

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, June 28, 2015



Sunday, June 28, Thirteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

5:00 + Denis and Sheila O'Sullivan
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Maria & Leola Johnson and
Mercedes Maldonado
11:30 + Bernadette, Patrick and Michael
Cooney

1:00 (Sp) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez

Monday, June 29, Saints Peter and Paul

9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Kathleen McDonnell

Tuesday, June 30, Weekday

9:00 + Amb. Bart J. Lawson
12:15 + Robert Carroll
7:00 (Sp.) + Previsterio and Fernando
Gomez

Wednesday, July 1, Weekday

9:00 + John H. Firth
12:15 + Bridget Buckley

Thursday, July 2, Weekday

9:00 + Mary Reagan
12:15 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC

Friday, July 3, St. Thomas

9:00 + John H. Firth
12:15 + Denise Ledesma
7:00 (Sp) + Julian Antonio, Jose and
Belarminio Morel & Juana
Francisca Martinez

Saturday, July 4, Weekday

12:15 + Antoni Szereszewski
5:00 Special Intention

Sunday, July 5, Fourteenth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 + Amelia Moran Gonzalez
11:30 + Herbert De Casseres
1:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church
for the week of June 28-July 4 in memory of:
MSGR. JOHN M. COSTELLO



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.*

Parish Office Closed on Friday

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on
Friday July 3rd in anticipation of the Independence
Day holiday and will re-open on Monday morning
July 6th at 9:00 am.

First Fridays During the Summer

During the summer months of July and
August, our parish will not be having First Friday
Eucharistic exposition and afternoon adoration.

Change in Location for Weekend Masses

Beginning next weekend (July 4-5), our parish
Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses will be celebrated
during the summer months in the air-conditioned
lower church.

2015 Mass Intentions

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

Special Collection to Assist the People of Nepal

Your generous response to the special second
collection on June 13-14 to aid the people of Nepal who
have been devastated by the recent earthquakes is greatly
appreciated. \$1685 was collected on behalf of Catholic
Relief Services. *"Whatever you did for the least of my brothers
and sisters, you did it for me."* (Matthew 25:40)

Did You Know?

Each year on June 29th, the Roman Catholic Church
celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the principal
patrons of Rome along with being witnesses to Jesus Christ

and the saving power of His death and resurrection in the early Church.

In terms of popular depictions, *St. Peter* is frequently represented with the crossed keys recalling the authority given to him by Jesus (Matthew 16:13-20). Also, he is portrayed with a rooster associated with his betrayal (Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27). At times he is illustrated as a bald old man with a flowing beard, clad in a white mantle and blue tunic, holding Scripture. He became known as the "*Prince of the Apostles*."

St. Paul is often shown by an open Bible that represents the New Law of Christ which he preached and the sword of the Holy Spirit. He is frequently depicted as being short and bald with a bushy beard. With his many missionary journeys throughout the Mediterranean world of the first century AD, he became known as the "*Apostle of the Gentiles*."

Our Pastoral Year Seminarian

Since September 2014, 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 ten 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.

As the popular adage says, "*All good things come to an end*"; this is the case with Anthony who will be with us until next weekend July 4-5. After time off for the summer, he will be returning to St. Joseph's Seminary at the end of August for his third year of theology studies.

We are grateful for all that Anthony has done during this pastoral year assignment at St. John's Parish. Please remember him in your prayers along with the other seminarians preparing for the priesthood.

