

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 14, 2015**



**Sunday, June 14, Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

5:00 + Elio and Stella Casasola
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Amelia Moran Gonzalez
11:30 + Rena McDonnell
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina & Candelario Javier

Monday, June 15, Weekday

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

12:15 + John (Jack) McNamara

Tuesday, June 16, Weekday

9:00 + Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 + Heslin and Reilly Families

7:00 (Sp.) Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, June 17, Weekday

9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 Intention of Sr. Christine Carrigg

Thursday, June 18, Weekday

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

12:15 + Andrew Lavery

Friday, June 19, Weekday

9:00 + Craig Fairweather
12:15 + Gennaro Bozzo
7:00 (Sp) + German Vega, Sr. & Jr.,
Joseph Garcia & Edward Olan

Saturday, June 20, Weekday

12:15 + Ann O'Donoghue
5:00 + Mercedes Santana

Sunday, June 21, Twelfth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:30 Fathers – Living and Deceased
10:00 (Sp) Fathers – Living and Deceased
11:30 Fathers – Living and Deceased
1:00 (Sp) Fathers – Living and Deceased

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S

DONATIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church
for the week of June 14-20 in memory of:

BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for
the week of June 14-20 in memory of:

BROTHER JOSEPH MURPHY, FSC



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.*

Special Second Collection This Weekend

Our parish will be having a special second
collection this weekend to aid the people of Nepal
who have been devastated by the recent
earthquakes. Your generosity is appreciated.

Father's Day Masses

The parish Masses next Sunday June 21st
(Father's Day) will be offered for all fathers, both
living and deceased. Please make use of the
specially marked envelopes that are available in the
church and return them to the parish office by
Friday June 19th.

2015 Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions from July through December
2015 for the newly merged parish of St. John-
Visitation may be scheduled will at the St. John's
Parish Office.

Did You Know?

Of the twelve apostles, three of them (*Peter,
James and John*) may be described as "*The
Favored Apostles*" since the Gospels mention three
occasions in which they accompanied Jesus apart
from the others (the raising of Jairus' daughter, the
Transfiguration on Mount Tabor, and the agony in
the Garden of Gethsemane).

St. John School Alumni Association Reunion
Saturday June 27th 5:00 pm Mass

celebrated by Rev. Aurelian O'Dowd
Class of 1960
followed by reception at
St. John's Catholic Regional School
3143 Kingsbridge Avenue

**RSVP Jeanette at St. John's School 718-548-0255
or RSVP by email alumni@stjohnschoolbronx.org**

Our Pastoral Year Seminarian

Since September, St. John's Parish has been blessed with the presence of Mr. Anthony Giacona during his pastoral year as part of his ongoing formation and priestly training for the Archdiocese of New York. Over the past 9 months, he has assisted and served our parish in various ways: as a teacher in the parish religious education program, training parish altar servers, class visits at St. John's Catholic Regional School, working with the parish youth group, and assisting at parish Masses, funerals, and other liturgical celebrations.

He will be with us for a few more weeks until the weekend of July 4-5. After time off for the summer, Anthony will be returning to St. Joseph's Seminary for this third year of theology studies at the end of August. Please remember him in your prayers along with the other seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

Church Parking Reminder

The Department of Traffic sign posted outside St. John's Church means what it states, NO PARKING ANYTIME. This includes parish weekday and weekend Masses. 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.

With the upcoming shuttle bus service to accommodate those from Visitation Parish who will be coming to the merged parish site, access is necessary outside the Church on Kingsbridge Avenue for those who will be attending Sunday Masses as well as those who wish drop off and pick up parishioners with mobility concerns. Likewise, as stated previously, St. John's Church is a public building that requires access for first responders and fire personnel in the event of an emergency.

Your cooperation and understanding in this regard is appreciated.

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).

By the Numbers: May Parish Collections

May 2-3 \$6301.00

May 9-10 \$7231.00
May 16-17 \$6134.00
May 23-24 \$6326.00
May 30-31 \$6094.00
ParishPay \$790.00

St. John's Church depends upon the generosity of parishioners in meeting the operating expenses for our parish and church building along with serving the spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral needs of our Catholic community in Kingsbridge. Many thanks for your financial support.

Have You Considered Using ParishPay?

ParishPay offers an alternative way to make contributions to St. John's Church. In lieu of using the weekly envelopes and placing them in the collection basket at Mass, *ParishPay* offers the opportunity for automated donations or electronic giving. Contributions may be made from credit cards, bank checking or savings accounts. Also, this method enables one to budget their donations to our parish.

As indicated in the May collections, eleven parishioners gave \$790 through *ParishPay*. For more information, please call 1-866-727-4741 ext. 1 or visit www.ParishPay.com

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 your 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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“Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is how it is with the kingdom of God, it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how...To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown it springs up and becomes the largest of plants. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.’”

Jesus the teacher, teaching people of the earth and a farming environment, drew a clear picture. Jesus the teacher, speaking to us today, paints a picture of the church and our life of grace. The seed planted in baptism is nourished and grows through a life of prayer, celebration of the sacraments and support of a faith community. Growth is taking place every step of the way. What is required is the creation of an environment of warmth and light to cultivate that growth.

As I reflect on this teaching of Jesus I consider the many other parables Jesus told. Which one stands out most clearly? How do I apply it to my own spiritual life? Is it Luke’s story of the lost sheep or forgiving Father? Is it the net filled with a catch of good fish and bad? Is it even the example of salt and light in the sermon on the mount?

The beauty of the parables is that they are not limited to time and place, but speak to us today. Which one touches me now?

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Décimo Primer Domingo en Tiempo

Ordinario

14 de junio de 2015

“Jesús decía: ‘El Reino de Dios es como un hombre que echa la semilla en la tierra: sea que duerma o se levante, de noche y de día, la

semilla germina y va creciendo, sin que él sepa cómo... ¿Con qué podríamos comparar el Reino de Dios? ¿Qué parábola nos servirá para representarlo? Se parece a un grano de mostaza. Cuando se siembra, es la más pequeña de todas las semillas de la tierra, pero, una vez sembrada, crece y llega a ser la más grande de todas las hortalizas.’ No les hablaba sino en parábolas, pero a sus propios discípulos, en privado, les explicaba todo.”

Jesús como maestro, enseñándole a la gente de la tierra y a una comunidad agrícola, mostró una imagen clara. Jesús, el maestro, nos habla hoy y nos muestra una imagen de la iglesia y de nuestra vida de gracia. La semilla plantada en el bautismo se nutre y crece por medio de una vida de oración, celebración de los sacramentos y apoyo de una comunidad de fe. Crece a cada paso del camino. Lo que se necesita es crear un ambiente cálido y luminoso para cultivar ese crecimiento.

Mientras reflexiono en esta enseñanza de Jesús, considero las muchas otras parábolas que dijo. ¿Cuál salta a la vista? ¿Cómo la aplico a mi propia vida espiritual? ¿Es la historia de San Lucas de la oveja perdida o el padre que perdona? ¿Es la red llena de buenos y malos peces? ¿Es quizá el ejemplo de la sal y la luz en el sermón de la montaña?

La belleza de las parabolos es que no están limitadas a tiempo y lugar, sino que nos hablan a nosotros hoy. ¿Cuál es la que más me impresiona?