

April 19, 2015

3rd Sunday of Easter (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Tuesday, April 22nd is "Earth Day". The Catholic Church, especially, Pope Francis, recommends that we do something that will help slow down the warming of our planet. That "something" might be teaching our children about the problems, reading more, taking concrete steps not to worsen the situation, involve yourself in organizations that are actively promoting programs to reduce the warming, etc. in the course of this year; I will be suggesting concrete ways that we can help. I don't think that this is a matter of choice anymore.

If you have not yet made a pledge to the *Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal*, please do so. Our goal is \$32,000.00 as of today we have pledged \$20,140.00. This is an indicator of the "financial viability" of our parish.

President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on April 14, 1865, 150 years ago. He was buried in his hometown, Springfield, Ill on May 4th. His body was taken by train 1,700 miles. When the train passed Yonkers, Fr. Edward Lynch, who was dying of TB, asked to be moved from the rectory (where the new garden is today) to a location near the railroad tracks where he could view the body. Where was the location? Was it down at the railroad station? My guess is Buena Vista Ave. He was in a very weakened state and it seemed a perfect spot for him. During these next two weeks go over to Buena Vista Ave. and look down at the railroad tracks and say a prayer of thanks for Fr. Lynch and Abraham Lincoln. (For historical background on Fr. Lynch and the Civil War, go to our website, "icmary.com" and click on Chapter 10 & 11 of our "History").



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, April 12, 2015 was \$3,285.00

The Second Collection this Sunday April 19, 2015 is for our Property Insurance.

The Second Collection next Sunday April 26, 2015 will be our Mothers Day Mass Remembrance.

Easter Flowers:

Please remember in your prayers those names on our Easter Flower Plaque in the back of the Church.



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Jesus calmed the fears of his disciples and filled them with sheer joy, in that spirit of peace and confidence, we trust that God will forgive our sins.

The first reading, Acts 3:13-15, 17-19: Peter invites his people to walk the path of life, Jesus is the way.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 4:7a: Lord, let your face shine on us.

In the second reading, 1 John 2:1-5a: John reminds us that Jesus is the expiration of our sins and our Advocate with the Father. When we keep his commandments, God's love dwells within us.

In the Gospel, Luke 24:35-48: the risen Lord once again appears to his frightened disciples. He manifests his identity to them by eating baked fish in their presence.

Today's Focus; A Real Resurrection: Every Sunday we profess that we believe in the "resurrection of the body" because we believe that was the fully human, fully divine Jesus who was raised from the dead.

Question of the Week: What experience do I have of Jesus as the author of life? How have I seen his life-giving power? What does God's willingness to share our human nature, even to the point of death, tell me who God is?

Praying with the Word:



Risen Lord, be present among us as the author of life who has conquered death. Give us confidence that nothing can separate us from the love of God.

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



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Did you know, in the Archdiocese of New York?

- ❖ There were 23,646 baptisms and 17,522 confirmations last year
- ❖ 95,896 students are currently enrolled in religious education programs
- ❖ There are 210 retired priests
- ❖ There are 87 seminarians
- ❖ Your gift to the 2015 Appeal ensures we are in a position to continue providing support to those most in need throughout the archdiocese.
- ❖ You can make your gift online at
- ❖ www.cardinalsappeal.org
- ❖ May God bless you for your generosity.

To date our parish has received \$20,140.00 in pledges/gifts toward the 2015 *Cardinal's Appeal*, from 63 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have the support from all our families. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.