Protecting Our Children

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at (212)371-100 x2949 or Deacon Georg J. Coppola at (917)861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Sunday, Eucharist, Rest, and A Different Type of Work
The following excerpt is taken from paragraph #237 of Pope Francis' Encyclical "Laudato Si': On Care for our Common Home" (June 18, 2015)

On Sunday, our participation in the Eucharist has special importance. Sunday, like the Jewish

Sabbath, is meant to be a day which heals our relationships with God, with ourselves, with others and with the world. Sunday is the day of the Resurrection, the "first day" of the new creation, whose first fruits are the Lord's risen humanity, the pledge of the final transfiguration of all created reality. It also proclaims "man's eternal rest in God". In this way, Christian spirituality incorporates the value of relaxation and festivity. We tend to demean contemplative rest as something unproductive and unnecessary, but this is to do away with the very thing which is most important about work: its meaning. We are called to include in our work a dimension of receptivity and gratuity, which is quite different from mere inactivity. Rather, it is another way of working, which forms part of our very essence. It protects human action from becoming empty activism; it also prevents that unfettered greed and sense of isolation which make us seek personal gain to the detriment of all else. The law of weekly rest forbade work on the seventh day, "so that your ox and your donkey may have rest, and the son of your maidservant, and the stranger, may be refreshed" (Exodus 23:12). Rest opens our eyes to the larger picture and gives us renewed sensitivity to the rights of others. And so the day of rest, centered on the Eucharist, sheds its light on the whole week, and motivates us to greater concern for nature and the poor.

Proteger a Nuestros Niños

Cualquier persona que neciste reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al (212)371-100 extensión 2949 o Deacon George Coppola al (917)861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados vie correo electrónico: victimassistance@archny.org Para más información pueden visitar la página en la red de la Arquidiócesis: www.archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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"Brothers and sisters: As you excel in every respect, in faith, discourse, knowledge, all earnestness, and in the love we have for you, may you excel in this gracious act also. For you

know the gracious act of our Lord Jesus Christ. That though he was rich, for your sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich....As it is written: Whoever had much did not have more, and whoever had little did not have less.”

Isn't it easy for us to think it is Pope Francis speaking? Does he not seem to fill the role as described by St. Paul for the Corinthians? The gifts of faith, being able to relate to all people, his world vision in forming missionary disciples, and love when he stops to kiss a child or bless an elderly sick person. Wow! This is Pope Francis.

Taking it a step further, his concern for the poor, not just economically strained, but the poor in spirit as well, finds him visiting the abandoned and marginalized, speaking out for immigrants, pleading for peace. His lifestyle, taking public transportation, living in humble quarters, speak of a different papacy.

All that we have is gift. That which we do not need, really is for someone else. He seems to call our attention to this. The Irish prayer teaches us that we should want only what we need, and then we will never want. May the example portrayed by Pope Francis be a model for my Christian life.

SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

**Décimo Tercer Domingo en Tiempo
Ordinario
28 de junio de 2015**

“Hermanos y hermanas: ya que ustedes se distinguen en todo: en fe, en elocuencia, en ciencia, en toda clase de solicitud por los demás, y en el amor que nosotros les hemos comunicado, espero que también se distingan en generosidad. Ya conocen la generosidad de

nuestro Señor Jesucristo que, siendo rico, se hizo pobre por nosotros, a fin de enriquecernos con su pobreza. ... Según las Escrituras: El que había recogido mucho no tuvo de sobra, y el que había recogido poco no sufrió escasez.”

¿No nos parece que es nuestro mismo Papa Francisco quien habla? ¿No parece llenar el rol descrito por San Pablo para los corintios? Los dones de fe, la capacidad de comunicarse con la gente, su visión del mundo al formar a discípulos misioneros, y el amor con que besa a un niño o bendice a un anciano enfermo. ¡Caramba! Este es el Papa Francisco.

Yendo adelante, su interés por los pobres, no sólo por el que tiene necesidad económica, sino también el pobre de espíritu, lo hace visitar al abandonado y marginalizado, hablar a favor de los inmigrantes, pedir por la paz. Su forma de vida, usando el transporte público, viviendo humildemente, hablan de un papado diferente.

Todo lo que tenemos es un don, un regalo. Lo que no necesitamos realmente es para otra persona. El nos llama la atención a esto. La oración irlandesa nos enseña que debemos querer sólo lo que necesitamos, y así nunca tendremos escasez. Que el ejemplo que nos da el Papa Francisco sea un modelo para nuestra vida Cristiana.