

February 1, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

If you lived in Galilee at the time of Jesus, would you have realized that He was the Messiah? It is not an easy question. Many at the time of Jesus did not. It seems so obvious now. Even Jesus knew how difficult it was. Throughout the Gospel of Mark Jesus keeps dodging the answer, "Are you the Messiah?" If someone calls out that he is the Holy One of God, as in today's gospel, he tells him to be silent. As we know, life is very complicated. We are often in situations when we are not sure what the right thing to do is. Years later we do. Things are much clearer in hindsight. In many ways it is better to have people tell us about Jesus-as the Gospels do-than to decide if facing Jesus in person. I have a lot of sympathy for the ordinary person who met Jesus and couldn't make up their minds. It was confusing Jesus wouldn't answer the question. It is called the "Messianic secret". Why?



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 25, 2015 was \$3,740.00

The second collection this Sunday, February 1, 2015 will be to help with the cost of heating the Church. The second collection will be for "Peter's Pence". Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.

Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time:

We have all experienced times in our life when we have been afraid to do something, make a decision, or take a stand because of fear or anxiety. For those times, let us be open to the power of **God's Spirit** working in and through us to move us away from spiritual insecurity, and ask for the boldness to be more courageous in the future.

The first reading,

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; **Moses** assures the people that **God** cares for them. They will always have a spiritual leader to show them the way.

In the second reading,

1 Corinthians 7:32-35; **Paul** encourages married and unmarried to put aside all anxieties. All are to see their lives as graced by **God**.



In the Gospel,

Mark 1:21-28; **Jesus** confronts by word and deed the power of evil. He heals a person with an unclean spirit.

Today' Focus: Facing the Face of Evil:

There are many ways that evil shows its face in our world. We can't just look for the most glamorous or sinister faces, but must know that evil has many faces.



Praying with the Word: May your presence in our lives, **O Holy Spirit**, expel from us all that is evil, all that is impure, all that is opposed to **God**. May your presence guard and protect us all our days.



Question of the Week:

What is it about the idea of the devil or demons that people find so interesting? Why is the spirit **Jesus** expels described as "unclean?"



Auschwitz cries out with the pain of immense suffering and pleads for a future of respect, peace and encounter among peoples.

Open enrollment ends February 15

NYS Affordable Health Care Open Enrollment:

If you do not have health insurance you can get information on different plans, costs and subsidies on the **New York State official Affordable Care Act health plan marketplace** website: www.nystateofhealth.ny.gov.

The marketplace's open enrollment period ends on February 15th. **You can also get information by calling 1-855-355-5777.**

If you purchased health insurance on the State's marketplace you should have received information in October about renewing and changing plans.

If you have not renewed or changed plans and need information call the above phone number.

Cabrini of Westchester in Dobbs Ferry: Volunteers are needed at Cabrini of Westchester on Dobbs Ferry. If you have a few hours to give to this rewarding experience please contact **Simone Smith** (Director of Human Resources and Volunteers) at **914-693-6800 X571** or **Yvonne** (Coordinator of Volunteer Services) at **X592**. Thank you.

MASS SCHEDULE
February 1, 2015-February 8, 2015

INTENTIONS :

R E Q U E S T E D B Y:

Sun.01

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Rosa Medranda

11:00 George F. Russ

Husband and Children

Son

Mon. 02

8:15

12:05

Tues.03

8:15

12:05

Wed.04

8:15

12:05Pi

Thu.05

8:15

12:05

7:00

Fri. 06

8:15

12:05 Margret Cruz

Daughter Angela

Sat.07

12:05

5:00 D.A. Giammette

7:30

Teresa & Bobby Giammette

Sun.08

7:30 For the Parishioners

9:00 Joaquim David

11:00 Sharon Raczynski

Wife

Denise & John Danaghy

Flowers:

In Memory of: Elizabeth Russ

Req. by Son

In Memory of the Deceased members of the Russ & Sardensky Family

Req. by Family

