

May 10, 2015

Sixth Sunday of Easter (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Today we welcome His Excellency Msgr. William Shomali auxiliary Bishop in the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. He will be celebrating Mass with our Good Shepherd Arabic community and administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the same Mass he will be giving Holy Communion for the first time to the younger children. All the candidates have been prepared by their Sunday religious education program.

Next Saturday, May 16, at 10:00am I will celebrate the First Holy Communion of our children who have been prepared by our Saturday religious education program. On Wednesday evening, May 27, at 7:00pm, Bishop Gerald Walsh will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to our candidates. Many thanks to the teachers who are preparing our children. A special thanks to Marisa Rivera the religious education coordinator of our parish.

On Thursday, May 14 we celebrate the Ascension of Our Lord. It is a Holiday of Obligation. Masses begin at the Vigil Mass at 5:00pm on Wednesday. On Thursday Masses are celebrated at 8:15am, 12:05pm and 7:30pm.

Last weekend there was a wonderful Yonkers Art Festival. Many activities took place on the waterfront and in the Adriaen Van der Donck Park. As I enjoyed the beauty of the park and the many works of art, I still ask why the city has not yet installed a statue of Adriaen with a Native American?

We are in the planning stage of building a columbarium for cremated ashes at St. Mary's cemetery. More details will follow in the coming months.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, May 3, 2015 was \$ 3,661.00

The Second Collection this Sunday May 10, 2015 will be for our Organ Renovation.



Mother's Day Remembrance Plaque: please remember to pray for all the mothers on our Mother's Day Plaque in the back of the Church.



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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter:

As we move toward the end of the **Easter** season, our liturgies begin to turn from reflections on **Jesus'** resurrection to our mission as baptized followers of **Christ**. This Sunday is the pivot for that move. The message of today's celebration could not be clearer. The word "love" appears in the second reading and Gospel today eighteen times, especially appropriate on this **Mother's Day**. As we continue our celebration today, let us be mindful of **God's great love for us**, and also of the love that we must show to those around us.

In the first reading, Acts 10:25-26: Peter preaches for the first time to a gentile household. Those who listen receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 982: "The lord has revealed to the nations his saving power"

In the second reading, 1 John 4:7-10: John tells us that God is Love. Jesus is the embodiment of his Father's love.

In the Gospel, John 15:9-17: Jesus explains his new commandment that the disciples are to love one another just as Jesus has loved them.

Today's Focus; *Little Children, Love One Another:* Simple to say, yet difficult to live-the heart of the disciple's life is to love one another, as Christ first loved us.

Question of the Week:What sort of love is Jesus commanding us to have? Whom do I see as the most significant examples of Christian love?



Praying with the Word: God of love, teach us how to love well and truly by following the example of love that you have shown to us in Jesus.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows, help us to understand God's will in moments of great suffering.



Religious Education News: there will be no Religious Education Classes on Saturday May 16th.

❖ **First Holy Communion:**

Saturday May 23, 2015 at 10:00am Rehearsals for 1st Holy Communion will be on Friday May 15, 2015 at 7:00pm

❖ **Confirmation:**

Wednesday May 27, 2015 at 7:00pm

Rehearsals for Confirmation will be on Friday May 22, 2015 at 7:00pm for both Sponsors and Candidates.

Retreat: there will be a retreat for the candidates for Confirmation on Thursday May 21, 2015 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

