

June 19, 2016

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Next week my history of our parish will be sold after the Masses. It will also be available in the rectory during the week. You won't regret buying it. Once it is sold out there will no more additional printings.

After working on the history of our parish for twenty five years, I suddenly realized that I am sleeping in the same room as eight of our pastors. Luckily I don't believe in ghosts. Otherwise, I might imagine some of them visiting me to discuss what I got right and what I got wrong about their years at St. Mary's. I also stand at my window looking out on South Broadway and try to imagine what the parish of St. Mary's, the City of Yonkers and the Catholic Church will look like fifty years from now. I can't-too many variables. One of the variables will be the consequences of climate change. Luckily we are on top of a hill. Yes, I know, you are going to say to me. "Father you need to take a long vacation".



COLLECTION: the collection for last Sunday June 12, 2016 was \$3,859.00

The second collection this Sunday June 19, 2016 will be our monthly Church Property Insurance collection.

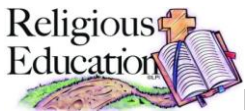
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: We find Jesus in today's Gospel taking the question of who his disciples think he is and turning it around, telling us who we must be. If we are to follow him, we must be willing to do as he did, that is, take up our cross each and every day. As we reflect on these readings today, perhaps the question for us is how we lose our life in order to save it.

First Reading: *Zechariah 12:10-11*(page53) – a prophet sees a brighter future for God's people; they will seek forgiveness, and God will cleanse them of their sins.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 63* (page 53-54) - *"My Soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God!"*

Second Reading *Galatians 3:26-29*(page 54) – Paul helps us realize how faith and Baptism brings about marvelous transformation, in a sense, we become other Christs.

Gospel: *Luke 9:18-24* (page 54) –Jesus discloses his true Messianic identity to his disciples; he encourage them to follow accordingly.



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



Msgr. Corrigan's Book on the History of our Parish: will be available next week, the price of the book will be a \$30.00 donation to the church; if you would like it mailed to you there will be a \$5.00 charge for mailing purposes.

