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SUNDAY MASSES / MISAS
DEL DOMINGO

Saturday/Sábado
5:30 pm

Sunday/Domingo
9:00am, 10:30am,
12:00pm
(Spanish/Español),

Confessions
Saturday 4:00-5:00 pm

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Amen.

Oh Dios, que a través de tu Palabra reconcilias a la raza humana contigo mismo de una manera maravillosa, concédenos, te lo ruego, que con pronta devoción y ansiosa fe el pueblo cristiano pueda apresurarse hacia las celebraciones solemnes por venir. Amén.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“For God so Loved the World”

Today’s Gospel contains the best known and most often quoted passage in the New Testament. Who has not seen John 3:16 at a televised sporting event? Who has not heard and read the familiar and comforting words?

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.” Like an old song or a soft blanket, the words comfort us.

The Rest of the Story

But the rest of the Gospel verses are not so familiar - or so comforting: “Whoever does not believe has already been condemned” (John 3:18). Do my doubts condemn me? Just how strong is my faith? “People preferred darkness to light because their works were evil” (John 3:19). Can I justify my life-style when the world’s children are starving? “For everyone who does wicked things hates the light” (John 3:20). What have I done that I don’t want others to know about? Why do I look the other way when people or governments act unethically or immorally?

The image of Moses holding up the bronze serpent is a stark reminder of the purpose of the Crucifixion. The Son of Man will be “lifted up” - but first he will suffer a painful death on the cross. We are saved through his suffering love - if we will let him love us. “Whoever lives the truth comes to the light” (John 3:21). To “live the truth” is to accept ourselves as we are - good, bad, and ugly. Love can only enter when our defenses are down. Jesus does not condemn; we condemn ourselves by our non-belief in our own essential goodness. It’s an internal condemnation removed only by his gift - the gift of love. Jesus is love. We are saved by love. We save others through love. Love is the only thing worth living - or dying - for.

Today’s Readings: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23; Psalm 137:1-6; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21

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Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

“Así Amó Dios al Mundo”

El Evangelio de hoy contiene el pasaje más citado del Nuevo Testamento. ¿Quién no ha visto Juan 3:16 en una actividad deportiva televisada? ¿Quién no ha escuchado ni leído esas palabras conocidas y reconfortantes?

“¡Porque tanto amó Dios al mundo que le entregó a su Hijo único, para que todo el que crea en él no perezca, sino que tenga vida eterna”. Esas palabras nos confortan como una canción Antigua o una manta suave.

El Resto de la Historia

Pero el resto de los versículos del Evangelio no son tan familiares ni tan confortantes: “...el que no cree ya está condenado...” ¿Me condenan mis dudas? ¿Cuán fuerte es mi fe? “...Los hombres prefirieron las tinieblas a la luz, porque sus obras eran malas”. ¿Puedo justificar mi estilo de vida cuando los niños del mundo mueren de hambre? “Todo aquel que hace el mal aborrece la luz y no se acerca a ella...” ¿Qué cosas he hecho que no quiero que sepan los demás? ¿Por qué miro para otro lado cuando la gente o los gobiernos actúan sin ética o inmoralmente?

La imagen de Moisés sosteniendo la serpiente de bronce es una señal sombría del propósito de la Crucifixión. El Hijo del Hombre será “levantado”, pero primero sufrirá una muerte dolorosa en la cruz. Seremos salvados por medio de su amor sufriendo si es que dejamos que Él nos ame. “ El que obra el bien conforme a la verdad va a la luz...”. Obrar según “la verdad” es aceptarnos como somos: buenos, malos y feos. El amor sólo puede entrar cuando estamos abiertos. Jesús no condena, nosotros nos condenamos por no creer en nuestra bondad esencial. Es una condena interna que sólo un regalo puede remover - el regalo del amor. Jesús es amor. Somos salvados por amor. Salvamos a otros por amor. El amor es lo único por lo que vale la pena vivir o morir.

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Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time.

Sunday, Mar 18, 2018

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT; THIRD SCRUTINY OF THE ELECT

Yes, we can!

Maybe it feels like something's holding you back: lack of education or funds, past decisions or old wounds, complicated relationships or too many responsibilities. But in the big picture, only two things impede our liberty: sin and death. If we could get beyond those two, we walk into perfect freedom. The good news is, we can! In today's Scrutiny, we celebrate how the "death-dealing" power of evil gives way to the "life-giving sacraments" that make it possible for us to walk free of every episode of death. What binds you? Jesus is calling you to freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 (34).* "O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them."

