

Third Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 23, 2014



Sunday, March 23, Third Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 + Patrick and Margaret Molloy  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Robert Ramos  
10:00 (Sp) + Elisa Caraballo  
11:30 + Patricia Henn  
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina Javier

Monday, March 24, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 Intentions of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + Timothy Lynch

Tuesday, March 25, Annunciation of the Lord

- 9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family and  
Rosa Zingone  
12:15 + Faustino Liriano  
7:00 (Sp.) + Maria Martinez

Wednesday, March 26, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 + Sister Mary L. Scanlon, RJM  
12:15 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC

Thursday, March 27, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 Intentions of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + Dmytro & Anastazia Wusaty and  
Family

Friday, March 28, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving  
12:15 + Kathleen O'Sullivan and  
Curran Family

- 7:00 (Sp) + Roselio Alvarez

Saturday, March 29, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR and  
Fr. Michael Kenny, OAR  
12:15 + Sister Mary Immaculate, RJM  
5:00 + John, Jean and Bobby Tramontozzi

Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 Intentions of Siobhan Sullivan  
10:00 + Antonio and Lola Panama  
11:30 + Kitty and Dan O'Leary  
1:00 (Sp) + Juana Andino

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

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Upper Church for the week of March 23-29:

**IN THANKSGIVING**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of March 23-29 in memory of:

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of March 23-29 in memory of:

**KEVIN G. KENNY and**

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR**

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

Christina Zingone, Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, ,  
Maria Rivera Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, William  
Cunningham, Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen  
Liddane.

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

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*We ask your prayers for all loved ones serving our  
country in the Military:*

Michael Mastrangelo, U.S. Army

SFC Kenneth Medina

USAF Armando Irizarry

Capt. Dennis Andrew Fitzgerald

PFC Marc Kuboy, U.S. Army

CPL Brian E. Brosnan, USMC

Sgt. Miguel Angel Cruz

S. Sgt. Marco Rodriguez, USMC

Andrew Konstantinidis, National Guard

PFC Steven Canela, USMC

Please advise the rectory if you wish a name to be  
removed from this list or to be added.

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**ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET**

St. John's Altar Rosary Society will sponsor  
their Flea Market on Saturday,  
April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3030  
Godwin Terrace. For more information,  
please call (718) 543-3003.

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La asociación del Rosario del Altar de San  
Juan patrocinará su Mercado sobre ruedas el  
abado 5 de abril 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en  
3030 Godwin Terrace. Para más información  
llame al telefono (718) 543-3003.

**CARDINAL DOLAN'S LETTER:  
ANNUAL CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES  
COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**

Dear Friends in the Lord:

The *Catholic Relief Services Collection* funds six Catholic agencies that work to serve our suffering brother and sisters in the Lord around the world. Through humanitarian aid, resettlement of displaced individuals and families, and advocating on behalf of victims, *Catholic Relief Services* allows us to see Christ in every suffering person.

Allow me to share with you some information about two of the six agencies provided for by this collection.

During drought seasons, the only water available in Ethiopia and other areas of East Africa runs deep underground—often as deep as 1,000 feet. *Catholic Relief Services* worked with other aid partners to bring in rigs that can drill down to these depths. *Catholic Legal Immigration Network* is a dedicated network of legal immigration programs that promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants.

*Catholic Relief Services* and *Catholic Legal Immigration Network* are two of the six worldwide Catholic relief agencies funded by the *Catholic Relief Services Collection*.

These agencies work to provide food, water, disaster relief, and other vital assistance to those in need. Please be as generous as you can, as your support truly makes a difference.

With prayerful best wishes, I am,  
Faithfully in Christ,

*+ Timothy Cardinal Dolan*

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

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**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:**

**CONSIDERING THE GOSPEL PASSION NARRATIVES**

March 23<sup>rd</sup> The Passion According to St.  
Mark

March 30<sup>th</sup> The Passion According to St.  
Luke

April 6<sup>th</sup> The Passion According to St.  
John

*Sundays 12:45 – 2:00 PM*

Meeting Room – St. John's Lower Church  
*Sessions to be led by Rev. Michael Kerrigan*

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**PASTORAL NOTES**

***Lenten Mass Music***

As you have noticed at the English weekend parish masses, we are using the Gregorian Chant Mass Settings during Lent for the Kyrie (Penitential Rite, *Lord, have mercy*; Sanctus, *Holy, Holy, Holy*; Agnus Dei, *Lamb of God*). The settings and words may be found in our parish hymnal on pages 16-19. These chants are part of the Church's solemn music tradition and are fitting to use during the solemn season of Lent.

