

March 15, 2015

## Fourth Sunday of Lent (B)



### **From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:**

Remember in your prayers His Eminence, Edward Cardinal Egan. He did a great job of restructuring the financial situation of the Archdiocese of New York. His cross, (his crucifixion as he put it), was dealing with the sexual abuse cases of priests. He spiritually helped us all through the horrible destruction of 9/11. May he rest in peace.

We had a great Mass and reception for Fr. Virgilio last Saturday. Many thanks to the Hispanic Community for the fiesta in the Parish Hall; I especially liked the roast pig. Fr. Virgilio has served our parish (both English and Spanish speaking) for twenty years. His prayerfulness and faithfulness are two of his outstanding qualities. In August he will return home permanently to the Philippines.

Last Saturday, Bishop Walsh celebrated Mass for the members of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade ("on McLean Ave." has been added this year). The parade which started in 1863 always began at our church. At the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century the Yonkers contingent did not march in Yonkers but in the New York City parade. Then fifty nine years ago the Parade was held gain in Yonkers moving up South Broadway. Last year, because the numbers watching the parade on South Broadway had significantly decreased, it was moved to McLean Ave. where many Irish now lived. Our church which was once 98% Irish is now about 1%. However the St. Patrick Day Parade Mass remains at St. Mary's.

My history (see icmary.com) is now up to the year 1968. I am now researching the years 1968-1978. If any of you have memories of this time write them down and send them to me.

I now know the name of the very large dog that Father Kovacs had: "Titus". I also have a photo in the newspaper of a photo Fr. Walsh riding a horse. At the time he wanted the land on which McDonalds is now built to be used for senior citizens housing (to be called St. Mary's Towers). Obviously he lost that battle.



### **COLLECTION:**

The collection for last Sunday, March 8, 2015 was \$3,200.00

The second collection next Sunday March 22, 2015 will be for our Property Insurance.



### **Easter Flowers:**

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered or a special intention remembered by the faithful at Easter, please make your reservation for the following in the envelopes found in the back of the church.

Large Lily Plant:	\$50.00
Hydrangea Plant:	\$50.00
Small Lily Plant:	\$25.00
Tulip Plant:	\$20.00
Hyacinth Plant:	\$10.00

### **Fourth Sunday of Lent:**

Today we celebrate Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice". We rejoice today as we open our hearts to God's forgiving love.

### **The first reading,**

1Samuel 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a; the people fail to respond to God's invitation to life. But God is already putting in place a new life for them.

### **In the second reading,**

Ephesians 5:8-14; **Paul** proclaims that **Christ** crucified is the power and wisdom of **God**.



### **In the Gospel,**

John 9: 1-41-9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38; Though we might think of healing physical blindness as a great miracle, the Gospel of John seems to be saying that it is spiritual blindness that truly needs to be overcome, and it is the healing of spiritual blindness that is the greatest miracle.

**Today' Focus: Seeing Beyond Our Own Blindness:** **Jesus** again takes to task those who criticized the man born blind (or his Parents) for sinfulness, as well as for their inability to see him as something other than blind and begging. What "blindness" so we wear?

**Holy Thursday-April 2, 2015-6:30pm** –Let us make Holy Thursday a celebration of our parish community. In a special way we want to thank all those who have volunteered their services to us in the past year.



**Humility saves man: pride makes him lose his way.**



### **Way of the Cross Devotion during Lent:**

**On the Fridays of Lent St. Mary's will have the Stations of the Cross:**

**In English: after the 12:05 Mass**

In Arabic: at 6:45pm  
In Spanish: at 8:00pm

**Improve your English: Free Evening Class for Adults-**Learn to read and write English as a Second Language. Improve everyday conversation skills.

**When?**- Classes run from Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Time:6-8pm**

**Where?** Registration and classes are held at the Sisters of Charity Administration Center (AKA Le Gras Hall) at **Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Ave. @W.263 St. Bronx, NY 10471**

**Questions?** Call 1-718-549-9200 ext 219 or [Email-Ldevine@scny.org](mailto:Ldevine@scny.org)

Registration-March 23&25 4-7pm <>First Class March 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Parish Council Meeting:** there will be a meeting of the Parish Council on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 pm in the rectory.

**2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal:** As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*.

