

July 17, 2016
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:

Our fundraising campaign to repair our stain glass windows will begin in the Fall. Details will follow. Last week I met with representatives of three companies that specialize in repairing stained glass. The number of stained glass windows to be repaired will depend on how much money we raise. The first priorities are the seven above the main altar. The most basic question will be whether they must be removed and repaired in a factory or whether this can be done with the windows remaining in place. The wooden structures holding the windows may have to be replaced. I would like to see transparent glass used to protect the windows. As you can observe the old lexon protection plates have turned brown. Some have even been blown off. These windows need to be especially protected because they have to withstand the fierce winds that blow from the Hudson River. If we have the money, we will then work on the windows above the entrance to the church, especially the Rose window. These windows would look great if transparent to viewers on South Broadway (as they are now to viewer inside the church). A very important consideration in doing these windows is to protect the organ from the wind and rain of the fierce storms that hit our area. To help motivate yourselves, read chapter 22 in my history of our parish; "A Sacred Place".

Many thanks to the members of the Hispanic community who spent six hours last Saturday cleaning the church. Congratulations to Portugal on winning the soccer championship of 2016 Euro Cup.



COLLECTION:

the collection for last Sunday July 10, 2016 was \$3,485.00

The second collection this Sunday July 17, 2016 will be our monthly Church Property Insurance Collection

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Often during the summer months when we travel we encounter people who offer us hospitality, whether they be family, friends, or even strangers. At our celebration today, we will hear about hospitality in the book of Genesis and in the Gospel. Today might be a good day, therefore, to reflect on and pray about how we welcome strangers and even people we know well into our midst. Are all truly welcome at this table?

First Reading: *Genesis 18:1-10a (page 63)* – Sarah and Abraham receive God as a guest; they will be blessed with new life.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 15 (page 64)* - ***"He who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord!"***

Second Reading *Colossians 1:24-28 (page 64)* – Paul rejoices in his sufferings for the sake of Christ; these sufferings unite him to Christ and assure salvation to him and to all the faithful.

Gospel: *Luke 10:38-42 (page 65)* – **Jesus** teaches that nothing should ever prohibit a person from having access to the word of God.



Religious Education News:

Registration for Religious Education 2016-2017 school years has begun and will continue until August 20, 2016 from Mondays to Thursdays from 9am to 1pm and Saturdays from 9:30am to 12:30pm; New Parents to the Program please bring:

- ❖ Birth Certificates
 - ❖ Baptismal Certificates
 - ❖ Copy of First Holy Communion Certificates
(For 1st year confirmation students)
 - ❖ Two Small Photos of your Child
- Returning Parents will need to reregister their children again for the coming year.**

Program Fees:

- ✚ **Cost for one Child: \$95.00**
- ✚ **Cost for two Children (Brother/Sister only): \$160.00**
- ✚ **Cost for three Children (Brother/Sister only): \$195.00**
- ✚ **Cost for Four Children (Brother/ Sister only): \$185.00**
- ✚ **Sacrament Fee for First Holy Communion (in addition for each child): \$75.00**
- ✚ **Sacrament Fee for Confirmation (Children in 8th Grade; in addition for each child) \$95.00**



Msgr. Corrigan's Book on the History of our Parish: Is on sale in the rectory Monday to Friday and Saturday and Sunday after the Masses. The cost of the book is \$30.00 as a Donation to the Church. If you would like it mailed to you there is an additional \$5.00 fee for the postage.