

**Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 10, 2015**



Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 + Joseph and Catherine Sullivan
8:30 Mothers – Living and Deceased
10:00 (Sp) Mothers – Living and Deceased
11:30 Mothers – Living and Deceased
1:00 (Sp) Mothers – Living and Deceased

Monday, May 11, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Robert McCarthy
12:15 + Bernard, Mary & Dymphna Duffy

Tuesday, May 12, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Serafina Matera and Rosa
Derasmo

7:00 (Sp.) + Maribel Diaz

Wednesday, May 13, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC
12:15 + Muriel Moore
7:00 (Vigil) Parishioners of St. John

Thursday, May 14, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
12:15 + Cornelius and Lil Leone
7:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

Friday, May 15, Easter Weekday

9:00 + Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 + Sandra Slaffey
7:00 (Sp) + Elisa Carraballo

Saturday, May 16, Easter Weekday

12:15 + Gladys Hernandez Rivera
5:00 + Cruz Cruz Torrech

Sunday, May 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Amelia Moran Gonzalez
11:30 + Deceased Members of the
Curran Family
1:00 (Sp) + Sunilda de Los Santos

DONATIONS

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower Church for the week of May 10-16 in memory of:

BROTHER JOSEPH MURPHY, FSC

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of May 10-16 in memory of:

BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of May 10-16 in memory of:

**CRUZ CRUZ TORRECH and
CHARLES C. COLETTI**



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.

Ascension Thursday Schedule

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation, will be celebrated this week.

Parish Masses will be celebrated: Wednesday May 13th 7:00 pm Vigil Mass

Thursday May 14th: 9:00 am (English), 12:15 pm (English) and 7:00 pm (Spanish) The parish office will closed on Thursday May 14th in observance of the holy day.

Ordinations to the Priesthood

His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be ordaining ten transitional deacons and two members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to the priesthood at The Cathedral of St Patrick on Saturday May 23rd at 9:00 am.

This year's Ordinandi are: James Benavides. Sean Connolly, Jose Cruz, Ricardo Garcia (who served here in our parish last summer) Adolphus Muoghalu, Adolfo Novio, Matthew Reiman, Stephen Ries, Elvin Rivera, Jean-Marie Uzabakiriho, Brother Christopher McBride, C.F.R. and Brother Ignatius Shin, C.F.R.

While reserved seating is limited to the family of the ordinandi, a general invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend this year's ordinations to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral. *Ad multos annos!*

While Mothers' Day is primarily a secular occasion and celebration, it is an opportunity to reflect upon and offer a Christian perspective upon the meaning of motherhood.

The Staff and Parish Community of St. John's Church extend our prayerful best wishes to mothers, stepmothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all those women who share in the vocation of motherhood.

Gracious and Loving God

*On this special day of recognition for motherhood,
We thank you for our mothers
and the gift of the co-creation of life.*

We ask you to give them

*The holiness of Sarah, Rebekah, Rachel and Leah.
May they be pleasing to you as was the young maiden,
Mary, the mother of the Lord.*

*May they find peace and joy through union with you;
Both those mothers who are living
and those who now enjoy eternal rest.*

*We ask all of this God, our Creator
Through Jesus Christ Your Son
and the Spirit who dwells among us.
Amen*

Upcoming Spring Parish Celebrations

*First Holy Communion: Saturday June 6th 5:00 pm Mass
Sunday June 7th 11:30 am and 1:00 pm Masses*

*50th Anniversary of Religious Profession for Sr. Christine
Carrigg, R.J.M.*

*Sunday June 14th 11:30 am Mass with general reception
following Mass*

Did You Know?

The Gospels record seven occasions when Mary is quoted as speaking:

- 1) *"How can this be since I am a virgin?"* (Luke 1:34)
- 2) *"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"* (Luke 1:38)
- 3) Mary entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth (Luke 1:40)
- 4) *"My soul magnifies the Lord..."* The Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
- 5) *"Child, why have you treated us like this? Look your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety"* (Luke 2:48)
- 6) *"They have no wine."* (John 2:3)
- 7) *"Do whatever He tells you."* (John 2:5)

Catholic Faith Update on Moral Life

Fr. Michael Kerrigan will be offering the next Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program series on Life In Christ: Catholic Moral Life. Sessions will be held on Monday

evenings (May 11, 18 and June 1, 8) from 7:00-9:00 pm in the meeting room of the lower church.

These sessions are part of the Archdiocesan Catechist Formation Program to assist teachers in parish religious education programs. Others who are interested in updating themselves in the Catholic Faith are welcome to attend.

Parish Altar Servers

Mr. Anthony Giacona, our parish pastoral year seminarian, continues to offer training sessions for those who would like to become parish altar servers. An important liturgical ministry that is open to younger parish members (boys, girls, adolescents who have already received First Holy Communion). Please contact Anthony if you are interested

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.

50th Wedding Anniversary Couples

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Gold Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick on Saturday June 20th or Sunday June 21st at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the parish office to register. The closing date to register is Tuesday May 19th. This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

HIS WORD TODAY
by Rev. William J. Reilly

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Sermons tell and teach. They tell of the wondrous work of God, and summon others to a deeper faith and holiness of life. The sermons of Peter and Paul in the Acts of the Apostles are short, concise and overwhelming. If they were not, why would the primitive church have experienced such great and rapid growth.

Through the power of the Spirit, manifest through the words of the successor of Jesus Christ, Peter convinced his hearers of the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The church grew, the mission entrusted to the apostles was accepted, and great change took place. Pope Francis in the 'Joy of the Gospel' renews this teaching.

Today we listen to sermons, meet charismatic evangelizers on TV and CD's, and the Spirit of the Lord speaks through them. We too can be moved as were the first Christians. We are to move from head to heart, and then to action in behalf of the gospel.

When was the last time you told someone about a good sermon you heard, a moving religious book you read, or recognized the presence of the Lord in another person?

Los sermones hablan y enseñan. Nos hablan de las maravillas de las obras de Dios, y llaman a otros a una fe más profunda y a una vida santa. Los sermones de San Pedro y de San Pablo en los Hechos de los Apóstoles son cortos, concisos y abrumadores. Si no lo fuesen, ¿cómo hubiese podido la iglesia primitiva haber experimentado tan grande y rápido crecimiento?

A través del poder del Espíritu, manifestado por las palabras del successor de Jesucristo, San Pedro convenció a sus oyentes del poder de la presencia del Espíritu Santo en sus vidas. La iglesia creció, la misión encargada a los apóstoles fue aceptada, y un gran cambio sucedió. En la "Alegria del Evangelio", el Papa Francisco renueva sus enseñanzas.

Hoy escuchamos sermones, vemos carismáticos evangelizadores en la television o CDs, y el Espíritu del Señor nos habla por medio de ellos. Nosotros también podemos ser conmovidos como lo fueron los primeros cristianos. Se nos conmueve de la cabeza al corazón, y luego se nos mueve a la acción en nombre del evangelio.

¿Cuándo fue la última vez que usted le contó a alguien sobre algún buen sermón que haya escuchado, o sobre un libro religioso que lo haya impresionado, o el haber reconocido la presencia del Señor en otra persona?

SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Sexto Domingo de Pascua
10 de mayo de 2015