

YEAR OF FAITH²⁰¹²₂₀₁₃

CHURCH OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

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OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

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WE CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST:

Weekday Masses: Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday Evening: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 AM

Holy Day Vigil: 5:10 PM

Holy Day: 8:00 AM; 9:00 AM & 7:30 p.m.

WE CELEBRATE RECONCILIATION:

Confessions: Saturday 4:00 - 4:45 PM

WE CELEBRATE BAPTISM:

Each Sunday at 12:00 noon

WE CELEBRATE MARRIAGE:

Arrangements can be made by calling the Rectory for an appointment.

WE CELEBRATE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

First Saturday of every month at 9:00 am in the church

FROM THE PASTOR

July 7, 2013

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saint Maria Goretti, Martyr of Holy Purity

Dear Parishioners of our Beloved St. Paul the Apostle Parish:

May I first of all extend sincere gratitude to all of you who have welcomed me so warmly as your new pastor. I am very grateful to be here at St. Paul's and I pray for each of you daily, especially the sick and homebound whom I hope to visit in my first few weeks and months here. I am so grateful to all of you. May God bless and reward each one of you.

On this weekend when we are still celebrating Independence Day, we give thanks to God for all the many freedoms we are so privileged to have and pray that God will bless our beloved country and those serving in the armed forces of our nation. It was my honor to have served for eight years as a chaplain in the United States Air Force and there met so many outstanding men and women who gave so much for our nation. May I express sincere gratitude to our own parishioners who have served or who are serving in the military. July is also the month of the Most Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and my letter of next week will address that wonderful mystery, the price of our redemption. But today I would like to tell you of one of the greatest of the modern saints, St. Maria Goretti, whose Feast is kept every year on July 6th.

St. Maria Goretti was born October 16, 1890 at Corinaldo, a village some thirty miles from Ancona, Italy, the daughter of a farm-worker, Luigi Goretti, and his wife Assunta Carlini. They had five other children, and in 1896 the family moved to Colle Giancesuolo, near Galiano, and later to Ferrieri di Conca, not far from Nettuno in the Roman Campagna. It is there at Nettuno and Anzio that one may visit the American Cemetery where so many of the soldiers of our dear nation who died at the Battle of Anzio are buried. Almost at once after settling down there, Luigi Goretti was stricken with malaria and died. His widow had to take up his work as best as she could, but it was a difficult struggle and every small coin and bit of food had to be looked at twice. Of all the children none was more cheerful and encouraging to her mother than Maria, commonly called Marietta.

On a hot afternoon in July 1902, Maria was sitting at the top of the stairs in the cottage, mending a shirt. She was not quite twelve years old, and it must be remembered that in Italy girls mature earlier than in more northern countries. Presently a cart stopped outside and a neighbor, a young man of eighteen named Alessandro Serenelli, ran up the stairs. He beckoned Maria into an adjoining bedroom; but this sort of thing had happened before and she refused to go. Alessandro seized hold of her, pulled her in, and shut the door.

Maria struggled and tried to call for help, but she was being half-strangled and could only protest hoarsely, gasping that she would be killed rather than submit. Whereupon Alessandro half pulled her dress from her body and began striking at her blindly with a long dagger. She sank to the floor, crying out that she was being killed: Alessandro plunged the dagger into her back, and ran away.

An ambulance fetched Maria to a hospital, where it was seen at once that she could not possibly live. Her last hours were most touching—her concern for where her mother was to sleep, her forgiveness for her murderer (and she now disclosed that she had long been going in fear of him, but did not like to say anything lest she cause trouble with his family), her childlike welcoming of the Holy Viaticum (the last reception of the Holy Eucharist "*on the road*" to the next life). Some twenty-four hours after the assault, Maria Goretti died. Her mother, the parish priest of Nettuno, a Spanish noblewoman and two nuns, had watched by her bed all night.

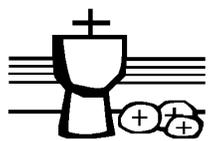
Alessandro was sentenced to thirty years' penal servitude. For a long time he was surly, brutal, and unrepentant. Then one night he had a dream or vision in which Maria Goretti appeared gathering flowers and offering them to him. From then on he was a changed man, and so exemplary a prisoner that at the end of twenty-seven years he was released. His first act when free was to visit Maria's mother to beg for her forgiveness. She forgave him, saying that if Maria had forgiven him on her deathbed then she could not do less, and they attended Mass together the next day, receiving Holy Communion side by side.

Meanwhile the memory of his victim had become more and more revered. The sweetness and strength of her life before her untimely end was recalled, people prayed for her intercession in Heaven; answers, even miracles, were attributed to that intercession and in response to a widespread wish, the cause of her beatification was introduced. On April 27, 1947, Maria was declared blessed by Pope Pius XII. When he afterwards appeared on the balcony of St. Peter's he was accompanied by Maria's mother, Assunta Goretti, then eighty-two years old, together with two of Maria's sisters and a brother. Pilgrims came from all over Italy, and the pope addressed them, presenting Maria as a new St. Agnes and calling down woe on the corrupters of chastity in the press and the theater and cinema and fashion-studios. Three years later, the same pope canonized Maria Goretti, in the piazza of St. Peter's, before the largest crowd ever assembled for a canonization up to that time. Her murderer was still alive and present in the St. Peter's crowd to celebrate her canonization.

