

**April 24, 2016**  
**Fifth Sunday of Easter (year C)**

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

Next Sunday we will take up a special collection at all the Masses for the people of Ecuador who were victims of an earthquake. The money collected will be given to the Archdiocese of New York's special fund that has been created for this specific purpose.

Our many tulips look beautiful in our rectory garden. Soon our perennials will be flowering in our convent garden. We have many additional plants and bushes in this garden. Most of them have been transplanted from the garden of Mary the Queen. We also have planted lilies and rhododendrons from our altar Easter and Christmas flowers. Our convent garden is open during the day and early evening. It can be visited by our parishioners and friends. I like to walk through the garden after meals and sit on the benches and meditate. It is a very peaceful setting. If the gates are closed, you can easily open them and go in.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday April 17, 2016 was  
**\$4,146.00**

The second collection this Sunday April 24, 2016 will be for the Mother's Day Mass Remembrance.



**Fifth Sunday of Easter:** Today as we gather at God's invitation, we hear again Jesus' commandment to love one another. Let us be grateful today for a God who loves us so much, and pray for the grace to put into actions this commandment of Jesus, whether it is toward family and dear ones, or toward the strangers we encounter on the street. Let us learn to love one another as Jesus has loved us.

**First Reading:** *Acts 14:21-27*(page 25) – Paul and Barnabas complete their missionary journey; they rejoice that God opened the door of faith to all the nations.

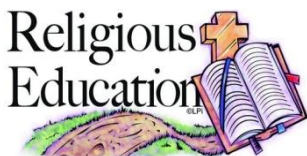
**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 145* (page 26) - *"I will praise your name forever my king and my God"*

**Second Reading:** *Revelation 21:1-5a*(page 26) – John sees a new heaven and a new earth; God will bring suffering and death to an end.

**Gospel:** *John 13:34* (page 27) -.Jesus reaches his time of glorification; he gives his disciples a new commandment that they are to love one another as he has loved them.



**Praying with the Word:** God of love, you gave yourself to us by taking on our human flesh and limitations, excepting sin; help us follow Jesus' command to give ourselves totally to you by the ways we love sacrificially.



**Religious Education News:**

- ❖ There will be no classes on May 7<sup>th</sup>

**Confirmation:**

- ❖ Confirmation Practice May 13, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Church  
both Candidates and Sponsors must attend
- ❖ Confirmation Ceremony May 18, 2016 at 7:00pm
- \* Candidates and Sponsors should meet in the Hall at 6:00pm

**First Holy Communion:**

- ❖ First Holy Communion Practice Group 1-April 30,2016
- ❖ First Holy Communion Practice Group 2-May 28, 2016
- ❖ First Holy Communion Ceremony Group 1 May 21, 2016 at
- ❖ First Holy Communion Ceremony Group 2 June 4, 2016 at



**Daily Mass:** Will be celebrated in the Main Church.