

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, July 26, 2015**



**Sunday, July 26, Seventeenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

5:00 + Kevin McNama
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Juana Betty Guerrero
11:30 Intentions of Ervis & Maya Tataj
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina & Candelario Javier

Monday, July 27, Weekday

9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Maureen Moriarity

Tuesday, July 28, Weekday

9:00 + Eileen Scanlon
12:15 + Mary Martinez
7:00 (Sp.) + Timothy Curtin

Wednesday, July 29, St. Martha

9:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
12:15 + Bridget and Tom Marshall

Thursday, July 30, Weekday

9:00 + Neil Crowley
12:15 + Mary Puccinelli

Friday, July 31, St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00 + Raffaele and Antoinetta Parrella
12:15 + Carmel Collins
7:00 (Sp)+ Nunilda Vera Vivda
de Paredes

Saturday, August 1, St. Alphonsus Liguori

12:15 + Cornelius and Nellie Crowley
5:00 + Seamus Murphy

**Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 + Dionicio Castillo
11:30 + Bob Stanton
1:00 (Sp) + Rafael Antonio De Los Santos



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 New Beginning

This weekend marks the beginning of the merged St. John-Visitation parish Masses. A special word of welcome to those who will be joining us for weekend Masses. New members attending our Masses will be the first step in creating a more vibrant Catholic parish community over the coming months. Effective August 1st, our Kingsbridge Catholic community will become the Parish of St. John-Visitation.

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. 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 as well as all those who have been affected by these changes.

Travel and Parking Issues

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.

The parking lot at St. John's Catholic Regional School north of the Church located at 3143 Kingsbridge Avenue is open and available for parking during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses.

Your cooperation, assistance, and understanding in this regard is appreciated.

***Prayer for the Merger of Our Catholic Kingsbridge
Community***

*Loving God, Creator of all things,
You have given us loving hearts to love You,
our neighbors, and ourselves.*

*Strengthen us to have renewed hearts,
as we continue the mission of Your Son's disciples
for the future of our parish community
in this Kingsbridge region of the Northwest Bronx.*

*Continue to inspire us to be open
to the new possibilities set before us
like the crowds in this weekend's Gospel
of the multiplication of loaves and fishes.*

*Help us as a parish community to be hopeful
and transformed by Your love for us
as we embark on the new journey set before us.*

*Bless us in Your loving service
in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,
who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen*

Next Weekend's 2nd Collection

Next weekend (August 1-2), our parish will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your generosity to the Collection for the Church in Latin America is invaluable to the future of the faith in this region. Your donations will fund catechesis, marriage and family life programs, and seminarian formation. Please make use of the specially marked envelopes and give with a joyful and generous heart. Please support programs like these and give generously in next week's collection.

Próximo Domingo la segunda colección

La próxima semana realizaremos la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina. Su generosidad en la Colecta para la Iglesia en América Latina es inestimable para el futuro de la fe en esta región. Sus donativos financiarán programas de catequesis, matrimonio y vida familiar y la formación de seminaristas. Por favor, contribuyan con un corazón generoso y lleno de gozo. Por favor, apoyen a programas como éstos y contribuyan generosamente en la colecta de la próxima semana.

Other Parish Transitions

The implementation of *Making All Things New* along with the subsequent restructuring and merging of parishes offered the opportunity for long-time parish employees to participate in a special Archdiocesan retirement program. Two of our St. John's Parish employees, Mrs. Maryann Kenny, our

Parish Business Manager for the past 27 years and Mrs. Evelyn Martinez, our bookkeeper for the past 15 years have chosen to accept this retirement opportunity effective July 31st.

We thank them both for their many years of dedicated and faithful work at St. John's Parish and wish them well as they move on to a new phase in their lives. Paraphrasing the Lord's words from the Gospel, "*Well done, good faithful servants. Your labors are gratefully appreciated. Rest from your labors and enjoy the new time that lies ahead for you.*"

Deacon Andrew Rivera's request for retirement status from full-time ministry has been approved by Cardinal Dolan. We extend our gratitude to him for his 35 years of diaconal ministry and service to St. John's Parish, wish him good health, and Godspeed in all his future endeavors.

Msgr. Hugh McManus, who retired on June 30th as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Scarsdale, will be moving into residence here at St. John's Parish. He is one of our parish's priestly vocations and we welcome him back to Kingsbridge.

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.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“But the servant objected, ‘How can I set this before a hundred people?’ Elisha insisted, ‘Give it to the people to eat. For thus says the Lord ‘They shall eat and there shall be some left over.’ And when they had eaten, there was some left over, as the Lord had said.”... “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish” ...When they had had their fill, he

said to the disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.’”

At a time of picnics and alfresco dining, reading from the book of Kings and the gospel of John is most enjoyable. In both cases we learn that we can use our resources whether abundant or scarce to touch the lives of others. Whether it be the one hundred or the ‘large crowd’ people had a hunger, a need, and there were gifts to be given to change their lives.

When we gather for Eucharist, gifts are brought to the altar. They represent our ability to offer something for the needs of others, who have a hunger we can satisfy, not just bread and wine, but care, concern, support and understanding.

People are hungering for peace, justice, work, freedom. We cannot overlook them, for we are the resources to produce change. Don’t waste food; recognize the Christ in the homeless and hungry. Provide for the many charities who depend on us. The question remains: ‘What are the five loaves and two fish I have’ and ‘what I am doing with them?’

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Décimo Séptimo Domingo en Tiempo

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“Pero su servidor respondió: ‘¿Cómo voy a servir esto a cien personas?’. ‘Dáselo a la gente para que coman, replicó él, porque así habla el Señor: Comerán y sobraré.’ El servidor se lo sirvió: todos comieron y sobró, conforme a la palabra del Señor.” ... “‘Aquí hay un niño que tiene cinco panes de cebada y dos pescados’ ... Cuando todos quedaron satisfechos, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: ‘Recojan los pedazos que sobran, para que no se pierda nada.’”

Durante este tiempo de picnics y comidas al aire fresco, las lecturas del libro de Reyes y el evangelio de San Juan son muy agradables. En ambos casos aprendemos que podemos utilizar nuestros recursos, ya sean abundantes o escasos para tocar la vida de otros. Ya fueran los cien o una gran multitud, la gente tenía hambre, una necesidad y también había dones para cambiar sus vidas.

Cuando nos reunimos para la Eucaristía, las ofrendas se traen al altar. Estas representan nuestra habilidad de ofrecer algo para las necesidades de quienes tienen hambre que podemos satisfacer, y no sólo pan y vino, sino preocupación, cuidado, ayuda y comprensión. La gente tiene hambre por paz, justicia, trabajo, libertad. No podemos ignorarlos, ya que somos la fuente que produce cambios. No desperdicie comida; reconozca al Cristo en el indigente y el hambriento. Ayude a proveer a las muchas organizaciones caritativas que dependen de nosotros. La pregunta es: ‘¿Cuáles son los cinco panes y dos pescados que tengo?’ Y ‘¿Qué estoy haciendo con ellos?’