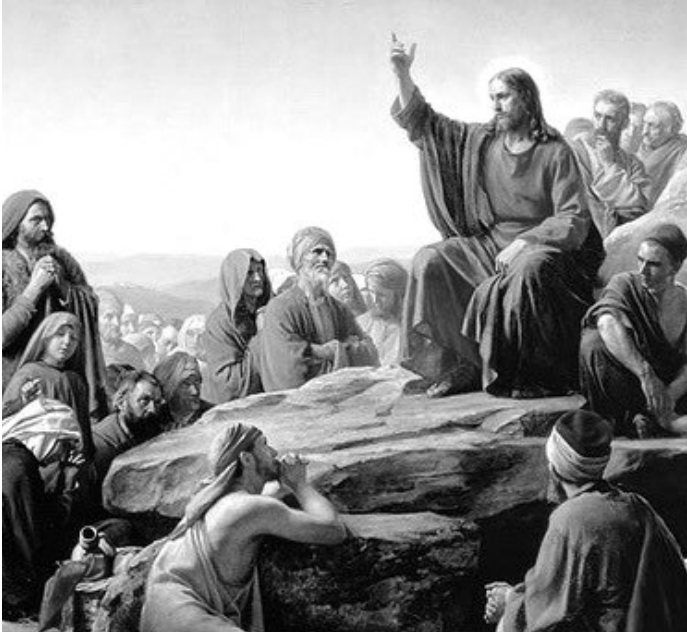


FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

January 29, 2017



“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.” *Matthew 5:11-12a*

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 28

5:00 PM Elizabeth Ray

Sunday, January 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

12:00 PM James Doherty

Monday, January 30 – Weekday

8:15 AM Clayton Young

Tuesday, January 31 – Saint John Bosco, Priest

8:15 AM Edgar Rivera, Sr.

Wednesday, February 1 – Weekday

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

Thursday, February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life

8:15 AM Noreene & James Duffy

Friday, February 3 – Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Saturday, February 4 – Weekday

8:15 AM James Doherty

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – February 4

5:00 PM Elizabeth Ray

Sunday, February 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Charles Carpino

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Salerno & Pecorelli Families

12:00 PM Awatef Gurguies

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of the Rapalje Family. The candle will burn from January 29th through February 4th.

The **Flowers** on the Altar this weekend were donated in loving memory of Father and Mrs. Mills.

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

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| 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

Alex Dengler

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: Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Friday: Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 22, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,871

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | Adults | Children | Total |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 97 | 10 | 107 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 115 | 31 | 146 |
| St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am | 48 | 11 | 59 |
| Sunday, 12:00 pm | 119 | 6 | 125 |
| Total | 379 | 58 | 437 |

BASEBALL WINTER CLINIC

Baseball Winter Clinic at Our Lady of Lourdes High School hosted by Our Lady of Lourdes and Baseball Miracles

Sunday, February 5th, 2017 • 8:30 am to 12:00 Noon

The clinic is for children ages 6-18 years old and the cost is \$35 per child. Send checks to Baseball Miracles, P. O. Box 2, Marlboro, NY 12542.

Baseball Miracles is a Not-for-Profit organization with the purpose of teaching less fortunate children around the world the game of baseball through donations and fundraising.

It was founded by the Hudson Valley's own Hall of Fame White Sox scout, John Tumminia. Please join and support us for a morning of baseball instruction from MLB scouts and college coaches from many teams!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Today • January 29th

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.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

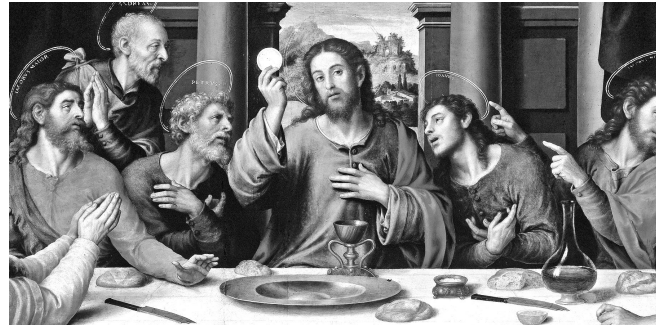
Wednesday, February 1st, 2017

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 30 – Priests and vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- Feb 6 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Feb 13 – The Knights of Columbus
- Feb 20 – Teenagers in our Parish

Special Collection Next Weekend: PETER'S PENCE

The Peter's Pence Collection unites us in solidarity to the Holy Father and his works of charity to those in need. In his address of March 20, 2013, Pope Francis spoke of our responsibility before the world and creation. "There is much that we can do to benefit the poor, the needy, and those who suffer; and to favor justice, promote reconciliation, and build peace," he said. Your contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection allow the Holy Father to support victims of war, natural disasters, and others most in need of assistance.

Give the gift of life!

