

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 19, 2015



Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 + Gene Clark
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Laura and Jose Ramirez
11:30 Mass of Thanksgiving
1:00 (Sp) + Jose Germoso

Monday, July 20, Weekday

9:00 + Timothy Houston
12:15 + Muriel Moore

Tuesday, July 21, Weekday

9:00 Intention of Maureen Jones
12:15 + Julio Medina
7:00 (Sp.) + Mary De Bard

Wednesday, July 22, St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 + Thomas and James Heslin

Thursday, July 23, Weekday

9:00 + Teresa Maher
12:15 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family &
Rosa and Vince Zingone

Friday, July 24, Weekday

9:00 + John Firth
12:15 + Mrs. Nancy Bough
7:00 (Sp) + Eddie Brown

Saturday, July 25, St. James

12:15 + Brett, Stanton, Di Orio and
Lopez Families

5:00 + Kevin McNama

Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 + Juana Betty Guerrero
11:30 Intentions of Ervis & Maya Tataj
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina & Candelario Javier

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of July 19-25 for:

INTENTION OF CAROL ANN FELDHAUS

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of July 19-25 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, Christiani Medenois.

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

More on the Merger of the Catholic Community of Kingsbridge

With the parish merger on the horizon, this weekend will be end of Masses and sacraments being celebrated at Visitation Parish. Next weekend will mark the beginning of the merged St. John-Visitation parish Masses.

As a way to assist primarily seniors and those needing transportation to Kingsbridge Avenue, arrangements have been made for a shuttle bus to transport parishioners from outside Visitation Church (160 Van Cortlandt Park South). Pick-ups will be at 8:00 am and 11:00 am with drop-offs after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses. This service will be done on a trial basis for the next six months at a cost of \$355 per week.

Once again, as previously announced both at Church and in the bulletin, bus access is needed outside Kingsbridge Avenue in the NO PARKING AREA. Please follow and observe this Department of Traffic Regulation or risk the possibility of an illegally parked car fine.

Hopefully, new members attending our Masses will be the first step in creating a more vibrant Catholic parish community over the coming months.

2015 Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions from July through December 2015 may be scheduled at the parish office.



Parish Merger Update

This notice is being reprinted from last week for the benefit of those who have been away or may have missed reading it.

The summer months are times of transitions for parishes and priests throughout the Archdiocese of New York, especially this year with the implementation of *Making All Things New* and the resultant mergers of parish communities. Effective August 1st, our Kingsbridge Catholic community will become the Parish of St. John-Visitation.

As Cardinal Dolan noted in his November 2, 2014 letter announcing this merger, the joining of two parish communities into one is not to be seen "as them having to fit into your parish but as two parishes coming together, in the Lord's name, to become a new worshipping family." This process will entail changes from the way in which our parish has operated in the past as we move forward in becoming a new parish community.

An important issue being addressed is the availability of meeting space for parish groups and activities. With the relocation of the St. Joseph's Cursillo Center (the former convent), this building will become available and is being renovated for use as a parish pastoral center. Reorganizing and restructuring will require time, patience, and planning. Inevitable changes lie ahead in this process of forming a new parish community. While August 1st is the effective date for the merger, the implementation of this process will be ongoing in the coming months ahead. A great deal of work will need to be done. Our parish staff is committed to finding the best ways to serve the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral, and educational needs of our local area.

I am grateful to Cardinal Dolan and the Priest Personnel Office for appointing me as Pastor (a six year term) of the newly merged St. John-Visitation Parish. While times of transition are not always easy, new challenges and opportunities will emerge for us to form a vibrant Catholic community here in Kingsbridge.

Have an enjoyable summer and please continue to pray for the Archdiocese of New York and those who are called to serve as pastoral leaders in this time of major change and necessary restructuring.

Fr. Michael Kerrigan

Parish Religious Education Program Registration

While September and the school year may seem some time away, it is not too early to register children in the St. John-Visitation School of Religion Program. Classes are offered for students not attending Catholic Schools and whose families desire assistance with religious instruction and sacramental preparation. Classes are held on Saturdays for students from Grade One to High School.

