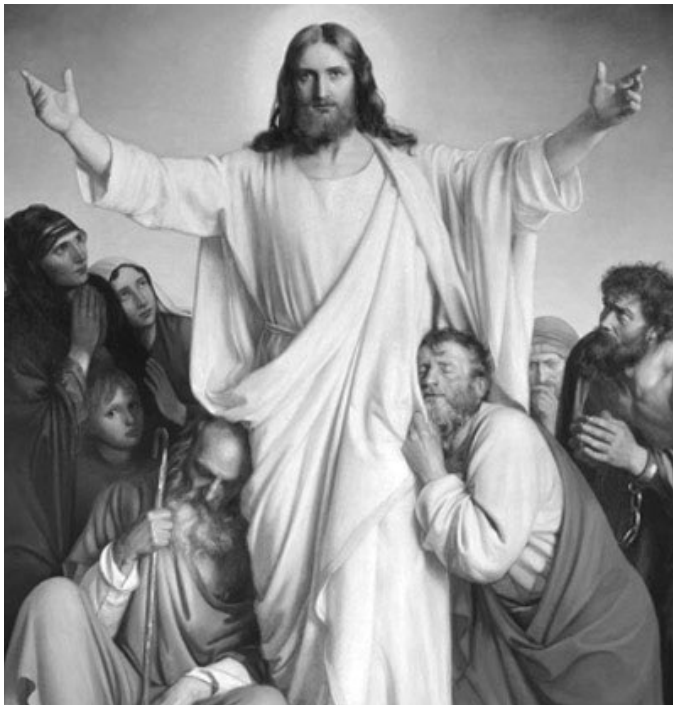


FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Mother's Day

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

May 14, 2017



I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. *John 14:6*

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 – May 13

5:00 PM All the Mothers of the Parish

Sunday, May 14 – Fifth Sunday of Easter and Mother's Day

8:30 AM All the Mothers of the Parish

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – All the Mothers of the Parish

12:00 PM All the Mothers of the Parish

Monday, May 15 – Saint Isidore

8:15 AM John Kiely

Tuesday, May 16 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Joseph Landolfi, Jr.

Wednesday, May 17 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM Liz Bono

Thursday, May 18 – Saint John I, Pope and Martyr

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Friday, May 19 – Easter Weekday

8:15 AM The Benson Family

Saturday, May 20 – Saint Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:15 AM Peter Sgro

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – May 20

5:00 PM Dorsey Monroe – *7th Anniversary*

Sunday, May 21 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Lila Navajas

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

12:00 PM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi

MEMORIALS

The **Sanctuary Candle** this week is burning in loving memory of Jean, Sharon and Kathy donated by their sister, Linda Pipitone. The candle will burn from May 14th through May 20th.

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 from 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. The prayer facilitator is Diana Roda: (845) 424-4175.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERLINE

Call in your intercessions.

Marian Shrine (Divine Mercy), Stockbridge
800-804-3823

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Todd Morris
Lucas Boesch	Joseph Nowakowski
Electra Bokanoski	Brian O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Robert Broughal	Luis Padilla
The Brusco Family	Rosario Padilla
Kathleen Clements	Neilan Pierce
Joseph C. Etta	Vivian Pisanelli
Christopher Hartly	Joan Rosado
Joseph Hoda	Phillip Rossignol
Parker Jane Holloway	Melissa Castro-Santos
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Miguel Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Laura Schiele
Geoff Lyons	Sally Singh
Kathleen Manganello	Ralph Torres
Mary Marion	Connie Tuomey
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Jean Frisenda	Pamela Mackey
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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: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

WEEKEND OF MAY 7, 2017
REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,775

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	106	8	114
Sunday, 8:30 am	83	15	98
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	41	5	46
Sunday, 12:00 pm	89	23	112
Total	319	51	370

Banns of Marriage

NICK PIDALA & ANGELA CLAFFEY
 Wedding Date – May 26, 2017

NICHOLAS NASTASI & EMILY LOMBARDO
 Wedding Date – June 3, 2017

HEALING MASS

Thursday, May 18th • 7:00 pm
 St. Patrick's Church • 137 Moseman Road • Yorktown
 Heights, NY • (914) 526-6538

Come early for songs of praise at 6:45 pm. Msgr.
 Edward Barry will be the celebrant. Individual prayer for
 healing will follow the Mass. Bring your physical,
 emotional and spiritual needs to the Lord for His healing
 touch.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • May 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 the weekend of May
 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.

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR
 THE 2017-18 SCHOOL YEAR**

Registration information for the 2017-18 school year has
 been mailed to all families enrolled in our Religious
 Education Program this past year. 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. Thank you!

*Congratulations to our Confirmandi who
 received the Sacrament of Confirmation on
 Friday, May 5th.*

Daniel Bajsicki	Desirea Hyatt
Fallon Barry	Emily Jones
Maria Barry	Nicholas Marino
Frank Bentkowski	Graeme McGrath
Robert Bohl	John O'Hara
Johnathan Bradley	James Phillips
Everett Campanile	Daniel Santos
Carlo Cofini	Darrin Santos
Sabrina Costantini	Vincenzo Scanga
John Dwyer	Andrew Scicluna
Shannon Ferri	James Timmons
Luke Flagler	Kevin Van Tassel
Sophia Giunti	Sydney Warren

*Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who
 received the Sacrament of First Holy
 Communion on Saturday, May 13th.*

Madelyn August	Louis Lopez
Ryan Cavallaro	Andre McMahon
Margaret Clemente	Corazon McMahon
Cooper Corless	Eleanor Mercurio
Marco DiLello	Robert Murphy
Madison Flagler	Salvatore Pidala IV
Erin Fronio	David Powlis
Tess Hereford	Matilda Regnier
Ames Jannetta	Kate Resi
Christine Junjulas	Patrick Shields
Dominik Kulan	Kiyoshi Tomizawa
Nicholas LeMon	

IT IS JESUS YOU SEEK

It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness;
 He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies
 you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is
 He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will
 not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you
 to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your
 hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others
 try to stifle. – *Saint John Paul II*

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GRANT

Thank you to all who gave generously to our collection for Catholic Charities on Super Bowl Sunday. In response to your generosity, Catholic Charities has given us a grant of \$1,500 for the Philipstown Food Pantry!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD A Holy Day of Obligation



We celebrate the Ascension of the Lord on Thursday, May 25th. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass for the Ascension will be celebrated at Our Lady of Loretto Church on:

Wednesday, May 24th at 5:00 pm
Thursday, May 25th at 8:15 am and 7:30 pm

The Catholic Catechism summarizes three important theological aspects of the Ascension concisely:

- Christ's Ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain, whence he will come again (cf. Acts 1:11); this humanity in the meantime hides him from the eyes of men (cf. Col 3:3).
- Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, precedes us into the Father's glorious kingdom so that we, the members of his Body, may live in the hope of one day being with him for ever.
- Jesus Christ, having entered the sanctuary of heaven once and for all, intercedes constantly for us as the mediator who assures us of the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit (665-667).

Prayer for Healing after Receiving Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist

Lord, let your precious Body and Blood mix with mine and travel through my body, healing all my fears, all my illnesses and fill me with your peace.

Let your precious Body and Blood mix with mine and flow throughout my being. Make me into all you would have me to be, that I might love like you.



EUCHARISTIC 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...

- May 15 – All mothers of the parish
- May 22 – In thanksgiving for our catechists
- May 29 – The intentions of the Blessed Mother
- Jun 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar." – St. Maximilian Kolbe

DO YOU TRUST IN THE VIRGIN MARY? SPEAK TO HER WITH THIS PRAYER...

"Thank you for being a mother who will never leave me..."

Aleteia.org, by Carlos Padilla Esteban – What better describes a mother than unconditional love for her children, her willingness to succor them, to lift them when they fall, guide them when they are losing their way? Do children always know, though, how to call out "Mama, help!" once they have grown? When we feel too big for a Mama, how do we come to Mary, our mother, and ask her to succor us, lift us, and guide us?

We could pray to Mary in these words: *"Dear Mother, I surrender to you all that I am and have. I am called to give you my life. It doesn't matter that I am broken. It doesn't matter that I am wounded. Thank you, Mother, for loving me. Thank you for being with me. Thank you for walking at my side every step of the way. Thank you for being a mother who will never leave me in times of difficulty. Thank you for being my Mother."*

We can give everything when we know that there are arms waiting to hold us up. Father José Kentenich once said, *"In order to strengthen my childlike trust, I will be aware at all times that the Heavenly Father is all-powerful, good, and faithful. Our greatest concern must be to live each second infinitely unconcerned. This lack of worry is not born from an attitude of negligence, but from trust in God. We are not unconcerned because we disconnect from what is happening on the earth; no, we concern ourselves for earthly things in just measure, but behind our work shall always be the unmovable confidence expressed in the words: 'Mater habebit curam' – the Mother will take care of it."*

She will look after our lives. And we should learn to abandon ourselves, to let go of the reins, to leave aside what burdens and constrains us. We should strive for that attitude of trust, to fix our gaze on she who sustains us on our way.

On Mother's Day 7 GREAT TIPS FROM POPE FRANCIS TO MOMS

The Holy Father offers these suggestions, along with his thanks for being the "strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism".

Aleteia.org, by Carmen Elena Villa-Spain – Check out these great tips and reflections from Chapter 5 of the pope's document on family and love, *Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love)*:

1. Children are never a mistake. "There are those who dare to say, as if to justify themselves, that it was a mistake to bring these children into the world. This is shameful!" He asks that children always be recognized as a gift of God, even when they were not within the couple's original plans.
2. No sacrifice is too large when made for your child.
3. Citing Pope John Paul II, Francis refers to pregnancy as participating in "the mystery of creation, which is renewed with each birth." These nine months are full of hopes and dreams, as the mother wonders what her baby's life will be like. Francis encourages expectant mothers: "Keep happy and let nothing rob you of the interior joy of motherhood. Your child deserves your happiness. Don't let fears, worries, other people's comments or problems lessen your joy at being God's means of bringing a new life to the world. Prepare yourself for the birth of your child, but without obsessing, and join in Mary's song of joy: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my Savior'... Try to experience this serene excitement amid all your many concerns, and ask the Lord to preserve your joy, so that you can pass it on to your child."
4. Children are not the result of personal goals or expectations. He or she is not an accessory or a solution to some personal need. He or she is a human being. "A child is a human being of immense worth and may never be used for one's own benefit. So it matters little whether this new life is convenient for you, whether it has features that please you, or whether it fits into your plans and aspirations." The pope adds, "We love our children because they are children, not because they are beautiful, or look or think as we do, or embody our dreams. We love them because they are children. A child is a child." The pope invites parents to await the birth of their children with tenderness, to accept them unconditionally and to welcome them without expecting something in return.
5. Children need the love of their father and mother, who help them to mature harmoniously. They also need the love that the parents have for each other. "The love of parents is the means by which God our Father shows his own love," the pope says. "Husband and wife, father and mother, both 'cooperate with the love of God the Creator, and are, in a certain sense, his interpreters.' They show their children the maternal and paternal face of the Lord. Together they teach the value of reciprocity, of respect for differences and of being able to give and take."
6. Francis recommends wisely integrating the demands of

a job with the responsibilities of motherhood, especially noting the importance of accompanying children in a special way during their early years. He says an absence of the "maternal presence with its feminine qualities poses a grave risk to our world."

7. And he reminds women of the need to use their feminine genius: their tenderness, compassion and capacity to welcome. "Their specifically feminine abilities – motherhood in particular – also grant duties," he says, "because womanhood also entails a specific mission in this world, a mission that society needs to protect and preserve for the good of all."

The pope thanks mothers, saying they are "the strongest antidote to the spread of self-centered individualism... It is they who testify to the beauty of life." Certainly, "a society without mothers would be dehumanized, for mothers are always, even in the worst of times, witnesses to tenderness, dedication and moral strength." "Dear mothers," he says, "thank you! Thank you for what you are in your family and for what you give to the Church and the world."

A Mother's Day Prayer



Lord Jesus, You have known a mother's love and tender care, and we ask You to hear for our mothers most dear, this Mother's Day prayer.

Protect the lives, we pray, of those who have given us the gift of life. May our mothers know from day to day the deepening glow of joy that comes from Your Presence.

We cannot pay our debts for all the love that we have received; but, You, Lord, will not forget their due reward.

Bless our mothers both on earth and in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH

Mary is a woman of hope...

Only because she believes in God's promises and awaits the salvation of Israel, can the angel visit her and call her to the decisive service of these promises. Mary is a woman of faith: "Blessed are you who believed", Elizabeth says to her (Luke 1:45). The Magnificat – a portrait, so to speak, of her soul – is entirely woven from threads of the Holy Scriptures, threads drawn from the Word of God.

Here we see how completely at home Mary is with the Word of God, with ease she moves in and out of it. She speaks and thinks with the Word of God; the Word of God becomes her word, and her word issues from the Word of God. Here we see how her thoughts are attuned to the thoughts of God, how her will is one with the will of God. Since Mary is completely imbued with the Word of God, she is able to become the Mother of the Word Incarnate.

– Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI