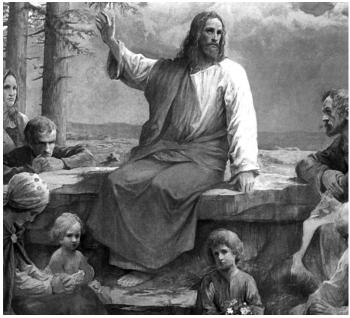
TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

June 10, 2018



"Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." Mark 3:33-35

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 - June 9

5:00 PM Sr. Mary Donnelly – 19th Anniversary Sunday, June 10 - Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Thomas and Joyce Flammer

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

12:00 PM Diana Poli

Monday, June 11 - Saint Barnabas, Apostle

8:15 AM Candido Castro

Tuesday, June 12 - Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Wednesday, June 13 - Saint Anthony of Padua. Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Barbara M. Murphy

Thursday, June 14 - Weekday

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Friday, June 15 - Weekday

8:15 AM Rose Viscardi

Saturday, June 16 - Weekday

8:15 AM Angelina D'Amato

Vigil (Sunday) Mass - June 16

5:00 PM All the Fathers of the Parish

Sunday, June 17 - Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Father's Day

8:30 AM All the Fathers of the Parish

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

12:00 PM All the Fathers of the Parish

MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Candle this week is burning in loving memory of the Frisenda Family, Florence Weise and Santa Huston donated by Joseph M. Frisenda, Sr. The candle will burn from June 10th through June 16th.

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 **Todd Morris** Joseph Nowakowski Lucas Boesch Brian O'Keeffe Electra Bokanoski Inelda O'Keeffe Nicole Bokanoski John Brosnan Luis Padilla Rosario Padilla Robert Broughal The Brusco Family Vivian Pisanelli Bernadette Clement Joan Rosado Kathleen Clements Phillip Rossignol Melissa Castro-Santos Joan Greco Miguel Santos Christopher Hartly Joseph Hoda Frank Sardo Parker Jane Holloway Warren Schiele Joey Hyatt, Jr. Sally Singh Kaitlyn Jandrucko Ralph Torres Dennis Klubnick Connie Tuomev Geoff Lyons Carol Valentine Kathleen Manganello Erna Vecchione Mary Marion Chris Ventura William Marquardt Frank Volkmann Paula Martino Lidia Watrud Merna Mendelson

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.

If you know of anyone who should be removed from the above list for the sick, please call the Parish Office.

MONTH'S MIND

Joseph P. Webber - May 16th

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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 5:1-12 Monday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Wednesday:

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt Friday:

5:27-32

1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt Saturday:

5:33-37

Sunday: Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 2 Cor

5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

WEEKEND OF JUNE 3, 2018

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$6,646
CATHOLIC MISSIONS AMONG BLACK AND INDIAN
PEOPLE – \$1,082

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

| | Adults | Children | Total |
|---|--------|----------|-------|
| Saturday, 5:00 pm | 83 | 7 | 90 |
| Sunday, 8:30 am | 108 | 32 | 140 |
| St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am | 40 | 6 | 46 |
| Sunday, 12:00 pm | 90 | 8 | 98 |
| Total | 321 | 53 | 374 |

Consider becoming a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Altar Server

We especially need help at the following Masses:

Lectors

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm

Eucharistic Ministers

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Saturdays • 5:00 pm

Altar Servers (4th Grade and up)

Our Lady of Loretto Church: Sundays • 12 Noon 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

Sunday • June 24th

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 June 23rd and 24th.

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.

Information can also be found at KofC536.com.

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OUR LADY OF LORETTO PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

"Handing on the Faith"

845-265-3718 * ollfaithformation@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FOR THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

If you have not done so already, please register your children in our 2018-19 Religious Education Program. Late registration begins after June 30th and tuition will be an additional \$25.

Registration forms have been mailed to all families who were enrolled in the program this past year. If you did not receive the registration 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!



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...

June 11 - Parishioners of Our Lady of Loretto

June 18 – All fathers of the parish

June 25 – Doctors, nurses and medical personnel

July 2 – The unborn and persecuted Christians

Just 2 minutes a day with the Gospels, and your life will change, says Francis

"Be silent, so that you may hear His voice ..."

Aleteia.org, Kathleen N. Hattrup – Two minutes a day with the Gospel will change your life, says Pope Francis. Why? "Because you will encounter Jesus. You are encountering the Word."

As he has encouraged on other occasions, the Pope invites youth to carry a pocket-sized Gospel with them and take a moment to read as they're on the bus or sitting at home.

Jesus is always with us. "Jesus made himself our brother, and he invites us to make ourselves incarnate, building together that beautiful ideal of a civilization of love, as his disciples and missionaries in the here-and-now."

