

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

January 22, 2017



"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
Matthew 4:19

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 – January 21

5:00 PM Peter Sgro

Sunday, January 22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Robert Mangan

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Margaret Tomann

12:00 PM Peter Sgro

Monday, January 23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:15 AM Marie Chicarella – 8th Anniversary

Tuesday, January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Helen Donovan

Wednesday, January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle

8:15 AM Dr. Joseph Muratore

Thursday, January 26 – Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops

8:15 AM Peg Freeman and all the People of the Parish

Friday, January 27 – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin

8:15 AM Paul Pergamo

Saturday, January 28 – Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Peter Sgro

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – January 28

5:00 PM Elizabeth Ray

Sunday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

12:00 PM James Doherty

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Father and Mrs. Mills. The candle will burn from January 22nd through January 28th.

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions • Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy)
Stockbridge • 800-804-3823

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Merna Mendelson
Lucas Boesch	Todd Morris
Electra Bokanoski	Joseph Nowakowski
Nicole Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Inelda O'Keeffe
The Brusco Family	Luis Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Rosario Padilla
Carmine Comberiat	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Phillip Rossignol
Joseph Hoda	Melissa Castro-Santos
Parker Jane Holloway	Miguel Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Laura Schiele
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, especially

Helen Percacciolo

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

Italia Iaconangelo – December 25th, 2016

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Thursday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:21-35
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13; Ps 146:6-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 25, 2016

CHRISTMAS & WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$30,003

Thank you to all our parishioners for your amazing generosity this Christmas!

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 15, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$7,383

Thank you again!

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	117	7	124
Sunday, 8:30 am	99	26	125
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	***	***	***
Sunday, 12:00 pm	***	***	***
Total***	216	33	249

***Attendance was not taken at the 10:15 am and 12 Noon Mass.

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 or call 845-265-2385.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • January 29th

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 January 28th and 29th.

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

OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 ★ ollfaithformation@gmail.com

CLASSES THIS WEEK

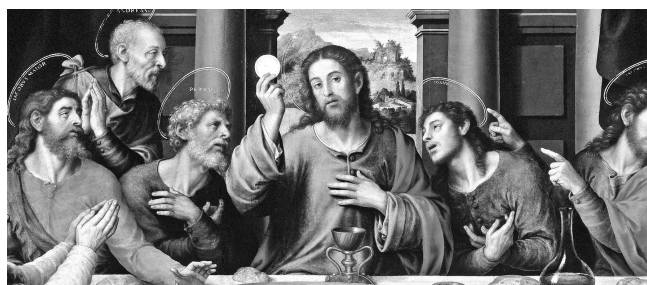
Wednesday, January 25th, 2017

Grades 1 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

6TH GRADE FAMILY MASS

Sunday, February 5th • 8:30 am Mass in the 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...

Jan 23 – Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers

Jan 30 – Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life

Feb 6 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Feb 13 – The Knights of Columbus

Capuchin Youth & Family Ministries

7th & 8th Grade Retreat

"Bring It On: The Lowdown on Prayer"

January 27th-28th or January 28th-29th

Both 7:00 pm to 4:00 pm

HOW DO I PRAY? WHY SHOULD I PRAY? Find out through reflective talks given by young people, games, music, and fun spirited challenges. Families are invited to the Closing Mass at 3:00 pm. \$75 includes materials, accommodations and meals. Need-based scholarships are available. Return the application and non-refundable \$40 deposit made payable to CYFM by the registration deadline of January 24th. CYFM, 781 Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524. For application or information, call us: 845-424-3609 or visit our website cyfm.org.

Give the gift of life!

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 3rd • 2:00 to 8:00 pm

No. Highlands Fire Department Community Room
Fishkill Rd • Cold Spring

Contact Information:

NY Blood Center 1-800-933-2566 or
Dottie Gilman 845-424-3456



FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD

Prayer to Saint Blaise

Dear bishop and lover of souls, you willingly bore heavy crosses in faithful imitation of Jesus. Similarly, with Christ-like compassion, you cured many sufferers. Then after undergoing horrible torture, you died as a martyr for Christ. Obtain a cure for these {describe the afflictions} ills if this is agreeable to God. Amen.