Please contact Ms. Jeanette Guzman, our Coordinator for Religious Education, for further information and to register your children. She may be reached at (718)884-2627.

Adults Interested in Sacramental Preparation

Adults who would like to consider the possibility of becoming a Catholic or those who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist are asked to contact Fr. Michael Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio Astudillo. Our parish will be offering sessions for adults who are interested in preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist).

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 family and 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.

Year For Families

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics worldwide to use the months ahead as a time for preparation and prayer for the World Meeting of Families to be held in Philadelphia this coming September. Special prayer cards, both in English and Spanish, are still available for those who have not yet received one. The prayer cards may be obtained in the Church at weekend Masses and at the parish office during the weekdays.

PRAYER FOR THE 2015 WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

*God and Father of us all,
in Jesus, your Son and our Savior,
you have made us your sons and daughters
in the family of the Church.
May your grace and love help our families
in every part of the world to be united to one another
in fidelity to the Gospel.
May the example of the Holy Family,
with the aid of your Holy Spirit,
guide all families, especially those most troubled,
To be home of communion and prayer
and to always seek your truth and live in you love.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, pray for us.*

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“I myself will gather the remnant of my flock from all the lands to which I have driven them and bring them back to their meadow; there they will increase and multiply. I will appoint shepherds for them who will shepherd them so that they need no longer fear and tremble; and none shall be missing, says the Lord.’... ‘when He disembarked and saw the vast crowd His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd...”.

One of the oldest biblical images is that of a shepherd. From King David to the gospel of John and Jesus stating He is the Good Shepherd. Peter was told by the Risen Christ ‘feed my sheep.’

With the same concern reflected in the gospel today, may I recall priests, bishops or popes in our life and lifetime who truly filled that role for me. Was it my parish priest who made Christ present in celebrating the sacraments of baptism, gave me the Eucharist or taught me catechism? Was it the bishop who laid hands on me, calling for the Holy Spirit to strengthen me? Was it the bishop of Rome, St. John 23rd or St. John Paul II of our own lifetime who inspired and led us into the third millennium? Is it Pope Francis, humbly bringing the joy of the gospel to a world mired in war, hate, poverty and indifference?

As I ponder I pray for the names and faces who have come to mind and shepherded me, and pray that others will respond to the Shepherd’s call today to ‘feed His sheep.’

SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Décimo Sexto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario
19 de julio de 2015

“Yo mismo reuniré el resto de mis ovejas, de todos los países adonde las había expulsado, y las haré volver a sus praderas, donde serán fecundas y se multiplicarán. Yo suscitaré para ellas pastores que las apacentarán; y ya no temerán ni se espantarán, y no se echará de menos a ninguna –oráculo del Señor–’ ... ‘Al desembarcar, Jesús vio una gran muchedumbre y se compadeció de ella, porque eran como ovejas sin pastor...”

Una de las más antiguas imágenes bíblicas es la del pastor. Desde el Rey David al evangelio de San Juan donde Jesús indica que El es el Buen Pastor. El Cristo Resucitado le indicó a Pedro ‘apacienta mis ovejas’.

Con la misma preocupación reflejada en el evangelio hoy, puedo recordar sacerdotes, obispos o papas de nuestros días quienes realmente han llenado el papel para mí. ¿Fue el sacerdote de mi parroquia quien hizo a Cristo presente al celebrar los sacramentos del bautismo, me dio la Eucaristía o me enseñó el catecismo? ¿Fue el Obispo quien impuso sus manos sobre mí, llamando al Espíritu Santo a fortalecerme? ¿Fue el Obispo de Roma, San Juan XXIII o San Juan Pablo II en nuestros tiempos quienes nos inspiraron y guiaron al tercer milenio? Es el Papa Francisco quien humildemente trae la alegría del evangelio a un mundo marcado por la guerra, odio, pobreza e indiferencia. Reflexiono sobre los nombres y caras de aquellos que han venido a mi mente y me han guiado, y oro por que otros respondan al llamado del Pastor a ‘apacentar Sus ovejas.’