

December 21, 2014



From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

What will our parish look like in the year 2180? I chose that date because it is 166 years in to the future- the exact number of years our parish has existed from its founding in 1848. It is ridiculous to try to predict the future so far ahead but it is good though experiment. Looking back at Yonkers in 1848 you can see the beginning of a great industrialization that would attract many thousands of new immigrants looking for jobs in the city. Our founders did not predict this-they thought their new church building (our present parish hall but half the present size) was too big for their needs. Nor could they have foreseen the inventions of electricity, cars, planes, movies, radio, television, computer, to name just a few.

Some big questions about 2180: Will new inventions enable us to live on this planet earth or, if life is not sustainable, will they help us to find new planets to inhabit. Will there be a new worldwide governing body whose decisions will be followed by all the earth's inhabitants or will there be a furthering division of the have and have not nations? Will our own nation solve the growing divisions within itself or will it tear itself apart-breaking up into new nations. How will this have an impact on our parish which by that time might be the only church in Yonkers (as it was in 1848)?

It is easier to give up on this world of ours and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. God could have done that 2,000 years ago, instead, God sent his Son to be one of us. What does that say about God's plan for our future? Keep hopes burning bright, despite the odds. The parishioners of 2180 will thank us, the parishioners of 2014, as we

thank the parishioners of 1848.

A joyful and hope-filled Christmas to all. Our first Mass in our new church in 1848 was celebrated on December 25.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, December 14, 2014 was \$2,875.00

The second collection today Sunday, December 21st will be for our Church Property Insurance.



4th Sunday of Advent

After two Sundays of hearing from **John the Baptist**, today we encounter the other major figure of **Advent**, the **Blessed Virgin Mary**. On this last Sunday before Christmas, how fitting it is that we should ponder once again on **Mary's** response to **God's** invitation through the angel **Gabriel**. Let us pray for the grace to respond to **God's** invitations to us as we begin our final preparations for the coming of the **Lord**.

In the first reading, King David has a plan for God. He discovers that God instead has a plan for him

In the second reading, Paul gives glory to God through Jesus, God's Son, for revealing the plan of salvation. All are called to salvation by believing in God and doing God's will.

In the Gospel, The archangel **Gabriel** announces to **Mary** that she will be the mother of **Jesus** through the power of the **Holy Spirit**. Nothing is impossible for **God**.



Advent 2014

12/21/14-**Repentance**-Make this Advent a time for forgiving those who hurt us and seeking God's forgiveness.-
Romans 16:25-27

12/22/14-**Canticle of Mary**-"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God".-*Luke 1:46-56*

12/23/14-**He is Near** -The Christ Child's birthday is near. Are we prepared to welcome him as Our Lord and Savior?-
Luke 1:57-66

12/24/14-**The Journey Nearly Over** -The waiting, the preparations is near an end. Tomorrow the world changes.-
Luke 1:67-79

12/25/14-**Joy to the World!**-God has sent his only Son, Jesus Christ. "Glory to God on high, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests"
Luke 2:1-20



Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24th:

8:15am, 12:05pm 5:00pm and the *Midnight Mass (bilingual)*

December 25th:

7:30am, 9:00am (Spanish) and 11:00am

Christmas Flowers:



We are taking names for the memorial which will be placed on a Christmas plaque in the rear of the church. Your donations, in memory of loved one, or for a special intention, will be placed on this plaque to be remembered by the faithful during the Holy Season. Arrangements can be made by placing your intentions and donation in the flower envelope in your December set of envelopes. Envelopes will also be in the back of the church for your use.

The flower offering helps to defray the cost of decorating our altars for Christmas.

Large Poinsettia Plants	\$50.00
Medium Poinsettia Plant	\$25.00
Small Poinsettia Plant	\$20.00



Question of the Week:

How might God, who changed the world through David's life. Bestowed revelation through Israel's history, and even took flesh in Mary's body, be able to use me to do what? For whom?

**MASS SCHEDULE
December 21, 2014-December 28, 2014**

INTENTIONS :

REQUESTED BY :

Sun.21

**7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 Nazare Manuel
11:00 Magdalena Garcia**

**Daughter
Daughter & Grandson**

Mon. 22

**8:15 Carol Martinelli
12:05 Magdalena Garcia**

**John Bojemski &Family
Daughter & Grandson**

Tues.23

**8:15 Sabna Eves
12:05 Joseph Haggerty**

**Jim Eves
Family**

Wed.24

**8:15 For the Dec. Mem. Of the
Talty-Devitt Family
12:05 Mary Rice
5:00 Maria & Rocco Giammette
Midnight 12:00 For the Parishioners**

**Mary Devitt
George Motta
Teresa & Bobby Giammette**

Thu.25

**7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00
11:00 Rory O'Flaherty**

Winnie & John

Fri.26

**8:15 In Thanksgiving
12:05 Rita Navarro**

**Hennesie Soto
Josie Navarro**

Sat.27

**8:15 Andy Feliz
12:05 Angelina Iacovetti & Family
5:00 In Thanksgiving
7:30**

**Hennesie Soto
Angela Berrelli
Michael Rodrigues**

Sun.28

**7:30 For the Parishioners
9:00 German Talero
11:00 Nelly Blatzheim & Mary Yapchanyk**

**Lilia Talero
George Russ**