

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 16, 2014



Sunday, February 16, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Frank and Rita Layton  
10:00 (Sp) + Wenselao Fernandito del Rosario  
11:30 + Maria Ferreira  
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina Javier

Monday, February 17, Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC

12:15 HOLIDAY – No 12:15 Mass

Tuesday, February 18, Weekday

- 9:00 + Patrick Kennedy  
12:15 + Thomas Hickey  
7:00 (Sp.) World Peace

Wednesday, February 19, Weekday

- 9:00 Increase in Religious Vocations  
12:15 + Frank Burdo

Thursday, February 20, Weekday

- 9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC  
12:15 + Rafael, Maria & Ralph Sanchez

Friday, February 21, Weekday

- 9:00 Increase in Religious Vocations  
12:15 + Rosalie Duskiwicz  
7:00 (Sp) + Elisa Caraballo

Saturday, February 22, Chair of St. Peter

- 9:00 + Patricia Henn  
12:15 + Rene McDonnell  
1:15 + Memorial Mass for Sr. Mary  
Immaculate, RJM

5:00 + Una and Bernie McGuire

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Juan, Teresa Melendez &  
Mayar Cazar  
10:00 + Margarita Gonzalez, Josefa Ojeda,  
Silvia & Eladio Montalvo  
11:30 + Anna Corr  
1:00 (Sp) + Rafael Antonio de los Santos

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of February 16-22 in memory of:

**BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of February 16-22 in memory of:

**ANNA and EDWARD ATZERT**



**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....**

Christina Zingone, Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, ,  
Maria Rivera Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, William  
Cunningham, Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen  
Liddane.

*We ask that you please notify the rectory when to remove a name from the list.*



*We ask your prayers for all loved ones serving our country in the Military:*

Michael Mastrangelo, U.S. Army  
SFC Kenneth Medina  
USAF Armando Irizarry  
Capt. Dennis Andrew Fitzgerald  
PFC Marc Kuboy, U.S. Army  
CPL Brian E. Brosnan, USMC  
Sgt. Miguel Angel Cruz  
S. Sgt. Marco Rodriguez, USMC  
Andrew Konstantinidis, National Guard  
PFC Steven Canela, USMC

Please advise the rectory if you wish a name to be removed from this list or to be added.

**ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET**

St. John's Altar Rosary Society will sponsor their Flea Market on Saturday,

March 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3030 Godwin Terrace. For more information, please call (718) 543-3003.

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La asociación del Rosario del Altar de San Juan patrocinará su Mercado sobre ruedas el abado 1 de marzo 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en 3030 Godwin Terrace. Para más información llame al telefono (718) 543-3003.

### MISSION STATEMENT

**THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN'S SCHOOL IS TO FOSTER SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH THE GOSPEL TEACHINGS OF JESUS CHRIST, TO PROVIDE THE HIGHEST QUALITY ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, TO PROMOTE RESPONSIBILITY TO SELF AND TO ENCOURAGE SERVICE TO OTHERS.**

#### ST. JOHN REGIONAL SCHOOL 8th GRADE SCHOLARSHIPS

##### Gabriel Araujo

Cardinal Hayes - \$1,000 per year  
Scholarship

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##### Enrique Colon

Regis High School – Full Scholarship  
Cardinal Spellman – Presidential  
Scholarship – Full Tuition  
Cardinal Hayes - \$6,400 per year

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##### Joshua Matias

All Hallows - \$1,000 Scholarship

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##### Richard Ruiz

Mt. St. Michael - \$500 per year

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##### Danielle Ramos

St. Vincent Ferrer - \$1,000 per year

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##### Lorysette Silverio-Martinez

St. Vincent Ferrer - \$1,000 per year

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##### Lewis Jimenez

All Hallows - \$2,000 per year  
Cardinal Hayes - \$1,000.00 per year

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### **PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY**

Monday, February 17<sup>th</sup> is a holiday. The rectory office will be closed on Monday and will re-open on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Due to the holiday, Mass will be at 9:00 a.m.

**There will be no Mass at 12:15 p.m.**

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Lunes, 17 de febrero es día de fiesta. La rectoría estará lunes cerrada hasta el martes 18 de febrero a las 9:00 a.m. El lunes solo habrá misa a las 9:00 a.m.

**No celebrará misa a las 12:15 p.m.**

### **PASTORAL NOTES**

#### *Making All Things New Update*

Recall the second reading from a couple of weeks ago in which St. Paul warned the Christian community not to have rivalries and factions among themselves to describe who instructed and baptized them: *"I belong to Cephas. I belong to Apollos. I belong to Paul. I belong to Christ."* (1 Cor 1:10-13) This admonition is apropos to the ongoing Archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning initiative, *Making All Things New*.

