

Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 7, 2017

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

On Saturday, May 13, we will celebrate the First Communion of Fifty-Four of our children and Four adults. This is one of our most joyful days. Many thanks to our catechists who teach all our students every Saturday: Zafiro Acevedo, Roberto Mejia, Joey Pereira, Patricia Reyes, Evelyn Rosario and Iladio Serrano. Special thanks to our Coordinator, Mrs. Marisa Rivera, who has done wonderful work involving our parents in our Saturday program.

I hope you are enjoying our flowers. The season for our spectacular flowers, daffodils and tulips, is coming to an end. Look carefully in both our gardens and you will see the new blooming flowers, especially purple irises, peonies and lilies of the fields. Many of our early blooming flowers never had a chance to bloom because of the early February rise in temperature and then the sudden drop to freezing.

On May 2, we celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of Dr. Jones Salk creation of the polio vaccine. I was in the senior year of high school and it was a very joyous occasion. There were many cases of this crippling disease when I was growing up. Parents were terrified that their children would get it. We were always scared when we went into the water at Orchard Beach in the Bronx. Then suddenly we were no longer in danger. Today there are parents who are afraid of vaccinating their children. Do not be afraid; they are safe and necessary.

Stained glass windows. Did you know that our church has 85 stained glass windows? That each of our three rose windows has 25 separate sections?

Next Sunday, our Good Shepherd Arab Catholic Community will welcome Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate in Jerusalem. He will celebrate the 12:30 Mass in St. Mary's.

Collection : last Sunday, April 30, 2017 was \$

The second collection : This Sunday we will take up the collection for the Church in Central and Easter 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. *Once again thank you for your genericity in the collection of food for the needy of our community.*

First Reading; Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41: page 22: Peter proclaimed that only in the name of Jesus Christ are sins forgiven and the Holy Spirit received.

Responsorial Psalm; Psalm 23: page 22: "The Lord is my Shepherd; there is nothing I shall want".

Second Reading; 1Peter 2:20b-25: page 23: Jesus suffered for the sins of all people, and by his death on the cross, all can live in accord with God's will.

Gospel; John 10:1-10: page 23: Jesus said. " I am the gate for the sheep" he declared that whoever enters through him will be saved because he came that others may have life and have the fullness of life.

Religious Education News:

First Holy Communion will be on May 13th; children and parents must be at the church no latter then 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 : "Let's work together to increase solidarity and sharing. Cooperation helps to build better and more peaceful societies. ."^[OBJ]

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

May 7, 2017 to May 14, 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 May 7, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Rosa Verdujo

11:00 Lawrensa Dougan Jones

Estela Vilouicencio

Francisco & Claudia Dougan

Monday May 8, 2017

12:05 Maxima Fagal

Family

Thursday May 11, 2017

7:00 Francisca Parreno De Taveras

Marisol Taveres

Saturday May 13, 2017

12:05 Margret & Conchita De Benedetti

5:00 Rose Kunny

7:30

Angela Berrelli

Family

Sunday May 14, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Rita & Paula Navarro

11:00 for the Des. Members of the

Duarte, Antao & Rodrigues Family

Josefa Navarro

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues