

June 21, 2015
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Pope Francis's Encyclical will be available on Thursday (I am writing this on Tuesday). It is hoped that it will convince all the nations of the world to sign up for international climate agreements. This has been very difficult to achieve because of "free riding" by many nations. Pope Francis, because he is the head of over a billion Catholics and has a great international public image, may be able to use moral reasoning and exhortation to jumpstart the stalled international effort to slow down climate change. It is being released at this time so that people can read his 36 page letter and discuss it before his address at the United Nations in September. It should be an exciting summer.

Did you see the beautiful photo of our church in last week's Journal News in its special section on Yonkers as the "Hippest" town in Westchester. I don't know whether this is the best adjective to describe Yonkers but is far better than the adjective "hardscrabble".

We have had a great religious education program this year thanks to Marisa Rivera and her teachers. We look forward to a even better and larger program next year (September of 2015). But we need more teachers. This is the greatest service you can give our parish. We are in desperate need of teachers. Please contact me for further information.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, June 14, 2015 was \$2,853.00.

The second collection today Sunday June 21, 2015 will be for our Church Property Insurance.

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Too often we think that we can only experience the presence of **God** in the quiet and peaceful moments of our lives. Today we discovered the presence of **Christ** even in the midst of the storm. Let us learn to seek out the presence of the **Lord Jesus** in the storminess of our own lives.

In the first reading, Job 38:1,8-11: Job challenged God about that most disturbing question: *Why do the just suffer?* God did not respond directly, but rather pointed out the vast difference between humanity and divinity.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 107: "Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting"

In the second reading, 2 Corinthians 5:14-17: Paul says "The love of Christ impels us...." This reading invites us to ask how our experience and love of God compel us to live, no longer for ourselves, but for Christ.

In the Gospel, Mark 4:35-41: In today's Gospel Jesus is shown to have the same authority over the powers of nature that we see attributed to God in the first reading. Indeed, the disciples are filled with wonder and awe. Listening to these words, what can we say about the authority that Jesus possesses over our world today and over our own lives? What might this say about our faith in him?

Today's Focus; Safety in the Storm: When life tosses us about, we need turn to Christ when seeking calm and safety.

Question of the Week: What "storms" threaten my life? How often do I cry out to God for help in those storms?



Praying with the Word: Lord Jesus, you command the wind and the sea and they obeyed: help us to have trust in your power to save us from all the dangers that beset us. Amen



Today the Church is a Church of martyrs, so many heroic witnesses. May we learn from their courage.



Religious Education News:

- ❖ Registration for the 2015-2016 Religious Education classes will begin on June 15th.
- ❖ Registration will be on Mondays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Thursdays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Saturdays by appointment only.
- ❖ Please bring your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate when registering your child for the first time.
- ❖ Last day of registration will be August 13th.

