

March 26, 2017 Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

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

Holy Thursday: On April 13th at 6:00pm we will celebrate the Last Supper of the Lord. The central focus is the celebration of the first Eucharist. On this special night we have three additional features. One is the procession of the Blessed Sacrament led by our children from our Saturday Religious education program to our chapel tabernacle. Since there is no Eucharistic celebration on Good Friday, these communions hosts consecrated on Holy Thursday will be offered to participants on Friday. The second is the "Washing of the Feet". In imitation of Jesus at the Last Supper. Twelve of our ushers will have their feet washed. Finally we will thank and bless our Eucharistic Ministers (canonically called "Extraordinary Ministers", because priests and deacons are the Ordinary Ministers) and our Lectors. Please try to join us on this special night.

Revive: Faith Every Day– Throughout the Archdiocese of New York there are planned three day missions and evangelization programs, called REVIVE. It is organized according to the cluster of churches that were formed for the "Making All Things New". Our cluster includes the parishes of St. Peter's, Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. it will take place at St. Peter's Church at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm on April 24,25,26. it will be conducted in English on Monday, April 24th and in Spanish on Tuesday, April 25th. On Wednesday, April 26, there will be an Anointing of the Sick in both languages.

Update on our Stained Glass Windows: In choosing which windows we should install protective glass, my priority has always been those windows that have been damaged or are in danger of being damaged by storms. Our west, south and east sides are vulnerable. Not so much the north side where we are protected by the YWCA building. The second priority is aesthetics; how does it look from the outside. Looking at our windows from the inside of the church, they look beautiful. From the outside they look dark, cloudy and dirty e.g. chapel windows.

I am getting estimate on the cost of installation and the scaffolding that will be required. We don't have the money to do all the windows but thanks to your donations and pledges (so far \$350,000), we can do many of them. We will start with the Rose Window on the east side of the church (South Broadway) plus the four windows underneath it and the six windows on either side. Initially I was not including the six windows but then I saw a church which did some windows but not all. Visually it looked terrible. Our next project will be the seven windows above the sanctuary. Then we will do the eight large windows in the south nave of the church (Six Apostles, St. Patrick and St. Bridget). They neve have had protective glass. We don't need to do the ten large windows on the other side of the nave because they have good and fairly clear protective glass. Then we will do the twelve windows in the chapel. Finally if we have any money left, we will do the windows in the clerestory (ten windows, twenty saints) and /or the Rose Window on the south side of the church. This choice will depend on a close inspection to determine if there is any damage to these windows. The Rose Window on the north side facing the YWCA looks to be in good shape. All this work is possible provided we do not find damage that will require a substantial portion of our money.

Collection : the collection for last Sunday, March 19, 2017 was \$4,099.00

Second Collection: todays second collection is our monthly Church Property Insurance collection.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays in Lent:

12:30 pm–English

6:45pm– Arabic

8:00pm-Spanish

Dates to Remember:

April 24-26; A mission for neighboring parishes including St. Mary's.

Holy Week Schedule –April 13th to April 15th:

April 13th-Holy Thursday: Evening Mass of the Last Supper 6:00pm (Bilingual) – 8:30 pm (Arabic)

April 14th –Friday of the Passion of the Lord: Good Friday-1:30 pm- Indoor Stations of the Cross

& Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (English); 3:00 pm -Outdoor Stations of the Cross throughout the neighborhood (Spanish)

4:30 pm- Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Spanish); 8:00 pm-Indoor Stations of the Cross & Solemn Celebration of the Lord's Passion (Arabic)

April 15th –Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil: 8:00pm (Bilingual) 10:00pm (Arabic)

All Mass during Holy Week will be in the Main Church.

Lent 2017:

Sunday, March 26, 2017: Open Our Eyes! John 9:39: Ask Jesus to cure whatever blinds you to him and his ways .

Monday, March 27, 2017: God's New Creation; Isaiah 65:17 : God is working in you to create something new this Lent.

Tuesday, March 28, 2017: Help us Walk! John 5:14: Jesu can cure our stubborn reluctance to walk in his ways.

Wednesday, March 29, 2017:God is Merciful; Psalm 145:8-9 :Give thanks because God is always merciful and compassionate.

Thursday, March 30, 2017:No Golden Calf; Exodus 32:7-8: How do our actions show what we think is most important?

Friday, March 31, 2017; Comfort us, O God!; psalm 34:19-20:God is close to the brokenhearted and the poor.

Saturday, April 1, 2017; No One Speaks Like Him; John 7:46-47: Let us treasure Jesus' words to learn about God.

Mass Schedule for the week of

March 26, 2017 to April 2, 2017

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays
at 7:30pm

Sunday March 26, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Jesus Hernandez

Mother & Siblings

11:00 Virgil Barrelli

Wife Angela

Monday March 27, 2017

12:05 JP Corrigan

Mary Debitt

Thursday, March 30, 2017

12:05 Ann Tolty

Mary Debitt

7:00 Maria Angelina Rubio

Daughter Maria Rubio

Saturday April 1, 2017

12:05 Vincenzo De Luca

Grace De Luca & Family

5:00 Amado Obama

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

7:30 Legion of Mary

Sunday April 2, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Julio Rodriguez

His Children

11:00 Rema Ereifej

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