

January 17, 2016
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (year C)

From The Desk of Msgr. Corrigan:

A parish financially needs an envelope system. 85% of our revenues come from our parishioners who give their donations to the church every Sunday in their church envelopes. It not only benefits our church but it also benefits you because you now become an official member of our church. This official membership is needed when you want your child baptized, or be a Godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation or getting married either here or at another church. When seeking a job or loan or credit cards etc. you can benefit by saying you are a member of our church. You can also benefit at the income tax time. By signing up for envelopes you can also prove that you are a resident of the USA, State of New York, etc. However, please do not sign up for our envelopes if you are not going to use them. It costs the parish money to mail the envelopes every month to your address. If you move to another address, please let us know immediately. All of this information is for those who come to church on Sunday but are not yet signed up for our envelope system. In the next few weeks we will have volunteers at a table in the back of the church to help you sign up and officially join our parish.



COLLECTION:

The collection for last Sunday, January 10, 2016 was \$2,984.00

The second collection this Sunday will be for the renovation of our organ.



Parish Council Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the Parish Council this coming Wednesday January 20th at 7:00pm in the Rectory.



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today we begin a stretch of Ordinary Time that will last about a month. Some have called this segment of Ordinary Time a “season of discipleship” because the Gospel readings cover the early ministry of Jesus and the calling of the first disciples. On this day we will see Jesus at the wedding at Cana, traditionally the third manifestation of Christ, following Christmas and Epiphany. Perhaps our prayer today can be that we be able to see Jesus as well, in others whom we meet every day.

In the First Reading:

God has new names for the chosen people; they express God’s enduring love for them

Responsorial Psalm: “Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations”

In the Second Reading:

Paul enumerates the many gifts of the Spirit. Because of these gifts, the members of Christ’s body are able to work together in doing God’s work.

In the Gospel:

Jesus replaces the water in six large large stone water jars used for the rituals of Jewish purifications with the choice wine of abundant salvation.

Pope Francis:



That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

Encyclical on the Environment: On June 18, 2015, the Vatican issued *Laudato Si’, Praise Be to You*, Pope Francis’s encyclical on caring for creation. The phrase “praised be” is taken from a famous creation canticle by St. Francis of Assisi as he thanked God for the beauty of creation. At the core of Pope Francis’s message is the idea of “integral ecology”, - that how we relate to one another, especially the poor, and how we relate to the environment are intimately connected. For more on the encyclical, go to the U.S. bishops’ website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-actions/human-life-and-dignity/environment/index.cfm> or Google “US Catholic Conference of Bishops” and click on the encyclical and then “Resources on Environmental Stewardship”.