

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecumenical Sunday

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

January 21, 2018



Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. *Mark 1:17-18*

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 – January 20

5:00 PM Marie Chicarella – 9th Anniversary

Sunday, January 21 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Ecumenical Sunday

8:30 AM Lila Quintanilla

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Laura B. Schiele

12:00 PM Josephine Merante

Monday, January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:15 AM Sally Donoghue

Tuesday, January 23 – Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin

8:15 AM Debbie Phillips

Wednesday, January 24 – Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:15 AM Attilio Poli

Thursday, January 25 – The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

8:15 AM All the People of the Parish

Friday, January 26 – Saint Timothy and Saint Titus, Bishops

8:15 AM Paul Pergamo

Saturday, January 27 – Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

8:15 AM Robert Mangan and Jeanne Mangan

Vigil (Sunday) Mass – January 27

5:00 PM Mae McComiskey

Sunday, January 28 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Dimon and Robert Nicolosi and the Cirillo Family

10:15 AM St. Joseph's – Concetta and Louis Pecorelli

12:00 PM Richard Mazzuca

CHOIR REHEARSALS

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, 7:30 to 8:30 pm at the Spiritual Life Building 6th floor Chapel. Prayer facilitator – Diana Roda: 424-4175.

PLEASE PRAY

For the sick and suffering, especially

Lucy Abbatine	Joseph Nowakowski
Lucas Boesch	Brian O'Keeffe
Electra Bokanoski	Inelda O'Keeffe
Nicole Bokanoski	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
Paula Martino	Frank Volkmann
Merna Mendelson	Lidia Watrud
Todd Morris	

and for all our dearly departed, especially

Elizabeth Mary Hynes

that the fighting among nations cease, that vengeance end and lasting peace begin, and for all of our prayers in our book of petitions.

MONTH'S MIND

Laura B. Schiele – December 21st, 2017

Gloria Varricchio – December 27th, 2017

We remember our loved ones who have died one month following their passing on to eternal life.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Friday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

WEEKEND OF JANUARY 14, 2018

REGULAR WEEKLY COLLECTION – \$5,860

Thank you for your generosity.

MASS ATTENDANCE

	Adults	Children	Total
Saturday, 5:00 pm	122	8	130
Sunday, 8:30 am	62	16	78
St. Joseph's Chapel Sunday, 10:15 am	37	5	42
Sunday, 12:00 pm	90	28	118
Total	311	57	368

COME & DISCERN VOCATION WEEKEND WITH FRANCISCAN FRIARS

Do you feel like God may be calling you to religious life? Join the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement February 16-19, 2018 for a prayerful discernment experience at our Friary ("Graymoor") in Garrison, NY. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement are dedicated to a mission of bringing about reconciliation, healing and unity in our world. Besides getting to know the life and ministry of the Friars, the long weekend will focus on teaching practical discernment tools for hearing God's will for your life.

For more information:
visit www.AtonementFriars.org/discern

Or contact the Director of Discernment Ministry:
Paul Krenzelo, 845-424-2122,
PKrenzelo@AtonementFriars.org.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Loretto Council #536

PHILIPSTOWN FOOD PANTRY DELIVERY

Next Sunday • January 28th

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 January 27th and 28th.

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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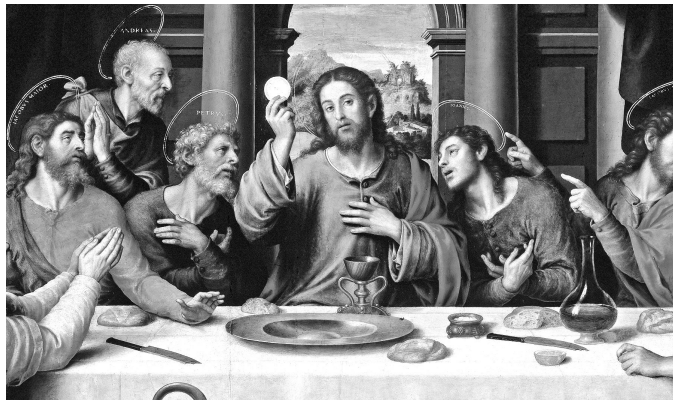
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**Classes will not be held this Wednesday,
January 24th.**

Classes resume on Wednesday, January 31st.

6TH GRADE FAMILY MASS

Sunday, February 4th • 8:30 am Mass in the Church



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...

