

**Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday, April 12, 2015**



Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter

5:00 + Maeve Toft
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) Divine Mercy
11:30 + Neil Crowley
1:00 (Sp) + Renaldy Sencion Santana

Monday, April 13, Easter Weekday

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

12:15 + Thomas Hickey

Tuesday, April 14, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Peggy, Tommy & Maureen Donohue
and Jimmy Kennedy

12:15 + Assunta & Luigi Casasola

7:00 (Sp.) + Cornelia Garcia

Wednesday, April 15, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Scanlon and Hurley Families

12:15 + Ralph Sanchez

Thursday, April 16, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Joseph Zane

12:15 + Thomas Grier

Friday, April 17, Easter Weekday

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

12:15 + Neil Crowley

7:00 (Sp) Special Intention of the Sacred
Heart of Jesus Group

Saturday, April 18, Easter Weekday

12:15 + Josefa Medina

5:00 + Nellie, Catherine, Mary Angela
and Maggie O'Keefe

Sunday, April 19, Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish

10:00 (Sp) + Amelia Moran Gonzalez

11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

1:00 (Sp) + Catalina & Candelaria Javier

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S

DONATIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of April 12-18 in memory of:

**FR. EDWARD J. FAGAN, OAR and
FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of March 12-18 in memory of:

**CALLAHAN, McVANN and COYLE
FAMILIES**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

**Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Lindsey Guzman,
Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen
Liddane, Timothy Mahoney, Christiani
Medenois.**

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



*"Our Catholic family is strong, and only made stronger
through your generosity."*

Cardinal Dolan

Parish Goal: \$50,000

Amount Pledged: \$25,385

of Gifts: 67

Average Gift Amount: \$378.88

Parish Goal Percentage: 51%

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Our parish has reached the half-way mark for this year's parish goal.

If you have not already done so, please consider making your gift to support the various Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social services assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship.

Remember that you may make a pledge of an amount that you would like to give, make an initial payment, and then pay off the remaining amount over the coming months. Please make use of the specially marked envelopes that you received in the mail or are available in the church.

Easter Gratitude

Many thanks to all who assisted and participated in our parish's Holy Week, Paschal Triduum, and Easter liturgies.

A special word of gratitude to the team of volunteers who beautifully decorated our main and lower church with the Easter lilies and floral arrangements, those who organized and led our Way of the Cross/Via Crucis through our local neighborhood streets on Good Friday afternoon, our music group who enhanced our celebrations, our parish liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers) along with our parish ushers for their dedicated service, and our parish staff.

Your generosity to the Holy Thursday charity collection to support the outreach work of the Sisters of Life, to the Good Friday collection in assisting the Franciscans in maintaining the various shrines of the Holy Land, and to our parish Easter collection is greatly appreciated.

Also, congratulations and prayerful best wishes to the 14 women, men, and teenagers who celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation at our parish's Easter Vigil (one who was baptized, eight receiving First Holy Eucharist, and fourteen confirmed). May they continue to grow in the Catholic faith and be a sign of the vitality of our parish community.

Welcoming the Newly Merged Parish Catholic Community of Kingsbridge

As a way to prepare for the upcoming merger of St. John and Visitation parishes, a special afternoon gathering with time for both prayer and socializing will be held on Saturday afternoon April 25th.

The afternoon will begin at 2:00 pm in the upper Church of St. John with a prayer service based on the Gospel stories of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-45) and Mary being entrusted to John, the Beloved Disciple at the foot of the cross (John 19:23-27). The day will continue with light refreshments and the opportunity for members from both parish communities to meet each other in the lower church meeting area and will conclude with the 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil Mass.

As a way to help plan for this special gathering of the Kingsbridge Catholic Community, please call (718)548-1221 or e-mail your response stjohnkingsbridge@yahoo.com by Thursday April 23rd if you plan attending

Remembering Saint Pope John Paul II

The church's celebration of *Divine Mercy Sunday* this weekend is synonymous with the life of recently canonized St. Pope John Paul II who promoted and encouraged this devotion especially during his pontificate.

