

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 23, 2014



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.*

Sunday, February 23, Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

5:00 + Una and Bernie McGuire  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Juan & Teresa Melendez and  
Maya Cazar  
10:00 (Sp) + Margarita Gonzalez, Josefa Ojeda &  
Silvia & Eladio Montalvo  
11:30 + Anna Corr  
1:00 (Sp) + Rafael Antonio de los Santos

Monday, February 24, Weekday

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

12:15 + Ann and James Owens

Tuesday, February 25, Weekday

9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family and  
Rosa Zingone

12:15 + Mary and Patrick Heslin

7:00 (Sp.) + Jose Joaquin Diaz

Wednesday, February 26, Weekday

9:00 + Cornelius and Nellie Crowley

12:15 + Bob Henn

Thursday, February 27, Weekday

9:00 +

12:15 + Patrick McDonnell

Friday, February 28, Weekday

9:00 +

12:15 +

7:00 (Sp) + Rosenda Vega and Herminio  
Mercado

Saturday, March 1, Weekday

9:00 + Patricia Henn

12:15 + Parishioners who died in February

5:00 + Joseph and Bridget Murphy

Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish

8:45 + Cornelius and Nellie Crowley

10:00 + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado

11:30 + Brian McDonnell & Teresa Kennedy

1:00 (Sp) + Juan & Teresa Melendez and  
Maya Cazar



*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

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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.

**2014 Cardinal's Appeal:**

**By the Numbers**

Parish Goal: \$49,500

Amount Pledged: \$7,420

# of Gifts: 17

Parish Goal Percentage: 15%

Please consider making your gift to support the various  
Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social services  
assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

## SISTERS OF LIFE

The season of Lent is a time of both sacrifice and giving of oneself. We ask your support in securing new items so that the Sisters of Life can continue to assist mothers and babies in need. The items requested are: **disposable diapers (all sizes), baby bottles, new newborn baby clothes and baby blankets. Also baby wipes, diaper bags, gift cards for Pathmark, Target, etc. and NYC Transit Metro Cards.** All donated items may be brought to the rectory. May God bless you for your generosity.

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## HERMANAS DE VIDA

La Cuaresma es una temporada de sacrificio y de dar de uno mismo. Pedimos se ayuda en conseguir donaciones para asistir las Hermanas de Vida en su ayuda a madres y bebés en necesidad. Las donaciones necesarias son las siguientes: **pañales disponibles (todos tamaños), biberones, ropita para recién nacidos, y cobijas de bebé. También bolsos para los pañales, toallas mojadas disponibles, tarjetas de regalo de Pathmark, Target, etc. Y tarjetas de tránsito de NYC.** Las donaciones serán aceptadas en la rectoría. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.

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## EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Friday, March 7<sup>th</sup> we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 12:15 p.m. Mass until 6:45 p.m. We will then have Benediction to close out the day. Please set aside some time to visit the Lord during the afternoon.

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En viernes 7 de marzo tendremos la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de las 12:15 p.m. hasta las 6:45 p.m. Se tendrá una bendición al final. Por favor visiten al Señor durante esa tarde.

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## PASTORAL NOTES

### *Making All Things New Update*

The ongoing Northwest Bronx regional Cluster 26 discussions involving the parishes of St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Gabriel, Visitation, and St. John continue. Given the seemingly natural geographic divisions and street configurations for travel ease (primarily proximity for walking and public transportation access) of the two adjoining Northwest Bronx neighborhoods, the decision was made to subdivide cluster conversations and discussions into Kingsbridge and Riverdale regions as a way to strategize and assist with the necessary future pastoral planning that the Archdiocese is requiring for all 368 parishes.

Specific discussions in the areas of Sacramental Life, Evangelization, Catechesis, Catholic Schools, Lifelong Religious Education, Stewardship and Outreach, Effective Administration involving the two sites in the Kingsbridge area continue. Given that both locations for Visitation and St. John's are .8 mile from each other, future consideration should be given to collaborate and work together in terms of coordinating weekday and weekend Mass schedules in which times do not compete with each other, working together in offering opportunities for ongoing faith formation and spiritual development for youth, adults, and seniors as well as promotion of effective administration and stewardship of available resources (e.g. clergy, professional staff and support personnel, buildings and facilities, finances, present trends, and future neighborhood demographics).

