

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

January 7, 2018



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. *Matthew 2:10-11*

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 6

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

Sunday, January 7 – The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM Carlos Quintanilla

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Teresa Pfeifer

12:00 PM James Mitchell

Monday, January 8 – The Baptism of the Lord

8:15 AM Mike Morris

Tuesday, January 9 – Weekday (First Week in Ordinary Time)

8:15 AM Mafalda Poli and all the People of the Parish

Wednesday, January 10 – Weekday

8:15 AM Louis Thorpe

Thursday, January 11 – Weekday

8:15 AM Helen Percacciolo – *1st Anniversary*

Friday, January 12 – Weekday

8:15 AM Debbie Phillips

Saturday, January 13 – Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – January 13

5:00 PM Mary Dillon – *12th Anniversary*

Sunday, January 14 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Billy Flaherty

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

12:00 PM James Early – *37th Anniversary*

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

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
Christopher Hartly	Vivian Pisanelli
Joseph Hoda	Joan Rosado
Parker Jane Holloway	Phillip Rossignol
Joey Hyatt, Jr.	Melissa Castro-Santos
Elizabeth M. Hynes	Miguel Santos
Kaitlyn Jandrucko	Sally Singh
Dennis Klubnick	Ralph Torres
Geoff Lyons	Connie Tuomey
Kathleen Manganello	Chris Ventura
Mary Marion	Frank Volkmann
Paula Martino	Lidia Watrud
Merna Mendelson	

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Laura B. Schiele

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

Deborah G. Phillips – December 10th, 2017

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20 or 1 Sm 1:1-8 and 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28 or Mk 1:14-20 and Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,581

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	75	5	80
Sunday, 8:30 am	61	14	75
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	41	2	43
Sunday, 12:00 pm	85	16	101
Total	262	37	299



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Loretto Council #536

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP

Loretto Council, No. 536 is sponsoring the local level of the 2018 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship on Thursday, January 11th (snow date, Thursday, January 18th) at 6:00 PM at the Capuchin Youth and Family Ministries Gym, 781 Route 9D, Garrison. **Registration will start at 5:45 PM.**

All boys and girls ages **9 to 14** are invited to compete in their respective age division. **Age eligibility is determined by the age of the contestant as of January 1st, 2018.** There is no cost to participate. Proof of age (**birth certificate or other proof of age**) and written parental consent will be required on the entry form.

For entry forms or additional information, contact Dan Dillon at 265-3802 or Youth Director Bob Flaherty at 265-3191.

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • January 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 January 27th and 28th.

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

Grand Knight – Bob Murphy

To join, email our Membership Director, John Hackney:
johnhackney@hotmail.com.

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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, January 10th, 2018

Grade 1 – 3:30 to 4:30 pm

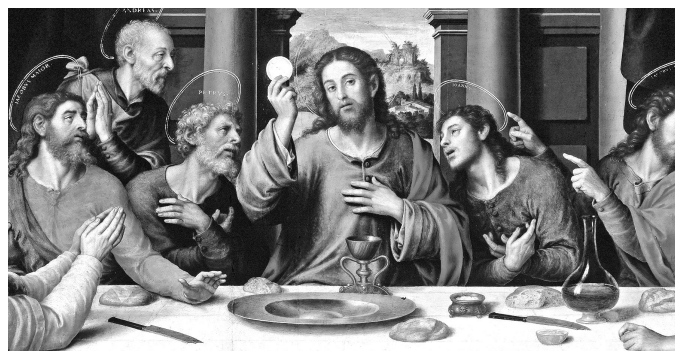
Grades 2 to 5 – 3:30 to 5:00 pm

Grades 6 to 8 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm

Please pray for our Second Graders who will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation today at 1:30 pm.

5TH GRADE FAMILY MASS

Sunday, January 21st • 8:30 am Mass in the Church



FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York, is asked to contact Sister Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000, ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.



