

**October 4, 2015**  
**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary time (B)**

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

What a great week for Catholicism! As Mike Lupica writes in the Daily News: "Listen Up" "He's the true leader of the world".

Pope Francis described his welcome in Washington as "warm but more formal". The reception in Philadelphia was "very demonstrative". For New York the Pope broke into a grin and started waving his hands searching for words. "New York was exuberant", he said.

It is not that he drew large crowds. Every Pope does. However, for this Pope, it was the enthusiasm of the people that was most impressive. Where does a seventy-eight year old man find the energy to visit Cuba and the USA in nine days? I was exhausted following him on TV. I think it was the working of the Holy Spirit.

He spoke about the many problems facing the world and how they are all connected. The two that stood out were immigration and especially the warming of the earth caused by human beings. A poll just taken of the American people reveals that a large number of people now agree that the increasing temperature of the earth is our fault. As the Pope points out, all eyes are on the summit meeting in Paris in December. Let us pray with the Pope that the leaders of the world will pledge serious restrictions on the causes of such pollutions.

Bravo to Pope Francis I. I am sure that St Francis of Assisi is very pleased.

**COLLECTION:**

The collection for last Sunday, September 27, 2015 was \$4,012.00

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Gathered as a community of faithful believers, we know that we are a part of a network of human relationships. Today we are called anew to honor these relationships with our spouse, our children, our friends, knowing that **God** is always a part of them. Let us begin our prayer today with a profound sense of gratitude for each other and for all with whom we gather.

**In the first reading, Genesis 2:18-24:** A man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one flesh.

**Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 127:** "**May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives**".

**In the second reading, Hebrews 2:9-11:** He who consecrates and those who are being consecrated all have one origin.

**In the Gospel, Mark 10:2-16:** **Jesus** reasserts **God's** intended plan that in marriage two people become one flesh. Thus they cannot be divided.

**Today's Focus: Taking Risks, Finding Blessings:** **Living a life fully, truly and loving committed to another human being has been difficult and risky from the very beginning. But we often find God's greatest blessings when we do live life that way.**

**Question of the week:** How do I reconcile **Jesus'** teachings on marriage with compassion for those whose marriages have failed?

**Praying with the Word:** Creator **God**, we thank you for the gift of marriage, with which you blessed human beings in the beginning. May we be faithful in all our commitments, and so be a sign of your faithfulness to the world. **Amen**

**Pope Francis:** **With my heartfelt thanks. May the love of Christ always guide the American people!**

**Religious Education News:**

- ❖ Classes have started on Saturdays from 9:30 to 11:00am. All children are to meet in the Parish Hall at 9:15am. Class will be held in the School Building.
- ❖ We are still in need of catechists and volunteers for our religious education classes on Saturdays. If you are interested please speak to Mrs. Rivera on Mondays' or Thursdays' from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the Church Rectory.

**Wedding Bands**



*Kryste-Eve Rodriguez to Osman Obregon*

**Food Collection:** Thank you for your generosity with our monthly food collection for the needy in our community.