- Jan 22 – Employees and volunteers of the Parish
- Jan 29 – Judicial professionals
- Feb 5 – The unborn and persecuted Christians
- Feb 12 – Married couples of the parish

PHILIPSTOWN COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, February 2nd, 2018 • 2:00 to 8:00 pm

North Highlands Firehouse
504 Fishkill Rd • Cold Spring

WALK-INS ARE WELCOME

www.nybloodcenter.org for our online registration

1-800-933-BLOOD [2566]

Local contact: 845-424-3456

GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

7TH & 8TH GRADE RETREAT: MORALITY, MAKING CHOICES WE CAN LIVE WITH

January 27th-28th, OR January 28th-29th, 2018

Discover how to confidently make choices with clarity and bring light into a darkening world. Live in freedom by integrating faith into daily life and relationships! Bond with other teens over games, ice-breakers, meals, and activities. Families are invited to attend Mass on Saturday or Sunday at 3:00 pm. The fee is \$80 per person, \$40 deposit and application due by January 23rd, Scholarships available. For information and an application, contact CYFM or visit our website: www.cyfm.org and click on "events".

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OUR PRAYERS CAN BE SO DISTRACTED! ARE THEY WORTH ANYTHING?

Aleteia.org, by Elizabeth Zuranski – Distractions happen, but don't let them get you down. Our prayers, however imperfect, are still meritorious. That's what St. Thomas Aquinas says – "The human mind is unable to remain aloft for long... because human weakness weighs down the soul to the level of inferior things." What a relief to hear a saint say "you're normal!" Thomas goes on to say that "purposely to allow ones mind to wander in prayer is sinful... but to wander in mind unintentionally does not deprive prayer of its fruit."

So when we pray a whole decade of the Rosary thinking neither of the words nor of the mystery, our prayer is still worth something? If the distraction is unintentional, something that came up of its own accord, then the answer is "yes." In prayer, St. Thomas explains, there is a kind of attention by which we turn our minds to God. If, by our prayer, we initially turn our mind from other things and direct our being towards God, this intention affects the whole of our imperfect prayer. "The force of the original intention with which one sets about praying renders the whole prayer meritorious."

What a merciful God we have! As Psalm 103 tells us, "He knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust." We shouldn't turn away from prayer because we don't seem to be any good at it. If God accepts our failure to pay attention, if He is so patient with us, we can also be patient with ourselves. Of course, we do have to try. We should make an effort to stay focused. But even if we should fall into deliberate distractions, His mercy can lift us up – His mercy can turn our fall to our advantage, offering us another opportunity to return to Him. "A contrite and humble heart, O God, You will not despise."

Our hearts are never too divided, our heads never too scattered, our lives never too disjointed for us to bring ourselves before our Lord. We should never be discouraged. Turn to Him again in prayer. Even if you forget what you are doing in the midst of the first sentence, do not lose hope! Your imperfection can yet be to your sanctification. He hears and He blesses your little prayers. Be at peace.

EWTN LAUNCHES ON-DEMAND ACCESS TO 12,000 PROGRAMS

Irondale, Ala. – The Catholic News Agency and EWTN News reported that EWTN Global Catholic Network has introduced a new service allowing free on-demand access to a large library of its video content, with more than 12,000 programs available, and more being added regularly.

"EWTN On Demand has something for everyone," said EWTN Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael P. Warsaw.

"There's nothing to fill out, no membership required, and no fees to pay. All you need is an Internet connection and you are good to go," said EWTN President Doug Keck.

"No one has more hours of Catholic programming on demand than EWTN," Keck said.

Available at www.ewtn.com/ondemand, the new on-demand service offers content including news, answers to common questions about faith, and book recommendations.

"From news shows like 'EWTN News Nightly,' 'The World Over,' and 'EWTN Pro-Life Weekly,' to classics like 'Mother Angelica Live,' 'Fr. Spitzer's Universe,' and 'Called to Communion,' EWTN On Demand has you covered!" Warsaw said. Other available programs include 'EWTN Live,' 'Vaticano,' 'Life on the Rock,' 'Threshold of Hope,' and 'EWTN Bookmark.' More content will be added to the on-demand collection in the future, the network said.

EWTN Global Catholic Network was launched in 1981 by Mother Angelica of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration. The largest religious media network in the world, it reaches more than 270 million television households in more than 145 countries and territories.

In addition to 11 television channels in multiple languages, EWTN platforms include radio services through shortwave and satellite radio, SIRIUS/XM, iHeart Radio, and over 500 AM & FM affiliates. EWTN publishes the National Catholic Register, operates a religious goods catalogue, and in 2015 formed EWTN Publishing in a joint venture with Sophia Institute Press. Catholic News Agency is also part of the EWTN family.

Sanctify, O Lord, our souls, minds, and bodies...

