

April 23, 2017

**Divine Mercy Sunday (A)**

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

It was glorious Holy week. The number of people participating in the services was unusually large, especially in our Hispanic Masses. The music was great, the weather was perfect and the flowers, both inside and outside the church, were beautiful. Thank you to all who made these services so meaningful.

I encourage you to take part in our Special Revive Mission which will begin tomorrow, April 24th at St. Peter's Church (Ludlow and Riverdale). Doors open at 5:30pm. Monday's services will be in English, Tuesday's in Spanish. Wednesday's will be a bilingual Mass which will include the Anointing of the Sick. Services begin at 6:00pm and end at 7:00pm. Confessions will follow. This is something new. Five neighboring churches will participate: St. Mary's, Mt. Carmel, St. Peter's-St. Denis and Our Lady of Fatima. Try to be there.

What is the Coptic Church? Our pope Francis will meet the Coptic Pope in Alexandria, in Egypt, on April 28-29. I was unsure myself what a Coptic is so I did some research. We are familiar with the great division between Protestants and Catholics starting with Martin Luther in 1517. We also know of the great East-West division, called the Great Schism, in 1054, that divided the Catholic world into Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. What we usually don't know about was another great division that took place in 451. It was caused by the Christian Churches separating over the Council of Chalcedon declaring that in Christ, there was "one person who shares two distinct natures, human and divine." Some churches, centered in Alexandria, in Egypt (Coptic means Egyptian) declared: there was one nature (a conjoined nature from two). This difference arose over what I think is insoluble (or a mystery). How can a human being be also God? The attempted answers to this question are contained in the 325 Nicene (Constantinople) Creed that we profess every Sunday and then a 126 years later, after further questions were asked, in the Chalcedonian decrees.

Another difference is that the Coptic Pope shares authority with other bishops. He is certainly not infallible.

**Collection :** the collection for last Sunday, April 16, 2017 was \$5,037.00  
The second collection this Sunday our monthly Church Property Insurance Collection.

**Reviving: Faith Every Day -** Throughout the Archdiocese of New York, three-day missions and evangelism programs, called REVIVE, are planned. It is organized according to the group of churches that were formed to "Do all things new." Our group includes the parishes of St. Peter's, Mt. Carmel, Our Lady of Fatima, St. Joseph and St. Mary. It will be held at St. Peter's Church at 6:00 pm and will end at 7:00 pm on April 24, 25,26. It will be held in English on Monday, April 24 and in Spanish on Tuesday, April 25. On Wednesday, April 26, there will be an Anointing of the Sick in both languages.

**Second Sunday of Easter; Divine Mercy Sunday:**

Every year we celebrate Easter for seven weeks-a "week of weeks- because we need all this time to appreciate all the new things that God is doing in our lives. So on this Second Sunday of Easter, which the Church has also designated as the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we focus on the early church and how those disciples received and spread the Good News of God's merciful love. May we learn much from them as we pray together today.

**First Reading;** *Acts 2:42-47: page 16:* those who believed shared all things in common.

**Responsorial Psalm;** *Psalm 118: page 17: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting"*

**Second Reading;** *1Peter 1:3-9: page 17:* God has given us new birth.

**Gospel;** *John 20:19-31: page 18:* "May Lord and my God".

Saint Peter in today's second reading speaks directly to us about our faith: "Even though you do not see him now yet believe in him". This prepares us for Jesus's final Beatitude: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." As we hear these sacred scriptures today, especially the story of Thomas the Doubter, let us listen for the passages and words that speak to our own faith so that we may grow in loving our Lord.

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**April 23, 2017 to April 30, 2017**

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

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday April 23, 2017**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Catalina Cruz & Primivo Maldonado

11:00 Dec Members of the Rodrigues Family

Children & Grandchildren

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

**Monday April 24, 2017**

12:05 Patrick, Jerry Grealish

Brigid Grealish

**Tuesday April 25, 2017**

12:05 Beatrice Zamborsky

William Zamborsky

**Wednesday April 26, 2017**

12:05 Chakkoru Padikkala

Family

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

12:05 Patrick Smyth

John & Philomena Murphy

7:00 Teresu Sanchez

Charismatic Group

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

8:15 In Thanksgiving

Esther Rodrigues

12:05 Jeanne Angers

Stephen Tuers

**Saturday April 29, 2017**

5:00 Juadougan Kin

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

7:30 Ramona & Jose Maria Ramirez

Maria Esperanza Ramirez

**Sunday April 30, 2017**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Maria Elena Lora Garcia &

Rosa Emilea Guevara

11:00 Catherine Surdesky

Camilo Cruz

Jenny Brown

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