

August 23, 2015

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

“Prayer of Saint Francis”

Make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred,

Let me sow Love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive.

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, August 16, 2015 was \$3,444.00.

The second collection this Sunday, August 23, 2015 will be to help with our Church Property Insurance.

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today we come to the end of the series of Gospels from John about the Eucharist. Jesus asks his disciples (and us) whether they want to leave after hearing what he has to say. Like the tribes of Israel gathered before Joshua in the first reading, every day we have the choice of serving the Lord or not. May our prayer today be for the wisdom to make the right choice.

In the first reading, Joshua 24:1-2a: The people of Israel are invited to serve the Lord, the choice is theirs to make.

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

In the second reading, Ephesians 5:21-32: Paul urges all Christians, and especially spouses, to look up to one another. In this way, the unity of husband and wife illuminate the mystery of Christ and the Church.

In the Gospel, John 6:60-69: Many of Jesus’ disciples reject his teachings and cease following him; but the Twelve remain steadfast in believing that Jesus is the Holy One of God.

Today's Focus; Tough Talk: Some scripture passages describe people in the past having difficulty with acceptance or understanding; others give us difficulty today. We must continue to have faith and hold on.



Praying with the Word: Lord, you have the words of everlasting life. Open our ears to hear your words, our minds to understand them truly, and our hearts to embrace them fully. Amen.



Question of the Week: How can I try to put other people's interests ahead of my own? What would the world look like if everyone did this?



Pope Frances:

Christian witness is concrete: words without actions are empty.

This is the day the Lord has made!

So stop by our Convent Garden and take a walk through all of the Lords' most beautiful and colorful creations along with the large posters of Pope Frances and St. Francis of Assai and the poster of the Earth as seen from space.



Religious Education News:

- ❖ Registration has been extended to August 31, 2015.



- ❖ We need teachers and helpers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission. If you are interested please call the rectory (914) 963-0156.