

**Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2015**



Easter Sunday

Masses on Easter Sunday are at:
8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m. (Spanish),
11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

**Monday, April 6, Monday within the Octave
of Easter**

9:00 + Patrick Cummins and the
Donnellon Family

12:15 + Dymphna Duffy

**Tuesday, April 7, Tuesday within the Octave
of Easter**

9:00 + Joseph Scandale

12:15 + Kitty and Dan O'Leary

7:00 (Sp.) + William Rosario

**Wednesday, April 8, Wednesday within the
Octave of Easter**

9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC

12:15 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

**Thursday, April 9, Thursday within the
Octave of Easter**

9:00 + Joseph Zane

12:15 + Dennis McCarthy

**Friday, April 10, Friday within the Octave
of Easter**

9:00 + Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC

12:15 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC

7:00 (Sp.) Mass of Thanksgiving from the
Sacred Heart of Jesus Group

**Saturday, April 11, Saturday within the
Octave of Easter**

12:15 + Mockler Family

5:00 + Maeve Toft

Sunday, April 12, Second Sunday of Easter

8:30 Parishioners of St. John

10:00 (Sp.) Divine Mercy

11:30 + Neil Crowley

1:00 (Sp.) + Renaldy Sencion Santana

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S

DONATIONS

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower
Church for the week of April 5-11 in memory of:

BROTHER JOSEPH MURPHY, FSC

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church
for the week of April 5-11 in memory of:

BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for
the week of April 5-11 in memory of:

ROBERT J., KEVIN G, and

FATHER MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR



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.*

A Prayer for Easter

Risen Lord

*we rejoice in Your glorious triumph
over sin and death
as we celebrate this season of Easter.*

*May the new life of forgiveness
that we have received from You
Strengthen us to forgive others
and seek reconciliation.*

*May new life rooted in peace and harmony,
Grow in our relationships at home, at school, at
work.*

*Renewed by your healing mercy,
May we become a reconciling presence in our
world,
Especially among those most in need. Amen.*

Easter Monday Notice

The parish office will be closed on Monday
April 6th and will re-open on Tuesday April 7th at
9:00am.

Easter Blessings

The Parish Staff of St. John's Church extend our prayerful best wishes to all for a Holy, Happy, and Blessed Easter. May we follow in the footsteps and example of the apostles and disciples who bore witness to the resurrected Christ Jesus in spreading the good news of our Catholic Christian Faith.

Did You Know?

Easter eggs symbolize not only Spring as a season of rebirth but also the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Like his tomb, the egg is the hard, cold casket from which new life finally and triumphantly breaks forth and emerges. The Roman proverb "*Omne vivum ex ovo*" ("All life comes from an egg") takes on a new, religious significance in light of Easter Sunday.

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.

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.

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

St. John's Catholic Elementary Regional School has a block of tickets in section 309 at Yankee Stadium for the May 9th baseball game between the Baltimore and New York Yankees. Cost is \$41.00 per ticket. Please contact Mrs. Mauro at St. John's School (718)548-0255 if interested in purchasing tickets

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.

Cincuenta Aniversario de Bodas

Todas las parejas que celebran sus 50 años de casen en el año 2015 están invitadas a la Misa Anual de Cincuenta Aniversari de Bodas. La Santa Misa será celebrada por el Cardenal Dolan el sábado 20 y domingo 21 de junio a las 2:00 pm en la Catedral de San Patricio. Favor de escoger una de as dos fechas y contact la oficina de St. John para inscribirse. El ultimo dia para inscribirse es el martes, 19 mayo. Esta celebración está patrocinada por la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Respcet a lad Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

Catholic Faith Update on The Sacraments

Fr. Michael Kerrigan will be offering the next Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 5, 2015

“Very early when the sun had risen, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, ‘Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back; it was very large....He said to them, ‘Do not be afraid! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised up, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go and tell the disciples and Peter... There you will see him as he told you.”

What a wonderful discovery, an empty tomb. How important the witness of the young man, and the women. Imagine the conversation as they were walking to the tomb, grieving, feeling sad, and not ready to meet the young man. Like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, they walked and talked. The Jesus who had spent his ministry with them, is now not only deceased, but His body is missing. They had a right to be saddened and disappointed.

The reassuring word of the young man still left them wondering. The message of Easter joy would gradually replace doubt, fear, bewilderment. That word is meant for us. We roll back the stone which blinds us to the person of Jesus. The deep joy which the Easter mystery generates is to raise us up.

The full meaning of the Easter mystery is sometimes slow to move our hearts, yet it is the center of our faith, Jesus died to save us and lives to accompany us each and every day. Our faith tells us to go and tell others of the great victory Christ has won for us today. Others are seeking Jesus and we are the bearers of His good news.

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Domingo de Pascua de la Resurrección del Señor

5 de abril de 2015

“A la madrugada del primer día de la semana, cuando salía el sol, fueron al sepulcro. Y decían entre ellas: ‘¿Quién nos correrá la piedra de la entrada del sepulcro?’ Pero al mirar, vieron que la piedra había sido corrida; era una piedra muy grande... El les dijo: ‘No teman. Ustedes buscan a Jesús de Nazaret, el Crucificado. Ha resucitado, no está aquí. Miren el lugar donde lo habían puesto. Vayan ahora a decir a sus discípulos y a Pedro que El irá antes que ustedes a Galilea; allí lo verán, como El se los había dicho.”

Qué maravilloso descubrimiento: una tumba vacía. Qué importante la presencia del joven y las mujeres. Imagine la conversación mientras caminaban hacia el sepulcro, su gran dolor, su tristeza, y sin saber que encontrarían al joven. Como los discípulos en el camino a Emaús, caminaban y hablaban. El Jesús que había hecho su ministerio entre ellos, no sólo ha muerto, sino cuyo cuerpo ha desaparecido. Tenían todo derecho de estar tristes y desilucionadas.

Las tranquilizadoras palabras del joven las dejaron pensando. El mensaje de la alegría de la Pascua gradualmente reemplazaría la duda, el miedo, y el asombro. Esa palabra se nos dirige a nosotros. Corremos la piedra que nos ciega de la persona de Jesús. La tremenda alegría que el misterio Pascual genera nos eleva.

El completo significado del misterio Pascual a veces tarda en conmover nuestros corazones, pero sin embargo es el centro de nuestra fe: Jesús murió para salvarnos y vive para acompañarnos cada día. Nuestra fe nos dice que vayamos a decirles a otros de la gran victoria que Cristo ha ganado para nosotros hoy. Otros buscan a Jesús y nosotros somos los portadores de Sus buenas nuevas.