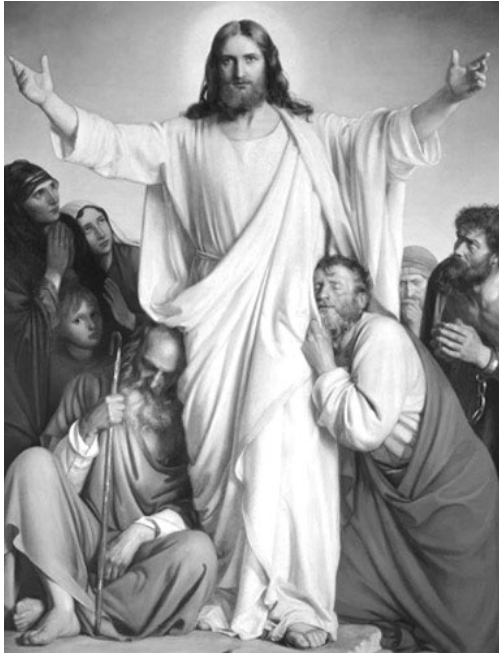


THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Lord, come and save us.

December 11, 2016



"Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." *Matthew 11:4b-6*

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 – December 10

5:00 PM Bill and Mary Wilbur

Sunday, December 11 – Third Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Rita and Bill McAndrew

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Bill Freeman

12:00 PM Diana and Mafalda Poli

Monday, December 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:15 AM Denise Angelina Terio

Tuesday, December 13 – Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

8:15 AM Rose and Edward M. Engelbride

Wednesday, December 14 – Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Fernando and Anna Berarducci and all the People of the Parish

Thursday, December 15 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Pidala

Friday, December 16 – Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Peter Sgro

Saturday, December 17 – Late Advent Weekday

8:15 AM Josephine Pidala

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – December 17

5:00 PM Daniel Claffey

Sunday, December 18 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 AM Daniel Deneher – 21st Anniversary

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

12:00 PM Lucille Meltzer and Michelle McGrath Bischoff

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Nena Stellefson donated by Lisa and Michael Stagliano. The candle will burn from December 11th through December 17th.

The **Flowers** in front of the Blessed Mother this weekend were donated in loving memory of the Rapalje Family.

The **Flowers** in front of the Blessed Mother for the week beginning December 17th are donated in loving memory of Daniel Claffey.

The **Offertory Gifts** for the week beginning December 17th are requested in loving memory of Daniel Claffey.

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.

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	Merna Mendelson
Lucas Boesch	Todd Morris
Robert Broughal	Joseph Nowakowski
The Brusco Family	Brian O'Keeffe
Kathleen Clements	Inelda O'Keeffe
Carmine Comberiata	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	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
Wesley Ann McGovern	

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.

"You never go away from us, yet we have difficulty in returning to You. Come, Lord, stir us up and call us back. Kindle and seize us. Be our fire and our sweetness. Let us love. Let us run."
– St. Augustine

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 4, 2016

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$7,992

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	106	6	112
Sunday, 8:30 am	126	36	162
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	45	6	51
Sunday, 12:00 pm	100	20	120
Total	377	68	445

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14;
Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk
7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt
1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt
1:18-24



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • December 18th

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 December 17th and 18th.

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.

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, December 14th, 2016

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

OUR LADY OF LORETTO CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

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

All families are encouraged to attend.

"A Loretto Christmas Pageant"

Today, 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

All parishioners are invited! Bring family, friends and
neighbors to celebrate with us as we share in this
beautiful Christmas tradition.

Let's open our hearts to the true meaning of Christmas!



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...

- Dec 12 – Intentions of the Blessed Mother
- Dec 19 – Our Catechists
- Dec 26 – Respect Life Committee
- Jan 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

**LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND
ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED FOR
CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Lectors

December 24th at 6:00 pm (St. Joseph's Chapel)

Eucharistic Ministers

December 24th at 6:00 pm (St. Joseph's Chapel),
December 25th at 10:00 am

Altar Servers

December 24th at 4:00 pm and 8:00 pm,
December 25th at 10:00 am

If you can serve at any of these Masses, e-mail Anna
McFadden at anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or call the
Parish Office at 265-3718.

Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast Day: December 12th



"Listen, and let it penetrate your heart... do not be troubled or weighted down with grief. Do not fear any illness or vexation, anxiety or pain. Am I not here, who am your Mother? Are you not under my shadow and protection? Am I not your fountain of life? Are you not in the folds of my mantle, in the crossing of my arms? Is there anything else you need?"

— Our Lady of Guadalupe, December 12, 1531

Thursday, December 15th is Father
Anthony's Birthday

Happy Birthday Father Anthony! May your birthday be filled with happiness, peace and love, and may you have God's blessings always.

We thank you for your dedication, hard work and sacrifice to bring us Christ throughout the year. You are a special blessing to our parish. We thank God for you!

Who placed [the Lord] there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul, on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it, to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul, for the last time, in the blood of Jesus Christ? The priest — always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again the priest. — Saint John Vianney

Advent and Christmas Traditions

The Season of Advent changes its stress to the Nativity on December 17th. Your Creche might go up on December 17th without the Holy Family, and then add the Holy Family a few days before Christmas. On Christmas Eve welcome the Baby Jesus into the stable. On January 1st put the Magi somewhere else in the room and move them closer each day until they reach the stable on the Feast of the Epiphany or on January 6th.