This approach requires a change in which many Catholics in our Archdiocese have envisioned and understood the Catholic parish. As noted last week, the time has come to start thinking and acting regionally, rather than parochially, to meet the various sacramental, educational, pastoral, and spiritual needs among Catholics in a region.

Fr. Mike Kerrigan

### *Building Repairs Made*

This winter season has been difficult. The break in the severe weather for a few days at the end of January and early February benefited the NFL's Super Bowl and provided the opportunity to repair the stairs leading to the lower church. While this created an inconvenience with building access for a few days including the February 1-2 weekend in order for the caulking work to properly set and dry, this repair work was necessary and costly; \$9,500 for stairs and ramp repair.

### *Not Married in the Catholic Church?*

For various reasons, couples choose to be civilly married but did not have a religious celebration in the Catholic Church. According to Church teaching, Catholics who marry are required to have their unions celebrated in the Catholic Church in order to participate in the church's sacramental life.

As recent parent meetings for sacramental preparation have raised, this situation often poses problems for families raising children. For those who are civilly married and did not have a previous marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church requiring an annulment, the process to have the marriage validated or blessed by the Catholic Church is usually not complicated. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider making an appointment to speak with Fr. Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio to discuss what may be done.

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*  
**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 23, 2014**

**“The Lord said to Moses, ‘Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, your Lord, your God, am holy. You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord.’ ‘But I say to you...”**

We still are on the mountain with Matthew’s teaching of Jesus. We have passed from the beauty of the beatitudes with promised reward, to the reminder that we are salt and light for others. Today we are challenged about what we find in our hearts.

The lawgiver of the old law, Moses, was instructed to teach that there is no place for hatred, revenge or grudges. Jesus the lawgiver of the new dispensation tells us we are to love those who try, taunt and tempt us, which He even called our enemies. We find many excuses and reasons to justify our actions. We find road rage gratifying, if we are getting even. We can’t accept ‘forgive and forget’. A better route is to ‘forgive and remember without bitterness.’ We find ‘I don’t get mad, I just get even’ a mantra for our attitudes and actions. We judge easily, without justice and mercy. A suggestion is, at this moment, consider the person or event which challenges me, and give the person and the problem to the Lord. Why carry it? Does it seem to make me feel better? What a wonderful way to lift our burden and live the Great Commandment ‘love of God and love of neighbor’. Perhaps only in this way can I consider myself holy.

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

**“El Señor dijo a Moisés: Habla a toda la comunidad de los hijos de Israel y diles: Sean santos, porque yo, el Señor, Dios de ustedes, soy Santo. No odies en tu corazón a tu hermano; pero corrígelo, no sea que te hagas cómplice de sus faltas. No te vengarás ni guardarás rencor contra tus paisanos, sino que más bien amarás a tu prójimo como a ti mismo. Yo soy el Señor.’ ‘Pero yo les digo...”**

Nos encontramos aún en la montaña con la versión de San Mateo de las enseñanzas de Jesús. Hemos pasado de la belleza de las bienaventuranzas a la recompensa prometida, al recordatorio de que somos la sal y la luz para otros. Hoy estamos siendo retados acerca de lo que encontramos en nuestros corazones.

Moisés, quien nos entregó la antigua ley, fue instruido para enseñar que no hay lugar para el odio, venganza ni resentimientos. Jesús, quien nos entregó la nueva ley nos dice que debemos amar a los que nos prueban, nos hacen burla, o nos ponen tentaciones, a quienes Él llegó a llamar nuestros enemigos. Encontramos muchas excusas y razones para justificar nuestras acciones. Encontramos que la ira al manejar un auto es gratificante, que nos estamos vengando. No podemos aceptar el ‘perdonar y olvidar’. Una mejor ruta es ‘perdonar y recordar sin amargura’. Encontramos que la mantra ‘no me enojo sino que me vengo’ refleja nuestras actitudes y acciones. Juzgamos fácilmente, sin justicia ni compasión.

Como sugerencia en este momento considere a la persona o evento que lo reta, y entréguele a la persona o el problema a nuestro Señor. ¿Por qué echárnoslo encima? ¿No me hace sentir mejor?

Es una forma maravillosa de quitarnos la carga y vivir el Gran Mandamiento: ‘Amar a Dios y a nuestro prójimo’. Quizá sólo de esta manera me puedo considerar santo a mí mismo.