

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 22, 2015**



**Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

- 5:00 + Teresa Maher  
8:30 Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 (Sp) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez  
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi  
1:00 (Sp) + Juan & Juan Jose Checo  
and Family

**Monday, March 23, Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 + Deceased Members of the Curran  
Family

- 12:15 + Regina Zuccarelli

**Tuesday, March 24, Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 + Joseph Zane  
12:15 + Teresa Maher  
7:00 (Sp.) + Roma Sassone

**Wednesday, March 25, The Annunciation**

- 9:00 + Thomas Hickey  
12:15 + Faustina Liriano

**Thursday, March 26, Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 + Thomas Berger  
12:15 + Mary and Henry Diaz

**Friday, March 27, Lenten Weekday**

- 9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family &  
Rosa and Vince Zingone  
12:15 + Dmytro & Anastazia Wusaty  
and Family  
7:00 (Sp) + Eduardo Gordillo

**Saturday, March 28, Lenten Weekday**

- 12:15 + Maureen Mallon  
5:00 + Margaret and Patrick Molloy

**Sunday, March 29, Palm Sunday**

- 8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish  
10:00 Intention of Jesus Flores  
11:30 + Janny Chan  
1:00 (Sp) + Previsterio Gomez

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

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church  
for the week of March 22-28 in memory of:

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR and  
FR. EDWARD J. FAGAN, OAR**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....**

Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, Lindsey Guzman,  
Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen  
Liddane, Timothy Mahoney, Christiani  
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*We ask that you please notify the rectory when to  
remove a name from the list.*

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***Parish Lenten Retreat Day Next Sunday***

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of  
March 29<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday) for the opportunity to  
view the highly acclaimed 2004 movie, *The  
Passion of Christ*, as a spiritual way to enter into  
the journey of Holy Week. Viewings will be held  
at 12:45 pm (English subtitles) and 3:00 pm  
(Spanish subtitles) in the lower Church meeting  
room. Given the nature of this film and its  
depiction of Jesus' passion and death, the movie  
is intended for a mature audience and not suited  
for younger viewers. Our pastoral year  
seminarian, Mr. Anthony Giacona, will be  
offering reflections and thoughts in preparation  
for Holy Week and Reconciliation Monday to be  
held on  
March 30<sup>th</sup>.

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***Reconciliation Monday***

St. John's Parish will be joining other  
parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York

and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Center in offering opportunities for individual confessions on Monday March 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 9:00 PM. The availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the Monday of Holy Week is a spiritual way to experience God's love, mercy, and forgiveness in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Triduum and the Easter season.

Our parish's celebration of Reconciliation Monday will begin with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the lower church at 3:00 pm, Eucharistic adoration throughout the afternoon and evening, and will conclude with Benediction prior to 9:00 pm. Consider accepting the invitation of Lord to his disciples: "*Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?*" (Matthew 26:40) along with experiencing sacramental forgiveness on Reconciliation Monday.

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### ***Easter Flowers***

Specially marked envelopes are available in the church for those who wish to donate with the upcoming decoration of both the upper and lower church for Easter with lilies and flowers.

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### ***From The Society of St. Paul***

Brother Joshua Seidl, SSP sends gratitude and appreciation to our parish for recently hosting the Parish Book Exhibit on the weekend of February 28-March 1. He noted "how well the parishioners responded to the availability of Catholic books and how well the St. John's staff promoted the Book Exhibit. This positive and enthusiastic response reflects the pastoral mission of the clergy and Religious Education Staff in promoting RCIA, scripture study and similar programs in continuing faith growth and education. People hunger for the Word as they do for the Eucharist. Thank you."

For more information about the Society of St. Paul and the work of Alba house, please visit their website [www.stpauls.us](http://www.stpauls.us)

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### ***And The Winners Are...***

Many thanks to all who attended and supported the Irish Breakfast held by the St. John's

School Alumni Association on Sunday March 8th. A good time was had by all. The raffle winners were 1st Prize: Raymond Farrelly; 2nd Prize: Isabel Desmoine-Doyle; 3rd Prize: Demetrio Gonzalez; 4th Prize: June Mahony; 5th Prize: Eugenia Scanlon

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### ***Way of the Cross Over the Brooklyn Bridge***

On Good Friday, April 3rd, *Communion and Liberation* will sponsor the Way of the Cross over the Brooklyn Bridge. Participants will congregate for the first station at St. James Cathedral, Brooklyn at 10:00 am. After a station on the Brooklyn Bridge, the procession will follow the cross to a third station at City Hall Park in Manhattan, and a fourth station near Ground Zero. The final station will be at St. Peter's Church on Barclay Street, concluding at 1:30 pm. At each station, there will be readings from the passion, a meditation, a reflection, and hymns. For more information, please call (212)337-3580 or visit [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org)

