

**September 13, 2015**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)**

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

Pope Francis will be visiting New York City on the afternoon of Thursday, September 24. In the early evening he will lead solemn Vespers at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Since the Cathedral's capacity is 3,000, few will be able to attend the vespers. Priests will have to enter a lottery if they want to go. On Friday the Pope will celebrate Mass at Madison Square Garden at 6:30 p.m. The Garden's capacity is 20,000. Parishes will be given a certain number of tickets based on their church attendance on Sunday. We will receive only 14 tickets. I will give 4 tickets to our Arabic community of Good Shepherd. The remaining 10 tickets will be given to the members of the Parish Council. Those who go to the Mass must be in Madison Square Garden by 2:00 p.m. and they won't be able to leave until 8:00p.m.

The Pope's itinerary on Friday before the Mass is intense. Most of it will be on TV. In the morning he speaks to the United Nations followed by a visit to the 9/11 memorial followed by an interfaith prayer service. He then heads north to East Harlem for a visit to Our Lady of Angles School and a meeting with refugees and immigrants who are beneficiaries of the good works of Catholic Charities. Then a motorcade through Central Park; you need tickets to be in Central Park.

NYC will be hosting the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly. As many as 200 world leaders, including President Obama, will be in NYC that day. It will be almost total gridlock.

I will probably be home at St. Mary's but I will watch the events very carefully-particularly his speech to the UN and to the US Congress two days before. This is a very exciting time for Catholicism. The world is listening.



**COLLECTION:**

The collection for last Sunday, September 6, 2015 was \$4,034.00

The second collection this Sunday, September 13, 2015 will be to help with the organ renovation.

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Even though tomorrow is the solemnity of the **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, we get to contemplate that cross today as **Jesus** tells us to take up our own cross and follow him. As we gather today, let us take time to reflect on what it means to each of us take up our cross. May our prayer today be for **God's** grace in discerning and carrying our cross as we follow **Jesus our Lord**.

**In the first reading, Isaiah 50:5-9a: Isaiah prophesied:** I gave my back to those who beat me and my face to buffets and spitting. I was not disgraced, for when the **Lord** is with me, how can I be ashamed?

**Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 114: "I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living"**

**In the second reading, James 2:14-18:** **James** tells us that faith without good works is dead and worth nothing. A person should not claim to be Christian without living like one. In vain do we profess faith without practice.

**In the Gospel, Mark 8:27-35:** **Jesus** taught the disciples that the **Son of Man** must suffer and die. He went on to say that if they wish to follow him they, too, must deny themselves and take up the cross.

**Pope Frances:**

May every parish and religious community in Europe host a refugee family.

**Improve your English; Free evening classes for Adults:** the Sister of Charity will once again have classes from Monday, September 28 through Wednesday, November 18 every Monday and Wednesday from 6 to 8pm. So come register at the Sister of Charity Administration Center located at Mount Saint Vincent, 6301 Riverdale Ave and W. 263 St, Bronx NY 10471 on September 21 & 23 from 4-7pm. If you have any question please call 1-718-549-9200 ext.219 or email them at [Ldevine@scny.org](mailto:Ldevine@scny.org)

**Religious Education News:**

- ❖ Class will start on September 19, 2015 at 9:00 in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ 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.