

**January 29, 2017**  
**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:**

On Wednesday, February 1, I will celebrate my 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary as pastor of St. Mary's. When I was planning to write a history of the parish (1848-2016), I asked myself what I would write about my years as pastor. It eventually grew into ten chapters. I was surprised to find how much of my time and energy was expended in making sure that our church would remain a "sacred place". When I was first ordained in 1963, the physical renovation of a church building was low on my list of important things to do. When my first parish church burned down, I changed my mind. I realized how important a church building can be, especially to a Catholic community. You can read my reflections on this subject in chapter 22 of my book. Now that I am near the end of my tenure at St. Mary's (I will retire on July 1, 2018), there is one last major renovation of the church to be accomplished. Thanks to the new Archdiocesan Campaign of "Renew + Rebuild" we have been given the opportunity to renew and rebuild our magnificent stained glass windows. Installed in 1891 they are magnificent. Without them, St. Mary's would be greatly diminished as a "sacred place". So I ask you to be generous as our parishioners have been in the past e.g. capital improvement campaigns in 1984, 1991, 1998, and 2007. You can read the names of past donors on the four plaques in the foyer of our church. We will add one more plaque with hopefully, your name on it in 2018. Today we will conduct an in-pew sign up for those who have not yet made their pledges.

There will be different categories depending on the amount of money pledged:

- ❖ Benefactor: \$10,000+
- ❖ Patron: \$ 7,500 +
- ❖ Sponsor: \$ 5,000 +
- ❖ Provider: \$ 2,500 +
- ❖ Contributor: \$ 1,000 +
- ❖ Donor: \$ 500 +

Dates to keep in mind: Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm: Yonkers St. Patrick Day Parade on McLean Avenue. We will march as a parish. April 24-26; A mission for neighboring parishes including St. Mary's. Details will follow.



**COLLECTION:** The Collection for last Sunday, January 22, 2017 was \$4,522.

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As we gather at God's invitation, we continue our Ordinary Time reflections on discipleship today with Jesus' teaching of the Beatitudes. How blessed we are to know that God loves even the least of us and wants all of us to live by the law of love. May our prayers today be for the grace to live the Beatitudes as Christ desires that we do.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zephaniah 2:3;3:12-13**

"Seek the Lord, all you humble of the earth," said Zephaniah the prophet. Do what is right, "Seek justice". Those who take refuge in the Lord shall pasture their flocks.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 146**

***"Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!"***

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

The weak of the world are chosen by God. "Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord."

**Gospel: Matthew 5:12a**

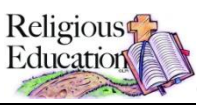
Jesus upset the standards of worldly justice in this charter of the heavenly reign: It belongs not to the rich but to the poor in spirit, not to the powerful but to the lowly, not to the warmongers but to the peacemakers.

**Parish News!**



**Mass Intention Book:** The Mass intention book is now open for 2017 please make your intentions for Masses early so that the dates you would like will be available to you. Also please remember that it is one name per Mass intention.

**Food Collections:** On the First Sunday of the each Month the food collection will continue as before. Food That We Receive Is Given To The Needy Of Our Parish.



**Classes have resume, Children are to line up in the Parish Hall between 9:15 and 9:20 am. Classes start promptly at 9:30 am**



*Pope Francis*

""Be not afraid, for I am with you". Let us communicate hope and trust in our time!"



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Mass Schedule For the week of  
January 29, 2017 to February 5, 2017  
Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05  
Below are the special intentions for this week

**Sunday January 29, 2017**

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Lucy Hernandez de la Cruz

11:00 Agnes & Peter Dougan

Andrea Paula

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

**Monday January 30, 2017**

8:15 Ramon Navarro

Josefa Navarro

**Friday February 3, 2017**

12:05 Jerry Jones

7:00 Flor Tamara de Jimerez

Anthony Kunny

Cursillistas de St. Dennis

**Saturday February 4, 2017**

12:05 Margaret Cruz

5:00 Jerry Jones

7:30 Legion of Mary

Daughter Angela

Joseph & Yang Yang Kunny

**Sunday February 5 2017**

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Luz Cartes & Alejandro Ramirez

11:00 Magdalena Peter

Maria & Adrian Ramirez

Francisco & Claudia Dougan