In turn, we must be with Jesus "in prayer, in the Word, and the Sacraments. Dedicate time to him. Be silent so that you may hear his voice."

WHAT IS THE ONE WAY IN WHICH LIFE IS ACTUALLY FAIR?

It's the thing that, if we allow it to, teaches us mercy for others.

Aleteia.org, Elizabeth Scalia – Answering the phone, I was alarmed to hear only a deep, guttural sobbing on the other end. After a moment, the caller collected herself enough to say, "I'm sorry. I'm so sorry." "Who is this?" I asked, suspecting a wrong number.

In another second I recognized the voice; it belonged to someone who, 20 years earlier, had spread a serious falsehood about me, one that has damaged friendships and family relationships in the long term. I had, at that time, quietly refuted the lie, confident that the truth would be obvious to anyone who really knew me. I had also determined that this woman's own painful past was the impetus for her malice, and indeed this appeared to be the case; it seems her phone call was part of a sincere effort to work through a 12-step program, and to come to terms with her own suffering. I had prayed for this woman, and had already forgiven her in my heart, but now – for the first time – I finally said the words aloud: "You don't need to think about this anymore," I said. "I forgive you."

The conversation was neither long, nor deep, and a friend of mine later said I should have asked this woman if she intended to call all the people to whom she had lied about me and take back her words.

I couldn't see the point. The people who had believed the lie, I reasoned, must have been willing to believe the worst of me, and for all I knew, such a predisposition was rooted in my own faults and failings – in what I had done; in what I had failed to do. I neither craved a renewed approval from them nor wished to track people down in order to determine which sins of my own had created space for them to accept the lie.

Instead, I went to confession. I admitted once again that I am often an impatient, angry person; an intolerant person; a thoughtless and self-involved person who frequently misses social cues. When I prayed my penance that evening, I asked Christ to reign with His peace, between me and all of the people I had unknowingly or selfishly injured because of my meanness and my me-ness.

It was frankly easier to forgive the woman who had lied about me than to contemplate what behavior of mine had made her words so believable, to anyone. My own mercy toward the woman, in order to be truly just, required that I face some penitential realities.

The great confessor and saint Philip Neri, known as the Apostle of Rome, once heard the confession of a man who had repeated gossip among his neighbors. "For your penance," said Philip, "kill one of your chickens and bring it to us tonight for supper. Pull its feathers as you walk here."

"Yes," said Philip, "just so with gossip."

Philip's habit of genial mercy, served with a side of serious thought, is a model for the way I want to live my life.

Perhaps, as my friend suggested, I should have gently asked my repentant liar to try to gather all of her strewn

feathers, but even if I had, it would not change the fact that we live in a world full of suffering. In fact, the older I get, the more I recognize that the suffering of this world is the one thing in life that is fair – more fair, perhaps than we would like: we all have our turn at suffering. No one misses out; no one escapes suffering at some point in life.

The woman on the phone had suffered. She had finally come to understand that in her suffering, she had inflicted suffering upon me. It is crucial for us to accept that our own sins are often far-reaching, unseen and remarkably destructive. Once we understand this, it becomes much easier to forgive others – even seventy times seven.

It's enough to make one want to gentle oneself – to remember that "as I both suffer and sin, this person does, too," and so hold oneself back from the angry retort, or the spiteful action. To extend a little feather of kindness, or patience, or an extra dollop of mercy, to help dilute all the harm we do to each other, even when we don't fully see it.

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 12th.

Caitlin Alves
Henry Bailey
Riley Chiarella
Jack Conrey
Araliss Coronel
Michael Enright
Martina Kulan
Antonio Lopez
Leonardo Mancinelli
Massimiliano Mancinelli
Maria McFadden

Margaret O'Sullivan Jake Rojas Luciano Ruggiero Mark Scanga Thomas Sexton August Skiptunis Sienna Ventura Aaden Wik Emily Wynn Troy Zemaitis

THANK YOU TO OUR CATECHISTS

As another school year draws to a close, we would like to thank the catechists who make a tremendous commitment to share their time and faith with the young people in our parish. Without them we would not have a Religious Ed Program, and our entire faith community is indebted to them. Thank you,

Claudine Beachak
Teresa Carlson
Silvia LeMon
Rosangela DiLello
Janine Junjulas
Kathryn O'Hara
Denise Masella
Rebecca Weber
Lisa Brown
Diana Roda
Jaime Medina
Carl Treuter
Keith Anderson

...and all other volunteers and substitute catechists.

May God continue to bless you and your families!

WHY CATHOLICS GENUFLECT IN A CHURCH

Court etiquette says we should show this respect to our King, pledging him our service.

