

April 10, 2016
Third Sunday of Easter (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Holy Week at St. Mary's was great. The number of participants at all the services exceeded last year's totals. As to be expected Palm Sunday and Easter services were high, especially the 9am Hispanic Mass. A highlight was the Stations of the Cross through the streets of Yonkers. At each station there was a dramatic presentation led by Fr. Felino Reyes. Holy Thursday, usually sparsely attended, was especially gratifying, thanks to Marisa Rivera, our religious coordinator. The Easter Vigil was good this year because six adults were baptized. Thanks to all who made this possible.

Two pastors of Yonkers died in the last month, Fr. Terso Vinci of Mt. Carmel and Msgr. John Gallagher of St. Paul's. Both were here in Yonkers when I arrived in 1987. They are both mentioned in my history of St. Mary's and Yonkers. I will tell you about the book next week.

Whenever there are high velocity winds as happened last week, I fearfully look up at our stained glass windows to see if there is any damage. Thank goodness there was none but, as I have been warned by the experts, it is only a matter of time. Or campaign for the windows will probably begin in January of 2017.

Speaking of our windows, the woman with the dragon depicted in the window in the clerestory (north 4a) is probably St. Margaret of Antioch. I had thought it was St. Perpetua, who was also usually depicted with a dragon. Fr. Barry Bossa, SAC, who has since died, convinced me that if it was Perpetua, the other saint in the window would have been Felicity (their names are in the Roman Canon), her companion and servant. Instead it is St. Agnes (with the lamb). Who was St. Margaret of Antioch? Legend has it that she was the daughter of a pagan priest. When she converted she was driven from her home. She became a shepherdess. When she rebuffed the advances of Olybrius, he had her imprisoned and tortured for being a Christian. The devil came to harass her in the form of a dragon. He swallowed her but the cross she held in her hands so irritated his throat that he was forced to disgorge her. After more attempts to kill her failed, she was beheaded. She is one of the group of saints highly venerated in the Middle Ages as the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Also she was one of the voices heard by Joan of Arc. She is also depicted in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and in the Cloisters.



COLLECTION: the collection for last Sunday April 3, 2016 was
\$ 4,840.00

The second collection next Sunday April 17, 2016 will be our monthly collection to help with our Church Property Insurance.



Third Sunday of Easter: In today's Gospel Jesus appears to the apostles after his resurrection and even prepares a meal for them. As we listen to these Holy Scriptures about the life of the early church, let us reflect on the many ways Christ comes to us and feeds us in our own lives.

First Reading: *Acts 5:27-32* (page 20) – earthly powers cannot impede the spread of the gospel. The apostles must obey God and not human authority.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 30* (page 21) - ***"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me"***

Second Reading: *Revelation 5:11-14* (page 21) – we enjoy a magnificent description of heaven. All creation in heaven and earth sound forth the praise of Father and Son.

Gospel: *John 21:1-19* (page 22) - Jesus appears to his disciples. He is recognized when he instructs them where to fish and feeds them with fish and bread.

Today's Focus: **How do you Love?** In the dialogue between Peter and Jesus today, Peter speaks of his love for Jesus. At the end of the passage Jesus foretells how Peter would ultimately show his love: dying on a cross as Jesus had.



Praying with the Word: Loving God, you gave yourself to us totally by becoming human. Jesus gave himself totally to us and to you by his death on the cross. You raised him from death. Raise us up and help us to love you totally by the ways in which we love our sisters and brothers.



Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity as always in our food collection; we were able to fill 15 bags of groceries for the needy in our community.



Daily Mass: Will be celebrated in the Main Church