

August 9, 2015

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Pope Francis is coming to Washington D.C., New York and Philadelphia in late September: One of the purposes for the visit is to get nations to pledge in December (in Paris) to combat global warming and to help the poor deal with its effects. This will be very difficult. Efforts to control the rise in the earth's temperature have slackened in the last few years. A continual rise in the earth's temperature that might reach an increase of two degrees Celsius (3.7 Fahrenheit) by 2050 will be catastrophic for our planet. As one of the governors said at a recent meeting in Rome, "We need a moral dimension to the climate change debate and Pope Francis is providing that".

What could we do, besides supporting the Pope's visit and message? I have looked into the possibility of installing solar panels on the roofs of our church, rectory and parish hall. It doesn't look feasible: too expensive plus they might not provide enough energy for our needs. If our nation provided enough money for further research, a project like this might be possible in the future.

The Archdiocese has asked all parishes to fill out a survey about the current expenses for energy use.

Our expenses for oil, gas, and electricity for the church and rectory are extremely high. What measures can we take to reduce this? A major problem is the size of our beautiful church and the fact that our rectory was built in 1899. We try to cut down on energy costs by using the chapel for daily worship, we heat or air condition it at set programmed times. Still the energy costs are high.

Let us pray for Pope Francis and the success of his efforts as he rallies support for wise decisions in Paris in December.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, August 2, 2015 was \$3,643.00

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: We walk our journey in this world, confident of God's love and mercy when in moments of weakness we fail in some way.

In the first reading, 1Kings 19:4-8: Elijah believes he can serve God no longer, but God gives him the strength to carry on.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 34: "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord"

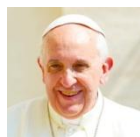
In the second reading, Ephesians 4:30-5:2: Paul tells us to be true children of God and with the help of the Holy Spirit, love as Christ did.

In the Gospel, John 6:41-51: Jesus teaches that whoever believes in him has eternal life.

Today's Focus; the Sincerest form of Flattery: How can we imitate God? By setting as our standard God's boundless, loving generous nature, which calls us always to a higher place.



Praying with the Word: Gracious God, you have given us everything that we have and are, and you ask nothing in return except that we embrace your generosity: help us to imitate your generosity every day. **Amen.**



Pope Frances:

When everything falls apart, only one thing sustains our hope: God loves us, he loves everyone!

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.**
- ❖ We need teachers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission.

