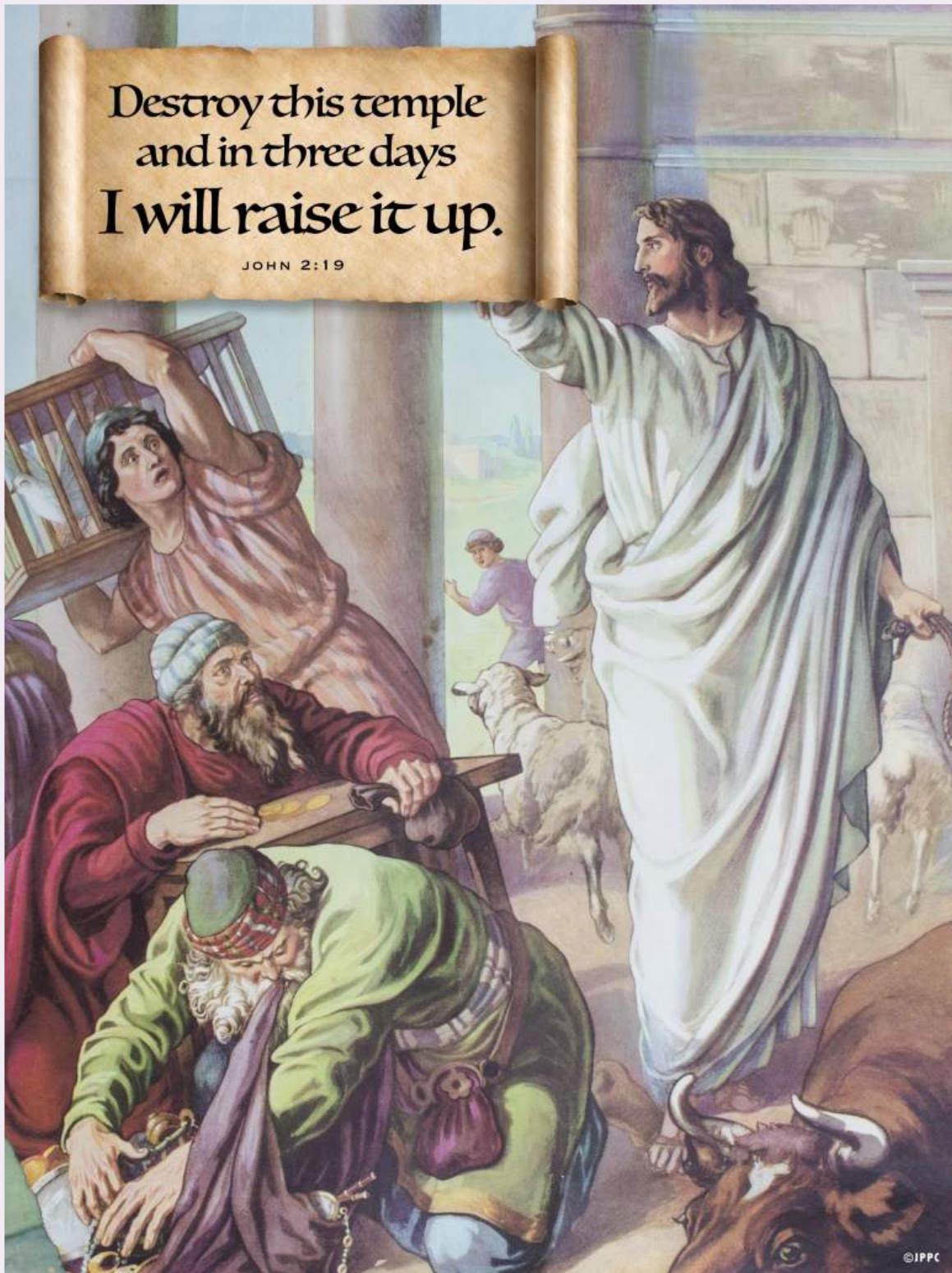


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 2024

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Mass Schedule
at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 pm
Sunday: 8 am, 10 am, noon

Daily Mass:
Monday-Saturday, 8:30 am

Confession
Saturday: 9-9:45 am or by appointment

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LENT

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Lent is a time for deeper reflection, and surrender to God through greater prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays at 7 pm at St. Thomas Church.

Join us for **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** on Mondays, 7-8 pm, during the Eucharistic Revival, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Exposition and Benediction.

Fasts and Abstinence during Lent: Catholics are urged to reflect a spirit of penance in their lives especially through daily acts of fast and abstinence. Persons aged 18 to 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; only one full meal may be taken on those days, two smaller meals (not equaling the full meal) may be taken as well. Catholics aged 14 and older must abstain from meat on those days, as well as on Fridays in Lent.

Thank you Msgr. John! Welcome Fr. Andrew! Monsignor John will be preparing to return to Ghana this month. He will be spending the next couple of weeks visiting friends in the States. We are very grateful to the Lord for his help and presence. Father Andrew Nketiah, a pastor in the Sunyani Diocese, will be joining us for two months to help us out while enjoying a bit of vacation.

Help for grieving children: Our parish is participating in a special ministry through Hospice Care to children suffering the loss of a family member. We thank everyone who contributed to the boxes.

Registration for 2024-25 **Faith Formation classes** for children has begun. Classes begin in First Grade. Register now before classes fill up. For information, email Faith Formation Director Mary Ellen Tiernan at metiernan@stmariannecope.com.

The Knights of Columbus 7460 **Lenten Fish Dinner** is available every Friday, 5-7 pm, during Lent. Price for a Flounder (1 piece) or Shrimp (7 pieces) or Fried Clam Dinner is \$11/each; \$16 for a Combo of choice of 2 (1 piece fish/4 pieces shrimp/fried clams). Dinners include coleslaw, potato salad, dinner roll, and sauces. New England clam chowder and tomato bisque is \$6 a bowl.

If you are in mourning for someone you have lost, you may wish to join a faith-based **bereavement outreach**, which will meet on six Saturday mornings, 9:30-11 am, beginning March 9. Contact Sr. Mary Byrnes (845.527.2935, byrnes.srmary77@yahoo.com).

Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2 am. Turn your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday.



JORDAN LAWRENCE GREGORCK
was baptized on
February 25, 2024.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS: Communion!

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS,
Good morning! And let us now continue with the catechesis on the Holy Mass. The celebration of Mass which we have been reviewing in stages is organized around Communion, that is, in being united to Jesus; not spiritual communion which you can have in your own home by saying: "Jesus I would like to receive you spiritually" [but] Sacramental Communion, with the Body and the Blood of Christ. We celebrate the Eucharist to nourish ourselves of Christ who gives himself both in Word and in the Sacrament of the Altar, in order to conform us to him. The Lord himself says this: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him". (Jn 6:56). In fact, Jesus' gesture of giving his Body and Blood to his disciples at the Last Supper, still continues today through the ministry of the priests and deacons; ordinary ministers of the distribution of the Bread of life and the Cup of salvation, to the brothers and sisters.

During Mass, after breaking the consecrated Bread, that is the Body of Christ, the priest shows it to the faithful, inviting them to participate in the Eucharistic banquet. We know the words that ring out from the sacred altar: "Happy are those who are called to his Supper. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Inspired by a passage in the Book of Revelation — "Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9): it says "marriage" because Jesus is the Spouse of the Church — this invitation calls us to experience intimate union with Christ, the source of joy and holiness. It is an invitation which brings happiness and at the same time spurs us to an examination of conscience enlightened by faith. If in fact, on the one hand we can see the distance which separates us from the sanctity of Christ, on the other, we believe that his Blood is "shed for the forgiveness of sins". We were all forgiven at Baptism and we are all forgiven or will be forgiven when we approach the sacrament of Reconciliation. And do not forget: Jesus always forgives. Jesus never tires of forgiving. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness. In fact it is in considering the salvific value of this Blood that Saint Ambrose exclaimed: "If I sin continually, I must always have a remedy." In this faith, we too turn our gaze to the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and we invoke him [at every Mass]: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof but only say the word and my soul shall be healed..."

