

October 25 2015
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

On Saturday evening on November 14th at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall we will celebrate our 167th anniversary of our parish with our Annual Dinner Dance. This is our largest parish-wide fundraising event of the year. It is a fun event with music, dancing and food. I encourage you to come. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults and \$25.00 for children 12 and under. We also have a Journal in which I hope some of you will personally take and add or convince a business to take an ad.

People have asked me to construct a memorial to the Christian Brothers in our convent garden-similar to the one commemorating the Sisters of Charity. The Christian Brothers taught in our school from 1861-1967. I said that I would do it if they provided me with the names of the Brothers and their years of service at our school. Brother Robert Falcone, a principal in our school in the years 1996-1999 just the names of most of the brothers. The archives of the Christian Brothers at Manhattan College had preserved these names. However the names for the years 1931-1942 were missing. I am now going through our school records to see if I can find these names. Brother Falcone is a Holy Cross Brother not a Christian Brother so it is good of him to undertake this project.

There is a great vitality emerging in our Spanish Community. Attendance and financial contributions at our Sunday Masses (including the Saturday 7:30pm Mass) have increased significantly. There are now many more organizations within the community. Fr Felino Reyes has been the driving force behind this. Two other factors are the increasing number of parents and children from our religious education program (thanks to Marisa Rivera) and the addition of some former parishioners of St. Denis. It is a good sign of hope for our future.

There are some high rise residential housing about to be built within our parish boundaries. One is just east of Buena Vista Avenue and the others are in Larkin Plaza. Our challenge for the future is to attract these future residents to our church. Any ideas?



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, October 18, 2015 was \$3,698.00

The second collection this Sunday, October 25, 2015 will be for our Church Property Insurance. Next Sunday, November 1st the second collection will be the All Saints Day collection also please add the collection envelope for All Souls day on the second collection with the names of dearly departed- those envelopes will be put up on the altar during the All Souls Day Novena.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: My brothers and sisters, the **Lord** has done great things for us. As we begin our celebration today, let us allow this refrain from today's psalm to resound in our hearts and fill us with joy. Just as **Jesus** healed the blind, so can our **Lord** reach out and heal our brokenness. May our prayers today be one of gratitude for **God's** great works.

In the first reading, Jeremiah 31:7-9: a prophet has good news for a people in exile. **God** will bring them back to their homeland.

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy!"

In the second reading, Hebrews 5: 1-6: We are reminded that **Jesus** is our high priest. He was called by his Father to offer himself to save us from sin.

In the Gospel, Mark 10:46-52: Although Bartimaeus is physically blind, he can see perfectly well with his eyes of faith. Thus, he becomes a disciple of Jesus.



Pope Francis:

Dear young friends, do not be afraid to give your all. Christ will never disappoint you.



Annual Dinner Dance: This year's Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 14th in the Parish Hall from 7pm to midnight. Tickets are \$50.00 for adults-\$25.00 for children 12 and under. For ticket information please contact:

Angel Diaz 914-426-9244 or
Estela Melendez 1-203-706-9254



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.**



In commemoration of All Souls, there will be a Mass held at St. Joseph's Cemetery, 209 Truman Avenue, Yonkers, NY on Monday, November 2nd at 11:00 am, rain or shine. All are invited. For more information, call St. Joseph's Rectory at 963-0730

