

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 3, 2024



THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

First: Exodus 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 78, 12-17

Second: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Gospel: John 2:13-25

FOCUS: *Have zeal for the dwelling place of the Lord.*

Jesus has such reverence for the temple, God's dwelling place, that he overturns tables and drives away those who are abusing its true purpose. This place here, where we are gathered and will receive Jesus in the Eucharist, is God's dwelling place as well. Let us allow Jesus to cleanse our hearts and our minds, that he might renew us as his dwelling place, his temple.

LITURGY OF THE WORD:

In the first reading, God delivers his commandments. Paul explains to the Corinthians that the challenge the Gospel poses to Jews and Gentiles is also the power and wisdom of God to those who receive it. In the Gospel, Jesus drives the money changers out of the temple. When questioned about this, Jesus says he would rebuild the temple in three days if it was destroyed. Later, his disciples understood this to be a prediction of his resurrection.



MASS INTENTIONS

5 p.m.: The Faleni Family, Jose Antonio Tamarez, Maria Nikac and Gene Bové

10 a.m.: Domingo & Rosalina Rodriguez and Chris & Nic Pierce

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: STEWARDSHIP

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize.

Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot such as pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Staff at Campbell Hall Rehabilitation Center said they never had anyone receive as many cards as Deacon John did for his 99th birthday.

"And I read every single one to him," says Anne Bollmann, his sister, who estimates at least 40 were received. "It was so heartwarming. ..."

Many shared vignettes of occurrences between that person or family and my brother, how much his hugs

meant, how his obvious love and caring for others made them better parishioners as well

"Kudos to all of you for sharing those memories!"

Anne also orchestrated a birthday celebration last Friday with family, friends and some finger foods. It was also the first time that sister Dolores Townley had seen her brother in three months – a gift for both of them!



HONORING ST. PATRICK WITH DINNER

On **Saturday, March 16**, our **corned-beef-and-cabbage** tradition returns after the 5 o'clock Mass.



You might even find a Pot of Gold (a/k/a mac and cheese) on the buffet – and with a little bit of Irish luck, Irish bangers, too! And who knows what else the team of leprechauns might serve?

Adults will be able to have a gargle – that's Irish slang for beer or wine – and there will be soda, too.

Tickets, \$15 or \$35 for an immediate family, will be sold after the Masses beginning this weekend and are also available through the office.

IN THE LOOP



The Xavier Company is returning to Our Lady of the Assumption Church in Bloomingburg to perform a new musical **“Whom Shall I Send?”** at 4 p.m. this **Sunday, March 3**. A light supper will follow for those who call in a reservation at 845-733-1477.



The Society of St. Lydia will be hosting a **women's only Day of Reflection** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. next **Saturday, March 9**, at **Our Lady of the Assumption Church** in Bloomingburg. The day begins with Mass followed by reflections, fellowship, Eucharistic Adoration, confession and a guest speaker. For more info, call or text event coordinators Lisa Dyer at 845-798-7749 or Denise Turner at 845-800-9589.



There are still tickets available for the **Lenten Day of Prayer and Reflection for Liturgical Ministers: The Twofold Imitation of Christ**. The event takes place from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on **Saturday, March 16**, at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. The registration fee is \$40, includes lunch and should be completed at DayofPrayer2024.eventbrite.com by March 9. For more information, call 914-968-6200, Ext. 8177 or Ext. 8145 or visit liturgy@archny.org.



The deadline to remember deceased loved ones with a contribution toward Easter flowers is **Monday, March 18**. There are envelopes in the church vestibules, and the usual donation is \$10 per name. If you donate via WeShare, be sure to provide the office with the names to be included in the booklet.



If you know someone who is homebound and would welcome a visit from one of our specially-trained Eucharistic Ministers, call Peggy Lucido, coordinator, at 845-304-2728, or the office.

LAST WEEK'S MASS ATTENDANCE

Saturday – 70

Sunday – 172

AARP'S TAX-AIDE

Free tax-preparation assistance is available through the AARP Foundation's Tax-Aide program. For an appointment, call 2-1-1 (the United Way's Help Line) between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. There are 15 sites throughout Orange County, including Pine Bush, Montgomery, Middletown and Walden.

Each filer is required to obtain a pre-appointment packet, to complete the packet prior to the appointment and to come to the appointment with all required tax documents in a printed (not digital) format. **Filers are required to remain at the tax site location during the preparation process.**

For more information, as well as a link to download the pre-appointment packet, visit:

<https://www.uwdor.org/hv-cash>



MORE LIGHT AHEAD!

Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday, **March 10**, so don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you turn in next Saturday night. Otherwise, you'll be an hour late for Mass!

CARDINAL'S 2024 APPEAL

There are so many reasons why the Appeal is important. Your support helps countless people and sustains ministries throughout our parishes.

Our parish goal is **\$50,600**, of which **\$18,685** has already been received/pledged as of February 27 from **44** families but does not yet reflect Commitment Weekend. If you have not done so already, please prayerfully consider your gift, which you can also make online at www.cardinalsappeal.org. Thank you.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Regular Sunday Collection

February 18-25: \$ 6,351.81

Envelopes: \$ 2,547.00 – Online: \$ 3,804.81

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