

July 12, 2015
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

In August HBO, the cable TV channel, will present 4 to 6 episodes about the Yonkers housing desegregation controversy of the 1980's. It is based on a book by Lisa Belkin. It so happens that I am now working on my first years as pastor of St. Mary's. I came in early 1987 and was involved in this housing controversy. I am almost finished with my own history of this event and its struggles. It will be part of the twenty-sixth chapter of my history of St. Mary's. It will soon be available on our website icmary.com. The struggle to find a way to find a just balance between individual rights and the common good of a society continues today in Westchester.

Cardinal's Stewardship Campaign: We are only \$400.00 away from reaching our pledge goal of \$32,000.00 I hope that all who have already made pledges will eventually fulfill their promise.

Thanks to a parishioner, I have planted a new tree in the convent garden in honor of Pope Francis's encyclical on the environment.

Our Lady of the Rosary: the piece of sculpture that is now in our convent garden was designed by a famous sculpture, Isadore Fonti. He designed this piece for the monument over the grave of the first pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary church who died in 1926 and is buried in St. Joseph's cemetery. The original sculpture in metal is at the cemetery. The second one, now in our garden, was created from the same mold, only in plaster (?). Fonti created many sculptures throughout the USA. In Yonkers he did the statue of Abraham Lincoln at the park between South Broadway and McLean Ave., the memorial of the Spanish American War in Larkin Plaza and the Veteran's memorial at the foot of City Hall on South Broadway.

He was born in Vienna but spent most of his life in Yonkers. Our sculpture portrays the story of the Blessed Mother giving the rosary to St. Benedict.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, July 05, 2015 was \$2,945.00

The second collection this Sunday, July 12, 2015 will be for the Black and Indian Missions. Next Sunday's second collection will be to help with our Property Insurance.

Monthly Food Collection: Thank you for your generosity in helping the needy in our community we were able to fill 26 bags with your monthly food contribution.

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Today's celebration is all about those who are called: Amos the prophet, the twelve apostles, and us- all who have been baptized. What do we have in common? Amos and the Twelve responded to God's call within the context of their everyday lives. And us? Perhaps today is a good day to pray to God for the grace to hear God's call and respond to it in our own everyday lives.

In the first reading, Amos 7:12-15: Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him "Go, prophesy to my people Israel".

Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 84:9ab-10: "Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation."

In the second reading, Ephesians 1:3-14: God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. In him we were chosen to "exist for the praise of his glory".

In the Gospel, Mark 6:7-13 Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They took nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

Today's Focus; No Job Too Big or Small: Whether life calls on us to give witness as disciples in large or small ways, we are fully equipped to do so with every spiritual blessing, given to us at baptism.

Praying with the Word: Loving God, you call us and send us out to do your will; help us to have confidence that you will provide us with what we need to accomplish that will. Amen

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That which gives us true freedom and true happiness is the compassionate love of Christ.

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 1-212-371-1000 x 2949 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.

Religious Education News:

- ❖ Registration for the 2015-2016 Religious Education classes will begin on June 15th.
- ❖ Registration will be on Mondays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Thursdays from 9:30 to 1:00pm and Saturdays by appointment only.
- ❖ Please bring your child's birth certificate and baptismal certificate when registering your child for the first time.
- ❖ **Last day of registration will be August 13th.**
- ❖ We need teachers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission.