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**REFLECTING UPON OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

Many of us struggle, encounter problems, and face difficulties in our attempts in keeping the personal resolutions that we make at the beginning of a New Year and/or at Lent. As Jesus reminds His disciples in the Gospel accounts, "*the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.*" No matter how good our intentions and resolves may be, it seems that part of our human condition is failure, learning from our past mistakes, seeking God's grace and the willingness to start over and begin again.

The following reflection that I recently came across offers some helpful thoughts and encouraging thoughts for continuing our Lenten journey.

Fr. Mike Kerrigan

***It Takes a Lifetime***

*It takes a lifetime to learn how to live,*

*How to share and how to give,*

*How to face tragedy that comes your way,*

*How to find courage to face each new day.*

*How to smile when your heart is sore,*

*How to go on when you can take no more.*

*How to laugh when you want to cry,*

*How to be brave when you say goodbye.*

*How to still love when your loss is great,*

*How to forgive when you urge is to hate.*

*How to be sure that God is really there,*

*How to find God, to seek God in prayer.*

## **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

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**“Now that we have been justified by faith, we are at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have gained access by faith to the grace in which we now stand...the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us...when we were still powerless, Christ died for our sins.... ‘We have heard for ourselves, and we know that this really is the Savior of the world.’”**

Paul’s letter presumes we know the full story, and so we do. But as we read it today we use it as a reminder of our need, this Lent, to seek the power of His grace, as it seems at times I am still powerless in trying to live a good, solid Christian life. I gradually come to appreciate my meeting with Jesus, as did the Samaritan woman of the gospel. Little by little Jesus opened the door of faith for her. He does the same for me.

Jesus played with the idea of water, which the woman was seeking. He was offering the ‘living water’ the gift of grace. She wanted to fill her jar or pitcher. He wanted to fill her heart, to pour it on. As I begin this third week of Lent I ask that I may seek, find and treasure the gift He wants to give me, to fill me with His Spirit, His grace.  
What is grace? It is the life of God, communicated to me as a gift and accepted. Through this gift I indeed have His peace.

## **SU PALABRA HOY**

*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

**Tercer Domingo de Cuaresma  
23 de marzo de 2014**

**“Y ahora que estamos justificados por su sangre, con mayor razón seremos librados por él de la ira de Dios. Por él hemos alcanzado, mediante la fe, la gracia en la que estamos afianzados... el amor de Dios ha sido derramado en nuestros corazones por el Espíritu Santo, que nos ha sido dado... cuando todavía éramos débiles, Cristo murió por los pecadores... ‘Nosotros mismos lo hemos oído y sabemos que él es verdaderamente el Salvador del mundo.’”**

La carta de San Pablo asume que conocemos toda la historia, y así es. Pero al leerla hoy la usamos como un recordatorio de nuestra necesidad, en esta cuaresma, de buscar el poder de Su gracia, aunque a veces pareciera que no tengo ningún poder al tratar de vivir una buena y sólida vida cristiana. Gradualmente llego a apreciar mi encuentro con Jesús, tal como lo hizo la mujer samaritana en el evangelio. Poco a poco Jesús abrió la puerta de la fe para ella. El hace lo mismo por mí.

Jesús utilizó la idea del agua, la cual la mujer buscaba. El ofrecía el ‘agua viva’, el don de la gracia. Ella quería llenar su jarra. El quería llenar su corazón, y derramarlo. Al comenzar esta tercera semana de cuaresma pido que pueda buscar y atesorar el don que El quiere darme, llenarme con Su Espíritu, Su gracia.

¿Qué es la gracia? Es la vida de Dios, que se me comunica como un don, y aceptarla. A través de este don tengo ciertamente Su paz.