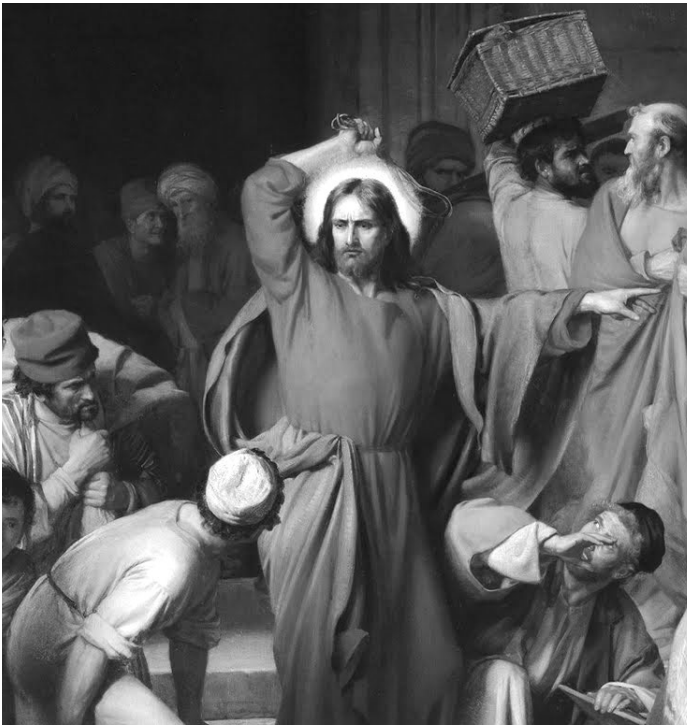


THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

March 4, 2018



"Zeal for your house will consume me." *John 2:17b*

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 – March 3

5:00 PM Frank Pidala, Jr. and Family

Sunday, March 4 – Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Edward, William and Terrance Mangan

10:15 AM *St. Joseph's* – Josephine and Stephen Genova

12:00 PM Betty Hynes

Monday, March 5 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Ugo Scanga

Tuesday, March 6 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Debbie Phillips

Wednesday, March 7 – Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

8:15 AM Michael Peparo

Thursday, March 8 – Saint John of God, Religious

8:15 AM Gladys Kivel

Friday, March 9 – Saint Frances of Rome, Religious Day of Abstinence

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 10 – Lenten Weekday

8:15 AM Jacqueline Davoren

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – March 10

5:00 PM Michael Danaher

Sunday, March 11 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Ann Marie and John Flammer

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

12:00 PM Agnes J. Impellitteri – 5th Anniversary

CHOIR REHEARSALS

Children Easter Choir rehearsals will be held on Mondays, March 5th through March 26th, from 3:30 to 4:15 pm at the Church.

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

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.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21 Alternate readings (Year A): 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 25, 2018

DOUBLE COLLECTION – \$7,612

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	101	10	111
Sunday, 8:30 am	71	30	101
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	25	4	29
Sunday, 12:00 pm	103	25	128
Total	300	69	369

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Put on by Loretto Council of the Knights of Columbus

**Saturday, March 17th
6:00 to 9:00 pm**

In the Parish Hall

Menu

Corned beef, cabbage, Irish soda bread and more!
Children's menu available

Tickets on sale after Mass this weekend and next weekend.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Loretto Council #536**

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

Saturday • March 17th (see above for details)

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Sunday • March 25th

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 March 24th and 25th. 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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CLASSES THIS WEEK

Wednesday, March 7th, 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

Children's Easter Choir

The Children's Easter Choir will practice on Mondays, March 5th through March 26th, from 3:30 to 4:15 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church. The choir will sing at the 8:30 am Easter Sunday Mass on April 1st. All children are invited to join – show up at practice or call Jeffrey Lutz at (845) 228-5612.



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...

- Mar 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Mar 12 – Archbishop Dolan and all bishops
- Mar 19 – His Holiness, Pope Francis
- Mar 26 – All children of the parish

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CORNER

We have crossed the halfway point of the school year and the 100th day has been celebrated throughout our schools! March is dedicated to St. Joseph and HONESTY is the value of the month. Catholic schools represent one of the greatest education values today. We are currently accepting applications for the 2018-19 school year for new students entering grades PK3 through 8th. Financial assistance is available for qualified students. Visit ApplyCatholicSchoolsNY.org to submit an application today.

