

**April 30, 2017**  
**Third Sunday of Easter (A)**

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

This month we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities touches the lives of more than 350,000 individuals each year. While researching the history of our parish, I discovered in our archives a certificate thanking our parish for their contribution of \$22,800 to the New York Catholic War Fund Campaign. It was issued on March 17, 1918. This was an extraordinary amount of money at the time. The method of raising this money was so successful that it was used for future fund raising campaigns for the newly formed Catholic Charities. Its method was basically to recruit all the individuals in the parish societies. They would go door to door asking for donations.

The reason for forming an Archdiocesan wide organization was to coordinate all the charitable efforts of parishes. Before Catholic Charities was formed, individual parishes set up their own charitable organizations e.g. orphanages, immigrant services, etc. They would request and receive public moneys from the state, city, etc. There was no overall supervision of how the money was spent. The then Mayor of New York City, a Catholic, accused some Catholic parishes of misusing these funds. He launched an investigation. It caused a tremendous uproar. The result was that of the many organizations under investigation only one was found guilty of misusing funds. To avoid any future suspicion of wrong doing the Archdiocese of New York and many Catholic dioceses throughout the nation decided to put these individual parish projects under their control. Thus was born Catholic Charities. Another result was the defeat of the young Catholic Mayor in the next elections. Catholics helped elect him and then helped defeat him.

**Collection :** the collection for last Sunday, April 23, 2017 was \$4,840.00

The second collection this Sunday is our Mother's Day Mass Remembrance Collection. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for the month of May in honor of our mothers living and deceased.

**The second collection :**Next week we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and train seminaries in a region still struggling in the aftermath of atheistic Soviet rule.

**Third Sunday of Easter:**

We continue our celebration of Easter today by again hearing stories from the early church. We who have completed our Lenten journey of renewal, as well as those of us who are newly baptized, can together hear these stories and use them to deepen our own faith. As we celebrate together today, let us each resolve to take the Good News of Easter that we share with each other and spread it at home, at work, and in the world around us. Today we will hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, a story that we may find played out in our own lives more than we realize. Two despondent followers of Jesus walk from Jerusalem, not knowing which way to turn. All their hopes have been dashed. We too have walked that road when our life had been disrupted, our dreams snatched away. Then, miraculously, like the disciples in the story, we discover God's presence in the midst of our despair. Let us listen for God's message to us today in these holy words of scripture.

**First Reading; Acts 2:14,22-23: page 19:** It was impossible for Jesus to be held by death.

**Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 16: page 20:** "Lord, you will show us the path of life".

**Second Reading; 1Peter 1:17-21: page 20:** We were saved with the precious Blood of Christ.

**Gospel; Luke 24:13-35: page 21:** They recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

**Religious Education News:**

First Holy Communion will be on May 13th; children and parents must be at the church no later than 9:00 am— First Holy Communion Ceremony will start promptly at 10:00am. Confirmation will be on May 24th Candidates and Sponsors must be in the chapel by 6:00pm —Confirmation Ceremony will start promptly at 7:00pm ; there will be a confirmation practice on May 19th at 7:00pm all must attend.

**Parish Membership:** All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

**Pope Francis :** "He died, He was buried, He rose and He appeared. Jesus is alive! This is the heart of the Christian message ."

**Mass Schedule for the week of**  
**April 30, 2017 to May 7, 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 30, 2017**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Maria Elena Lora Garcia &  
Rosa Emilea Guevara

Camilo Cruz  
Jenny Brown

**Monday May 1, 2017**

8:15 Erich Angeline Mital (L)  
12:05 Mathew Joseph & Family (L)

the Mital Family  
Family & Friends

**Tuesday May 2, 2017**

8:15 Eder Millan

the Romero Family

**Friday, May 5, 2017**

12:05 Manorah Reyes (L)

Norah Estevez

**Saturday May 6, 2017**

12:05 Antoinette Garrambone(L)  
5:00 Mary & Stella Mustazza  
7:30 Legion De Maria

the Rizzi Family  
John Prato & Family

**Sunday May 7, 2017**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Rosa Verdujo  
11:00 Lawrensa Dougan Jones

Estela Vilouicencio  
Francisco & Claudia Dougan