

March 22, 2015 Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)



From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

On April 2 at 6:30 pm our parish will celebrate Holy Thursday. This celebration of the Lord's Supper begins the Triduum (The Three Days) of the Pascal Mystery. This evening includes the celebration of the first Mass (the night before he died, Jesus took bread, broke it and gave it to his disciples"), the institution of the priesthood ("Do this in memory of me") and the washing of the feet. This year I want to make this night a festive occasion to bring all our parishioners together. It is the one of the few times that our Spanish and English speaking congregations can celebrate together. It will also be an opportunity to thank our parishioners who volunteer their services during the year e.g. priests, Members of the Parish Council, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers, Altar Servers, Choir Members, Leaders of Song, Teachers of Religious Instruction, those who clean the altar, counters the money, sell the candles, clean and cook in our cafeteria and parish hall etc. I as pastor will thank them in the ceremony of the washing of the feet. "The Son of Man takes up a towel and washes the feet of his followers, then calls them to do the same. The new church, lead by Pope Francis, is to be a community of brothers and sisters sent out to wash the feet of the world". Please put April 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm in your calendar.

Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal: Next week we will have the In-Pew Pledge. Those who have not pledged and /or donated money to the appeal will have an opportunity to do so at or after the Masses. Our goal is \$32,000.00 and we are only half way there so far.

A large percentage of this money is used to help those in need. It is a way of "washing the feet of the world".



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, March 15, 2015 was \$3,527.00

The second collection this Sunday March 22, 2015 will be for our Property Insurance.



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 the envelopes found in the back

of the church.

Large Lily Plant: \$50.00

Hydrangea Plant: \$50.00

Small Lily Plant: \$25.00

Tulip Plant: \$20.00

Hyacinth Plant: \$10.00

Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Jesus is the fulfillment of the Father's promise to be our God and to make us his people. Let us admit our sinfulness and ask for an increase in faithfulness.

The first reading,

Jeremiah 31:31-34; a prophet has comforting news for a sinful people. God will one day place a new covenant in their hearts.



In the second reading,

Hebrews 5:7-9; we hear of Christ's prayer, his obedience, and suffering. His Father heard his prayer, brought him to glory, and made him savior of all who obey him.



In the Gospel,

John 12:20-33; the coming of Jesus' hour is manifested by the Greeks coming to Jesus. The seed must die in order to be fruitful.

Holy Week Schedule-March 29-April 5th :

March 29-Palm Sunday:regular Sunday Schedule; palms will distributed at all the Masses.

April 2-Holy Thursday:6:30 pm Evening Mass of the Last Supper **(Bilingual)**

8:30 pm Evening Mass of the Last Supper **(Arabic)**

April 3-Friday of the Passion of the Lord(Good Friday):1:30 pm Indoor Stations of the Cross & Solem Celebration of the Lord's Passion**(English)**

3:00 pm-Solem Celebration of the Lord's Passion **(Spanish)**

4:30 pm-Outdoor Stations of the Cross (through the neighborhood) **(Spanish)**

8:00pm -Indoor Stations of the Cross & Solem Celebration of the Lord's Passion **(Arabic)**

April4-Holy Saturday:Easter Vigil -8:00pm (Bilingual)

10:00pm(Arabic)

Lent is a time for drawing near to Christ by listening to the word of God and celebrating the sacraments.



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

Improve your English: Free Evening Class for Adults-Learn to read and write English as a Second Language. Improve everyday conversation skills.

When? - Classes run from Monday, March 30th through Wednesday, May 20th and are held on Mondays and Wednesdays. **Time:6-8pm**

Where? Registration and classes are held at the Sisters of Charity Administration Center (AKA Le Gras Hall) at **Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Ave. @W.263 St. Bronx, NY 10471**

Questions? Call 1-718-549-9200 ext 219 or [Email-Ldevine@scny.org](mailto:Ldevine@scny.org)

Registration-March 23&25 4-7pm <>First Class March 30th.

2015 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal: To date our parish has received \$11,830.00 in pledges/gifts toward the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*, from 33 families. For this Appeal to be truly successful, we must have the support of all our families. The Appeal is vital source of funding for the programs and ministries that sustain the parishes across our Archdiocese. It is not too late to make your gift. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your kind support.