

Second Sunday of Lent**March 16-17, 2019****From Fr. Anthony Ligato*****With Our heads in the Clouds***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Have you ever woken from a dream, not knowing if the dream was real or not? It is as if your head is caught up in the clouds, or an even better explanation of the feeling would be, to be cloudy headed. That feeling of being cloudy headed causes us to question whether we are perceiving reality correctly. Was the dream reality or am I dreaming now, even though I believe myself to be awake. I don't know about you, but I find myself laying in bed trying to figure out if I am awake or am, I still sleeping, and the dream continues.

Peter, James and John must have been cloudy headed, was the transfiguration reality or was it a dream? They were so clouded in their thinking that Peter's own response to the Transfiguration was not an acknowledgement of the reality that the Transfiguration represented which was a foreshadowing of the promise of the Resurrection. "As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (Luke 9:28-36) Peter wanted to provide tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah to stay the night up on that mountain top. That is a good example of being cloudy headed. The Apostles Peter, John and James experienced the foreshadowing of that transformational grace in Jesus' transfiguration. They came to see on that mountain top, Jesus transfigured with Moses and Elijah, but they did not understand fully that God's plan of salvation was being fulfilled. Jesus is the new covenant which replaces all other covenants. Peter and the other Apostles would not understand the great event of the Transfiguration and its full meaning until after Pentecost.

The Lenten season invites us to embrace continual conversion in our lives. Conversion begins with Baptism and continual conversion finds its expression in reconciliation. Through an examination of conscience, we come to understand more profoundly the need for continual conversion in our lives. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that continual conversion can take root in our lives and the grace that flows from reconciliation is transformational.

We hear in the first reading from the Book of Genesis how Abram (Abraham) and his descendants receive a covenant from the one true God, "To your descendants I give this land." God would make further covenants with his people, especially the Mosaic covenant, the law (the Ten Commandments). When Jesus is transfigured with Moses and Elijah, it is a sign to the Apostles that Jesus is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The law was given to unite the people with God, but no law could take away sin and no amount of compliance with the law could make us perfect. The prophetic word of God is what gives life, the spoken word brought about creation in the book of Genesis and the word made flesh will bring about recreation. It is in Jesus' own suffering and death on the cross that we are forgiven our sins,

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no law could do that and in the waters of baptism we are recreated, born anew.

In Jesus' transfiguration we are given a glimpse of that future glory which transforms us into the image and likeness that God had originally intended from the moment of creation. Through our own embracing of the cross, we experience conversion and transformation. The Lenten season invites us to embrace continual conversion in our lives. Conversion begins with baptism and continual conversion finds its expression in reconciliation. Through an examination of conscience, we come to understand more profoundly the need for continual conversion in our lives. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation that continual conversion can take root in our lives and the grace that flows from reconciliation is transformational. The Transfiguration is not about having our heads caught up in the clouds, the Transfiguration is about our ability to see the reality of the promised hope of the future resurrection even as we live with the sufferings of the cross.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Anthony

Happy St. Patrick's Day**BREASTPLATE OF St. Patrick Prayer**

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,
 Christ in me,
 Christ beneath me,
 Christ above me,
 Christ on my right,
 Christ on my left,
 Christ when I lie down,
 Christ when I sit down,
 Christ when I arise,
 Christ in the heart of every man who
 thinks of me,
 Christ in the mouth of everyone
 who speaks of me,
 Christ in every eye that sees me,
 Christ in every ear that hears me.

**AN IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise up to meet you,
 May the wind be always at your back,
 May the sunshine warm your face,
 the rain fall soft upon fields,
 and until we meet again,
 May God hold you in the palm of his hand.
 Amen*

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LENTEN REFLECTIONS

APRIL 5-6, 2019

Matthew Leonard is an internationally renowned speaker, author, podcast, film maker, and host of the worldwide smash hit Bible and the Virgin Mary video series.