The Blessing of Throats

To honor Saint Blaise, we will have the Blessing of Throats at Our Lady of Loretto Church on his Feast Day, Friday, February 3rd at the 8:15 am Holy Mass.

**BLESSING YOUR CHILDREN:
IT'S NOT JUST FOR SNEEZES**

Blessings are not magic, but they are deeply powerful generators and sustainers of faith.

Aleteia.org, by Joanne McPortland – The tradition of invoking God's blessing on children as they start their day or settle into sleep is as old as the biblical patriarchs and matriarchs. Entrusting our children (and grandchildren) to God's care is one of the great privileges of parenting, a domestic liturgy that only we can perform. St. Ambrose reminded parents that their blessing was the one precious gift all parents, no matter what their circumstances, can impart to their children. "You may not be rich," he said. "You may be unable to bequeath any great possessions to your children, but one thing you can give them: the heritage of your blessing, and it is better to be blessed than to be rich."

Parental blessing can take many forms. Most commonly, parents rest one or both hands on their child's head and

pray a brief prayer, such as "May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care." Sometimes, parents substitute tracing a cross on the child's forehead (with or without holy water) for the laying on of hands, praying "May God bless you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." The blessing can even be wordless, with the prayer prayed silently if the child is asleep.

Common times for blessing children are at the end of the day, as part of night prayer, or first thing in the morning. You might bless school- or work-aged children and teens as they leave home each day. You can adapt your blessing ritual to your family's schedule. Parents can bless each other too, as an example to their children. You might develop special blessings for occasions such as welcoming a new baby, birthdays, sacramental celebrations, travel, or leaving home for college. Many parents incorporate blessing their daughters and sons into the ritual of "giving them away" at marriage. You may include in your blessing the names of children who are away from home and children who have died. You can send your blessing to children in letters and texts, as a reminder that you are always entrusting them to God's care.

Why bless your children? In an ever-perilous world, it is one important sign of trust in God's loving providence. Blessings are not magic, but they are deeply powerful generators and sustainers of faith. Children who have grown up with the tradition of parental blessings describe feeling cared for, protected, safe – all qualities that help our children grow in wisdom and grace. Pope Francis, in his catechesis on the works of mercy, urged parents to take up this ancient custom as a way of fulfilling the admonition to "pray for the living and the dead." On November 30th, 2016, he told the audience in St. Peter's Square: "I think in a particular way of the mothers and fathers who bless their children in the morning and at night. This custom still exists in some families: blessing one's child is a prayer."

Here are some traditional blessing prayers you may adapt for your own use:

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace."

(Numbers 6:24-26, the Blessing of the Patriarchs)

"May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, my child, for time and eternity, and may this blessing remain forever with you." *(The Catholic Gentleman)*

"May God in heaven bring you safely there and return you in good health; and may his angel accompany you for your safety." *(Travel blessing based on Tobit's blessing of Tobias, Tobit 5:17)*

ONLY IN CHRIST

"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."

– Pope St. John Paul II

POPE FRANCIS BEGINS NEW INITIATIVE WITH “URGENT” PRAYER INTENTIONS

The Holy Father is taking advantage of advances in technology to foster a “culture of encounter”.

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – Pope Francis, ever since the beginning of his papacy, has shown a particular care and attention to the many challenges of humanity and has repeatedly stressed his desire to create a “culture of encounter.” This year, to help further his cause, Pope Francis has changed the way he selects his monthly prayer intentions entrusted to the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Since 1928, the pope has chosen two prayer intentions for each month, one referred to as the “universal” intention and the other named the “evangelization” intention. Both intentions are meant to highlight certain needs and challenges that are present around the world and open up the horizons of Catholics to what other members of the Church are struggling with.