Monday, Mar 19, 2018

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY

Seek some fatherly advice

Jesus taught his disciples to pray "Our Father . . ." We are blessed in the name of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Saint Joseph, the husband of Mary, was a generous and strong father who always put the well-being of Mary and Jesus first. He stands as an inspiration for parents, and he points to the kind of parental love God has for us. He is also a powerful intercessor. Catholics call Saint Joseph the patron saint of the entire church. Pray to Joseph today in your own words for the wisdom and courage to care for the people and responsibilities in your charge.

TODAY'S READINGS: *2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543).* "Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Tuesday, Mar 20, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Integrity is the best calling card

There are countless guides on how to write the perfect résumé. Nearly all suggest that you include lots of credentials and personal referrals of influential people. After all, it's who you know and what qualifications you bring to the table that matter, right? On the other hand, what would a prophet's *curriculum vitae* look like? Here we are seeing a different kind of *vita*, where personal integrity carries the day. In the gospel the Pharisees want to see a traditional résumé of Jesus, but many people believed in Jesus based on the power of his witness. Listen carefully to what Jesus is saying and do your best to honor it in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252).* "Because he spoke this way, many came to believe in him."

Wednesday, Mar 21, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

God's got nothing to prove

W. C. Fields used to exclaim in his films, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego!" No doubt Fields enjoyed using these exotic biblical names as an expression, but behind them are three actual characters from Hebrew scripture. The Babylonian king had commanded them to worship the statue of a god or face immediate execution. Their response was an interesting one. Of course they wouldn't bow down, and if God saved them, so be it. But if not, they

still wouldn't deny their God. Now that's faith—both the willingness to give up their lives but also their affirmation that God did not have to prove anything to deserve their trust. Faith does not begin with what God will do for you if you believe. It starts with believing because God *is* God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253).*

"Jesus then said to those . . . who believed in him, 'If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples.'"

Thursday, Mar 22, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

How well do you know God?

"How well do you know me?" quizzes—with questions like, "What's my favorite band/movie/song/video game? Where would I most like to be? Who are my heroes?"—have long been lighthearted ways to test or strengthen friendships. With Lent particularly set aside for repentance and renewal, it's a good time to take a "how well do you know God" quiz. Ask yourself: Based on scripture and tradition, what do I know to be God's likes and dislikes? Who are the people with whom God has found favor? Where am I likely to find God? Your search for answers will no doubt test and, let's hope, strengthen your friendship with God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59 (254).* "Jesus answered, ' . . . You do not know him, but I know him.'"

Friday, Mar 23, 2018

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Timely advice

"Turibius the Tireless" could be the nickname of today's saint. As a Spanish missionary and later bishop in 16th-century colonial Peru, he traversed a 176,000-square-mile diocese—three times—to attend to those in his charge. His favorite saying is one we do well to keep in mind: "Time is not our own, and we must give a strict account of it." Keep a simple time log for a week, and you'll learn something about your priorities. You might be surprised by how much time is frittered away. Not that down-time is all bad, mind you—relaxing and recreating are also part of God's plan. But keep in mind that time is a nonrenewable resource. How will you spend your precious allotment?

TODAY'S READINGS: *Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255).* "Many there began to believe in him."

Saturday, Mar 24, 2018

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be the voice of the voiceless

Each year, on March 24, the International Day for the Right to the Truth Concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims is observed. This annual observance pays tribute to the memory of Monsignor Óscar Arnulfo Romero, who was martyred on this date in 1980. Archbishop Romero was actively engaged in denouncing violations of the human rights of the most vulnerable individuals in El Salvador. "Each one of you has to be God's microphone. Each one of you has to be a messenger, a prophet." These fateful words of Romero speak of what it means to be a person of faith. Faith must be lived out. Romero preached the gospel by how he lived. His life broadcast the Good News, calling others to lives of holiness and humility. Your life can speak volumes, too; it's simply a matter of letting God make of you a microphone.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256).* "He prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation."

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Walking with Purpose



The Church of St. Bernard is forming a Walking with Purpose Catholic Bible Study Group. This group encourages women to have a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Walking with purpose endeavors to meet women where they are, giving them practical Biblical teaching that is consistent with Church doctrine and uses the Catechism of the Catholic Church as an additional source. Women report that after participating in this program they are more satisfied with their faith, 97% report that their prayer life is improved and 97% say their relationship with Christ is stronger. The first meeting will take place on Monday, March 19th from 7:00pm– 8:30pm in the Community Room. These meetings will be conducted in English. If you are interested in this group please see Father Morris after Mass. The pastoral coordinator for this six week program is Laura Juarez.

Upcoming Parish Meetings

- ◆ Virgin of Caacupe, today, Sunday, March 11th at 1:30pm in the Community Room.
- ◆ Virgin of Assumption, Sunday, March 18th at 1:30pm in the Fatima Room.
- ◆ Our Lady of Altagracia, Sunday, March 18th at 1:30pm in the Community Room.
- ◆ Lord of the Miracles, Sunday, March 25th at 1:30pm in the Community Room.

