

October 11, 2015
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

It is time to place the pumpkins in our gardens and to begin to plant the tulip bulbs for the spring flowering. Until the first frost we have weeks to enjoy the autumn flowers, bushes and trees. The baseball playoffs are beginning with both the Mets and Yankees contending this year. It is a good time to take a break from all the crises in our world and just relax. Go see the movie "The Martian" and see what wonders human beings are capable of.

Read about the new statistics: since 1990, the proportion of the world population living in extreme poverty (those earning less than \$1.00 a day) has decreased by 50%. The number of children who died before the age of 5 has dropped by more than half. In the 1980's only half of girls in developing countries completed elementary school, now 80% do. There is a stunning drop in birth rates. When mothers know that their children survive, when they educate their daughters, they have fewer children. As Nicholas Kristof writes: "Much still has to be done but the challenges are surmountable: because we've already turned the tide of history."

Even the hurricane "Joaquim" decided to leave us alone. Enjoy the beauty of Autumn and give yourself a much needed rest.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, October 4, 2015 was \$4,068.00

Next Sunday, October 18, 2015 the second collection will be for World Mission Sunday.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today we enter into **God's** presence as citizens of one of the wealthiest nations on earth. Many of us have far more than most people in the history of the world ever possessed. As we hear **Jesus** speak today about worldly wealth and the kingdom of **God**, let us not be too quick to point our finger at others. Perhaps our prayer today can be for humility and honesty in assessing our true position before **God**, and for mercy from the **God** who loves us so well.

In the first reading, Wisdom 7:7-11: A wise king asks for a special gift from **God**. He knows wisdom is the most valuable gift of all.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 90 "Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!"

In the second reading, Hebrews 4:12-13: We hear about **God's** word; it penetrates into our very hearts and reveals to **God** our inmost thoughts.

In the Gospel, Mark 10:17-30: **Jesus** teaches about the danger of riches. They can keep us from entering the kingdom of **God**.

Today's Focus: Giving up, Getting in: Like it or not, there are things we do in this life that slow down-sometimes halt- our progress to eternal life. "Ger rid of them" is Jesus' advice!.



Question of the week: When have I felt the word of God-whether in the form of scripture or perhaps in a homily- cut me to my heart?



Praying with the Word: Lord Jesus, you call us to come follow you. We leave behind everything that would hold us back, so that we can be free to be your disciples. **Amen**



Pope Francis: Our life is not a pointless wandering. We have a sure goal: the house of the Father.



Annual Dinner Dance: This year's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from 7pm to midnight. More information will be available in the coming week's bulletins.



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.



Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity with our monthly food collection of which we were able to fill 18 bags of food for the needy in our community.



In observance of Columbus Day Monday October 12, 2015 the Parish Office will be closed.



Yonkers Marathon: please be advised that the Yonkers Marathon is scheduled for Sunday October 18th. As a result, we ask that you enter the St. Mary's parking lot on St. Mary's Street via southbound traffic from the intersection of South Broadway and Nepperhan Avenue there will be no northbound traffic from Park Hill Ave., Vark St., or St. Mary's Street on South Broadway until 1:00pm.