

**July 26, 2015**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary time (B)**

**From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:**

Our prayers are with the parishioners of our neighbor churches, St. Denis and Holy Trinity, as they celebrate their closing Masses this weekend. As painful as it is for some, it was necessary. Finances, lack of priests and changing demographics greatly influence these decisions. Although the Archdiocese is generous in helping financially struggling parishes, it simply cannot support the increasing number of parishes who need financial help. St. Denis is joining St. Peter (will there be a new name?). Holy Trinity will be joining St. John the Baptist. However, some parishioners from these two churches may be visiting other Catholic churches to help them make a decision about joining one. Friendliness is always a criterion in making this choice. If you see new face in our church, introduce yourself and welcome them.



**COLLECTION:**

The collection for last Sunday, July 19, 2015 was \$ 2,841.00

The second collection this Sunday, July 26, 2015 will be to help with the Electricity for the Air Conditioning. Next Sunday August 2, 2015 the second collection will be for the Latin America & Home Missions.

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** There is an old expression "If you want to get something done, ask a busy person". Busy people and generous people often go hand in hand. The miracle of the loaves and fishes is about sharing what they have and there being plenty left over. Ask clearly and honestly for what you need and few brave souls will come forward and pave the way. **God** will provide.

**In the first reading, 2Kings 4:42-44** Elisha was brought twenty barley loaves, which he set before a crowd of one hundred. All ate, and there was plenty of food left over.

**Responsorial Psalm, Psalm 145:** "The Hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs"

**In the second reading, Ephesians 4:1-6:** Paul called the Ephesians to a life of humility, patience and gentleness. He said "Preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit".

**In the Gospel, John 6:1-15:** Many people pressed around **Jesus**. Seeing they were hungry, he took bread and fish, blessed them, and passed them out. When all had eaten, the fragments filled twelve baskets.

**Today's Focus; Out of Thin Air:** **Jesus** could have fed the multitude in any number of ways, including making food appear out of thin air. But he worked a miracle with what is already a miracle: **God's** creation.



**Praying with the Word:** Lord Jesus, you take our lives into your hands and bless them; may we become spiritual food for others through the power of your Spirit by leading lives of holiness. Amen.



**Pope Frances:**

Now is the time for a change in mindset and to stop pretending that our actions do not affect those who suffer from hunger.



**Religious Education News:**

- ❖ Registration for the 2015-2016 Religious Education classes will begin on June 15<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ 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 13<sup>th</sup>.**
- ❖ We need teachers for our religious instruction school on Saturday mornings. Please consider volunteering for this most important mission.