Traditionally the Christmas Tree went up on Christmas Eve or just before, and remained up until at least January 6th "Little Christmas," the traditional date for the Feast of the Epiphany (this feast day was moved to the closest Sunday). The Season of Christmas ends with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 9, 2017).

**GAUDETE SUNDAY
BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI**

Today, Gaudete Sunday, the Pope blesses the "Bambinelli" — the figures of Baby Jesus that adorn Nativity scenes — in Rome. We have included below a Bambinelli blessing that you can use at home.

Bambinelli Blessing



God our Father, you loved us so much
you sent us your only Son, Jesus,
born of the Virgin Mary,
to save us and lead us back to you.

We pray that, with your blessing,
this image of Jesus might be
a sign of your presence and love
in our home.

Good Father,
give your blessing
to all who gather with us this Christmas,
family and friends.

Open our hearts,
that we might receive Jesus in joy,
do always what he asks of us
and see him in those who need our love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
your beloved Son, who came to give peace to
the world.

You who live and reign forever and ever.

Amen.

O Antiphons

"Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel." Isaiah 7:14

The "O Antiphons" were first used by the Church in the 8th and 9th centuries. They are based on various titles used for the Christ and are scripturally-based short prayers used from the 17th to the 23rd of December. In the Roman Catholic Church they are the antiphons for the Vespers in the Office of the Day. In these "O Antiphons" the Church expresses her deep longing for the coming of the Messiah.

The Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" is based on the "O Antiphons" and was written sometime during the 9th Century. The hymn, as can be seen below, begins with the last antiphon.

December 17th: **O WISDOM**, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly: **COME**, and teach us the way of prudence. Amen. **"O Sapientia..."**

December 18th: **O LORD AND RULER** of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai: **COME**, and redeem us with outstretched arms. Amen. **"O Adonai..."**

December 19th: **O ROOT OF JESSE**, that stands for an ensign of the people, before whom the kings keep silence and unto whom the Gentiles shall make supplication: **COME**, to deliver us and tarry not. Amen. **"O Radix Jesse..."**

December 20th: **O KEY OF DAVID**, and Sceptre of the House of Israel, who opens and no man shuts, who shuts and no man opens: **COME**, and bring forth the captive from his prison, he who sits in darkness and in the shadow of death. Amen. **"O Clavis David..."**

December 21st: **O DAWN OF THE EAST**, brightness of light eternal, and Sun of Justice: **COME**, and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Amen. **"O Oriens..."**

December 22nd: **O KING OF THE GENTILES** and their desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one: **COME** and deliver man, whom you formed out of the dust of the earth. Amen. **"O Rex..."**

December 23rd: **O EMMANUEL**, God with us, Our King and Lawgiver, the expected of the nations and their Saviour: **COME** to save us, O Lord our God. Amen. **"O Emmanuel..."**

If one starts with the last title and takes the first letter of each one – **Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia** – the Latin words "ero cras" are formed, meaning, "Tomorrow, I will come." Therefore, the Lord Jesus, whose coming we prepare for in Advent and whom we address in these seven Messianic titles, speaks to us, "Tomorrow, I will come." So the O Antiphons not only bring intensity to our Advent preparation, but bring it to a joyful conclusion.

"Tomorrow, I will come."

Advent Reconciliation Services

Monday, December 19th

Our Lady of Loretto Church
8:45 to 9:30 am (following the 8:15 am Mass) • 4:00 to 5:00 pm • 7:00 to 8:00 pm



Christmas

Sunday, December 25th

Our Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve – Our Lady of Loretto

4:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass with Children's Choir

8:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Eve – St. Joseph's Chapel

6:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day – Our Lady of Loretto

10:00 am Christmas Mass

MARIAPOLIS LUMINOSA NATIVITY DISPLAY

Each Christmas, throughout the month of December, Mariapolis Luminosa in Hyde Park, NY displays over 200 Nativity scenes from every continent in the world. Stop in and visit us! Musical entertainment will be provided on the weekends of December 11th and 18th at 1:30 pm. For more information, call (845) 229-0230 ext.127 or visit www.focolare.org/mariapolisluminosa.

PAPAL ADVENT ADVICE: DON'T BE DOMINATED BY MATERIAL THINGS

Vatican City, November 27th, 2016 – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that the Pope said the season of Advent is a reminder to us to open our horizons and have concern for more than just material things. Advent is an invitation "to sobriety, to not be dominated by the things of this world, to material reality, but rather to govern them," Pope Francis said. "If, on the contrary, we are conditioned and overpowered by them, it is not possible to perceive that which is much more important: our final encounter with the Lord: and this is important. That, that encounter." The things of everyday should be seen from the perspective, the horizon, of our final encounter with Christ, Pope Francis taught.

Thus is Advent "an invitation to vigilance, because not knowing when He will come, we must always be ready to depart." "In this season of Advent, we are called to enlarge the horizons of our hearts, to be surprised by the life which is presented each day with its novelty. In order to do this we need to learn to not depend on our own securities, our own consolidated plans, because the Lord comes in the hour which we don't imagine. This introduces us to a much more beautiful, and great, dimension." The Pope concluded, praying that Mary would help us to not consider ourselves as owners of our lives, "not resistant when the Lord comes to change them, but ready to meet him as an awaited and agreeable guest, even though he upsets our plans."