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### ***Via Crucis En El Puente De Brooklyn***

El Viernes Santo, 3 de abril, *Comuni3n y Liberaci3n* auspicia el Via Crucis sobre el Puente de Brooklyn. Los participantes se congregar3n para la primera estaci3n en la Catedral de St. James en Brooklyn a last 10:00 am. Despu3s de la segunda estaci3n sobre el Puente de Brooklyn, la procesi3n seguir3 la cruz hacia la tercera estaci3n en el parque de City Hall en Manhattan. La cuarta estaci3n se realizar3 cerca a la Zona Cero. La estaci3n final ser3 en la Iglesia de St. Peter en la calle Barcaly, concluyendo a la 1:30 pm. En cada estaci3n, se realizar3 una lectura sobre la Pasi3n, una meditaci3n, una reflexi3n e himnos. Para mayor informaci3n, por favor llamar (212)337-3580 o visitar [www.wocbrooklynbridge.org](http://www.wocbrooklynbridge.org)

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**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

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**“Some Greeks... came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him ‘Sir, we would like to see Jesus.’ Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified’... ‘And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.’”**

Our world today is marked by networking. One knows someone else, a good word is offered, we get a foot in the door, and success follows. The first step though is ‘who you know.’

Such was the case in the gospel event. Foreigners approached Philip, who turned to Andrew, and the consultation was made. John’s gospel once again refers to ‘His hour’ and Jesus tells us the voice spoke for our benefit.

What does it say? We are not unlike the pagan who approached Philip, but we do know to whom to turn. We have countless opportunities to see Jesus. We find Him in the Eucharist, inviting us to adoration. We find Him in the sacraments where He reaches out to touch us. We find Him in the poor, the marginalized, the ‘least of His brothers and sisters.’

‘Sir, I too would like to see Jesus.’

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**SU PALABRA HOY**

*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

**Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma**

**22 de marzo de 2015**

**“Unos griegos ... le dijeron a Felipe: ‘Señor, queremos ver a Jesús’. Felipe fue a decirselo a Andrés, y ambos se lo dijeron a Jesús. El les respondió: ‘Ha llegado la hora en que el Hijo del hombre va a ser glorificado.’ ... ‘y cuando yo sea levantado en alto sobre la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí.’”**

Nuestro mundo moderno consiste de una red de contactos. Fulano conoce a sutano, se ofrece una recomendación, metemos el pie en la puerta, y se consigue el éxito. El primer paso es ‘un conocido’.

Tal fue el caso en el evento del evangelio. Unos extranjeros se acercaron a Felipe, quien en vez le habló a Andrés, y se hizo la consulta. El evangelio de Juan se refiere una vez más a ‘La Hora’ y Jesús nos dice que la voz habló para nuestro beneficio.

¿Qué nos dice? Que no somos diferentes al pagano que se acercó a Felipe, que sí sabemos a quién buscar. Tenemos incontables oportunidades de ver a Jesús. Lo encontramos en la eucaristía, invitándonos a adorarlo. Lo encontramos en los sacramentos donde El se acerca a tocarnos. Lo encontramos en los pobres, los marginalizados, ‘en el más pequeño de sus hermanos’. ‘Señor, yo también quiero ver a Jesús.’



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

St. John Parish Goal: \$50,000

Amount Pledged: \$11,890

# of Gifts: 32

Average Gift Amount: \$371.56

24 % of Parish Goal

The season of Lent is a time associated with prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The 2015 *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal* offers an opportunity for almsgiving (charitable giving) by supporting the various Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, charitable outreach assisted by this appeal.

Next weekend's second collection on Palm Sunday will be taken for those who have not yet made their gift or donation to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Please make use of the specially marked envelopes that you received in the mail or are available in the church.

Once again, many thanks to the 32 parishioners who have already responded by making their sacrificial gift.



**la CAMPAÑA DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD**  
**del CARDENAL**  
*Compartir las Bendiciones de Dios*

Hasta el día de hoy, 32 personas/familias han hecho su compromiso y regalos de \$11,890 al esfuerzo de la *Campaña de 2015* en nuestra parroquia. Sería maravilloso si logramos recaudar nuestro objetivo de \$ 50,000 y demostramos un fuerte apoyo con la cantidad de familias que hayan hecho un compromiso con la *Campaña*. La *Campaña* necesita que todos participemos para ser exitosa. Por favor, sean tan generosos como les sea posible. Muchas gracias.