

February 7, 2016

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent. Catholics are required not to eat meat on the Fridays of Lent and to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. It is our tradition to do special actions or sacrifices of our own choosing during Lent. Following Pope Francis encyclical "Laudato Si" it would be good to do something to slow down the warming of the earth e.g. don't use your car as much as you usually do, replace your light bulbs with more energy saving ones, don't use plastic bags when shopping.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 31, 2016 was \$5,228.00

The second collection this Sunday February 7th will be to aid with our Church heating costs. The second collection next Sunday February 14th will be annual Peter's Pence collection

Through the Peter's Pence Collection, we stand in solidarity with Catholics all over the world to support the charitable works of Pope Francis. Contributions to this collection are used to support the Holy Father as he reaches out to those suffering the effects of war and violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. As he has reminded us in this Jubilee Year of Mercy, "the time has for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more. It is time to return to the basics and to bear the weaknesses and struggles of our brothers and sisters. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope"



Ash Wednesday February 10, 2016

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



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



LENT 2016:

February 10th: Ash Wednesday;

2 Corinthians 6:2-Let us draw nearer to God this Lent.

February 11th: Choose Life;

Deuteronomy 30-19-Lent is the time to put God first in your life.

February 12th: Why Should We Fast?;

Isaiah 58:6-Become empty so God can fill you as God wants.

February 13th: Renew Us, Lord;

Isaiah 58:13-14-How can you put God's interests first today?

Pope Francis:

As Christians, we cannot be self-centered, but must always be open to others and for others.

Encyclical on the Environment: In his June 2015, encyclical on creation care, Laudato Si', Pope Francis proclaims that the poor are those most harmed by environmental distraction and climate change, and that developed countries like ours owe the poor an "environmental debt". With Pope Francis we pray, "O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth...that we may protect the world and not prey on it". In the encyclical, we are urged to do what we can to support global agreements on sustainable development, on protecting ecosystems globally, and on limiting greenhouse gases to a greater extent in developed countries than in poor countries. We are encouraged to reduce our consumption and reduce our carbon footprint.

Prayerfully Consider Your Sacrifice

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal serves many diverse communities across our 10 counties. As Disciples of Christ, we are called to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters. Even small sacrifices can make a big impact. Please answer the call and make your commitment today.

Suggested Total Pledge	5 Monthly Payments of	Daily Sacrifice offering
\$500	\$100	\$3
\$250	\$50	\$2
\$150	\$30	\$1
\$100	\$20	\$.66

2.6 Million Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York Your Gift Helps Support:

What Can You Give?

- \$2=a granola bar
- \$3=a Latte
- \$30=movie tickets for two
- \$50=a new pair of shoes
- \$100=a night out for two

- 90,000-Religious Ed Students
- 16,583-Confirmations
- 3,509-Marriages
- 194-Retired Diocesan Priests
- 97-Seminarians & 12 Offices and Ministries

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