

February 28, 2016  
Third Sunday of Lent (year C)

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

What is a “mantra”? It is a repeated word or short phrase that helps one concentrate. My present mantra is the words of Pope Francis: “Build bridges, not walls.” It can apply to many situations including the present refugee situation in the world or to our own personal relationship to others.

The Cardinal Stewardship Campaign is in its most important phase: getting parishioners to make pledges. Our goal this year is \$31,000.00. So far we have only \$8,000.00 in pledges. For those who have received mail about the details of pledging/donating, the easiest thing to do is to fill out the pledge card and mail it in the envelope provided. In two weeks we will have an in-pew campaign at all the Masses. Pledge cards will be distributed and you fill it out and then we collect them, it is mainly for those who have not yet made a pledge. But we ask even those who did make a pledge to fill out a card.

Among the very worthy projects that are financed by the campaign is the retirement home for priests. In 2018, my eightieth year, I am required to retire. For me, that means leaving St. Mary’s and probably residing in the Cardinal John O’Connor residence home for priests in Riverdale-unless there is no room available at that time. Then there are other options. So your pledges this year will help your pastor (canonically since I am over 75 years old, an “administrator”) when I retire.

I am almost finished my book on the history of our parish. The text is finished. Now we have to figure out how much space is available for photographs. It will be 160 pages. It will be somewhat different from our history on our web page. Some chapters have been dropped, others added and most of them revised. Having immersed myself in the history of former pastor, I suddenly realized one night that I am sleeping in the same room as seven of these men. It is a good thing that I don’t believe in ghosts.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for February 14, 2016 was \$2969.00 the collection for last Sunday February 21, 2016 was \$ 4,016.00

This Sunday February 28<sup>th</sup> the second collection will be for our Easter Flowers.



**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.

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



**Pope Francis:**

Do not forget that the mercy of God is our shield and strength against injustice, destruction and oppression



**28<sup>th</sup> God Comes to Save:** *Exodus 3:7-8*-God hears our prayers and comes to rescue us.

**29<sup>th</sup> No Rejection at Home:** *Luke 4:28-30*-Let us be careful to see the good in those around us.

**1<sup>st</sup> Forgive without Limit:** *Matthew 18:21-22*-Put no limits on your forgiveness of others.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Find God in Little Things:** *Matthew 5:17-19*-Let us discover God by attending to the little things today.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Hear God’s Voice:** *Jeremiah 7:23*-How can you be more attentive to what God wants today?

**4<sup>th</sup> Love God and Neighbor:** *Mark 12:29-31*-Jesus sums up our task as loving God and others.

**5<sup>th</sup> Ask for God’s Mercy:** *Luke 18:13-14*-Pray humbly to God for mercy and forgiveness.

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**Religious Education News:** there will be a second Communion Parent Meeting next Saturday at 11:15 am in the Parish Hall-All Communion Parents must attend .