Our neighbors to the north, the nation of Canada, observed the 10th anniversary of his passing into eternal life with "*Pope John Paul II Day*" on April 2nd. In December 2014, the Parliament of Canada, enacted legislation to have a special commemorative day observed annually on April 2nd to remember Saint Pope John Paul II. While not a legal holiday, the purpose of this day is for Canadian citizens to recognize Pope John Paul II's tireless efforts and contributions in promoting human dignity and freedom for both the world and Canada.

The Act of Parliament establishing this day specifically cites the role he played in promoting international understanding and peace, the defense of equality and human rights, his tremendous contribution to ending Communism's grip on freedom in Eastern Europe, his leadership and example in embracing multi-faith and multicultural traditions and experience, and how he inspired young people to live the teaching of Christ. Pope John Paul II's last World Youth Day was July 2002 in Toronto.

The celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday, the upcoming first anniversary of his canonization (April 27, 2014), and Canada's "Pope John Paul II Day" offer us the opportunity to recall his life and to emulate the example of this great saint.

Fr. Michael Kerrigan

Parish Mass Intentions

An important part of the parish merger process will be the parish Mass schedule beginning this summer. As already announced and currently in effect, The Archdiocese of New York has requested not to schedule any Mass intentions past June 30, 2015.

Hopefully, the ongoing discussions with parish merger implementation team and the Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Office will enable us to accept scheduled parish Mass intentions after July 1, 2015 sometime shortly. Your patience and understanding as this process of parish mergers unfolds for the Catholic Community of Kingsbridge in the coming months is appreciated.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

Second Sunday of Easter or Sunday of Divine Mercy

April 12, 2015

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favor was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them.”

Living the Easter experience was truly special for the initial Christian community. Imagine how they shared the story of their experience of the Risen Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Words as ‘power’, ‘witness’ and ‘favor’ mark that special time in the early church.

The gospel calls the missionary disciples to the same witness of the same Christ, empowered by the same Spirit, and endowed with the same favor or grace. It was not a phenomenon only for first century Christians. The Easter experience we are living today calls us to become more aware of the gifts of the Spirit and grace, to bear witness, address the needs of those around us, and provide what gifts we have for those who need a deeper spiritual life, a community of believers.

This season of the church year calls us to make the same Risen Christ present for ourselves and others. We find Him in our parishes, reflection groups and social gatherings.

Catholic Faith Update on The Sacraments

Fr. Michael Kerrigan will be offering the next Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program series on the sacraments of the Church. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings (April 13, 20, 27 and May 4), from 7:00-9:00 pm in the meeting room of the lower church.

These sessions are part of the Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program to assist teachers in parish religious education programs. Others who are interested in updating themselves in the Catholic Faith are welcome to attend.

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Segundo Domingo de Pascua

12 de abril de 2015

“La multitud de los creyentes tenía un sólo corazón y una sola alma. Nadie consideraba sus bienes como propios, sino que todo era común entre ellos. Los Apóstoles daban testimonio con mucho poder de la resurrección del Señor Jesús y gozaban de gran estima. Ninguno padecía necesidad.”

Experimentar la Pascua fue algo verdaderamente especial en la vida de la comunidad de los primeros Cristianos. Imagine cómo compartirían la historia de su experiencia de Cristo Resucitado, fortalecidos por el Espíritu Santo. Palabras como ‘poder’, ‘testigo’ y ‘don’ marcan esa época especial de la temprana iglesia.

El evangelio llama a los discípulos misioneros a ser testigos así del mismo Cristo, fortalecidos por el mismo Espíritu y dotados del mismo don o gracia. No fue un fenómeno sólo para los cristianos del primer siglo. La experiencia de Pascua que vivimos nosotros hoy nos llama a estar más conscientes de la gracia y los dones del Espíritu, a ser testigos, poner atención a las necesidades de quienes nos rodean, y de compartir los dones que tenemos con aquellos que necesitan una vida espiritual más profundidad: una comunidad de creyentes.

La iglesia nos llama en esta época del año a que hagamos al mismo Cristo Resucitado presente para nosotros y otros. Lo encontramos en nuestras parroquias, grupos de reflexión y reuniones sociales.

50th Wedding Anniversary Couples

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday June 20th or Sunday June 21st at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register. The closing date to register is Tuesday May 19th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.
