

**First Sunday of Lent
Sunday, February 22, 2015**



Sunday, February 22, First Sunday of Lent

5:00 + Una and Bernie Maguire
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Josefa, Benigno, Sr., Benigno
Ojeda, Yolanda Garcia and
Margarita Gonzalez

11:30 + Rena McDonnell
1:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, February 23, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Jean Carlos Ocasio
12:15 + Patrick and Mary Heslin

Tuesday, February 24, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family and
Rose and Vince Zingone

12:15 + Roma Sassone
7:00 (Sp.) + Previsterio Gomez

Wednesday, February 25, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
12:15 + Cornelius and Nellie Crowley

Thursday, February 26, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Janny Chan
12:15 + Robert Henn

Friday, February 27, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Isuel Alvarez
12:15 + Patrick McDonnell
7:00 (Sp) + Rafael Antonio De Los Santos

Saturday, February 28, Lenten Weekday

12:15 + Maria Rodriguez Diaz
5:00 Joseph and Bridget Murphy

Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 Intention of Isidro Gonzalez
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
1:00 (Sp) + Emmanuel Flores

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

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower
Church for the week of February 22-28:

IN THANKSGIVING

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of February 22-27 in memory of:

ANNA and EDWARD ATZERT

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower
Church for the week of February 22-27 for:

INTENTION OF MAUREEN JONES



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

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

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



the CARDINAL'S
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
2015
Sharing God's Gifts

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

Cardinal Dolan

Parish Goal: \$50,000

Amount Pledged: \$2,290

of Gifts: 12

Average Gift Amount: \$190.83

Parish Goal Percentage: 5%

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.

Remember to Check the Church Bulletin Boards

Notices and flyers of local area upcoming
events and activities, that are often not included in
our parish bulletin due to space limitation, are
posted on the church bulletin boards. You may wish
to take the time to read them and perhaps
something may interest you.

Parish Book Exhibit Next Weekend

The Society of St. Paul, a religious community of priests and brothers whose apostolate is media and communications, will be having a book exhibit at our parish next weekend (February 28-March 1) downstairs in the lower church meeting room. A wide variety of religious articles, books and resources (bibles, music CD's, DVD's, children's books, etc.) both in English and Spanish, will be available for purchase. Cash, personal checks, and major credit cards are accepted as forms of payment.

Take this opportunity to deepen your personal spiritual life and to learn more about the Catholic faith, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Church during this Lenten Season.

Adults Preparing for Sacraments of Initiation

This Sunday February 22nd, two catechumens from our parish (Patricia Bustos and Elizabeth Cabrera) will be attending *The Rite of Election* at St. Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan. They will be joining adults from other parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York who desire to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist) at this year's Easter Vigil.

Please remember them, along with the other candidates from our parish's adult religious instruction programs led by Fr. Antonio and Fr. Kerrigan, who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist at this Springs Easter Vigil.

Catholic Faith Update Sessions

The next two sessions in the Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program being offered by Fr. Michael Kerrigan will be held on Monday evenings (February 23 and March 9) from 7:00-9:00 pm in the meeting room of the lower church.

This week's topic will be "*Church, the Christian Community*" and "*Introduction to Scripture*" will be held on March 9th. 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.

Friday Stations of the Cross

During the Fridays in Lent, our parish will be praying the Stations of the Cross (Via Crucis) after the 12:15 pm and 7:00 pm Masses. This traditional Lenten devotion commemorates the 14 stops along the *Via Dolorosa* ("the way of sorrow") by recalling Jesus' journey from Pilate's court and the praetorium to Calvary and to the tomb.

Irish Breakfast

The St. John's School Alumni Committee will be having an Irish Breakfast on Sunday March 8th beginning at 12:30 pm at the Old St. John's School (3030 Godwin Terrace). Breakfast includes Irish sausages, blood pudding, white pudding, potatoes, eggs, oatmeal, Irish Soda Bread, juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$20 (advance) and \$25 (at the door)

New York Catholic Youth Day

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8)

Come and join hundreds of other young Catholics (high school age students through college level, ages 13-21) for a day filled with prayer, music, fun, games, powerful witness, and talks, Holy Hour reflections, reconciliation, and much more. *New York Catholic Youth Day 2015* will be held at St. Joseph's Seminary from 9:00am-5:00pm on Saturday April 11th. For more information and to register, please call (914)367-8329 or visit www.oymyny.org

Did You Know?

The Rite of Election is a special liturgical celebration at the beginning of Lent in which unbaptized catechumens (those preparing and being instructed for initiation) enroll or write their names in a special *Book of the Elect* which is presented to the Bishop at the Cathedral. This liturgical celebration marks another important stage in the life of those who desire to become members of the Catholic Church and joins together catechumens in various parishes in a local diocese or archdiocese. This celebration symbolizes that membership is to the larger Catholic Church, not simply the local parish community.

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“Beloved: Christ suffered for our sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh he was brought to life in the Spirit... It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience.”... “The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel,”

We embarked on the Lenten journey, listening to the identical words addressed to us as ashes were placed on our foreheads. Our rich traditions and spiritual customs are designed to lead us to God. What began on Wednesday is directed to the Paschal Mystery, the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus.

As I begin this first week of the Holy Season I want to look at myself and live with a clear conscience. Surely there is something to be found which requires remedial action, change or conversion. I can kid myself and presume that everything is in order. If it is, wonderful, but where is there need for improvement?

We go to a doctor for a check up, often are sent to a specialist for further study, who proposes a series of tests. Although they do not want to alarm us, they have our best interest at heart. Only a foolish person would not pursue their directive.

How is my spiritual health? My need at this time is to look and take my spiritual well-being seriously. Christ's suffering in the words of Peter is to lead me to God.

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SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Primer Domingo de Cuaresma
22 de febrero de 2015

“Amados hermanos: Cristo murió una vez por nuestros pecados –siendo justo, padeció por la injusticia– para llevarnos a Dios. Entregado a la muerte en su carne, fue vivificado en el Espíritu... no consiste en la supresión de una mancha corporal, sino que es el compromiso con Dios de una conciencia pura.” ... “El tiempo se ha cumplido: el Reino de Dios está cerca. Conviértanse y crean en la Buena Nueva.”

Nos embarcamos en nuestra jornada de Cuaresma, escuchando las idénticas palabras que se nos dirigen mientras se nos untan las cenizas en nuestras frentes. Nuestras ricas costumbres y tradiciones espirituales están diseñadas para guiarnos a Dios. Lo que se comenzó en Miércoles de Ceniza se relaciona al misterio Pascual, la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús.

Mientras comienzo esta primera semana de la Epoca Santa, quiero verme a mí mismo y vivir con una conciencia tranquila. Seguramente encontraremos algo que requiere enmienda, cambio o conversión. Puedo engañarme a mí mismo y asumir que todo está en orden. Si lo está, qué bueno, pero ¿hay necesidad de mejoría?

Vamos al médico para un chequeo, muchas veces se nos manda a un especialista para revisión más profunda, quien propone una serie de exámenes. Aunque no desea alarmarnos, tiene las mejores intenciones. Sólo un tonto no seguiría sus instrucciones.

¿Cómo está mi salud espiritual? Lo que necesito en este momento es ver y tomar mi bienestar espiritual seriamente. Según las palabras de San Pedro, el sufrimiento de Cristo me llevará a Dios.