

February 26, 2017
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

The first flowers of spring (snow drops and crocuses) have begun to bloom. Soon many more larger flowers will make us forget about these first ones. But these small flowers are important to us because they signal the end of winter. We admire their toughness as they break through the frozen ground. We get ready for the Resurrection (Easter) by breaking through the tough soil of our bad habits (Lent). Although our gospel today was written to people who lived in a very different world from ours and some of the advice is not helpful today, the main point of the sermon still applies. Our first reading from Isaiah about God's love for us puts it beautifully. "Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you."

As an essential part of our return love for God is the priority given to sharing our resources with those less fortunate than us. One way our parish does this is to collect food for the hungry on the first Sunday of the month. Next Sunday will be the first Sunday.

Our campaign to repair stained glass windows continues. We will probably start repairing the windows during the summer. The number of windows we can repair at that time will depend on how much money we have raised (or pledged).

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On Saturday, March 18th, our parish will march in the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade at 1:00pm. Cardinal Dolan will be the Grand Marshal and he will be reviewing all the participants in the parade. It will be important for our future that he sees that we have a vibrant parish. Further details on how you can participate will be provided in our bulletin in the next weeks. One of our parishioners, Denise Donaghy will be an Aide to the Grand Marshal.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, February 19, 2017 was \$ 4,246.00

Parish News!

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

Ash Wednesday-March 1, 2017: Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 and at the Prayer Service at 3:00pm and in the Spanish Mass at 7:00pm

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

On this last Sunday before lent, the focus of our celebration shifts from what is expected of us as disciples to God's gracious and tender care of us. As we conclude this season of winter Ordinary Time, what better way to prepare for Lent than to reflect on how much our loving God wants us to be free of worry and cares, and to trust in God's goodness and grace!

1st Reading: Isaiah 49:14-15: "I will never forget you"

Psalm: Psalm 62: " Rest in God alone, my soul!"

2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5: the Lord manifests the motives of our hearts

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-34: Do not worry about tomorrow.

Lent 2017: Stay with me, Lord because I am weak and I need your strength. You are my life and without you I am without fervor. You are my light and without you I am in darkness. Stay with me, Lord for I desire to love you and always be in your company. Stay with me, Jesus, in life with all its dangers, I need you. Amen

Wednesday, March 1, 2017: Ash Wednesday ; 2 Corinthians 6:2: Let us draw nearer to God this Lent

Thursday, March 2, 2017: Walk in God's Ways; Deuteronomy 30:16: What can draw us closer to Jesus today?

Friday, March 3, 2017; Share Your Bread; Isaiah 58:6-7: How can you share your food today with the hungry?

Saturday, March 4, 2017; Remove Evil from Your Life; Isaiah 58:9-10: What evil keeps us from following Jesus?

Mass Schedule for the week of
February 26, 2017 to March 5, 2017
Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays
at 7:30pm

Sunday February 26, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 In Thanksgiving

Joaquina Tovar

11:00 Elizabeth & George F. Russ

And Son George

Jenny Brown

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

12:05 Cecelia Ann Favareau

Alice De Waters

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

8:15 Romualdo Okonski

Moma Okonski & Children

12:05 Monorah Reyes (L)

Norah Estevez

3:00 Prayer Service

7:00 Bilingual Mass & Ashes

Thursday, March 2, 2017

7:00 Odilon Vasquez

Jose Elvin Vasquez

Friday, March 3, 2017

7:00 Samuel Aquino

Carlo Aquino

Saturday March 4, 2017

12:05 Margaret Cruz

Daughter Angela

5:00 Patricia Green

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

7:30 Legion of Mary

Sunday March 5, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Jesus Ruiz & Carlota Zuniga

Joaquina Tovar

11:00 Francis & Margaret Walsh

Catherine Reid