

June 12, 2016

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

Thanks to increased giving in our Sunday collections (especially in our two Spanish speaking Masses), we are now able to construct a new concrete sidewalk in front of the convent garden and an asphalt sidewalk in front of the chapel. We will also be conducting an energy audit of the church and rectory (recommended by the Archdiocese of New York).

My book on the history of our parish (1848-2016) will be available for sale at the end of the month. The book will arrive from the publisher on Saturday, June 25. Since I won't be able to review the finished book until that time, I want to wait a few days before it becomes available to everyone. It will be a very handsome looking book with a hard cover and many photographs. The title on the front cover is:

*Parish of St. Mary's of the Immaculate Conception
Yonkers 1848-2016 Reflections by the Pastor, Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan*

The front cover will also feature an outline of the front of the church. The cost is \$30.00 all the proceeds will go to St. Mary's Church for the repair of our stained glass windows. If you want the book mailed to you or friends, add \$5.00 for shipping costs. I know you will look at the photographs but please read the history. It took me twenty five years to research and write the story.

People are always asking me about the flowers in the garden. This year there are two outstanding ones. One is a blue "Spiderwort", sometimes called "widows tears". Its Latin name is *commelina coelestis*. I bought two of these plants three years ago and they have reproduced into ten plants today. It is a perennial which usually means that it flowers briefly once a year but this plant flowers all summer long. The second plant is called (I think) "Selina", its color is fuchsia. I couldn't find it proper name in my encyclopedia of garden plants. It can easily be misnamed a weed. The seeds flew into our garden a few years ago and I have been harvesting its seed (it flowers only once). Last fall I planted some of the seeds in the convent garden and they have flourished. If you go into this garden today you will see hundreds of these plants. You can also see them growing between the stone pavers on the path to the rectory.

We need altar servers for the 5pm Mass on Saturdays, 7:30 am and 11:00 am Masses on Sundays. The requirements are that you have received First Holy Communion and you are at least in the fourth grade. You can choose your Mass. If interested, write your name, address, and your telephone number on paper and put it in the basket on Sunday.



COLLECTION: the collection for last Sunday June 5, 2016 was

\$4,282.00

The second collection this Sunday June 12, 2016 will be our Father's Day Mass Remembrance Collection.

Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity with our food collection this month; with your help we were able to fill 14 bags of food for the needy in our community.



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: Our first reading and Gospel today focus on forgiveness. Indeed, God is capable of forgiving any sin, whether it be that of the sinful woman who anointed Jesus' feet, or that of King David who had Uriah killed.

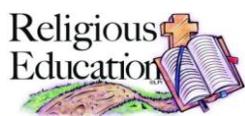
Pope Francis has identified himself as a sinner; each of us is as well. As we hear these readings, perhaps we can reflect on our own sins in the light of God's grace, and resolve to go to God with contrition in our hearts, that we too may be forgiven.

First Reading: 2 Samuel 12:7-10 (page 50) – King David listens to the words of a prophet; he discovers the power of repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32 (page 51) - "Lord, forgive the wrong I have done!"

Second Reading Galatians 2:16,19-21 (page 51) – Paul tells us that faith and Baptism open us to divine life; Christ comes to live in us, and we live in Christ.

Gospel: Luke 7:36- (page 52) – Jesus points out how a woman whose sins have been forgiven is saved by her strong faith



Religious Education News:

Registration for Religious Education 2016-2017 school years will begin on June 20, 2016; New Parents to the Program please bring:

- ❖ Birth Certificates
- ❖ Baptismal Certificates
- ❖ Copy of First Holy Communion Certificates
(For 1st year confirmation students)
- ❖ Two Small Photos of your Child

Returning Parents will need to reregister their children again for the coming year.

Program Fees:

- ✚ Cost for one Child: \$95.00
- ✚ Cost for two Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$160.00
- ✚ Cost for three Children (*Brother/Sister only*): \$195.00
- ✚ Cost for Four Children (*Brother/ Sister only*): \$185.00
- ✚ Sacrament Fee for First Holy Communion (*in addition for each child*): \$75.00
- ✚ Sacrament Fee for Confirmation (*Children in 8th Grade; in addition for each child*) \$95.00



Parish Council Meeting: please be advised that the Parish council will meet on Wednesday, June 15th at 7:00pm this will be the last meeting until September.