

October 16, 2016
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

The Yonkers marathon (26 miles) and half marathon (13 miles) will take place next Sunday. There will be no parking places on South Broadway opposite our church or in the Cacace parking facility. South Broadway will be closed for vehicular traffic except for drivers wishing to park in St. Mary's parking lot. Cars will be allowed to use South Broadway to get to our parking lot but only at Nepperhan Ave. (moving north to south). Tell the officers at the barricades that you are going to St. Mary's church. Cars moving south to north won't be allowed on South Broadway after Park Hill Avenue. My advice is to find a parking place elsewhere and walk to church. If you don't need a car, there is no problem. Walking is good for you.

Following the strong suggestion of our Archdiocese, we have just completed an energy audit of our church and rectory. The main recommendation is to replace all our lights bulbs with LED bulbs. Initial costs are high. But it will save us money in the long run. Since this energy audit involves thousands of buildings in the Archdiocese of New York it will result in significant decrease in the need for electricity. This will help the environment and lessen global warming.

As Pope Francis has stated in his encyclical *Laudato Si*: "If the simple fact of being human moves people to care for the environment of which they are a part, Christians in their turn realize that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards nature and creator are an essential part of their faith".



Parking at St. Mary's on Sundays: We are having a problem between the 9:00am Mass and the 11:00am Mass. There are few parking spaces in the lower parking area for parishioners who want to attend the 11:00am mass. Solution: all cars in the lower parking lot owned by parishioners from the 9:00am Mass must be gone by 10:45am. If you want to stay beyond 10:45am you can park your car in St. Mary's upper parking lot, or in the Cacace Parking Facility across the street from our church or in the parking lot of the former Mary the Queen Convent.



COLLECTION: the collection for last Sunday October 9, 2016 was \$3,813.

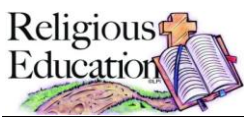
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today we have gathered to pray, as we do every Sunday, at the invitation of the Lord our God. It is necessary for us to do this, for without it we cannot reinforce who we are and whose we are. Jesus tells us today that our continual prayer does indeed make a difference, and that it is the one way to make sure that there will still be faith on earth when he returns. So let us pray, today and always, and pray and pray.

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13 – As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 121 - "Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth!"

Second Reading 2Timothy 3:14-4:2 – Paul urges Timothy to remain faithful to sacred Scripture because God inspired it.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8–Jesus taught a lesson about the power of persistent prayer; that we be persistent in prayer especially in the pursuit of justice.



Religious Education News:

Classes have started on Saturdays at 9:30am to 11:00am
(Children should line up in the Parish Hall by 9:20 am).



Msgr. Corrigan's Book on the History of our Parish: Is on sale in the rectory Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday after the Masses.

The cost of the book is \$30.00 as a Donation to the Church. If you would like it mailed to you there is an additional \$5.00 fee for the postage.



Yonkers Marathon: the Marathon is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2016; as a result, the City is asking that we enter St. Mary's Church 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 Avenue, Vark Street or St. Mary's Street on South Broadway until 1:00 p.m.



Parish Council Meeting: there will be a meeting of the Parish Council this coming Wednesday October 19th at 7:00pm in the rectory.



Annual Dinner Dance: Mark your calendars our annual Dinner Dance will be held on November 12, 2016. Tickets will be on sale in the rectory office. Adults \$50.00, Children 7 to 12 \$25.00, and children under 6 are free. Come join us for this celebration and help support our beautiful church.



Passport Event: there will be a passport event at the Yonkers Main Post office October 24-28, 2016 from 10:00am to 6:00pm, 79-81 Main Street, Yonkers, NY. You will need-Original Birth Certificate (no Copies) - two passport photos available at the Post Office for \$15.00- a valid Driver's License or other valid form of photo ID.