

November 9, 2014

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (A)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

"We are not on this Earth as museum keepers but to cultivate a flourishing garden of Life and to prepare a glorious future"

These words are written on the sign attached to the entrance gate of our new convent garden. They are the words of Saint Pope John XXIII. What do they mean? Let me tell you a story.

When I was a seminarian in Rome in the years 1960-1964, as part of my education, I had to visit hundreds of churches in Rome. Along with my fellow students in my camerata (ten students), we prepared for the visit by reading the history and the description of art work in each church. It was a great education. However what I remember most was my reaction once inside the church. "I see all the tourists but where are the parishioners?" While Mass was being celebrated even on Sunday there were only ten people participating. The churches had become museums, not vibrant places of worship.

This image has remained with me as our parish has spent so much time, money and energy making sure our church buildings maintain their beauty and attractiveness. We had no other choice but to do this. We have done a magnificent job. But we must remember that a church is not just a building but a living community of worshipers. A church community is like a "garden of Life" to ourselves and to the world. I like to work in a garden. I also know that our gardens are very pleasing to the many

people who pass by them every day. To me they also symbols of our living community. We are like a flourishing garden of life that prepares us for a glorious future.

A special thanks to Esther Rodrigues who did the beautiful calligraphy on the quotation.

P.S. The winds were so fierce (70 miles an hour) last weekend that they blew apart two of the stained-glass windows in the garden. They are beyond repair. I know that this could happen (the garden is in a wind tunnel) but I took the chance.

Collection:

Last Sunday November 2, 2014 the collection was \$2,713.00

The second collection today will be our Church Property Insurance.



Food Collection:

Thanks to your generosity we were able to fill 32 bags of food for the needy in our community. Once again thank you.

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:

Today celebrates the anniversary of the earliest basilica of Christianity; Saint John Lateran is the "*Mother Church*" of all the churches of the world and the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and a reminder to us today that we are members of the *Roman Catholic Church*.

So we commemorate its dedication as a way of honoring all consecrated churches of the world, including our own. But we must heed the words of Saint Paul, "You are God's building", and today remember that by our baptism each of us is consecrated to God's service.

In the first reading, a prophet sees water flowing from the temple of the Lord. It brings life to all the land.

In the second reading, Paul tells us that we are the temple of God. Jesus is the foundation and the Spirit dwells in this temple.

In the Gospel, Jesus symbolically cleanses the temple, demonstrating the power of his own messianic authority over that of the temple cult. .



Annual Dinner Dance 2014

Our annual Dinner Dance this year will be held on Saturday, November 22nd at 7:00pm in St. Mary's Hall. Tickets will be available in the rectory. The cost will be \$50.00 per person.

We encourage you to take an ad in the Dance Journal. It can be an advertisement for your business, a personal ad in honor of a loved one, or in memory of a deceased loved one, or message congratulation to our parishes on its 166th Anniversary.

Ads start at \$50.00 for a ¼ page, \$100.00 for a ½ page and \$150.00 for a full page. All funds raised benefit our Church.



Question of the Week

How do I edify others (“edify” from the Latin “to build”) by my witness as a “living stone” fitted into the structure of God’s holy temple, the Church?

“The family is where we are formed as people. Every family is a brick in the building of society.” Pope Frances

Flock Notes: If are interested in resiving emails from the Archdiocese of New York all you have do is email the our church at icmarys103@gmail.com , along with giving us your email address if you would like to receive text messages just include your mobile phone number when you email us.



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Thanksgiving Day Mass:

On Thursday, November 27, 2014 Thanksgiving Day we will have a special Bilingual Mass at 10:00 am. - Please bring in non-perishable food items for the needy of the community. Thank you.

**MASS SCHEDULE
November 9, 2014-November 16, 2014**

INTENTIONS:

REQUESTED BY:

Sun.09

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 Jesus Ruiz & Carlota Zunigo
11:00 Roberto Medina

Joaquina Dobar
Malta Gonzalez & Family

Mon.10

8:15 All Soul’s Novena
12:05 In Thanksgiving

Maria Rubio Crawford

Tues.11

8:15 All Soul’s Novena
12:05 Helen Proscia

Rita Proscia

Wed.12

8:15 Eric Mital
12:05 All Soul’s Novena

The Mital Family

Thu.13

8:15 All Soul’s Novena
12:05 Domingo Valasquez

Cirilo Mejia

Fri.14

8:15 Andy Feliz
12:05 Dennis McMahan

Hennesie Soto
Bonanno Family

Sat.15

8:15 All Soul’s Novena
12:05Antonio Rodrigues
5:00 Mary Chakkoru

Cacilda Rodrigues
Family

Sun.16

7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 Alejandro & Altagracia Linares
11:00 Celina Antao 1yr Anniversary

Family
Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues

