

**July 31, 2016**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)**

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

Two police officers are sitting in their car in a crowded Time Square in New York City. A package is thrown in the back seat of their car. It looks like a bomb. Thinking that they are going to die but not wanting the bomb to kill anyone else, they drive to a deserted street and then run out of the car. The bomb is a fake. They live. This is an act of pure heroism—two young men willing to face certain death to save others. One of the officers is an immigrant from Afghanistan. He is also a Muslim. It sounds like fictional story in a movie. It is not. It really happened last week. Amidst all the detailed media accounts of the killings (including a Catholic priest in France) and the reactions of anger and rage against immigrants, this true story of heroism should shine a light into the darkness to show the basic goodness of the human spirit.

The Catholic New York Newspaper will be writing up a feature on my “History of our Parish” it may be in the upcoming edition of the newspaper.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday July 24, 2016 was \$3,760.00

The second collection next Sunday, August 7, 2016 will be our collection to help Latin America and the Home Missions.



**Food Collection:** Next Sunday will be our monthly food collection, please be mindful of the needy in our community when you go food shopping this week. As always thank you for your generosity in helping the needy in our community.

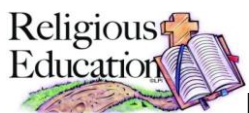
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** It is always good to be reminded, as we are in today’s readings, of what really matters, for our lives do not consist of our possessions. Today let us pray that we treasure what is truly important in our lives—all the people to whom we are called to reveal God’s mercy— and leave the rest to God.

**First Reading:** *Genesis 18:20-32 (page 65)* – Abraham pleads for the life of the innocent; he will discover how boundless the merciful ways of God are.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalms 138 (page 66)* - “**Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me**”

**Second Reading** *Colossians 2:12-14 (page 66-67)* – Paul reminds us of faith and Baptism; this sacrament joins us to Christ in his death and resurrection.

**Gospel:** *Luke 11:1-13 (page 67)* –**Jesus** teaches his disciples how to pray boldly and to pray with perseverance.



**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.