

The Catholic Community of

OUR LADY OF LORETO CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Loreto is a Catholic Community brought together by the belief that Jesus is Lord. We are called to share in His mission to bring about the Kingdom of God in our midst by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in word and deed. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to build a community where all are welcomed, loved, needed, and appreciated. We will recognize and affirm the gifts and talents of one another while proclaiming the ideal of shared ministry. We make this pledge in confidence that the Lord will assist us and bless us as we strive to realize this vision.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily

Tuesday & Thursday, 8:00 a.m. Mass

Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 11:00 a.m. Mass



SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Parish registration for baptism is required. Pre-baptism instruction is required. Please call the parish office for appointment. 203-757-6112

Reconciliation (Confession):

Saturdays 3:30 p.m.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office six months in advance. 203-757-6112

Sick Calls:

Please contact the parish office if you are homebound, in the hospital or in a nursing home. 203-757-6112

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA)-The process of initiating the unbaptized into the Catholic Faith and to bring uncatechized Catholics into full participation in our Faith.

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 3:30pm



Church News

SATURDAY, Dec 19, Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Advent
4:00 p.m. Christmas Remembrance
† Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Lombardo
† Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Bender
by the Family

SUNDAY, Dec 20, Fourth Sunday of Advent
11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family

TUESDAY, Dec 22, Late Advent Weekday
8:00 a.m. Christmas Remembrance
† Russo and Knott Families
by Carol Russo

THURSDAY, Dec 24, Vigil, The Nativity of the Lord
4:00 p.m. Our Parish Family -
Christmas blessings

FRIDAY, Dec 25, The Nativity of the Lord
11:00 a.m. Our Parish Family -
Christmas blessings

SATURDAY, Dec 26, Vigil, Holy Family
4:00 p.m. Remembrance
† Eleanor and Joseph Cleto
by the Family



SUNDAY, Dec 27, Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph
11:00 a.m. 7th Anniversary Remembrance
† Filomina Mancini
requested by Nick and Family

- ◆ Due to early bulletin printing submission deadlines, offertory information will be posted as they are available. Thank you for your understanding!
- ◆ The 2021 Mass Intention book is now open! Please call the office to schedule your masses and/or sanctuary candles.
- ◆ Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
 - * We appreciate your cooperation and patience with all the safety guidelines.
- ◆ Thank you for continuing to send in your offertory contributions! We appreciate the support.
- ◆ The dispensation from the Sunday mass obligation has been extended through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

~ Have a blessed week ~



Friday, January 1, 2021 is
the Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God.
Mass is 11 am.

Thank you for your generosity to this
year's Giving Tree collection.

Thanks

Your kindness is greatly appreciated!



The Holy Mass is the most precious gift one can offer for another person. Remembering someone with a Mass honors him or her in a unique way surrounding them with the warmth of God's love. A Mass may be offered for anyone, living or deceased. To arrange a Mass please call the parish office.



*The Sanctuary Candle burns this
week for the Christmas
Remembrance for the*

Russo and Knott Families

requested by Carol Russo



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The Journey

Advent comes along every year and will continue to do so until Jesus returns. As this season draws to a close, we can each ask ourselves, "Am I now any better a disciple of Jesus Christ and more of a steward of all my gifts than before the Advent season started?" I have been on this earth for 40+ years. I have had 40+ Advents to draw closer to God and to work on taking more seriously my baptismal call. Some have gone better than others, but I would like to think my spiritual life progressed at least a small amount during each of them.

Conversion is a process. Stewardship is about a way of living and it is about more than simply being generous when a situation calls for it. Stewardship and conversion go hand-in-hand and we are always moving closer to holiness in Jesus Christ. Living in this way takes practice and commitment. If this Advent didn't go as you had hoped, remember is not really an end. It is just another step along your journey.

This Christmas, while you are giving and receiving gifts and hopefully spending time with those you love, may you take the time to cherish the true gift that came to us over 2000 years ago and continues to call us to this day: Jesus. Let us be grateful beyond measure for this gift above all gifts, let us continue on our journey, and let our lives give testimony to the one who leads us.

- Tracy Earl Welliver



Good news! Beginning 12/28/20 you will be able to enroll in our new online giving program for our 2021 collections! The online giving service is provided by OSV, the same company that supplies our offertory envelopes. Enrolling in online giving is safe, secure and convenient. Parishioners can enroll at any time, and you can change or stop online giving at any time.

The link to the OSV website will be on our website (<https://www.osvhub.com/ourladyofloretowtby/funds/parish-maintenance-fund>). To get started simply click on the link and follow the directions. Step by step instructions are available on our website should you need them.

The following are some helpful hints and tips to assist you with the best way to set-up your online giving funds.

- Please note that you can make changes, additions, or cancelations at any time.
- OSV calls collections funds. If they refer to fund or funds they are referring to what we know as collections.
- Contributions can be made by a bank account or credit card. You have the ability to set the frequency of the payments and the dates (see further information below regarding this); contributions can be one-time only, or recurring.
- All the collections throughout the year are available for you to select to donate. And you must enter contribution information into every fund that you would like to contribute. There are descriptions for each fund you can contribute. For special collections that are in memory of a loved one, like the holiday flower collections, there is a place for notes that you can use to write in the names you wish to have honored. You can either go in one time and make your contribution decisions for the year, or you can go in at any other time interval, i.e. monthly, and select the "2nd" collections on a month to month basis. It's up to you!
- With the exception of the weekly, monthly, and parish maintenance collections, all the other collections will have a specific end date which means that no contributions can be made to that collection past the end date. It also means that at the beginning of every year, you will need to add your contributions to those collections, if you wish to contribute. The weekly, monthly, and parish maintenance collections are open-ended so once you set them up, you can basically "set it and forget it!"
 - Suggested payment frequencies and payment dates (which will most often be Thursdays or Fridays unless otherwise indicated):
 - Weekly offertory: recurring; weekly
 - Monthly collection: recurring; monthly
 - Parish maintenance*: recurring; quarterly (even though there are 6 collections during the year) or you can do a one time payment at the time of each collection.
 - Archdiocesan collections/Holiday collections/Flower collections/Holy Day collections etc.: one time payments; date the collection is taken at church (date on the envelopes). Reminder... these are the collections that you will need to go in and update each new year.
- A list of the 2021 collections and dates will be available on the website to print to help you determine payment dates.
- Help is only a phone call (to the office) away!

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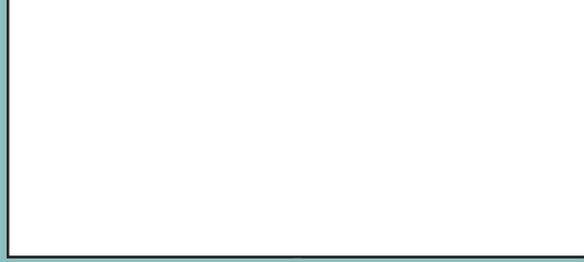
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