

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2017

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

We welcome the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem to our parish today. He will be celebrating the 12:30 Arabic Mass in which fifteen young people will be receiving either their First Holy Communion or Confirmation.

His visit reminds us of the central role of Jerusalem in our early church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles is referring to a disagreement in Jerusalem between Greek speaking Jews and Aramaic speaking Jews. The solution was the creation of what we call today the office of the diaconate. It shows that the early church could adapt to new challenges. In the current debate in our church over personnel, especially the lack of priests, will we be able to adapt the structures of our present church to meet the challenges of our world?

The New York State Catholic Conference of Bishops is urging all of us to call our elected officials to oppose the Assisted Suicide bills, namely Senate Bill S3151 by Senator Diane Savino and Assembly Bill A.2383 by Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. It would allow physicians to prescribe lethal doses of medication for the express purpose of ending the patient's life.

Arguments against these bills include: It would undermine the physician's role as healer. It sends the message that suicide is acceptable. It will eventually lead to expansion beyond its original scope and eventually lead to euthanasia which often targets those with physical and mental disabilities.

Collection: the collection for last Sunday, May 7, 2017 was \$4,108.00

The second collection: This Sunday second collection is our Organ Renovation collection.

Once again thank you for your genericity in the collection of food for the needy of our community we were able to fill 33 bags of nourishing food with your help.

Parish Council Meeting: There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Wednesday, May 17th at 7:00 pm in the Parish Rectory.

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First Reading: *Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7: page 24:* There were complaints that certain widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. Seven deacons were appointed to oversee an equitable distribution of food.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 33: page 25: "Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you"*

Second Reading: *1 Peter 2:4-9: page 25:* Christ is the cornerstone, precious to God. All who believe are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own" called to proclaim the gospel.

Gospel: *John 14:6: page 26:* Jesus told the disciples that he would prepare a place for them in heaven. He explained that, in order to know the Father, one must first know the Son. People of faith will do the works that he did and still greater.

Religious Education News:

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: *"Everyone has something to give to society; no one is excluded from contributing to the good of all."* [OB]

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 14, 2017 to May 21, 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 14, 2017

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Rita & Paula Navarro Josefa Navarro

11:00 for the Des. Members of the Duarte, Antao & Rodrigues Family Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

Monday May 15, 2017

8:15 Mother's Day Novena

12:05 John L. Favareau John A. Favareau

Tuesday May 16, 2017

8:15 Frank Navarro Josefa Navarro

12:05 Mother's Day Novena

Wednesday May 17, 2017

8:15 Mother's Day Novena

12:05 Nancy & Thomas Brennan Mary Brennan

Thursday May 18, 2017

8:15 Ramon Navarro Josefa Navarro

12:05 Mother's Day Novena

Friday May 19, 2017

8:15 Mother's Day Novena

12:05 Sacred Heart of Jesus Lilia Perez

Saturday May 20, 2017

12:05 Patrick & Jerry Grealish Brigid Grealish

5:00 Anna Prato John Prato & Family

7:30 Jose Sanchez & Modesta Ramirez Family

Sunday May 21, 2017

7:30 Mother's Day Novena

9:00 Miguel A Ramirez Carman Ramirez

11:00 Claudius Harding Claudia & Francisco Dougan