Our next Touring Tuesday will be held on March 14th, from 9-11 am or by appointment. Touring Tuesdays are Open House events, designed to introduce prospective families to the life-long benefits and value of a Catholic education. Reservations are required and can be made online at CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling our bilingual phone line 646-794-2885. All Catholic schools in our region are participating. We look forward to welcoming you!

**Special collection next weekend:
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES**

Next weekend, our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless.

ATTENTION:

**LECTORS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND
ALTAR SERVERS**

A reminder to let us know if you can serve at any of the Masses/Services for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter. We will need multiple lectors for Palm Sunday, the Lord's Passion Service and the Easter Vigil. Lectors, if you are able, please sign up for more than one Mass/Service. Here's the schedule for 2018:

Palm Sunday, March 25th

5:00 pm Vigil (March 24th)
8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's), 12:00 pm

Holy Thursday, March 29th

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 pm

Good Friday, March 30th

The Lord's Passion Service at 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross at 7:30 pm

Easter Vigil, March 31st

Candle Light Service at 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 1st

8:30 am, 10:15 am (St. Joseph's), 12:00 pm

If you can help out at any of these Masses/Services, please contact Anna McFadden: anna.mcfadden@gmail.com or 265-2385. Thank you!

THE BEATITUDES AND THE MASS

Presentation of the orderly progression of the beatitudes in the Holy Mass. This extraordinary connection made while studying the Holy Mass is the focus.

Speaker: Madonna (Donna) Motta

Date: Thursday, March 15th

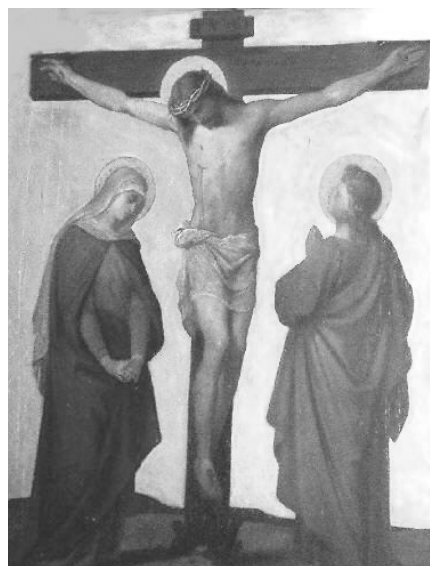
Time: 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Place: Graymoor Spiritual Life Center
3rd Floor Seminar Room

"Life passes, riches fly away, popularity is fickle, the senses decay, the world changes. One alone is true to us; One alone can be all things to us; One alone can supply our need."

– Blessed John Henry Newman

Stations of the Cross



Fridays during Lent

7:30 pm at Our Lady of Loretto Church

**THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION
FOR MARCH**

Formation in Spiritual Discernment. That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion basically consists of making a prayer of desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion. For instance, one can simply pray, "Lord Jesus, I long to receive you in Holy Communion, but because I can't do so now, I ask you to come into my heart through spiritual communion." According to one of the greatest theologians in the Church, St. Thomas Aquinas, this kind of prayer can be amazingly powerful. He wrote that a person who fervently makes such a prayer of spiritual communion can receive the same graces as one who fervently receives sacramental Communion!

Source: Father Michael Gaitley, 33 Days to Merciful Love

"A spiritual Communion acts on the soul as blowing does on a cinder-covered fire which was about to go out. Whenever you feel your love of God growing cold, quickly make a spiritual Communion. 'Quickly!' There's a sense of urgency here. The saints are trying to tell us that we should not limit our union with Christ in the Eucharist to sacramental Communion once a week, or even once a day. We need Christ's living presence in our lives moment-by-moment to nourish us and protect us from sin, so we need to renew our union with Him regularly, especially any time we feel ourselves drifting away. Christ is not merely present in the Eucharist during Mass! The Eucharist is an ongoing fulfillment of Christ's Gospel promise to remain with us: 'Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age' (Mt. 28:20)."

Source: Vinny Flynn, 7 Secrets of the Eucharist

LET'S GET ANGRY – JUST LIKE JESUS!

Righteous anger is an expression of hope, courage and love.

Aleteia.org, Fr. Robert McTeigue, SJ – Is anger always ugly? We might be inclined to quickly say, “Yes, of course!” Within us and around us, we’ve all seen many instances of rage, sometimes self-righteous, sometimes irrational, so often harmful and destructive. So, it’s easy to think of anger as ugly. But is that the only way to think about it? Consider this from Saint Augustine: “Hope has two beautiful daughters. Their names are anger and courage; anger at the way things are, and courage to see that they don’t remain the way they are.” Isn’t that amazing? Have you ever thought before that anger could be beautiful?

I ask these questions because of the Gospel passage of the cleansing of the Temple recorded in John 2:13-25, where we see Jesus quite visibly and kinetically angry. Here’s Jesus flipping over tables, driving people out of the Temple. To understand the power and beauty of Jesus’s anger, let’s recall another instance of his anger. Remember Jesus standing outside of the open tomb of his recently-buried friend, Lazarus (John 11:1-44). Various English translations say that as he prayed he was “greatly distressed in spirit.” That’s a very tepid translation. The original Greek words are quite vivid, and are better translated by a phrase like “he was so distressed his guts were churning” – just like someone in a state of very great anger.

What can we learn from these observations? We can infer that Jesus loves the holiness of his Father, and that he hates death. The holiness of God includes goodness and wisdom – the goodness to make man in his image and likeness, and the wisdom to provide for man to see the face of God and live. When man violates that wisdom and goodness, the inevitable result is death – death in this life, and eternal death in the next. (James 1:14-15) Jesus so loves his Father that his anger blazes at those who besmirch God’s holiness and God’s creation. Loyal Son that he is, He cannot remain still or silent when his Father is dishonored or when his Father’s children are being plundered or abducted by Satan.

Jesus’ anger moves him not to destructiveness but to courage. He knew that His cleansing of the Temple would harden the religious authorities against him – yet he did what was right. He stood before the tomb of Lazarus, confronted death boldly, and took back what belongs to his Father – knowing that his growing fame would hasten his death.

Righteous anger, joined with holy courage, is an expression of hope. Jesus shows us that we don’t have to resign ourselves to our sin or to the reign of the spirit of this world, who is only a usurper and whose days are numbered. Recall this prophecy: “For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and don’t return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to him who sows and bread to him who eats, so shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but shall do My will, achieving the end for which I sent it,” says the Lord almighty.”(Isaiah 55:10-11) So we see that God alone is sovereign, the true ruler of this world, and that no genuine

good can come from disobeying his law or rejecting his providence.

Let’s look at one more important element of the holy anger of Jesus. The strength and intensity of his anger did not keep him from curing those in need, or gently loving children. (Matthew 21:14-17) Even when He was angry, those who needed Jesus were able to approach Him and receive from Him what they needed.

Pray for righteous anger – united with Jesus in defending the honor of our Father and his children. Pray for courage – to confront first in ourselves whatever is unworthy of us as Christians. Pray for hope – confident that God will bring to fulfillment the good work He has already begun in us. If we do that, if we pray and live as good stewards of righteous anger, courage and hope, then we can, as the prophet Isaiah taught us, “turn to the Lord for mercy; to our God, Who is generous in forgiving.”

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR BUSY PEOPLE

Here are some short prayers you can say as you meditate of each of the Stations of the Cross. *Source:* our missalette.

1. Jesus is condemned to death.

Christ, help us to lead a better life and to seek your will.

2. Jesus bears his cross.

Lord, we join you in your journey of suffering.

3. Jesus falls for the first time.

Christ, help us who fall into sinful ways; teach us to rise with you.

4. Jesus meets his mother.

Lord, we implore your mother to console us who mourn.

5. Jesus is helped by Simon.

Christ, help us as we try to do your work in our world.

6. Veronica wipes Jesus’ face.

Lord, help us as we help others.

7. Jesus falls the second time.

Christ, teach us the healing power of penance.

8. Jesus speaks to the women.

Lord, help us to comfort those who have no one to help them.

9. Jesus falls a third time.

Christ, teach us the joy of obedience.

10. Jesus is stripped of his garments.

Lord, help us to model your life of holiness.

11. Jesus is nailed to the cross.

Christ, draw us closer to you from this day forward.

12. Jesus dies on the cross.

Lord, we pray that you will be with us at our hour of death.

13. Jesus is taken down from the cross.

Christ, open our hearts to the beauty of your love for us.

14. Jesus is laid in the tomb.

Lord, help us to walk in your ways all the days of our lives.