



Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 4, 2018

Third Sunday of Lent (B)

Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Wisdom, Strength

This ceiling painting by Laureti is found in the Constantine Room of the papal apartments. It is a symbolic celebration of the triumph of Christianity over paganism, set in a classical architectural space. The remains of a crushed Hermes lies broken in pieces on the floor, while a crucifix of Jesus Christ sits upon the pedestal.

It is fitting that this painting crowns the papal hall honoring Constantine, the first Roman emperor to leave paganism and be baptized a Christian. Constantine had four basilicas built in Rome—including St. Peter's—and gave Christians freedom of religion in the Roman Empire.

The message is clear. The Romans worshiped statues of gods who were mere human creations and

projections. In the statue's place is not just another statue but a crucifix that reminds us of a reality, a historical event. God himself became human in Jesus Christ and showed his divine strength by emptying himself and being crushed by our sins in order to forgive and win back a rebellious humanity.

This show of godly power through weakness is foolishness to the Gentiles and inconceivable to the

Jews. Yet this humility and love is the wisdom that confounds and the strength that saves.

Religion isn't a business or human invention for personal enthronement. Jesus overturns this idea like he overturns the moneychangers' tables. Worship of God is all about accepting his

initiative and humbly responding in the obedience of faith and the purifying joy of love.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

How does my faith foster humility in me?

Are my Lenten practices helping me to be purified from sin and faithful to the gospel?

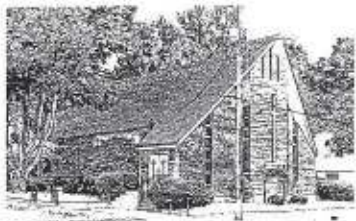
Piece: *The Triumph of Religion*, 1585

Artist: Tommaso Laureti

Location: Vatican Papal Apartments



*[Jesus said,] "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace."
John 2:16*



Holy Trinity - Cherry

St. Patrick - Arlington

St. Thomas More - Dalzell

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Mass & Confession Schedule

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish

Weekend Masses

Sunday Vigil (Saturday) - 4:00 PM

Sunday Mass - 8:30 AM

Daily Mass (Weekdays) & Holy Days

Tuesday - 12:15 PM & Thursday - 9:00 AM

Confessions

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:45PM or By Appointment

Mass Schedule

St. Patrick Catholic Parish

106 Church St.

Arlington, IL

Sunday Mass - 10:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Mass Schedule

St. Thomas More Church - Dalzell, IL

Vigil Mass (Saturday) 5:30 PM

Weekday Mass (Wednesday & Friday) - 8:00 AM

Sunday Last Chance Mass 5:30 PM

Confessions Every 2nd & 4th Sunday - 4:45-5:15pm

Holy Day of Obligation Refer To Schedule

Divine Mercy Adoration Chapel - Open 8am - 8pm (M-Sat)

Sunday - Open 8am until conclusion 5:30pm Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet - Every Friday at 3 PM

Daily Mass Intentions for

Masses the Week of March 5, 2018

Offered For

Monday

† No Mass

Tuesday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 12:15pm

† Marty Klein

Wednesday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Mildred Downie

Thursday

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 9:00am

† Wayne Jaraczewski

Friday

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 8:00am

† Purgatorial Society

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 4:30pm

† Stan Reynolds

** Divine Mercy Prayers - Fridays at 3PM (St. Thomas More Adoration Room)

Next Weekend's Mass Intentions

Weekend of March 10-11, 2018

Saturday Vigil:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 4:00 PM

† Bernice Schneider

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† Minnie & Dan Cattani

Sunday:

Holy Trinity, Cherry - 8:30 AM

† Leroy & Lucille Pinter

St. Patrick, Arlington - 10:30 AM

† William Bonnell

St. Thomas More, Dalzell - 5:30 PM

† For The Parishioners

Ministry Schedule For Next Weekend

Holy Trinity

LECTOR

Saturday - 4:00PM - Carol Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Gerald Schlenz

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday - 4:00PM - Bill Lauer

Sunday - 8:30AM - Terry Templeton

SERVERS

Saturday - 4:00PM -

RJ Talbot & Antonia Cattani

Sunday - 8:30AM -

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St. Patrick

LECTOR

Sunday - 10:30AM - Bernice Keutzer

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sunday - 10:30AM - ?

SERVERS

Sunday - 10:30AM -

T Schroeder & J VanderMeersch

St. Thomas More

ROSARY

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

LECTOR

Sat 5:30PM - Joelle Crockett

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER

Sat 5:30PM - Cheryl Stowe

SERVERS

Sat 5:30PM - ?

UPCOMING

CHURCH EVENTS

March 3 - St. Patrick Sausage Making -
8am - Bishop Franz Hall

March 7 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Patrick's - 5:30pm

March 9 - St. Thomas More Lent Fish Fry -
5-7:30pm - STM Hall

March 14 - Rosary Against Evil - St.
Patrick's - 5:30pm

March 18 - St. Patrick Sausage/Pancake
Breakfast - 8am to 1pm - Bp. Franz Hall

Last Sunday's Offering

Holy Trinity - \$1027.00

Needed Weekly - \$1700 (-\$3081.00)

St. Patrick - \$632.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (-\$943.00)

St. Thomas More - \$953.00

Needed Weekly - \$700 (\$1555.00)

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Collection

St. Patrick's Sausage Making And

Pancake/Sausage Breakfast

On March 3rd, St. Patrick's will once again be making sausage and order forms are in the back of churches now. If you have friends who like Italian sausage, Maybe they would like to order some too! If so, please take an extra order sheet.

Two weeks later, March 18, they will have their "All You Can Eat" Pancake & Sausage Breakfast. The eggs, pancakes and sausage will be available from 8am until 1pm. Come and enjoy!

St. Thomas More Fish Fry

On Friday's March 9th and 23rd, St. Thomas More will be having their Lenten Fish Fry's. The dinner will begin at 5pm and end at 7:30pm. Holy Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross will precede the dinner starting at 4:30pm.

Weather Warning Notice

With the winter's unpredictable snowfall, it can be hard to plan or prepare for them. So be cautious! Please stay home if you have health or physical difficulties dealing with the extreme weather. A good rule is if the weather is good enough to go the store, sports event, or otherwise, you should go to Mass. And please check with WLPO (1220AM) or bureaucatholic.org website for more about cancellations.

The Rosary Against Evil

The rosary that we continue to pray on Wednesday nights at 5:30PM will be prayed at St. Patrick Church during the month of March in Arlington. It is our time to show God, Jesus, Mary how much we need them to fight the evil around us. As we pray through Our Lady of Fatima, the rosary is and always has been our greatest weapon against evil! So please come and join us!

Upcoming Area Events

For The Week

The Ten Commandments are the foundation of how we should live as Christians. If think about them and how we are doing with them today, we are failing miserably as a society! God who should be very important to all of us has been removed from our lives. Anything about God has been found to be offensive today. The god of sports has become more important in many lives than our God of life.

In the name of people's rights abortion has been protected in many states including Illinois, violating the "Thou shalt not kill" commandment. Many churches are struggling with attendance and support because people aren't keeping holy the Sabbath. Plus many other are violated today. May God be with us and always bless us with His Real Presence during this Lent!

ADA Goals 2017-18

Holy Trinity - \$16,569.00

Pledges To Date \$13,120.00 (79%)

St. Patrick - \$10,065.00

Pledges To Date \$10,065.00 (100%)

St. Thomas More - \$9,493.00

Pledges To Date \$9,493.00 (100%)

Sacramental Preparation

Baptisms: Preparation is required for the first child in the family. Baptisms are scheduled on Sundays at noon or by special arrangement. Please contact Father to setup an appointment.

Marriages: Preparations need to be started one year before the Wedding date. Please contact Father for more information.

Rite of Christian Initiation: Per Canon Law of the Catholic Church, anyone over the age of seven years old is to observe the requirements of the RCIA, unless there is a danger of death. If anyone has not received all of the sacraments; baptism, First Communion or Confirmation, please talk to Father.

Calendar

Monday

March 5

Lenten Weekday

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab

Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

March 6

Lenten Weekday

Dn 3:25, 34-43

Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday

March 7

Lenten Weekday

Dt 4:1, 5-9

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

March 8

Lenten Weekday

Jer 7:23-28

Lk 11:14-23

Friday

March 9

Lenten Weekday

Hos 14:2-10

Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

March 10

Lenten Weekday

Hos 6:1-6

Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

March 11

Fourth Sunday

of Lent

2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23

Eph 2:4-10

Jn 3:14

Dear Padre,

Much time is given to purify the vessels after Communion. At another parish, two people bring the cloth and unfold it on the altar before the gifts are presented. Shouldn't the preparation and cleanup of the table be less significant than the Eucharist itself?

Our liturgy is a beautiful expression of our faith, and we value its simplicity and grace. When we celebrate a liturgy, we keep in mind the nature of a particular part and its relationship to the whole celebration. We want the Eucharist to be the clear, central part of the liturgy.

The preparation of the gifts is a practical rite that gets us set for the

eucharistic prayer; it is done with simplicity and few additional gestures. *The Roman Missal* says an "acolyte or another lay minister arranges the corporal on the altar" (*General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, 139) and places the chalice and other vessels. It seems appropriate for laypeople to help dress the altar, especially if they assist the entire Mass. Their actions should be inconspicuous and not extend the rite. These ministers

can be lay faithful because they are encouraged to present the bread and wine, emphasizing the inclusive nature of the Eucharist (*GIRM* 140, 141).

The purification of vessels is tricky because it must be done by a priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte. Since churches use several vessels, this action can take time and be overemphasized. However, its placement in the Mass is flexible, taking place "after Communion, or after Mass" (*GIRM* 279) and should be "done briefly and inconspicuously" (*Introduction to the Order of Mass*, 138). These pastoral suggestions enable us to leave the purification of the vessels until after Mass so we maintain a proper focus on the Eucharist and the meditation that follows.

Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR | Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



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A Word From Pope Francis

Men and women are sacrificed to the idols of profit and consumption: it is the "culture of waste"....[When] someone dies, that is not news. When the stock market drops 10 points, [it] is a tragedy!...People are thrown aside as if they were trash.

—General audience, UN World Environment Day, June 5, 2013