The process of selecting the monthly prayer intentions is typically very lengthy. About two years in advance, Vatican Congregations, bishops and other members of the faithful send suggestions to the International Director of the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. These proposals (often hundreds of them) are then presented to the Holy Father, who prayerfully considers them and selects those that he would like the world to pray for. After the pope has approved the intentions, they are translated into various languages and distributed to every possible media channel.

Since it is such a long process, the prayer intentions are usually very general and not focused on current events as they are happening. Seeing the disconnect and wanting to promote a “culture of encounter,” Pope Francis has decided to only choose one prayer intention in advance and then, at the beginning of each month, choose an “urgent” prayer intention that is linked to actual circumstances unfolding in the world. Pope Francis will typically announce this intention during the first Sunday Angelus of the month, calling the world to pray for a current situation that is most in need of prayers.

The recent advances in modern communications and social media are the biggest reason for this change as information can now be relayed around the world instantaneously. Besides releasing this new intention on websites and social media, the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network will take advantage of its new digital platform that was released last year, the Click To Pray app. Click To Pray is the pope’s official platform of prayer for the great challenges of humanity and the mission of the Church. It currently has more than 310,000 users worldwide and is available in Portuguese, Spanish, French and English. In 2017 there will also be a version of the app in German, Italian and Chinese.

The Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network will continue to produce one Pope Video each month, but because of the need for production time, the Pope Video will remain focused on the prayer intention that was selected in advance. In the end, Pope Francis hopes that the world will be able to move from a “culture of indifference” to a “culture of encounter,” where we do not stand idly by while other people suffer, but discover new ways to pray and act to help alleviate the suffering of others. Pope Francis

sees these monthly prayer intentions as avenues that will help bring that change about, mobilizing the world to pray for situations that need it the most.

THE HOLY FATHER’S URGENT PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY 2017

For all those who live on the streets with no shelter, especially during the cold winter weather

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

Sunday, January 29th – Saturday, February 4th

Our Catholic schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities. Below are the dates and times for open houses at elementary schools in your area. Call 646-794-2885 to make a reservation.

Holy Trinity School

20 Springside Ave • Poughkeepsie • (845) 471-0520
Jan 28th – 6 to 7 pm; Jan 29th – 9 am to 1 pm;
Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

St. Denis–St. Columba School

849 Route 82 • Hopewell Junction • (845) 227-7777
Jan 29th – 10 am to 12 pm; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

St. Martin de Porres School

122 Cedar Valley Rd • Poughkeepsie • (845) 452-4428
Jan 31st – 9 am to 2 pm

St. Mary School

106 Jackson Street • Fishkill • (845) 896-9561
Jan 31st – 8:30 am to 11 am

St. Mary’s School

2 Convent Ave • Wappingers Falls • (845) 297-7500
Jan 29th – 10 to 11 am; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am;
Feb 2nd – 9 to 11 am

St. Peter School

12 Fr Cody Plaza • Hyde Park • (845) 471-6600, ext 200
Jan 29th – 10 am to 1 pm; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am;
Feb 2nd – 9 am to 2 pm

St. James the Apostle School

12 Gleneida Ave • Carmel • (845) 225-9365
Jan 26th, 27th, 28th and 31st – 9 am to 1 pm

St. Augustine School

381 North Highland Ave • Ossining • (914) 941-3849
Jan 29th – 11 am to 12:30 pm; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

St. Columbanus School

122 Oregon Rd • Cortlandt Manor • (914) 739-1200
Jan 29th – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

1375 East Main Street • Shrub Oak • (914) 528-3563
Jan 25th – 10:30 am to 2pm;
Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am 7 to 9 pm

St. Patrick’s School

483 Old Post Rd • Bedford • (914) 234-7914
Jan 29th – 1 to 3 pm; Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

St. Patrick School

117 Moseman Rd • Yorktown Heights • (914) 962-2211
Jan 29th – 11 am to 2pm
Jan 30th and 31st, Feb 2nd and 3rd – 9 am to 1 pm