporeal acts of mercy such as Christmas gifts for disadvantaged children, volunteering at a nursing home or soup kitchen, visiting the sick in a hospital, or simply inviting people into your home who may have no friends or family of their own.

## Saint Andrew Christmas Novena

Begins on the Feast of St. Andrew  
Wednesday, November 30th

Say the following prayer which becomes part of the grace before meals when lighting the Advent wreath, or with night prayers, from the feast of St. Andrew – November 30th to Christmas Eve – December 24th.

"Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour, vouchsafe, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His Blessed Mother. Amen."

## THE ADVENT WREATH



The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only

on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world. The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

## Blessing of the Advent Wreath

**Leader:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**Response:** Who made heaven and earth.

*With hands joined, the Leader says:*

Lord our God, we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us, He is the Savior of every nation.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Response:** Amen.

*The season of Advent restores a hope...*

which does not disappoint for it is founded on God's Word. A hope which does not disappoint, simply because the Lord never disappoints! Let us think about and feel this beauty.

*Pope Francis*