

September 25, 2016  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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

The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is one of those stories that form part of our Christian value system. We can call on it to help us with some of our ethical choices. It doesn't always give us specific answers in every situation but it might help us reframe the question. A good example of this is the refugee crisis in the world today. I see the rich nations of the world somewhat like the rich man of today's Gospel. A refugee fleeing war or famine is the Lazarus of today. I know some will say that I am simplifying the situation. It is much more complicated. You are right but don't you think that the rich man in today's gospel would have said the same thing?

Jordan, where most of the parishioners of the Good Shepherd Church are originally from, had elections last Tuesday. I quote the following from the N.Y. Times "Jordan sits at the crossroad of chaos, uncomfortably close to the wars in Syria and Iraq. With 650,000 Syrian refugees registered and more unregistered, Jordan has been overrun by the flight from civil war and terrorism. Maintaining stability in Jordan is a top American priority in the region and the United States is providing \$1.6 billion this year to help it cope with the crisis, making it one of the top recipients of foreign aid." Do you want to know more about our fellow parishioners? Read chapter 20 in my book on the history of St. Mary's. Arriving in the 1960's and 70's, they are one of the most successful immigrant groups in Westchester.

Congratulations on the great work law enforcement agencies did in capturing our terrorist bomber. A special thanks to the police officer who cautiously approached the sleeping terrorist (not sure who he was) and was shot. It is an example of how dangerous life can be for a police officer.



**COLLECTION:** the collection for last Sunday September 18, 2016 was \$3,552.

The second collection this Sunday, September 25 will be the monthly Collection to help with our Church Property Insurance.

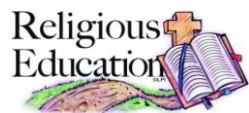
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:** The rich man did nothing to Lazarus. He didn't even know Lazarus existed. That was his problem. His sin was not in directly causing the suffering of another, it was in overlooking and ignoring his suffering. For us in our consumer culture today, this is an easy trap to fall into. As we listen to these readings today, what so they tell us about how to avoid that trap?

**First Reading:** *Amos 6:1a, 4-7*(page41) – Woe to the complacent rich!

**Responsorial Psalm:** *Psalm 146*(page 42) - "Praise the Lord, my soul!"

**Second Reading** *1 Timothy 6:11-16* (page 42) -We hear the exhortation that Paul gives to Timothy, urging him to be faithful to his calling until the Lord Jesus returns.

**Gospel:** *Luke 16:19-31* (page 43) –Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus, indicating that current experiences of wealth and poverty can be reversed in the afterlife. We do well to take that seriously.



**Religious Education News:**

Classes have started on Saturdays at 9:30am to 11:00am  
(children should line up in the Parish Hall by 9:20 am).



**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.



**Wedding Bands: 1<sup>st</sup> band:** Eric Everett and Judelca Fernandez