A number of "popular" canonizations of early times notwithstanding (the public acclaim of sainthood by the faithful in the early Church before the formal ecclesiastical process existed), a violent and unjust death alone is not sufficient to constitute martyrdom. (The common idea that St. Joan of Arc, for example, was a martyr is mistaken.) But St. Maria Goretti was killed in defense of Christian virtue, and so she was every bit as much a martyr as if she had died for the Christian faith. And it was Cardinal Salotti's opinion that, "Even if she had not been a martyr she would have still been a saint, so holy was her everyday life." (All of the above excerpted mainly from Butler's *Lives of the Saints* and other sources.)

One of the most important aspects of the story of the virgin-martyr St. Maria Goretti is her forgiveness for her attacker; and her concern for her attempted rapist/murderer extended even beyond death. Her feast day is July 6, the day of her death. She is the patroness of chastity, youth, young women, purity, the victims of rape, and forgiveness. She is an example of Christian virtue and true femininity in the midst of our morally decadent society. May we seek her intercession, especially for the preservation of chastity in all people, but especially our youth. St. Maria Goretti, pray for us!

In Jesus and Mary,
Msgr. Pereda



Our Weekly Masses

Monday, July 8

8:00 AM Charles Maione

Tuesday, July 9

8:00 AM Geri Marie Durano

Wednesday, July 10

8:00 AM Marie Lupo

Thursday, July 11

8:00 AM Marie Doogan

First Friday, July 12

8:00 AM Joseph Lebkuether

Saturday, July 13

5:00 PM Gennaro, Lucia & Silvio Oliva

Sunday, July 14

8:00 AM Eugene Reilly

9:30 AM Parishioners of St. Paul

11:00 AM Branko Seminicki

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to the parents and families of the following children who were baptized at St. Paul's this month: Gordon Pasquarotto, Antonio Galeas, Logan George, Andrew Barbero, Shea Murcott, Vincenzo Famulari, George Vacchio, Nina Lastihenos.

IN REMEMBRANCE

Please remember in your prayers those who were recently buried from St. Paul's this month: Jennie Tymciw, Catherine LaPenna, Paul Marcone, John Dowden, Enis Rizzo, Cecilia Eberle, Robert Callahan, Branko Semnicki, Philomena Wysolovski, Mildred Dalia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Joan Britt, Geraldine Jesberger, Mario Vona, Linda DiBenetto, Bobby Sullivan, Bill Caniano, Matthew DiLascio, Raffaele D'Onofrio, William & Patricia Potter, Joyce Comich, Dawn Comisa, Rebecca Slater, Joseph Drapeylo, Noella Rao, Mary Rozmus, Christopher Louie, Anthony Grasso, Sr. Eva Ermandes, OP, Brian Rothmeier, Anthony Ambrosio, Ryan Hassankhani, Johanger Hassankhani, Michael DiBari, Sr. Regina Kraft, O.P., Ruth Lehmann, Eugene Armyn, William Hundt, Ralph Sabatello.

ALTAR BREAD, WINE, & CANDLES

There was no intention for the Altar Candles, Bread and Wine used at Masses this week.



Presiders at Weekend Eucharist

Weekend – July 13-14

Saturday, July 13

5:00 pm Msgr. Pereda

Sunday July 14

8:00 am Marianist

9:30 am Msgr. Pereda

11:00 am Msgr. Pereda



This schedule is subject to change depending on the availability of the Priest Presiders.

PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED SERVICE



Please pray for our parishioners

David J. Munafo, 1st Lt. US Army

John P. Orr, Lt. jg, US Navy CEC

Steven Paniccia, Pfc, US Army

Robert Simon, Jr. MS, US Army

Michael F. Wendelken, Lt. US Navy

SPRING PRAYER GROUP

Our Prayer Group / Bible Study meets Thursdays @ 7:30 p.m. in the Red Barn. All are welcome! Bring your Bible and Rosary. Phone Linda at 317-2139 for further information.



New Address

Msgr. Robert J. Clerkin
Parish of SS. Cyril & Methodius
125 Half Hollow Road
Deer Park, NY 11729-4288

(631) 667-4044



Summer Recess – Remember, there is no vacation from God! See you at Sunday Mass?
Religious Education Registration is now underway for the '13'14 School Year. Phone Louise 938-4530 for further information. We can also use additional catechists/teachers



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Weekend of June 29-30

Unavailable at print time

Peter's Pence

Unavailable at print time

Thank you for your faithful Stewardship to our Parish Family and to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. God Bless you!

OUR SENIOR ADULT CLUB

The next Meeting of our St. Paul's Senior Adult Club will be Thursday, July 25th at 1:00 p.m. in the Lower Hall.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Our St. Paul's K of C will meet Thursday, July 18 @ 7:30 pm. Squires will meet on Thursday, July 25 @ 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Church Hall.

MARIAN GUILD

The next Meeting of our St. Paul's Marian Guild will be Wednesday, September 18th, @ 6:30 pm. Have a great summer!



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for a day-long experience filled with opportunities for prayer, reflection, reconciliation and fellowship

For further information phone

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