

## September 6, 2015 Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary time (B)

### From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

On Monday at Barnes and Noble on Central Ave. I bought a copy of Pope Francis's encyclical letter "Laudato Si", subtitle "On care of our common home". It is not an easy read. He writes about many things and tries to link everything together. I am not a speed reader but I can read very fast. But I have to slow myself down to do justice to his thoughts and recommendations. He will have a tough time in the United States defending some of his statements. But I think that is good. It will make us stop and think about the issues. Keep in mind that the crucial decisions will be made in Paris in December.

I watched the HBO series on the desegregation case in Yonkers. I and many Catholic priests worked very hard to convince people not to oppose the court ordered settlement. It was a painful time. One thing I learned was to be careful about terminology. As a sociologist the words "social class" can mean many things to different people. Today it is best used as an economic term. "Lower class" should mean simply "low income". But to some it means bad behavior on the part of an individual or family e.g. "she is so low class". A better word for bad behavior is "dysfunctional". I was involved in the discussions of the screening process for those who would be allowed to enter the lottery to get one of those town houses on the east side. Terminology was all important. In the end the 200 units on the east side were a success because the vast majority of the families might have had lower income but they were not dysfunctional.



### **COLLECTION:**

The collection for last Sunday, August 30, 2015 was \$3,765.00

The second collection this Sunday, September 6, 2015 will be for the Catholic New York Newspaper. The second collection next Sunday, September 13, 2015 will be to help with the organ renovation.



**Food Collection:** Thank you for your generosity in helping those most in need in our community.

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Every now and then, when we gather to give our praise and thanksgiving to **God**, the day's celebration is given over to wonder at **God's** goodness. Today is one of those days. Our scriptures tell of **God's** graciousness and merciful love.

**In the first reading, Isaiah 35:4-7a:** **God** comes to save us. The ears of those who are deaf will be opened, and the tongue of those who are mute will sing.

**Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 146: "Praise the Lord, my soul!"**

**In the second reading, James 2:1-5:** **James** tells us that we should treat everyone as equal before the **Lord**, rich and poor alike. Did not **God** choose the poor to inherit the kingdom?

**In the Gospel, Mark 7:31-37:** A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to **Jesus** who healed him. Jesus ordered the crowds to tell no one, but they went about proclaiming the **Lord's** wonders.

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### Pope Francis:

Lord, help us always to be more generous and closer to poor families.

**Labor Day:** this Monday September 7, 2015 the parish office will be closed in observance of Labor Day.



### Religious Education News:

- ❖ On September 12, 2015 there will be a meeting with all the parents of children in grades K to 4 at 10:00am and parents of children in grades 5 and up will meet at 12:00 in the Parish Hall.
- ❖ Class will start on September 19, 2015 at 9:00 in the Parish Hall.



- ❖ We need teachers and helpers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission. If you are interested please call the rectory (914) 963-0156.