Aleteia.org, Philip Kosloski – It is easy to "go through the motions" as Catholics, and one of the easiest gestures to forget the meaning of is the genuflection. Often we will find ourselves mindlessly walking into church, finding a pew and kneeling quickly on one knee before sitting down. We sometimes do it so much without thinking that when we walk down the aisle of a movie theater we end up genuflecting before we sit down for the show! So why do Catholics genuflect when they walk into a church?

Historically speaking, the act of genuflecting on one knee comes from court etiquette and was done while in the presence of a medieval king or noble. It was a sign of respect as well as a pledge of service. Christians adopted this custom over time, and it became fully integrated into the liturgy of the Roman Rite by the 16th century. The left knee was always used to give reverence to a king and so to distinguish the Christian usage of the custom, Christians would genuflect in church on the right knee to God.

God has always been known to Jews and Christians as a king who is rich in mercy and boundless in love. To give honor to that "King of Love," Christians thought it fitting to pay respect and honor to him by genuflecting every time they entered his "court." This meant bending on one knee whenever they passed in front of the tabernacle – the little house in every Catholic church that holds the Blessed Sacrament. For Catholics we believe that Jesus is truly present, Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist and so when we genuflect, we do so because we *are* in God's presence.

The Catechism affirms this teaching, "In the liturgy of the Mass we express our faith in the real presence of Christ under the species of bread and wine by, among other ways, genuflecting or bowing deeply as a sign of adoration of the Lord (CCC 1378)." This also means that Catholics should only genuflect when there is a tabernacle present with the Precious Body within it. There are times in the liturgical year, Good Friday, for example, when the tabernacle is emptied and the doors are open. Since the Eucharist is not within the tabernacle, Catholics do not need to genuflect before getting into the pew. A simple bow is substituted whenever the Eucharist is not present.

A practical tip to know if it is appropriate to genuflect in a Catholic church is to look for the red sanctuary lamp. If it is lit, that means Jesus is present and the proper response is to genuflect to show your love and honor. As a reminder, Catholics are only asked to genuflect while passing before the tabernacle. That means, if a Catholic church has the tabernacle in a separate chapel of Eucharistic reservation, you only genuflect when walking by it, not every time you enter the main body of the church.

In the end, we do these bodily actions because, as Pope Benedict XVI wrote in his book *God Is Near Us: The Eucharist, the Heart of Life:*

[O]ur religion, our prayer, demands bodily expression. Because the Lord, the Risen One, gives himself in the Body, we have to respond in soul and body... all the spiritual possibilities of our body are necessarily

included in celebrating the Eucharist: singing, speaking, keeping silence, sitting, standing, kneeling.

PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

How do you pray all the time? The secret is that not all prayer looks and feels the same.

Aleteia.org, Mike Eisenbath – "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Here are some pillars of unceasing prayer:

Constant Gratitude. From the moment you wake up until you prepare to fall asleep at night, try to be grateful. Thank God for a new day. As the day progresses, turn to thanks whenever appropriate. At the end of the day, reflect gratefully on whatever you experienced, whether joyful or difficult. It's not always easy, but it's necessary and it's holy.

Special Time. Carve out time for specific prayerful activities. Daily Mass can be the most important spiritual activity for anyone, but there's much more possible. You can try Morning, Evening and Night Prayers from the Divine Office. Pray the rosary as often as possible; there's also The Jesus Prayer and recitation of certain other vocal prayers, such as the Litany of Humility.

Frequent Intercession. We probably frequently receive requests to pray for people and come across special intentions. Every Sunday, reflect on each one of those needs and people, and muse on exactly how you would like for God to bless them. Then set a specific time, when feasibly possible, to take five minutes to run through that list mentally and ask God to bless them. As you momentarily say each name or situation, picture that person in your mind and call them to mind in your heart.

Meditation/Contemplation. Reserve daily carved-out time for external silence and as much internal silence as you can develop. You might begin by meditating on an aspect of God or your relationship with Him. Ultimately, hope to move to a place where you're not thinking of anything but instead you're simply contemplating God's love. That can take many forms and mental images. It definitely takes practice. In the end, it's a gift from God.

Occasional Music. Listen to a favorite sacred song on your phone and use that for some meditating-prayer. Or shut all that off and simply sing a song of praise.

Dedicated Breath and Action. Before you completely embark on the day, you can quietly focus on your breathing. "God," we can say, "I give you every breath. Every time I inhale, please let me take you in, Father. Every time I exhale, please let me share you with the world, Jesus. Let me love and be loved. Holy Spirit, move in me to direct all my work, my play, my words and thoughts and feelings. I offer all to you as a sacrifice of love."

"For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart; it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something great, supernatural, which expands my soul and unites me to Jesus." – Saint Thérèse of Lisieux