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 8 – Doctors, nurses and medical personnel
- Jan 15 – The elderly and grandparents
- Jan 22 – Employees and volunteers of the Parish
- Jan 29 – Judicial professionals

PRAYER FOR PUTTING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AWAY

As the Christmas Season ends tomorrow for many Catholics (or today's Epiphany, or Candlemas Day on February 2nd), it is the day to take down Christmas decorations. Here's a prayer to say to make it more meaningful.

Lord Jesus, today we will put all of our Christmas decorations away. Soon, we will enter into Ordinary Time.

Our house will look ordinary again, but Lord, you know and we know that our house has a secret. Deep inside it, all of our Christmas decorations are still here. The blessing of Christmas is always with us, kept in the deep, quiet places of the house.

And Lord, our lives will become ordinary again, but you know that each of us has the grace of baptism. The grace you gave us is always with us, in the deep, quiet places of our soul.

Help our house be a house with Christmas at its core, and help our souls be a place where Jesus always dwells. Help us live the grace of Christmas every day, only without all the trappings. Amen.

DO SOMETHING FOR OUR PARISH IN 2018

We encourage everyone to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and/or Rosary (or any prayer) for our parish. Here are some things to pray for:

- Our parishioners
- Our priests
- Our religious education program
- Our families
- The homebound
- The sick and the suffering
- Loved ones who have died
- Our parish ministries
- An increase in religious vocations from our parish
- That non-Churchgoers in our community will return to the Church and start going to Mass
- The financial needs of our parish

Our Lord said, "Through the Chaplet you will obtain everything, if what you ask for is compatible with My will." (Diary 1731)

Mary promised, "You shall obtain all you ask of me by the recitation of the Rosary."

IRAQI ARCHBISHOP IS ON A MISSION TO SAVE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS FROM EXTINCTION

With ISIS gone, Archbishop Bashar Warda seeks help getting refugees back home.

Aleteia.org, by Zelda Caldwell – Three and a half years ago, after the Islamic State took over Mosul and declared its caliphate from the city's Grand al-Nuri Mosque,

Archbishop Bashar Warda of Erbil suddenly found himself the chief caretaker of 15,000 Iraqi Christian families who had sought refuge in his archdiocese in Kurdistan. While 1.8 million Iraqis and Syrians had also sought safe haven in Kurdistan, Iraqi Christians, reluctant to live amidst ISIS sympathizers, have avoided the United Nations-run refugee camps and instead sought refuge with Archbishop Warda.

Since then, he and his priests have provided food, shelter and medicine and every material need as well as spiritual sustenance for the Christian and Yazidis and other refugees under his care. Now, with the defeat of ISIS in Iraq, Archbishop Warda is working with Christian aid groups to help them return to their villages which are their ancestral homes.

"None of us, as you know, had been trained to be a humanitarian agency in that sense, but we have learned how to care for the people. Because the needs were food, shelter and medicine," he said. "In our area the priests, the church, and the bishop are the point of reference, if they need a job, if they need food, if they need [automobile] bumpers ... for every thing, they come to the church."

Thanks to the generosity of the Knights of Columbus, Aid to the Church in Need, Catholic Relief Services, and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Archbishop Warda said that he has been able to care for the refugees and begin to facilitate their return to their homes.

"Over the last three years the church has provided shelter, food, and medicine, and built schools for the refugees, and it all came from Christians and churches. We haven't received a dollar from any of the states concerning Christians," said Warda. The generosity of Christian groups around the world, he said, renewed his faith.

"Suddenly you receive an email from the Knights, from Aid to the Church in Need, offering help and asking us to come up with proposals," said Bishop Warda, adding, "This is the sign of God's providence – you go to sleep with problems and you wake up with solutions that are not yours. Someone is just working behind the scenes and trying to organize – all you have to do is just surrender. "

Without that continued help, the extinction of Christianity in Iraq looms as a very real threat. In 2003, there were an estimated 1.5 million Christians living in Iraq. Today that number is somewhere between 175,000 and 300,000, according to Stephen Rasche with the Chaldean Catholic Archdiocese of Erbil.