Although we are the ones who stand in procession to receive Communion... in reality it is Christ who comes

towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive. Saint Augustine helps us understand this when he talks about the light he received when he heard Christ say to him: "I am the food of strong men; grow, and you shall feed upon me; nor shall you convert me, like the food of your flesh, into you, but you shall be converted into me" (*Confessions VII, 10, 16*). Each time we receive Communion, we resemble Jesus more; we transform ourselves more fully into Jesus. As the Bread and the Wine are converted into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so too those who receive it with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist. You reply "Amen" to the priest who distributes the Eucharist saying "the Body of Christ"; that is, you recognize the grace and the commitment involved in becoming the Body of Christ. Because when you receive the Eucharist, you become the Body of Christ. This is beautiful; it is very beautiful. As it unites us to Christ, tearing us away from our selfishness, Communion opens us and unites us to all those who are a single thing in him. This is the wonder of Communion: we become what we receive!

The Church strongly desires that the faithful also receive the Lord's Body with Hosts consecrated at the same Mass; and the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more fully expressed when Holy Communion is received under the two Species, even though we know that Catholic doctrine teaches us that Christ, whole and entire, is received even under only one Species.... After Communion, silence, silent prayer helps us treasure in our hearts the gift which we have received. To slightly extend that moment of silence, speaking to Jesus in our hearts, helps us a great deal, as does singing a psalm or a hymn of praise that can help us be with the Lord.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist ends with the prayer after Communion. On behalf of everyone, with that prayer the priest turns to God to thank him for having shared the banquet and to ask that what was received may transform our lives. The Eucharist makes us strong in order to produce fruit in good works to live as Christians. Today's prayer is significant: we ask the Lord that "the participation in his Sacrament may be for us a heavenly medicine, heal us from sin and reaffirm us in his friendship" (cf. Roman Missal, Wednesday, Fifth week of Lent). Let us approach the Eucharist: receiving Jesus who transforms us into him makes us stronger. The Lord is so good and so great!

(From Pope Francis' General Audience on 21 March 2018)

MASS INTENTIONS

The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph.

Mon, Mar 4

8:30 +Olivia Bellini by Mary Ellen Modico

Tues, Mar 5

8:30 +Robert Salito by family

Wed, Mar 6

8:30 +Olivia Ferrara by Frank

Thurs, Mar 7: Sts Perpetua and Felicity

8:30 +Frank Sarubbe by Kathy and Jerry Sarubbe

Fri, Mar 8: St John of God

8:30 +Sara Clerkin by Teresa and Frank Doogan

Sat, Mar 9: St Frances of Rome

8:30 +Mary and Sean Kelly by Ross and

McLaughlin families

4:30 +Siner and Mamawal families by Linda Siner;

+Giuseppe, Caterina, and Gino Basini by family

Sun, Mar 10: Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 +Margaret Calderalo by friends

10:00 +Joann Stiles by O'Keefe family

12:00 The People of the Parish

Two intentions will be accepted at the Saturday, 4:30 Vigil Mass. The Sunday Mass at noon will be offered only for the People of the Parish. The offering for an unannounced Mass is \$10; for an announced Mass: \$15.

READINGS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Reading I — Exodus 20:1-17

Yahweh asserts Himself as the only deity for Israel. Three commands pertain to Him, and seven apply to human behavior.

Reading II — 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul declares that God's foolishness is a crucified Christ, and that it is far superior to human wisdom.

The Gospel — John 2:13-25

After angrily cleansing the Temple of any commercialism practiced there, Jesus predicts His death and resurrection. The disciples will remember His words after the Resurrection.

Word on Fire's Reflections for Lent is now available on the parish website, stmariannecope.com. Visit it every day for Bishop Robert Barron's daily inspirations.

The **Amen Catholic Prayer App** from the Augustine Institute is a free catholic prayer, meditation, and scripture app that can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play.



**March 3-5, 2024
at 7 pm
at St. Thomas Church**

From Maintenance to Mission

Sunday 7 pm:

Opening Conference with Fr Bob and Fr. Eric

Monday 7 pm:

Mass and Conference with Fr. Bob

Tuesday 7 pm:

Conference and Exposition/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Fr. Bob and Fr. Eric

A three evening exploration of the Sacrament of Baptism, and the call of Jesus' Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) to share what Christ has done for us with others who need to know Him.



Fr. Erik Lenhart

Presenters:

Fr. Bob Phelps, O.F.M. Cap.

Fr. Erik Lenhart, O.F.M. Cap

**Dan Walker,
music minister**



Fr. Bob Phelps

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