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

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

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

WALK-INS WELCOME

www.nybloodcenter.org for our online registration
1-800-933-BLOOD [2566]



**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.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Thursday, February 2nd

In 1997, Pope John Paul II instituted a day of prayer for women and men in consecrated life. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2nd.

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2017

Sunday, January 29th – Saturday, February 4th

The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2017 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Our 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. We hope you can stop by!

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 Father 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 28th and 31st – 9 am to 1 pm

The Ark & The Dove Preschool

602 Beekman Rd • Hopewell Junction • (845) 227-5232
Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

Holy Name of Mary Montessori School

110 Grand Street • Croton-on-Hudson • (914) 271-5182
Jan 31st – 9 to 11 am

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 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

5 THINGS CATHOLICS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FIRST FRIDAYS

Learn about devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the graces that come from observing First Fridays.

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – “It is no wonder, therefore, that our predecessors have constantly defended this most approved form of devotion – the pious devotion of the faithful toward the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus [and] the custom of receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of every month at the desire of Christ Jesus, a custom which now prevails everywhere.”

– Pope Pius XI *Miserentissimus Redemptor*

What's so special about First Fridays? Our parents grew up going to church every First Friday of the month and taking part in Sacred Heart devotions, but in recent decades this pious practice has fallen out of practice, and is dismissed by some as an “old-fashioned” anachronism. A main reason for the decline in interest in this devotion is probably rooted in simple ignorance: people don't know what First Fridays are all about. Here are five things to know.

1. How did the First Friday Devotion begin?

While some saints referenced the Heart of Jesus in their writings even centuries earlier, in 1673, a French Visitandine (Visitation) nun named Margaret Mary Alacoque had visions of Jesus, wherein he asked the Church to honor His Most Sacred Heart. In particular, Jesus asked the faithful to “receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months.” The request was connected to a specific promise made to all who venerated and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart. After Margaret Mary's death, the First Friday practice steadily spread in the Church – endorsed by popes and promoted by saints – but it greatly increased in popularity when Margaret Mary was canonized a saint in 1920 by Pope Benedict XV.

2. Why nine consecutive months?

The number nine is traditionally associated with a novena and finds its origin in the nine days that the apostles spent in prayer before Pentecost. A novena provides an extended amount of time for preparation and interior renewal.

3. What am I supposed to do on First Fridays?

Go to Mass and receive Holy Communion with the intention of honoring Christ's Sacred Heart. If you are not in a state of grace, and thus unable to receive, you will also need to go to confession.

4. What are the “promises” connected to this devotion?

Jesus said to Saint Margaret Mary, “In the excess of the mercy of my heart, I promise you that my all powerful love will grant to all those who will receive Communion on the First Fridays, for nine consecutive months, the grace of final repentance: they will not die in my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; and my heart will be their secure refuge in that last hour.” This means that if a person faithfully receives Communion for nine consecutive months on First Fridays, Jesus will grant that person extra graces at the time of their death, making it possible to repent of their sins and receive the last rites (if needed).

This promise is the last of 12 promises connected to the

Devotion to the Sacred Heart, particularly attached to the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in one's home:

1. I will give them all the graces necessary in their state of life.
2. I will establish peace in their homes.
3. I will comfort them in all their afflictions.
4. I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death.
5. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.
6. Sinners will find in my heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.
7. Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.
8. Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection.
9. I will bless every place in which an image of my heart is exposed and honored.
10. I will give to priests the gift of touching the most hardened hearts.
11. Those who shall promote this devotion shall have their names written in my Heart.
12. I promise you in the excessive mercy of my Heart that my all-powerful love will grant to all those who receive Holy Communion on the First Fridays in nine consecutive months the grace of final perseverance; they shall not die in my disgrace, nor without receiving their sacraments. My divine heart shall be their safe refuge in this last moment.

5. Are the First Fridays a “ticket” to heaven?

It is not as simple as going to Mass for nine months and then clocking out, never going to Mass again and leading a sinful life! The entire purpose of this devotion is to draw a person closer to the heart of Christ. If a person fulfills these obligations with sincere faith, it is natural for he or she to be closer to God and better prepared for death. The moment that this devotion is observed in a superstitious manner, neglecting the need to live a virtuous life, all bets are off and Jesus' promise is null and void.

Jesus wants us to rest on his heart, like Saint John, and the First Friday devotion is an opportunity for us to encounter him more than just on Sundays and to deepen our love of him. Coming to know, love and trust that we may take rest in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and place our anxieties within, is what the First Fridays are all about.

BE ABUNDANTLY ENRICHED WITH THE DIVINE TREASURES OF HIS HEART

“And He [Christ] showed me that it was His great desire of being loved by men and of withdrawing them from the path of ruin, that made Him form the design of manifesting His Heart to men, with all the treasures of love, of mercy, of grace, of sanctification and salvation which it contains, in order that those who desire to render Him and procure Him all the honor and love possible, might themselves be abundantly enriched with those divine treasures of which His heart is the source.”

From Revelations of Our Lord to Saint Mary Margaret Alacoque