Matthew hosts a very popular podcast on I-tunes titled "The Art of Catholic", which is heard in more than 170 countries around the world. He also holds a Masters in Theology from Franciscan University of Steubenville. Matthew lives in Ohio with his wife Veronica and their six children. Learn more about him at MatthewSLeonard.com

April 5 Begins with Stations of Cross at 7PM

St. Michael the Archangel Church

Love Hurts: The Truth Behind Redemptive Suffering

Unfortunately, no one can escape suffering. But don't be discouraged! Christ proclaims a new idea of love that gives meaning to human suffering, penance, and ultimately, death. In fact, there's a powerful secret that unlocks how we can "rejoice in the Lord always" just like St. Paul, no matter what happens! After all, there is absolutely no reason Catholics shouldn't be the most joyful people on earth regardless of earthly circumstances

April 6 Begins with Mass at 9AM

St. Jude the Apostle Church

Confirmed in Truth: A Conversion Story

How does a Protestant Pastor's kid and former missionary to Latin America preaching to Catholics end up Catholic himself? Matthew Leonard describes his road into the arms of Mother Church, including many of the issues he had to deal with. It's a journey filled with study, a few tears, and some big laughs.

Pray Like a Saint: Wisdom for Growing Closer to God

According to Scripture, every one of us is called to "be perfect" and to "pray without ceasing." Prayer is the path to God and we've been doing it all our lives. But are we really praying? Are we really progressing toward holiness, perfection, and deep relationship with God? In this talk we will define and discuss the three traditional modes of prayer as taught by spiritual greats like St. John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila, and St. Francis de Sales. We won't just talk theory, but lay out the practical steps to achieve union with God through deep prayer even in the midst of this busy distracting world. Because if you are not praying, you are not living.

Spiritual GPS: The 3 stages of the Spiritual Life

Many spiritual writers refer to the "science of sainthood." It's a defined process by which we achieve union with God, our ultimate destiny—a mode of life beyond what anyone can imagine. This talk explains the three traditional stages of Catholic Spiritual life as taught by spiritual greats like St. Teresa of Avila, St. John of the Cross, St. Thomas Aquinas, and so many others. I also explain how to achieve a life of true peace and happiness in the craziness of this world as you move through the stages of the spiritual journey. This is what life is all about—now and forever!

PRAYERS

We will pray for those who are ill, hospitalized, recuperating and all those who are in need of prayers. If you know someone who could use prayers, please call the Parish Office and leave their name for inclusion in the bulletin. Please make sure you have their permission to do so. This week we pray for the following people:

Jacqueline Ackner, Anne Antdomi, Raymond Bagley, Carol Bennete, Colleen Bornhorst, Ann Burke, Bryce Chapman, Bob & Rose Davignon, Michelle Darcy, Chester DeBell Sr., Tina Demczar, Edward Doin, Edward Dworakowski, Theresa Dworakowski, Ric Dworakowski, Joseph Esposito, Thomas Esposito, Ralph Esposito, Donna Flinton, Brenda Flynn, Dick Galvin, Marilyn Gorman, Dave Grinko, Pat Harley, Tony Huneau, Mary Ellen Gibson, Kris Gordan, Lynn Gorman, Margaret Hoban, Debbie Hopkins, Monique Inyard, Dorothy Jones, Mary Keeley, Edward Kehn Jr., Tayla Kreiger, Lucy Langelier, Anthony Mainello, Craig Maloney, Jimmy Margo, Charlie Martinec, Mary McMahan, Chuck Miorin, Debra Moulton, Anne McHugh, Morgan McEvelly, Stella Muzicka, Christine Pangburn, Dawn Perlmin, Mary Phibbs, Jack Reid, Bonnie Ritovoto, Laney Robillard, David & Roni Ruppert, Christopher Russell, Jason Russell, Kirstin Shoemaker, Kenny Schroeder, Kaleb Schwartz, Derrick Senior, Margaret Shields, Mary Signorelli, Courtney Sims, Anne Stevens, John Sullivan, Shirley Talbot, Joseph Tenzyk, Anthony Valenti, Ashley Valenti, Madeline Valenti, J. Van Amburgh, Holly Wait and Sharon Wiliking.

