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Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2024



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM (Broadcast) & 12:00 PM
Monday thru Saturday..... 9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:30 PM

HOLY HOUR

Every Friday9:30 to 10:30 AM

For a Communion visit and/or
Anointing of the Sick,
please contact the Parish office.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Aristotle has written, "It is easy to become angry. Anyone can do it. But to become angry at the right moment, to the right degree, for the right purpose, in the right manner, is difficult. Only the wise person can accomplish it." What is implied in Aristotle's words is the realization that there are different kinds of anger. There is a destructive anger, which is unfocused, irrational, and wasteful. But there is also a constructive anger that is precise, appropriate, and useful. Aristotle believed that constructive anger is valuable. So did Jesus.

In today's gospel we see Jesus using constructive anger to motivate Himself in the dramatic action in the temple. Now we are not completely sure what Jesus was angry at. He was not angry at the temple itself, for as a good Jew the temple was the center of his religious life, and He prayed in the temple often. He could not be angry at the fact that people were selling animals, because animals were required by Jewish law for sacrifice. Perhaps He was angry at where the animals were being sold or how they were being sold. Perhaps they were sold in an unfair way that discriminated against the poor. Whatever the reason was, Jesus perceived in the action of selling some injustice, and his response to that injustice was anger. Anger motivated Jesus to act against what he believed was wrong.

The example of Jesus reminds us that, as children of God, we are required to do more than pray quietly and promote a peaceful inner disposition. We are also required to act on behalf of what is right, to oppose every evil, oppression, and discrimination. We do these things because we believe that they are contrary to God's kingdom. In this action against evil, there is a kind of anger that is very useful. Constructive anger is a virtue when it is exercised on behalf of the kingdom. Now this can surprise us because some of us were taught that anger is a sin. But only destructive anger is sinful. Constructive anger is not a sin. It is a positive and valuable part of human life.

Look at your own life over the past year. If you cannot think of any time when you were angry, that is not necessarily a good thing. Never being angry does not make us holy; in fact, it might indicate that we are indifferent, indifferent to the injustice and evils that are a part of our world. If, on the other hand, you look over the past year and

realize that you are always angry, that is not a good thing either. When we suddenly burst into rage at the slightest comment, when we explode without any reason, when we discover that we are living constantly with an internal tension, that is an indication that there are unresolved issues in our life that need to be faced. That is a sign that destructive anger controls us. And destructive anger needs to be eliminated.

But contrary to never being angry or always being angry, constructive anger is healthy. It helps us identify what is wrong, and it motivates us to work against it. If you recognize in your life a growing tendency toward self-indulgence and self-centeredness, constructive anger can motivate you to act, to turn things around. If you realize that you are experiencing abuse or manipulation in a relationship, constructive anger can force you to demand a change or to abandon the relationship altogether. If you recognize the policies of your job, of your church, or of our society discriminate against the poor or oppress the weak, constructive anger can cause you to speak out, to organize, to work for doing what is right.

There is no doubt that Jesus is the Prince of Peace. But he is also the Lord of Justice. Jesus did not sit meekly by when he saw evil being imposed on others. Jesus was not afraid of constructive anger. He used it to build the kingdom. So should we.

Peace,
Fr. Monteleone

LENT 2024

7 AM MASS DURING LENT

Beginning February 15th, 7 AM Mass will be celebrated, Monday through Friday.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard every Monday of Lent in the church from 7 PM to 8:30 PM and every Saturday at 4:30 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays during Lent at 7 PM beginning Friday, February 16th through Good Friday, March 29th.

LENTEN MISSION

**Monsignor Robert S Meyer,
Pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish in Summit
will be joining us this 4th Sunday of Lent to speak
on the Spiritual Works of Mercy!**

March 9, 10, 11 and 12, 2024



Monsignor Meyer is an experienced Pastor with a demonstrated history of working in diverse and complicated communities of faith. He is skilled in building up Nonprofit Organizations, successful Financial and Cash Flow Management, Budgeting, Event Planning, Editing, Career Counseling, and Public Speaking. He received his JD from Seton Hall University School of Law, propelling him to become a strong social services professional and social justice advocate, who focuses on community involvement and responsibility. "Father Bob," as he is affectionately known, serves in numerous capacities in higher education, legal, religious and community affairs.

Saturday, March 9

4:30 to 5:00 PM – Confessions (Msgr. Meyer)
5:30 PM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer)

Sunday, March 10

8 AM – Mass (Celebrant: Fr. Monteleone | Homilist: Msgr. Meyer)
10 AM – Broadcast Mass (Msgr. Meyer)
12 PM – Mass (Celebrant: Fr. Nico | Homilist: Msgr. Meyer)

Monday, March 11

9 AM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer)
7 PM – Lenten Talk and Parish Penance Service (Msgr. Meyer)

Tuesday, March 12

9 AM – Mass (Msgr. Meyer)
7 PM – Lenten Talk (Msgr. Meyer)

HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23

4:30 PM Confessions

5:30 PM Mass

Sunday, March 24

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

Holy Monday

March 25

9 AM Mass

Holy Tuesday

March 26

9 AM Mass

Holy Wednesday

March 27

9 AM Mass

TRIDUUM 2024

Holy Thursday

March 28

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Broadcast)

8:30 PM to 10 PM Eucharistic Adoration in the Auditorium

Good Friday

March 29

3 PM Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Broadcast)

7 PM Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

March 30

1 PM Easter Food Blessing

Please note that there is NO 5:30 PM Mass.

Regular confessions at 4:30 PM will NOT be heard.

Saturday confessions at 4:30 PM will resume on

April 6.

8 PM Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

March 31

8 AM, 10 AM (Broadcast), 12 PM

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Fr. Monteleone will be leading the Bible Study on the Book of Isaiah during Mondays at 10 AM during Lent in the Youth Room of the Jubilee Wing.

Mark the Dates:

March 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITY

Our Parish Lenten Penance Service is on Monday, March 11 at 7 PM. There will be visiting priests available to hear confessions. Come and experience God's healing mercy.

XAVIER COMPANY

Whom Shall I Send

a musical drama depicting the call of the disciples and God's call in our own lives, through drama, music and dance, presented by the Xavier Company

Friday, March 24th at 7:00 PM
Saint Philip the Apostle Church

Please Note: This performance will be presented in lieu of Friday Stations of the Cross.

MONUMENT DEDICATION

Ancient Order of Hibernians, Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes, and Junior High Students of the Preparatory School

Invite You

To Attend the 10:00 AM Mass
On Sunday, April 7th, 2024

And

Immediately following the Mass
Join Fellow Parishioners

In the Peace Garden,

Adjacent to the Front of the Church

For The Consecration of the Memorial Stone

To the 65 million Aborted Babies

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

This week Pre-K3 will be working on Feelings and Emotions.

They will create a feeling wheel describing the many emotions that we can feel, and also, we will be showing them pictures of happy, sad, angry, scared, confused, tired, worried faces, and encourage them to identify and label each emotion.

How I am feeling?

		
Happy	Angry	Upset
		
Silly	Nervous	Surprised
		
Frustrated	Hungry	Affectionate
		
Sleepy	Thoughtful	Sick

SOCIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ROSARY

The next meeting of the Rosary Society will be on Monday, March 4, 2024, with Mass and the Rosary at 6:30 in Marian Hall.

Everyone is welcome - come once, twice, or join our beautiful organization honoring our Blessed Mother, we'll be happy to see you!

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DRAWINGS BEGIN AT 7 PM

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KID'S KORNER

Year B

Gospel Today

Third Sunday of Lent | John 2:13-25

Jesus was upset people were conducting the "wrong business" in the temple. They were selling goods, not praying.

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

We say our bodies are our temples - the Spirit of God is in us - eat & act healthy. Jesus also called His body a temple when He said "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days". John 2: 19

Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for _____

This week I will give up/do without _____

This week I will do this act of love/good deed _____

(Sundays optional)

BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left, right, up, down or diagonally.

- Jesus
- Jerusalem
- Temple
- Table
- Exchanging
- Money
- Stop
- Father
- House
- Market
- Sign
- Disciples
- Believed
- People
- Written
- Scripture



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Complete Care at St. Vincent's (formerly St. Joseph's Healthcare and Rehab Center) located at 315 E. Lindsley Rd, Cedar Grove, NJ, is looking for volunteers who can bring residents (mostly in wheelchairs) to Mass and/or can serve as Eucharistic Ministers. Complete Care would welcome volunteers any day, but Sundays are the biggest need. Proof of Vaccination for both Covid and influenza is needed to volunteer. If interested, please contact, Tiffany Romano, Administrator at (973) 754-4856. Thank you!

IN THE AREA

Immaculate Heart Academy is proud to present its 2024 Spring Musical, *Mamma Mia*, on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 PM; Saturday, March 23 at 2 PM and 7:30 PM; and Sunday, March 24 at 2 PM. *Mamma Mia* is a fun musical highlighting hit songs from ABBA and tells the story of Sophie, a bride-to-be who wants to find her father. Through music and dance, Sophie discovers the true meaning of friendship, life, and most importantly, the joy of what love can bring. Student actors performing in the musical come from many area schools including IHA, St. Joseph Regional High School, and Westwood Regional High School. Tickets are \$15 for children, students, and seniors; and \$20 for adults. Tickets can be purchased at www.performingartsattheheart.com. All performances will take place in IHA's Performing Arts Center, 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

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Upcoming Second Collections:
March 10 - Project Faith

WE PRAY FOR...

A Time to be Healed...

Joanne Barrett, Manuel Bacani,
Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Joseph Gore,
Sikora Sisters, Reverend John Klein,
Philip Kutzenko, Carol Saam



MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

8:00 All the People of the Parish
10:00 Kimball Romney
Stephanie Pitonial
Ana and Manuel Santana
- 25th and 10th Anniversary
Frank Errico
12:00 Yusif Novak
Nikki Valle

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024

7:00 Thomas Matteo
9:00 Loretta Pennella - 19th Anniversary

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024

7:00 Rogelio Dela Cruz
9:00 Rosemary Barrett

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2024

7:00 Corazon Nunag
9:00 Eric Angeles, Sr

THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

7:00 JoAnn Marucci
9:00 Rizaldy Quintos

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024

7:00 Elsie and Ella Rodriguez - Special Intentions
Christine Kessler
9:00 Michele Monteleone

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

9:00 Joe DiDonna
Catalina Visda
5:30 Robert Macko
John Szerencsits
RoseMarie Rosamilia

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 John Tomesco
Louise Marinari
10:00 Eric Peterson
Kimball Romney
Maria Cording
Craig Lombardo
12:00 All the People of the Parish



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