February 21, 2016 Second Sunday of Lent (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

Stained glass windows: Clerestory south side; 1a and 1b Stephen and Aloysius Gonzaga. They are placed together because of their youth.

- ❖ 1a. St. Stephen-One of the first deacons in the early church. He is considered the first martyr of the church. After a trial in the court of the high priest, he was stoned outside the gates of Jerusalem by Jewish authorities because of his outspoken criticism. His story is in the Acts of the Apostles.
- ❖ 1b.St. Aloysius Gonzaga-He was a Jesuit in training in Rome. While continuing his studies in philosophy and theology, he taught the catechism to the young. Rome at that time was decimated by cholera. While ministering to the plague victims, he caught the disease and died on June 21, 1591. He is the patron saint of altar boys.

We now have one of the ciboria that were used in Pope Francis's Eucharistic Celebration in Madison Square Garden in 2015. Priests distributed Holy Communion from these ciboria. A ciborium is then placed in the tabernacle. The consecrated hosts are now called The Blessed Sacrament.

We also have one of the ciboria from Pope Benedict XVI's Mass in Yankee Stadium. Our Pope Francis's ciborium will be in the tabernacle in the main church. Pope Gregory's ciborium well be in the tabernacle in the chapel.



COLLECTION:

The second collection this Sunday February 21, 2016 will be for the aid of church property insurance. Next Sunday February 28th the second collection will be for our Easter Flowers. Thanks for your generosity; we filled 15 bags of groceries for the needy in our community.

Easter Flowers: If you would like to have your loved ones remembered or a special intention remembered by the faithful at Easter, please make your reservation for the following in next week's second collection.

Large Lily Plant: \$50.00
 Hydrangea Plant: \$50.00
 Small Lily Plant: \$25.00
 Tulip Plant: \$20.00
 Hyacinth Plant: \$10.00

Pope Francis:



Mary, Mother of Jesus, help us to share the wonders of the Lord with all whom we meet on the way.



- 21st Listen to Jesus: Luke 9:35-How can we listen more carefully to Jesus" words?
- 22nd The Chair of Saint Peter: Matthew 16:16-18-In his words and actions Jesus reveals what God is like.
- 23rd Be More Just:/saiah 1:16-17-Let us try to treat others as if they were Jesus.
- 24th Greatness Comes by Serving: Matthew 20:26-28-Who most needs your help today?
- 25th The Poor at Our Door: Luke 16:19-20-Let us notice and help the poor who are all around us.
- 26th Love Your Family: Genesis 37:26-How can you show your love for your family today?
- 27th God's Prodigal Love: Luke 15:32-God is always ready to love us extravagantly.

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