

**March 18, 2018**  
**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

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

Climate change; because it is controversial for some people, I was not going to write about climate change. But a few weeks ago, while bringing Holy Communion to a parishioner who lives near the Hudson River, I was stunned to see how high the waves of the river were during our latest “northeaster”. With a rise of only three more feet that whole section of Yonkers would be flooded– as did happen during hurricane Sandy. I also realized that most of us will not take warning of future catastrophes seriously until it finally happens, by then it will be too late to save the lives of millions of people. For some the warming of the earth is not caused by humans. For most of us (including 97% of scientists) we know it is. But we don’t want to do anything too upsetting. Besides, we say to ourselves, it may be too disruptive to our society. Eventually laws will be passed e.g. Germany just passed a law forbidding the use of cars and trucks using diesel oil. I can see a time when Yonkers will return to the trolley system.

While looking at our beautiful Hudson River, I reminded myself to continue not using plastic bags when shopping for food (I do the shopping for the rectory). It is evident to me that despite the knowledge that these plastic bags are destroying billions of aquatic life in our oceans, many people will not give up their plastic bags. As a result a law will have to be created to forbid it. In Ireland, when a fee of 15 euros was imposed in 2002, within a year, 90% of shoppers were using reusable bags.

What do we do with our extra medications. Throw them down the toilet? Put them in the garbage? Some of the highest concentration of prescription drugs in the Hudson River was found near waste water treatment plants in Yonkers. There is a drop-off location for our extra pills. Call 914-813-5425.

If you are looking for a Lenten resolution, make one that will help our environment. Start by cutting down the use of your car. Walk more. It is good not only for the environment but also for your own health.

**Lent 2018: A Time to Be Forgiven** "We had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found".-*Luke 15:32*

**Sunday, March 18, 2018:New Life through Death: John 12:23-26;**What must you die to today so Christ might live in you?

**Monday, March 19, 2018: St. Joseph: Matthew 1:20;** Like Joseph, protect the life of Jesus in those around you.

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018: Do What Pleases God: John 8:29;** Let us always do what God desires of us..

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018: Jesus' Word Is Truth: John 8:31-32;** Faith in Jesus and his words gives the truth that sets you free.

**Thursday, March 22, 2018:Keep My Word!: John 8:31-32;** Jesus promises that if we keep his word we shall live forever.

**Friday, March 23, 2018: God is with You!; Jeremiah 20:10-11;** When things go wrong, remember that God is with you.

**Saturday, March 24, 2018:Gather Us Together: John 11:51-52;** God is drawing all people together through Jesus.

**Collection :** the collection for last Sunday, March 11, 2018 will be in next weeks bulletin.

**Way of the Cross:** On Friday's during Lent the way of the Cross will be after the 12:05 Mass, the Arabic community of the Good Shephard will have it at 6:45pm and in Spanish it will be at 8:00 pm.

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**March 2018:**

24th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00-Holy Thursday and Baptismal Rehearsal-Church 9:45-10:45 am

29th All Children come to the Mass on Holy Thursday Mass –Mass starts at 6:00pm

31st No Religious Education Classes-Holy Saturday-April 1st Happy Easter

**April 2018:**

7th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00-Baptism-2:30 pm

14th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00-Reconciliation Family Day for Communion Parents/Candidates

21st Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00– Communion Rehearsal 10:00am

28th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00– Confirmation Rehearsal 10:00am

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**March 18, 2018 to March 25, 2018**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm**

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

**Sunday, March 18, 2018:**

7:30am For the Parishioners

9:00am Samuel Kezeta

Nasser Ketchakeu

11:00am Thomas McCarthy

Peggy Rohan & Bednar Family

**Saturday, March 24, 2018:**

7:30pm Zunida Matiete de Rojas

Nelly Matiete

**Sunday, March 25, 2018:**

7:30am For the Parishioners

9:00am Maria Angelina Rubio

Daughter Maria Rubio

11:00am Juvenil & Celina Antao

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues