

February 15, 2015

## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

### From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the season of Lent. The schedule for ashes is given below. Lent is a 40 day preparation for the three days (Triduum) of Holy Week beginning on Holy Thursday. Traditionally it is a time to do something special or to “give up” something- as a way of thanking Jesus for his sacrifice of love on the cross. When I was a young boy this “giving up” was a serious choice. I remember that one year my sacrifice was to give up going to the movies during Lent. Since I lived to go to the movies (as you know I still do) this was very difficult for me. There were ten movie houses, showing two movies each, in my neighborhood in the Bronx. When I look back, I realized that this Lenten sacrifice had two good effects on me. Both were character building for life. First it taught me self discipline and gave me confidence in myself. I could do something difficult and actually accomplish it. Secondly my “sacrifice” was in imitation and thanksgiving for Christ’s sacrifice on the cross. Christ’s compassion for others made me realize that I should help others as he did. Chose a Lenten practice that is good for you and good for others.

### Ash Wednesday- February 18, 2015 :

Ashes will be distributed at the 8:15, 12:05 and 7:30pm Masses. There will also be a 3:00pm Prayer Service.



### COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, February 8, 2015 was \$2,901.00

This Sunday February 15, 2015 the second collection will be to help with our Church Property Insurance.

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As we gather on this last Sunday before Lent, we are challenged by Saint Paul to do everything for the glory of God. Further, he urges us to work for the common good rather than our own. What valuable lessons for us and for our country! Today, perhaps our prayer can be for such selflessness to be the fruit of our coming Lenten season.

### The first reading,

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46; **God** gives instructions to protect the people from harm. They have Aaron and his sons to care for them.

### In the second reading,

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1; **Paul** tells us that everything we do can give glory to **God**. However, we must seek to help people, not hurt them

### In the Gospel,



Mark 1:40-45; **Jesus** heals a leper. Contrary to Jesus’ wishes, the leper publicizes what **Jesus** has done.



Today’ Focus:Be Made Clean: As members of the Body of Christ, the Church we are sometimes in need of renewing and cleansing, so we may be full contributing members.

### Praying with the Word:

**Jesus**, source of compassionate healing, we ask you to make us whole in body and in spirit, so that we might offer ourselves as a worthy gift to **God**



### Question of the Week:

Who or what do I consider “unclean”? Does **Jesus** feel the same way I do? Have I ever felt excluded by by others who saw me as unworthy of inclusion in a group?



Having faith does not mean having no difficulties, but having the strength to face them, knowing we are not alone.

### 2015 Cardinal’s Annual Appeal:

This week marks the beginning of the *2015 Cardinal’s Annual Stewardship Appeal* in our parish. You will be receiving a letter from Cardinal Dolan asking for your support of the vital ministries, programs and services provided through the *Appeal* each year. When you receive your letter, please fill out your pledge card and send it in. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Financial Wrongdoing Hotline: “the Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations seriously. If you have knowledge of or reason to suspect misconduct, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 1-877-820-0541, or on the internet at <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY> both are available 24 hours per day”.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Tuesday February 17, 2015 at 7:15pm in the Parish Rectory.



**Lent 2015:** If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.-**Luke 9:23**

**Wednesday Feb.18-Ash Wednesday:** Be not a showoff. Keep your prayers between you and **Our Lord God** in heaven **Mt6:1-6, 16-18**

**Thursday Feb.19-Watch Over Me:** Surround yourself with those who delight in the laws of the **Lord**. **Psalm 1:1-4, 6**

**Friday Feb.20- A Time to Fast:** Lent is a time for us to share our bounty with the poor, to pray and to fast. **Isaiah 58:1-9**

**Saturday Feb. 21-Take up the Cross:** This Lent, make a renewed commitment to follow **Christ** teachings. **Luke 5:27-32**



