

**January 14, 2018**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

The Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal will begin this month. This Appeal supports the mission of our Church to provide for seminarians, retired priests, religious education, needy parishes and numerous ministry offices. Our goal this year has been set at \$41,000.00. This goal is determined by looking at our average monthly offertory collection which was \$20,514.38 and then multiplied it by two. This is distinct from the Renew+Rebuild fundraiser which is an Archdiocesan capital campaign. For the Renew+Rebuild Campaign our parish pledged \$415,000. which will be paid off over five years. If you are being billed for your pledge to the Renew+Rebuild, you will now also be billed for the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. As you were generous before, I ask you to be generous again. As you know, the monies we receive from the Renew+Rebuild Campaign are being used for the repair and protection of our stained glass windows. During last week's fierce storm, called a Bomb, I went out and inspected our windows with binoculars. It was evident that we have to repair and protect the upper clerestory windows on the south side. The lexon protection was shredded on some of these windows. This shredding of the protective lexon is caused by fiercer winds. (climate change ?) and by the removal of the convent building. The large convent building had protected the church by lessening the force of the winds coming from the south and from the Hudson River.

**Monday January 15, 2018:** The office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day: We will reopen on Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 9:00 am

**Collection :** the collection for last Sunday, January 7, 2018 was \$3,229.00

The second collection today is for the Catholic Communications/ Catholic University

**Food Collection:** Thank you for your generosity in helping with our monthly food collection for the needy in our community with your help we were able to fill 7 bags of healthy food for the needy in our community.

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**Parish Council Meeting:** There will be a meeting of the Parish Council this coming Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Parish Rectory.

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Both today and next Sunday the Gospel readings describe Jesus calling his disciples. In today's passage from John, John the Baptist leads two of his disciples to Jesus. Jesus invites them to follow him and they do. Like wise in the first reading, Samuel is called to serve the Lord and he too responds affirmatively. Each one provides an example to us today.

**First Reading:** *1 Samuel 3:3b-10:* Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm;40: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will!"*

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a:* Your bodies are members of Christ.

**Gospel:** *John 1:35-42:* They saw where he was staying and they stayed with him.

**January 2018:**

**20th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00**

**27th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00**

**February 2018:**

**3rd Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00~2nd Meeting Confirmation:11:30 School Cafeteria this meeting is mandatory for all Confirmation parents**

**10th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00 ~Daylight savings-2/14/18 Ash Wednesday**

**17th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00**

**22nd Confirmation Retreat 9:30 am until 2:00pm St. Mary's Parish Hall**

**24th Religious Education Classes 9:30-11:00**

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**January 14, 2018 to January 21, 2018**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm**

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday, January 14, 2018:**

**7:30am For the Parishioners**

**9:00am Maria Reyes Ramirez**

**Her Children**

**11:00am Sonia Torres**

**Edgardo Torres**

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**Wednesday January 17, 2018:**

**12:05pm Frank O'Neill & Sons**

**Maureen & Vinny Mangan**

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**Thursday, January 18, 2018:**

**7:00pm Maria Reyes Ramirez**

**Her Daughters**

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**Saturday, January 20, 2018:**

**5:00pm Martha Chippie**

**Anthony & JoAnne Kunny**

**Sunday, January 21, 2018:**

**7:30am For the Parishioners**

**9:00am Victor Jaquez (L)**

**11:00am Agnes D. Cerpa**

**the Bonano Family**