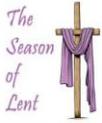


March 1, 2015

## Second Sunday of Lent (B)

### From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:



There will be a Synod of Bishops in Rome in October of 2015. They will be discussing "The Family". The laity can participate by offering their own opinions of some of the topics. How do you do this? Go on line to [www.nyfamilylife.org/synod](http://www.nyfamilylife.org/synod). You can access these questions. Then answer them. Do it now! The deadline is Friday, March 6, 2015.

Next Saturday we have a special Mass and celebration to thank Fr. Virgilio for his twenty years of service to our parish. All are invited to the Mass and to the reception in the Parish Hall. I hope you can come.

Next Saturday at the 5:00 pm Mass we will host the members of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade. Bishop Walsh will be the main celebrant. Before Mass at City Hall there will be the raising of the Irish Flag. After our Mass there will be a Dinner Dance at the Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway. The proceeds from this dinner dance finance the parade. The Parade itself will take place on McLean Ave. on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> starting at 1:00pm.

The weather has been brutal. Since it is not wise to go out-unless you have to- I have spent my time working on the history of our parish. I have just finished the years 1953-1967. Now I am researching the years 1968-1987. I call these years "A Parish in Transition". The most informative documents are minutes of Parish Council meetings.

Parish Councils began in the Archdiocese in 1968. These minutes give a much better picture of the parish than our bulletin, "Bells of St. Mary's" These years were difficult years for the parish and Yonkers. Stay tuned. Remember my history can be accessed by going to our web page "icmary.com" I have received comments on my article about my time in Selma, you can also read this article on our website.



### COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, February 22, 2015 was \$2,439.00

The second collection this Sunday March 1, 2015 will be for the support of the Catholic Relief Services. Next Sunday March 8, 2015 the second collection will be for our Easter Flowers.



### Easter Flowers:

If you would like to have your loved ones remembered or a special intention remembered by the faithful at Easter, please make your reservation for the following in next week's second collection.

Large Lily Plant: \$50.00  
Hydrangea Plant: \$50.00  
Small Lily Plant: \$25.00  
Tulip Plant: \$20.00  
Hyacinth Plant: \$10.00

### Celebration for Fr. Virgilio Competente:

We will be celebrating Fr. Virgilio's retirement and his 20 years of service to St. Mary's on March 7<sup>th</sup> with a Mass at 12:00 and a reception in the Church Hall following the Mass. All are welcome to join in the festivities.

### Second Sunday of Lent:

Every year on the Second Sunday of Lent we hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration from one of the Gospels. With our Lenten journey so briefly under way, we may need the encouragement of what lies ahead that Transfiguration story gives us. As Jesus was transfigured and ultimately triumphant over death, so may our prayer today be that we too will be transformed.

### The first reading.

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Abraham obeys God without hesitation. He has reached the point of unconditional faith in God's promises.

### In the second reading,

Romans 8:31b-34; Paul emphasizes God's love for us. We have every reason to put all our hope in God.



### In the Gospel,

Mark 9:2-10; Jesus is transfigured before his disciples, manifesting his divine identity as God's beloved Son.

Today' Focus: Transfiguration, Not Trembling: As shocking and difficult as Abraham's near-sacrifice of Isaac may seem, perhaps it is more shocking and difficult to give witness to the self-sacrifice of Jesus in our own lives.

**Praying with the Word:** Make us ready, O Lord, to follow you wherever you might lead, confident in our belief that you accompany us on our journey and will keep us safe.



### Question of the Week:

What is the most difficult thing that my faith in God has ever demanded of me?

There is no



sin that God cannot pardon. All we need to do is ask for forgiveness.



**Way of the Cross Devotion during Lent:**

***On the Fridays of Lent St. Mary's will have the Stations of the Cross:***

**In English: after the 12:05 Mass**

**In Arabic: at 6:45pm**

**In Spanish: at 8:00pm**



**Lent 2015:** If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.-**Luke 9:23**

**Sunday March 1-Beloved!:** God has given us his only **Son**. Listen to **Jesus** as he speaks the Word of **God**. **Matthew 9:2-10**

**Monday March 2-Mercy!:** How can we show mercy and forgiveness to our enemies? To our loved ones? **Luke 6:36-38**

**Tuesday March 3- One Master:** When we humble ourselves to serve others, we become models of **Jesus'** service to us.

**Matthew 23:1-12**

**Wednesday March 4-Stewards:** Remember to support your parish during Lent with time, talent and treasure. **Matthew 20:17-28**

**Thursday March 5- From God:** Blessings will come to those who trust in the **Lord**. Praise his holy name. **Jeremiah 17:5-10**

**Friday March 6-Bearing Fruit:** Spreading the **Word of God** is part of our Christian duty as **Jesus'** disciples. **Mt.21:33-43, 45-46**

**Saturday March 7-Mercy and Kindness:** **God** showers us with undeserved gifts. Can we return the same? **Psalms 103:1-4, 9-12**

