

**October 5, 2014**  
**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**



**From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:**

Last week I explained the revenues of our parish. This week I will explain the expenditures.

**Clergy stipends and benefits:** Each priest receives a salary and medical benefits amounting to about \$50,000.00 each. We have three priests, one of whom the Arabic Good Shepherd Community pays half his salary and all his medical benefits. The total cost for St. Mary's is \$116,674.00.

**Lay salaries and benefits;** we employ a full time maintenance man, a part time cook, a part time housekeeper, two part time secretaries, and a part time Coordinator for religious education. The total cost is \$136,180.00

**Supplies for the office and the CCD office,** books for the Religious Education Program, internet, phones, and our accounting service cost St. Mary's \$49,100.00.

**Utilities:** Gas and electricity for the church and rectory: \$80,000.00.

**Insurance/ property tax:** although we are tax exempt we still have to pay certain "taxes to Yonkers and Westchester County e.g. water and sewer. We have to pay insurance on all our buildings, parish hall, school, rectory and church. The total cost to the church is \$56,000.00

**Choir:** refers to the paid leaders of song at Sunday Masses and at weddings and funerals. The Spanish Choir at the 9:00am mass on Sunday is voluntary: no cost to the parish. The total cost to the church is \$12,500.00

**Cathdraticum** is an 8% tax on allure revenues (except fundraising). This goes to the Archdiocese of New York for all the excellent services they provide for the people and parishes. Our tax jumped from \$20,000.00 to \$40,000.00 because of our

lease money for our school. Also we now have a school tax which pays for the new

Regional Catholic schools. The total cost to the church is \$51,039.00

**Repairs and maintenance:** included in this is the cost of our new "Convent Garden". Landscape Architect fees (required by the city) were \$6,000.00, Construction of the brick pathway was \$13,000.00 (bricks were no cost because they were from the convent building) and the railings were \$7,000.00. Add another \$4,000.00 for the trees, soil and perennial plants. The total cost was around \$30,000.00. Without all our volunteer help and donations the total costs easily have been \$60,000.00. With the closing of the Convent of Mary the Queen in the spring, we are in the process of transplanting many of their plants to our garden. The total cost to the church is \$38,919.00

**Archdiocesan interest:** what we were unable to do was to pay the principal on two of our outstanding loans; one for the repairs of the church towers and bells and the other for the demolition of the convent (asbestos removal alone was over \$100,000.00). We could only pay the interest \$11,380.00

The bottom line is that we had a deficit of \$15,441.00. That is why our goal in the Increased Giving Campaign is to raise our Sunday Collections by \$1,000.00 every week.



**Collection:**

Last Sunday September 28, 2014 the collection was \$3,205.00

**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

It must be autumn! Harvest images abound in today's readings. As we gather today in Christ's name, let us be mindful of the work that has been set before us, our mission as God's holy people. Let us pray for the strength to carry forward as best we can, so that it may bear fruit in the reign of God.

**In the first reading,** Isaiah uses the image of a vineyard to represent God's holy people. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are God's cherished plants.

**In the second reading,** Paul encourages prayer and every kind of virtuous act. Such conduct casts out enmity and brings peace to hearts and minds.

**In the Gospel,** Jesus tells a parable of a vineyard. The story condemns corrupt Jewish leadership and points forward to dramatic change.



**Question of the Week**

Does the "peace of God that surpasses all understanding" describe the life that pulses through my heart these days? In other words, where do I recognize myself in today's parable?

**MASS SCHEDULE**  
**October 5, 2014-October 12, 2014**

**INTENTIONS:**

**REQUESTED BY:**

**Sun.05**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Paula Navarro

11:00 Richard Murnighan

Maria David

Denise & John Doraghy

**Mon.06**

8:15

12:05

**Tues.07**

8:15

12:05 Sheila & Brian Higgins

JoAnne Higgins

**Wed.08**

8:15

12:05

**Thu.09**

8:15

12:05

**Fri.10**

8:15

12:05

**Sat.11**

8:15

12:05

5:00 Rose Kunny

Jerry Kunny

**Sun.12**

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Benjamin Soto (L)

11:00 Noemi Masters

Wife & Daughters

Celerina (Sully)Uy & Family