ACTIVE, RESERVE AND NATIONAL GUARD

PRAYER LIST

We would like to pray for all our military personnel in our Parish and we would like to include their names in the bulletin each week. We request that you assist us by submitting the names to the Parish Office so that these service members can be included in our prayers. **SFC. Michael Baker, Matthew S. Cannon, SRA Jordan Correll USAF, SRA Colton Correll USAF, Third Class Petty Officer Christopher Fox, USMC—CPL W (Mac) Harkin, RCT Patrick Long, AB Mary B. McDade, 1st Lieutenant Joe McMullen, First Sergeant Aime Moore, LCpl. Matthew T. Nero US Marines, Airman 1st Class Michael D. Jennings, Master Sergeant Richard Palasz, Specialist Joshua Abbott .**



We pray for our recently deceased parishioners and friends.

Philomena Riccardi, Mother of Rose Galipeau

May she and all our departed loved ones, friends, relatives, and parishioners enjoy forever the brightness of the eternal light.

MARCH 17, 2019

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE SCHOOL

Wynantskill, NY



CONGRATULATIONS to the following "Luck of the Irish" winners:

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| 3/1: Karen Page | 3/2: James Gordon |
| 3/3: Jan Jackson | 3/4: Jean Rebhun |
| 3/5: Vincent Anatriello | 3/6: Nancy Lempka |
| 3/7: Cheryl Waters | 3/8: Rebecca Brown |
| 3/9: Linda Lombardi | 3/10: Jean Rebhun |
| 3/11: Mike Vandewerker | |

\$1,000 drawing will be held on 3/17 at the K of C Breakfast. Tickets will be on sale at the breakfast. Thank you for supporting St. Jude the Apostle School!

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM

So what is all the hype about avocados? Why do they call it a super food? Avocados are very rich in vitamins, has more potassium than bananas, is low in calories and rich in fiber. Those who are trying to lose weight find that avocados fill them up so they eat less. Now, if I could only get past the texture.....!

The Wisdom of Lent

First Sunday

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.

Second Sunday

This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to him!

Third Sunday

What sign can you show us? I will raise up the temple.

Fourth Sunday

Whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

Fifth Sunday

The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.



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DOORS OF HOPE

This is our local food pantry that aids our community members. The needs of those who are struggling never diminish. Please give generously to help our community pantry provide food and personal care items to those in need. Suggested items needed are: *peanut butter, jelly, rice, instant potatoes, ready to serve puddings, disposable razors, diapers and feminine products*

14 bags were received and brought to Doors of Hope last week. Thank you for your generosity.



HELP SUPPORT LOCAL CHARITIES

St. Jude the Apostle Knights of Columbus have teamed up with 6 Center redemption Center located at 461 Main Avenue in Wynantskill to accept qualifying bottles and cans donations to support local charities and those in need. Simply bring your clean, qualifying empties to 6 Center Redemption in Wynantskill and say they are to support the St. Jude Knights of Columbus. They do the rest, That's It!



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

March 17, 2019

9:00AM	No Session
11:30AM	No Session

March 24, 2019

9:00AM	Sue DiFiore
11:30AM	Kate Rodrigue

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 9:00 a.m. & 11:30a.m. Mass. Children's Liturgy of the Word is for 3-8 years old.

K-6 FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

March 24, 2019	Class at 10:30AM	
March 31, 2019	Class at 10:30AM	
April 7, 2019	Class at 10:30AM	Last Class

TEAM PATHWAYS

March 24, 2019	9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
March 31, 2019	9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM
April 7, 2019	9th & 10th Grade Class at 10AM
Last Class	7th & 8th Grade Class at 10:45AM

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Announced Masses

Saturday, March 16

4:00PM Joseph Ienco, *Anne & David Cannon*
 William Hale, *Family*
 Carol Maple, *Eileen Burton*
 Paul Caruso, *Family*