Youth in Crisis

The Office of Youth Ministry of the Archdiocese of New York will be offering an Action Workshop on "Youth in Crisis: Suicide, Depression, Anxiety, and Self Injury". Come hear Roy Petitfils, an internationally sought after speaker who uses humor, passion, and clinical and life experiences to help adults minister more effectively with teens. Open to youth ministers, catechists, DRE/CRE's, teachers, parents, and anyone who works with youth. This workshop will be offered on Saturday, March 10th from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm in St. Joseph's Seminary, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, New York. The asking donation is \$20 per person, including lunch. To register please visit www.oymny.org.



Stations of the Cross

On the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross are held in the Church in English at 7:00pm and in Spanish at 8:00pm.

Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 3 at 2:15 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please call the Rectory to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th, 2018.



The Little Disciple Learning Center - Registrations

Registration for the 2018-2019 school year at The Little Disciples Learning Center has begun. We recommend that parents interested in registering their child for the 3 or 4-year-old program please stop by the Director's office for more information and for a tour of the facility. Office hours are from 8:30am - 3:00pm Monday through Friday. Registration forms and required documents must be complete and submitted at the time of registration in order for the student to be enrolled. For further information please contact Jennifer Frias at 914-428-4727 or by email at Director@littlediscipleswp.com.



Caminando con Propósito

La Iglesia de San Bernardo está formando un Grupo de Estudio Bíblico Católico Caminando con Propósito. Este grupo alienta a las mujeres a tener una relación personal más profunda con Jesucristo. Caminar con propósito es encontrar mujeres donde están, dándoles una enseñanza bíblica práctica que sea consistente con la doctrina de la Iglesia y use el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica como una fuente adicional. Las mujeres informan que después de participar en este programa están más satisfechas con su fe, el 97% informa que su vida de oración ha mejorado y el 97% dice que su relación con Cristo es más fuerte. La primera reunión se llevará a cabo el lunes 19 de marzo de 7:00 p.m.—8:30pm en el Salón de la Comunidad. Estas reuniones se llevarán a cabo en inglés. Si está interesado en este grupo, por favor vea al Padre Morris después de la Misa. La coordinadora pastoral de este programa de seis semanas es Laura Juárez.

Próximas Reuniones Parroquiales

- ◆ Virgen de Caacupé, hoy, domingo, 11 de marzo a la 1:30pm en el Salón de la Comunidad.
- ◆ Virgen de la Asunción, domingo, 18 de marzo a la 1:30pm en el Salón de Fátima.
- ◆ Ntra. Sra. De la Altagracia, domingo, 18 de marzo a la 1:30pm en el Salón de la Comunidad.
- ◆ Señor de los Milagros, domingo, 25 de marzo a la 1:30pm en el Salón de la Comunidad.

Juventud en crisis

La Oficina del Ministerio Juvenil de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York ofrecerá un Taller de Acción sobre "Jóvenes en crisis: suicidio, depresión, ansiedad y autolesión". Venga a escuchar a Roy Petitfils, un orador internacionalmente cotizado que utiliza el humor, la pasión y las experiencias clínicas y de vida para ayudar a los adultos a ministrar de manera más efectiva a los adolescentes. El taller está abierto a ministros de jóvenes, catequistas, DRE / CRE, maestros, padres y cualquier persona que trabaje con jóvenes. Este taller se ofrecerá el sábado, 10 de marzo de 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en el Seminario San José, 201 Seminary Avenue, Yonkers, Nueva York. La donación solicitada es de \$20 por persona, incluye el almuerzo. Para registrarse, visite www.oymny.org.

Viacrucis

Los viernes de Cuaresma, tendremos el Viacrucis en la Iglesia, en inglés a las 7:00 p.m. y en español a las 8:00 p.m.

Misa del Jubileo de Bodas de Oro

Las parejas que celebran su 50 aniversario de bodas en cualquier momento durante 2018 están invitadas a asistir a la Misa del Jubileo de bodas de oro con el Cardenal Dolan en la Catedral de San Patricio el domingo, 3 de junio a las 2:15 p.m. Se requiere preinscripción. Por favor llame a la rectoría para registrarse. La fecha límite para registrarse para la Misa es el lunes, 14 de mayo de 2018.