For many years, people in the Archdiocese of New York have primarily identified themselves by belonging to a parish along with attending a particular Mass time at a church. *Making All Things New* is fostering an approach to think and act regionally rather than parochially.

The ongoing Northwest Bronx regional Cluster 26 discussions involving the parishes of St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Gabriel, Visitation, and St. John have been meeting to review survey findings, demographics, trends, facilities, etc. to address ways in which the different sites can work together as adjoining Riverdale and Kingsbridge neighborhoods to serve the sacramental, liturgical, pastoral, educational, and social services needs of Catholics in our area. It is not about closing parishes and buildings but collaboration, mutual cooperation, and effective stewardship.

To promote this concept and understanding, structures, pastoral ways of operating, available resources, personnel (clergy, religious, and professional lay staff) and schedules, in particular Mass times that do not conflict with each site are important areas being discussed. The situation of the Archdiocese of New York in 2014 is radically different than what it was 50 years ago.

St. Paul encourages us to expand our vision and broaden our understanding of membership; the parish model to which many of us have long been accustomed needs to be changed, lest we fall into the same way of mistaken thinking like the 1<sup>st</sup> century Corinthians.

*Fr. Mike Kerrigan*

#### *English Choir Anyone?*

To gauge interest in the possibility for starting in March for the beginning of Lent, anyone who would like to consider becoming a member of an English Mass choir at the Saturday 5:00 PM Mass is asked to speak with our parish music director Andrey Komanetsky. 8-10 interested and committed people will be needed. To date, the response has been minimal.

#### *No Parking Anytime*

The Department of Traffic sign posted outside St. John's Church means what it states, NO PARKING ANYTIME. This includes parish weekday and weekend Masses! The church is a public building that requires access for first responders and fire personnel in the event of an emergency. The number of illegally parked and double parked cars outside our Church especially on Sundays has been noted and law enforcement will take action. *Forewarned is forearmed.*

#### *Thanks for Feeding Our Neighbors*

The generous response of our parishioners along with the students in our parish religious education program and regional school to assist the *Feeding Our Neighbors* collection of food items is greatly appreciated. Twenty boxes of canned goods and non-perishable food items were brought to assist P.O.T.S. (Part of the Solution), a local Bronx food pantry and social service outreach program.

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*  
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
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One of God's greatest gifts to us, is the gift of free will. I have within myself a mighty power to choose to do good, or choose to do evil. I seek God's grace to assist me to do the former and avoid the latter, and God's grace will not fail us.

Consider for a moment the choices you have already made today. The hour to arise, what to wear, the food I consume. Countless other decisions may come to mind. As disciples of the Lord, we ask that we may be inspired and enlightened to make good choices, for our well being and that of others. I also try to avoid 'falling' away from God's grace through selfishness and sin. Surely the Lord does not 'lead us into temptation', although we know so well how our society calls, invites, summons us, even if it is small, or venial.

May the commandments we recall today be strong guides for us. May the great commandment of Jesus to love God and neighbor be our driving force. May we avoid the capital sins and celebrate the corresponding virtues. In this way our holiness will be secured.

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**SU PALABRA HOY**  
*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*  
**Sexto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario**  
**16 de febrero de 2014**

Uno de los mayores dones que Dios nos ha dado es el don de la voluntad propia. Tengo dentro de mí el gran poder de escoger lo que es bueno, o de escoger lo que es malo. Busco la gracia de Dios para que me ayude a hacer lo bueno y evitar lo malo, y la gracia de Dios no nos fallará.

Considere un momento las elecciones que ha tomado usted hoy. A qué hora levantarse, qué ropa ponerse, qué comer. Infinidad de otras decisiones puede que vengan a la mente. Como discípulos del Señor pedimos que seamos inspirados e iluminados para tomar buenas decisiones, para nuestro bien y para el de otros. Yo también trato de evitar 'alejarme' de la gracia de Dios debido al egoísmo y pecado. Ciertamente el Señor no nos deja 'caer en la tentación', a pesar de que conocemos muy bien cómo nuestra sociedad nos llama, invita, nos manda a caer en pecado, aunque sea pequeño (venial).

Ojalá que los mandamientos que recordamos hoy sea fuertes guías para usted. Que el gran mandamiento de Jesús de amar a Dios y al prójimo sea la fuerza que nos impulsa. Que logremos evitar pecados capitales y celebrar las virtudes correspondientes. De esta manera nuestra santidad estará asegurada.



**SCHOOL NEWS – REGISTRATION**  
**2014-2015**

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

Registration for St. John School will be held on the following dates:

**Pre-Kindergarten – 4 years old**  
**Must be 4 years old by December 31, 2014**

**Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>**

**From 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ONLY**

**Kindergarten to Grade 7**

**Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>**

**From 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ONLY**

For information on the registration process and documents you will need to complete registration, please call the school office during school hours at (718) 548-0255.

**BROTHER JUNIPER**

