

January 31, 2016
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

That was quite a snowfall: 20 inches. I think we wanted some snow (six inches) to make it official that winter had come. We like to experience the four seasons. Now I am ready for the spring. The first sign will be the tiny snowdrops bloom. When they do bloom, we will see them on the corner of the rectory garden at South Broadway and St. Mary's Street. There are many stories about snowdrops. This is my favorite: "When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden, they were sent into what seemed to be the punishment of eternal winter. An angel taking pity on them turned a snowflake into snowdrop as a sign that spring would return to the world".

Why is there depicted in the stained glass windows of St. John the Apostle a snake jumping out of his cup? Legend has it that there was poison in the wine that he was about to drink. God put the snake in the wine to have John drop the cup before he drank it. God placed a special protection around John because he was so good to Mary. He was the only apostle not martyred. The wine in the cup is not the consecrated wine of the Mass.

Visitors interested in joining our parish should sign up at the table in the back of the church. you will be given some temporary envelopes. Please use these until you receive our official ones in the mail.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 24, 2016 was \$943.00

The second collection next Sunday February 7th will be to aid with our Church heating costs.

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St. Paul tells us that love is patient and kind, but not jealous or rude. For the times when we have been impatient or unkind, jealous or rude, we ask God's forgiveness.

The 2016 Cardinal's Appeal has begun!

During this *Jubilee Year of Mercy*, we are called to help one another and be merciful, as Jesus is for all of us. It is only with your help that the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* continues to be a beacon of hope for our brothers and sisters through our ministries and charities

Answer the call and donate today!

TO MAKE AN ONLINE GIFT, VISIT
www.cardinalsappeal.org

Pope Francis:



In today's society, in which forgiveness is so rare, mercy is ever more important.

Encyclical on the Environment: In his recent encyclical on the care of our common home, Pope Francis preaches "the Gospel of Creation" drawing on the words of the Hebrew prophets, saints like Francis of Assisi and Therese of Lisieux, the popes who preceded him, and of Jesus himself. Let us pray this Gospel of Creation in Francis's own words: "Son of God, Jesus....You are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!" And prayerfully consider signing the "St. Francis Pledge" Google "Catholic Climate Covenant"

Volunteers Needed: Volunteers are need at Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact Simone Smith(Director of Human Resources & Volunteers) at 914-693-6800 x 571 or Sister Monica or Yvonne at x592.

Child Protection: Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford O.P. at -212-371-1000 x2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 1-917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

حفاظاً من أبرشية نيويورك على القاصرين من التحرشات والتصرفات غير الأخلاقية، من قبل العلمانيين أو الشمامسة أو الكهنة العاملين في أبرشيتنا، يمكن الإبلاغ عن أي حادثة تحرش أو تعد غير أخلاقي من خلال الاتصال بالأخت Sr. Eileen Clifford على هاتف رقم 2123711000 ، فرعي 2949، أو الشماس George J. Coppla ، على هاتف رقم 9178611762. ويمكن كذلك الاتصال بهما من خلال البريد الإلكتروني: victimassistance@archny.org



Religious Education News:

There will be the second meeting for Confirmation Parents this coming Saturday at 11:15 am in the Parish Hall- all Confirmation Parents must attend.