

**March 6, 2016**  
**Fourth Sunday of Lent (year C)**

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

Stories are very important. They help shape our moral lives. Rules and regulations are necessary e.g. the Ten Commandments but stories reach into our hearts. They are our treasures. We remember them forever. The story of the Prodigal Son is one such story. The father in the story is God- a wonderful loving and forgiving father. The prodigal son is the sinner. No matter what he has done, he is not lost forever. But he must recognize and admit what he has done and ask forgiveness. The third person in the story is the resentful son. He is as much an essential part of the story as his father and his brother. We readily understand him. The word "resentment" best describes his feeling. He has worked very hard to earn his inheritance. His brother hasn't the father tries to explain what he is doing. It is about forgiveness and it requires a big heart. The story is so wonderfully told in the Gospel that it becomes part of us-for the rest of our lives. This is an example of why we need to bring our children for religious instruction. If they learn it when they are young, they will carry this moral lesson for the rest of their lives, for all of us hearing the story today can lead us to "examine our conscience" during this season of Lent. Do we have resentments in our hearts-to individuals or to groups of people that don't deserve what they are getting? Ask God's help to remove our resentments. Our parable (story) today is a classic example of the importance of stories for our moral and spiritual development. For the record, the literal intention of parable is probably this: The prodigal son is the Gentile, the brother is the Jew.

This Sunday evening at 5:00pm there will be a special Mass for the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee, Bishop Walsh will celebrate the Mass all are invited.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday February 28, 2016 was \$4,182.00

This Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> the second collection will be for the Support of the Catholic Relief Services.



**Pope Francis:**

Tears can generate a fracture which is able to open ourselves for conversion.



**6<sup>th</sup> ~Christ's Ambassadors:** *2 Corinthians 5:20*- Jesus has sent us to share his love with others.

**7<sup>th</sup> ~Trust in Jesus:** *John 4:48-50*- Let us trust Jesus as the one who can heal us.

**8<sup>th</sup> ~Do You Want Healing?:** *John 5:6-9*- Ask Jesus to heal whatever you most suffer from today?

**9<sup>th</sup> ~God Answers Us :***Isaiah 49:8*- God answers our prayers as God thinks best.

**10<sup>th</sup> ~Search the Scriptures:** *John 5:36-39*- Use the scriptures today to learn more about Jesus.

**11<sup>th</sup> ~ He Spoke Openly:** *John 7:26*- Let us imitate Jesus and share our faith with others.

**12<sup>th</sup> ~Confusion about Jesus:** *John 7:40-43*- How can you help others to know who Jesus really is ?

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**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