Sunday, March 17

9:00AM M/M James Monahan, *M/M Jack Rogers*
 Mary Ann Fragomeni, *Family*
 Daniel Keating, *Wife Norma*
 Kevin Hayes, *Jean Hayes*

11:30AM Mary Marzola, *McDade Family*
 Carol Maple, *McDade Family*
 Virginia Merola, *Al & Patti Mugrace*
 Tony Farina, *Wife Betty & Family*

Monday, March 18

8:00AM Carol Maple, *Andy & Rose Galipeau*
 Thomas Cox, *Kim & Hanna Myers*

2:00PM No Mass

Tuesday, March 19

8:00AM Constance Duckworth, *Ellen Dunn*

Wednesday, March 20

8:00AM Melissa Bucher, *TJ & Jan Jackson*

Thursday, March 21

8:00AM Della Still, *Steven & Mary Helen Culver*

Friday, March 22

8:00AM Edward Bradly, *Family*
 Cecilia Ryan, *Family*
 Ford G. Hitt, *Ben & Sally Lauletta*
 Helen A. Hughes, *Ben & Sally Lauletta*

Saturday, March 23

4:00PM John Finelli, *Family*
 Joann Brochu, *James Hannigan*
 Catherine Hannigan, *Son*
 Anthony Carnevale,
Isaiah & Barbara Bennett

Sunday, March 24

9:00AM Alson Spain, *Daughter Nancy*
 Mary Marzola, *John & Hollis McEvelly*
 Nancy M. Case,
Constance Ligato & Family

11:30AM William F. Castle, *Katie Baldwin*
 Mary Marzola,
Maureen, Kevin & Logan
 Carol Maple, *Maureen, Kevin & Logan*
 Joann Brochu, *Sister Maureen & Sons*

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Weekend of March 23 & 24, 2019

	<u>4PM</u>	<u>9AM</u>	<u>11AM</u>
Lectors	1. M. Collins	L. Terry	K. Giglia
	2. I. Bennett	N. Clemenzi	L. Burzese
Ministers	H. Dcn. Warren	Dcn. Warren	K. Rodriguez
	1. <i>Minister Needed</i>	J. Kruczlnicki	J. Behan
	2. K. Caruso	M. Kruczlnicki	S. Bonanni
	3. B. Dedrick	A. Maloney	
	4. P. Caruso	M. Sullivan	
	(Choir) J. Miller		
Altar Servers	1. A. McNeil	E. Hansen	M. McGivern
	2. A. Short	J. Hepp	G. Giglia
	3. A. Hein	M. Ascioti	R. Moore

Readings for the week of March 17, 2019

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 [1a]/
 Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11
 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/
 Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/
 Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/
 Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,
 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

Week Ending March 3, 2019	
Amount Received From Offertory Collection	\$5,317.00
Amount Received from Electronic Giving	-
Total Received Last Weekend	\$5,317.00
Budgeted Weekly Need	\$4,977.00
Last Week's Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$340.00
Year-To-Date Fiscal Year	
Received Year - to - Date	\$199,419.39
Budgeted Year -To -Date	\$198,293.00
Year - To - Date Difference: Over (Under) Budget	\$1,126.39

Mass Schedule for our Local Catholic Community

Sacred Heart Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8:30AM & 10:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 9AM

St. Jude Sat. 4PM, Sun. 9AM & 11:30AM
 Weekday Mon.-Fri. 8AM

St. Michael Sat. 5:15PM, Sun. 7:30AM & 10:15AM
 Weekday Mon-Thru. 12:10PM

Van Rensselaer Manor Tuesdays at 1:45PM

COLLECTION COUNTER TEAMS

March 17, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury
March 24, 2019 Team #5 Cherie Aanonsen
March 31, 2019 Team #6 Tanya Halse
April 7, 2019 Team #7 Rose Galipeau
April 14, 2019 Team #1 Mary Ellen Hunt
April 21, 2019 Team #2 Peter McMillen
April 28, 2019 Team #3 Bob Myron
March 24, 2019 Team #4 John Waterbury