

April 12, 2015

2nd Sunday of Easter~ Divine Mercy Sunday

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

It was a wonderful Holy Week here at St. Mary's. Our outdoor stations of the cross even made it into the Journal News. I was especially gratified at the many people who took part in the Holy Thursday celebration of the Lord's Supper. A special shout-out to the Spanish speaking Mass on Easter, there were over 500 people participating. The music was great. Thank you to the Spanish Choir and Fr. Felino Reyes.

In the convent garden there is a special place for historical artifacts of our parish. The most recent one is a stone plaque dedicated to Bishop James Killeen. Bishop Killeen was an assistant priest at St. Mary's from 1942-1951. He was a Navy chaplain and Commander who became the Military Vicar of the Armed Forces. He served in Saigon for 13 months. "Holy-Helo" was a nickname for the helicopter that Fr. Killeen used when he made trips to shops without chaplains. He was chaplain aboard the U.S. Enterprise when the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier made the first non-refueling trip around the world. He was a frequent visitor to St. Mary's. He was a mentor to the future Archbishop of New York, John O'Connor. He was made a bishop in 1976 and died in 1978. Our parish donated his Episcopal ring. It is interesting to note that at least six priests assigned to St. Mary's were chaplains in the armed forces: Frs. Killeen, McGrath, Gough (who died in an airplane crash), Cunningham, Walsh and Corrigan (not me). There was one other assistant priest at St. Mary's who became a bishop: Thomas Cusack. He served under Fr. Charles Corley in the early twentieth century. He eventually became the Ordinary Bishop of Albany.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, April 5, 2015 was \$4,590.00
The second collection next Sunday April 19, 2015 is for our Property Insurance.



Food Collection:

Thank you for your generosity in our monthly food collection we were able to help many in our community that are in need.

Easter Flowers:

Please remember in your
the Church.



prayers those names on our Easter Flower Plaque in the back of



Divine Mercy Sunday:

Jesus presents us with Beatitude today: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Yet Jesus also says, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you". Perhaps our task is to help others to both see and believe. As we hear God's holy word today, let us listen for those signs that help us to believe, so that we might share them with others.

The first reading, Acts 4:32-35: the church responds to the gift of the Holy Spirit, they use their resources to benefit others.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 118:2-4,13-15:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

In the second reading, 1 John 5:1-6: John tells us that being Children of God means that we love God the Father and believe that Jesus is the Christ. Such faith and love enable us to conquer the world.

In the Gospel,

John 20:19-31: the risen Jesus appears to his frightened disciples. He grants them his peace and commissions them with the gift of the Holy Spirit to forgive sins.

Today's Focus; Sent Forth in Love: The love of God did not guarantee that when Christ was sent into the world it would be to a life free from suffering. In the same way, Christ sends us as disciples to know suffering-and joy.

Question of the Week: Why do people who live with faithfulness and integrity often have to undergo suffering? Do I try to live my life with the sort of integrity that might lead to suffering? Am I willing to take on such suffering?

Praying with the Word:

Lord Jesus, your love sends us into the world just as the Father sent you. Give us confidence that, in whatever we face, your love will never abandon us.

Lord, help us to live the virtue of generosity, to love without limits.

Parish Council Meeting:



The Parish Council Meeting is this Wednesday April 15th at 7:00pm in the rectory.