Centro de Aprendizaje de los Pequeños Discípulos-Registros

La inscripción para el año escolar 2018-2019 en el Centro de Aprendizaje de los Pequeños Discípulos ha comenzado. Los padres interesados en inscribir a su hijo/a en el programa de 3 o 4 años de edad, les recomendamos pasen por la oficina del Director para obtener más información y un recorrido por las instalaciones. El horario de oficina es de 8:30 a.m. a 3:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes. Los formularios de inscripción y los documentos requeridos deben estar completos y enviados al momento de la inscripción para que el estudiante esté inscrito. Para obtener más información, comuníquese con Jennifer Frías al 914-428-4727 o por correo electrónico a Director@littlediscipleswp.com.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, March 10, 2018

5:30 Frank Sestito

Sunday, March 11, 2018

9:00 Manuel Muñoz

10:30 The Iannace Family (Living & Deceased)

12:00 Francisco Ros & Juana Le De Ros

Monday, March 12, 2018

9:00 Communion Service

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

9:00 Communion Service

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

9:00 Jose Benaldo Zepeda

Thursday, March 15, 2018

9:00 Hugo Cancino (Living)

Friday, March 16, 2018

9:00 Marini Heraclio (Living)

Saturday, March 17, 2018

5:30 William Correa

Sunday, March 18, 2018

9:00 Bill Fargelli

10:30 Deceased Members of the
Iannace Family

12:00 For the people

Prayers for the Sick

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill and those who serve them. *Recemos por todas las personas de nuestra parroquia quienes se encuentran enfermas.*

Thomas Barrett
Hugo Cancino
Jerrie Duffy
Jennie Magnotta



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Last Sunday's Collection :

First Collection 3/4/18: \$5,214

Second Collection 3/4/18: \$1,634

First Collection 2/25/18: \$4,336

Second Collection 2/25/18: \$1,488

Today's Second Collection is for Catholic Relief Services. Next week's second collection will be for Utility. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

La segunda Colecta de hoy es para Servicios de Alivio Católicos. La segunda colecta de la próxima semana será para Utilidades. Gracias por sus generosas contribuciones a nuestra parroquia.

Renew + Rebuild

The St. Bernard Renew + Rebuild Campaign has raised over \$739,340 in pledges. Thank you to our parishioners for your continuous generosity!

La campaña de San Bernardo de Renovar y Reconstruir ha recaudado más de \$739,340 en promesas. ¡Gracias a nuestros feligreses por su continua generosidad!

Reserving Announced Masses

To request a Mass be offered for a loved one, living or deceased, please contact the Rectory 914-949-2111. Mass offering is \$15.

Reservando Misas Anunciadas

Para solicitar una Misa para un ser querido, vivo o fallecido, por favor comuníquese con la Rectoría al 914-949-2111. El ofrecimiento para la misa es \$15.

Hymns in Spanish - Cánticos en Español

Entrada	#691	Le conocéis?
Ofertorio	#498	Vaso nuevo
Comunión	#669	Cristo esta conmigo
Salida	#619	No hay Dios tan grande



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DE WHITE PLAINS HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTARA INFORMACION SOBRE LOS PLANES
A SEGUIR PARA MATRICULARSE EN UNA UNI-
VERSIDAD**

Thursday, March 15, 2018

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Centro Hispano - Chapel Hall
346 South Lexington Avenue
White Plains, New York

(This Presentation will be Conducted in Spanish)

El jueves, 15 de marzo del 2018

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Centro Hispano - Chapel Hall,
346 South Lexington Avenue
White Plains, New York

(La presentación será completamente en español)

ONCE AGAIN, THE ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR!

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS

No pre- registration required, register upon arrival.

Saturday April 28, 2018

Registration

8:30AM—1:30 PM

Testing

8:30AM-2:00PM

Calvary Church

188 Orawaupum St (Entrance via Post Road)

White Plains, NY

More information will be provided in future bulletins.

¡DE NUEVO TENDREMOS LA FERIA

ANUAL DE LA SALUD!

EXÁMENES MÉDICOS GRATUITOS PARA TODOS

No requiere inscripción previa, registración según orden de llegada.

Sábado, 28 de abril del 2018

Registración

8:30AM—1:30 PM

Exámenes

8:30AM-2:00PM

Calvary Church

188 Orawaupum St (Entrada por la Post Road)

White Plains, NY

Se dará más información en futuros boletines.

LEGAL HELP AT EL CENTRO HISPANO

El Centro Hispano is providing legal services every Friday 1 pm- 5 pm. The consultation fee is \$40. Please come to El Centro Hispano to make an appointment.

CONSULTAS LEGALES EN

EL CENTRO HISPANO

El Centro Hispano está ofreciendo ayuda legal todos los viernes de 1 pm- 5 pm. La consulta cuesta \$40. Por favor pase por El Centro Hispano para hacer una cita.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT EL CENTRO HISPANO

El Centro Hispano will be distributing fresh food this Thursday, March 15th at 3:00 p.m. Please bring a bag.

DISTRIBUCION DE ALIMENTOS

EN EL CENTRO

El Centro Hispano distribuirá alimentos frescos este jueves, 15 de marzo a las 3:00 p.m. Por favor traiga una bolsa.