When asked what Americans can do to show solidarity with the persecuted Christians, Warda said to continue praying and to help materially by contributing to the Knights of Columbus, Aid to the Church in Need, and Catholic Relief Services. And thirdly, he said, to continue to raise awareness about the plight of Christians in Iraq.

"Try to use all the channels to make this issue well known and not forgotten. After three and a half years so many people tend to forget or are sometimes tired of always hearing about the persecution of the Christians so we need the voice of our brothers and sisters to remind everyone that the persecution and difficulties and challenges are still there," he said.



Welcome to the Parish of Our Lady of Loretto!

Our warmest welcome to all that celebrate with us... whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish, we thank God for you! If you'd like to register with us, or if any of the following items pertain to you or your family, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

- ☐ Would like to register with the parish
- ☐ Change of address
- ☐ Request collection envelopes
- ☐ Moving out of our parish
- ☐ Need information, please phone ☐ day ☐ evening
- ☐ New telephone number
- ☐ Family member is ill (provide details below)
- ☐ Would like to receive Holy Communion
- ☐ Would like more information about parish group

Note: _____

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

God will also speak to you

"Whenever I go to the chapel, I put myself in the presence of our good Lord, and I say to Him, 'Lord, here I am. Tell me what You would have me do.' If He gives me some task, I am content and I thank Him. If He gives me nothing, I still thank Him since I do not deserve to receive anything more than that. And then, I tell God everything that is in my heart. I tell Him about my pains and my joys, and then I listen. If you listen, God will also speak to you, for with the good Lord, you have to both speak and listen. God always speaks to you when you approach Him plainly and simply." – *Saint Catherine Labouré*

TRUST GOD

"We trust ourselves to a doctor because we suppose he knows his business. He orders an operation which involves cutting away part of our body and we accept it. We are grateful to him and pay him a large fee because we judge he would not act as he does unless the remedy were necessary, and we must rely on his skill. Yet we are unwilling to treat God in the same way! It looks as if we do not trust His wisdom and are afraid He cannot do His job properly. We allow ourselves to be operated on by a man who may easily make a mistake – a mistake which may cost us our life – and protest when God sets to work on us. If we could see all He sees we would unhesitatingly wish all He wishes." – St. Claude de la Columbière

SOLANUS CASEY: THE HUMBLE "DOORKEEPER" PRIEST

Beatified on November 18, 2017, this simple, unpretentious man known as the "Doorkeeper" was the kindly priest who shed his ego so he might serve others.

Aleteia.org, by Larry Peterson – The sixth child of 16 children, Bernard Francis Casey was born to poor, Irish immigrants in Oak Grove, Wisconsin, in 1870. His family and friends called him Barney. When Barney was a young boy he contracted diphtheria and this left him with a permanently raspy voice. Barney was never going to be a singer but that never mattered to him. He had always felt the calling to the priesthood. Unfortunately, there was a bump in the road for Barney. He had to go to work to help support the family.

Barney Casey did what he had to do to earn money. He worked as a lumberjack, a prison guard, a streetcar operator and even as a hospital orderly. He did whatever job he had to the best of his ability, always with serving God as his primary goal. Consequently, his education was put on hold and it took him five years to get back to high school. When he did it was at St. Francis High School Seminary in Milwaukee. He spent five years studying before being able to join the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin. When he was accepted he took the name Solanus, after St. Francis Solanus.

Brother Solanus became Father Solanus Casey at the age of 33. He had to fight to get through his studies but he managed, though he was ordained as a "Sacerdos Simplex" – a simple priest, meaning he wouldn't preach or hear confessions. Father Casey never complained.

For more than 20 years Father Casey lived at St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit. His primary job was that of "doorkeeper." He became known for his service to the sick and for the advice he would give to the visitors who came by. After a while, people began attributing cures and other blessings to Father Casey's interaction with them.

Father Solanus Casey died in 1957. He was a man who opened and closed doors for people. A man who had no ego and was happy to serve God in the simplest of ways. A man who, with the miracles attributed to his intercession, was beatified before tens of thousands of people in a football stadium on November 18, 2017.

Blessed Solanus Casey, please pray for us. And thank you for your wonderful example of how to live.