Touch our minds and search out our consciences. Cast out from us every evil thought, every base desire and memory, every unseemly word, all envy, pride and hypocrisy, every lie, every deceit, all greed, all wickedness, all wrath, all anger, all malice, all blasphemy, all sloth, every movement that is alien to your holy will. Enable us to turn to you, O God, who loves humankind, to call upon you with boldness, with a pure heart, a contrite soul, a face unashamed, and with lips that are sanctified. Amen.

From *The Divine Liturgy of James the Holy Apostle and Brother of the Lord*

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2018

Sunday, January 28th – Saturday, February 3rd

And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him. (Luke 2:40)

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name and the Childhood of Jesus. It is also time to celebrate **CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK!** The theme for the National Catholic Schools Week 2018 is "Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service." Our schools typically celebrate Catholic Schools Week with Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and the community at large.

Below are the dates and times for Open Houses at our Northern Westchester and Putnam Catholic elementary schools. We welcome you and your families to visit our schools and see firsthand the true value of a Catholic education. We hope that you will stop by!

Our next Touring Tuesday is scheduled for January 30th, from 9-11am or by appointment. Reservations are required and can be made online at CatholicSchoolsNY.org or by calling our bilingual phone line 646-794-2885.

OPEN HOUSES

Holy Name of Mary Montessori School

110 Grand Street • Croton-on-Hudson • 914-271-5182
Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Ann's Peas & Karrots

16 Elizabeth Street • Ossining • 914-941-0312
Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. James the Apostle School

12 Gleneida Ave • Carmel • (845) 225-9365
Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Lawrence O'Toole

Early Childhood Learning Center

11 Eastview Avenue • Brewster • (845) 279-5164
Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Augustine School

381 North Highland Ave • Ossining • (914) 941-3849
Jan 28th – 11 am to 12:30 pm; Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Columbanus School

122 Oregon Rd • Cortlandt Manor • (914) 739-1200
Jan 28th – 10:30 am to 1:30 pm; Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton School

1375 East Main Street • Shrub Oak • (914) 528-3563
Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Patrick's School

483 Old Post Rd • Bedford • (914) 234-7914
Jan 28th – 1 to 3 pm; Jan 30th – 9 to 11 am

St. Patrick School

117 Moseman Rd • Yorktown Heights • (914) 962-2211
Jan 28th – 11 am to 2pm
Jan 29th and 30th, Feb 1st and 2nd – 9 am to 1 pm

10 SHORT AND POWERFUL PRAYERS TO PRAY DURING THE DAY

Don't have any time? Try these powerful prayers that only take seconds to pray.

Aleteia.org, by Philip Kosloski – Have you ever been moved to a silent or vocal burst of prayer? "Lord, help me!" is the short, powerful prayer phrase we probably use most often. But the Church has a long tradition of easily memorized short prayers of praise and contrition – called aspirations – that can be brought to our minds and our lips at any time during the day. They may have developed in response to Saint Paul's admonition to "pray without ceasing."

Our daily lives don't always allow for worship. We might not be able to make it to daily Mass, or to give time to the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. But we can pray short, powerful prayers of adoration, praise, and penance any time, anywhere.

The beauty of this kind of prayer is that it allows a person to turn to God during work, school or any other activity. Aspirations are easily memorized and don't require anything else besides a heart open to God's love. When prayed in faith, they can raise a person's soul from the mundane cares of life to the spiritual heights of grace. And this practice has the potential to sanctify your life.

Because these are prayers from your heart – prayed spontaneously when you are moved to worship – they need not be formalized in any way. In Henry Morton Robinson's classic novel *The Cardinal*, Dennis Fermoy – the trolley motorman and father of the book's priest-protagonist – drove a route that took him past churches. Every time he passed one, he would tip his hat and utter an aspiration such as "Blessed be Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar," or "Praised be the Holy Family!"

Below are 10 short prayers that can be easily memorized. If you are new to aspirations (which your grandparents might have called "ejaculations," from the Latin for bursting forth), you might write a few of your favorites on a card to keep in your pocket or purse as a reminder, until you get accustomed to praying this way. After a few weeks you'll find that it is almost second nature for you to pour out a bit of praise and raise your heart to God.

1. *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

2. *Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in Thee.*

3. *Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give you my heart and my soul.*

4. *Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.*

5. *My God, and my all!*

6. *Jesus, my God, I love Thee above all things.*

7. *Eucharistic Heart of Jesus, on fire with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.*

8. *Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.*

9. *Blessed be God.*

10. *Heart of Jesus burning with love of us, inflame our hearts with love of Thee.*