

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
Sunday, May 3, 2015**



Sunday, May 3, Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 5:00 + Charles C. Coletti
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Benigno, Sr., Benigno, Josefa
Ojeda and Becky, Olmo and
Margarita Gonzalez
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina & Candelaria Javier

Monday, May 4, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 + Jean Carlos Ocasio
12:15 + Patrick and Mary O'Keefe

Tuesday, May 5, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 + Sean Hanrahan
12:15 Intention of Christine Kilroe
7:00 (Sp.) + William Rosario

Wednesday, May 6, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 + Eileen Scanlon and Sr. Mary
Scanlon, RJM
12:15 + Patricia Coyne

Thursday, May 7, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Thomas Grier

Friday, May 8, Easter Weekday

- 9:00 + Jean Carlos Ocasio
12:15 + Muriel Moore
7:00 (Sp) + Maria Margarita Beato

Saturday, May 9, Easter Weekday

- 12:15 + Ann Rosa
5:00 + Joseph and Catherine Sullivan

Sunday, May 10, Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 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

DONATIONS

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of May 3-9 in memory of:
CHRISTOPHER KENNY



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.*



*"Our Catholic family is strong, and only made
stronger through your generosity."*

Cardinal Dolan

Parish Goal: \$50,000

Amount Pledged: \$33,346

of Gifts: 99

Average Gift Amount: \$336.83

Parish Goal Percentage: 67%

St. John's Parish has reached the 2/3 mark
for this year's parish goal to support the various
Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social
services assisted by the Cardinal's Annual
Stewardship Appeal. Many thanks to all who have
generously contributed.

Mother's Day Masses

Next Sunday's parish Masses on Mother's
Day will be offered for all mothers, 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 May 8th.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S

A New Beginning

Many thanks to all who attended last Saturday afternoon's Prayer Service for Welcoming the Merger of our Catholic Community of Kingsbridge. Over 150 attended from both Visitation Parish and St. John's Parish to mark this new beginning.

A special word of gratitude to those who assisted with the hospitality and social gathering. Check out the parish website for photos from this event.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide us in the months ahead as the Archdiocese of New York implements *Making All Things New* in revitalizing and strengthening the life for vibrant parish communities.

Vocations Update

His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be ordaining ten transitional deacons to the priesthood at The Cathedral of St Patrick on Saturday May 23rd at 9:00 am. Among the group of deacons to be ordained is Rev. Mr. Ricardo Garcia who served in our parish last summer. Please remember him and the other nine men to be ordained this Spring in your prayers along with continuing to foster and encourage vocations to serve the Church.

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.



Not Married in the Catholic Church?

For various reasons, couples choose to be civilly married but did not have a religious celebration in the Catholic Church. According to Church teaching, Catholics who marry are required to have their unions celebrated in the Catholic Church in order to participate in the church's sacramental life.

As recent parent meetings for sacramental preparation have raised, this situation often poses problems for families raising children. For those who are civilly married and did not have a previous marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church requiring an annulment, the process to have the marriage validated or blessed by the Catholic Church is usually not complicated. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider making an appointment to speak with Fr. Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio to discuss what may be done.

No Parking Anytime

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 church is a public building that requires access for first responders and fire personnel in the event of an emergency. Also, illegally parked cars make it difficult for those who wish drop off and pick up parishioners with mobility concerns outside the church.

The number of illegally parked and double parked cars outside our Church especially on Sundays has been noted and law enforcement will take action. Your cooperation 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.

Cincuenta Aniversario de Bodas

Todas las parejas que celebran sus 50 años de casados en el año 2015 están invitadas a la Misa Anual de Cincuenta Aniversario de Bodas. La Santa Misa será celebrada por el Cardenal Dolan el sábado 20 y domingo 21 de junio a las 2:00 pm en la Catedral de San Patricio. Favor de escoger una de las dos fechas y contact la oficina de St. John para inscribirse. El ultimo día para inscribirse es el martes, 19 mayo. Esta celebración está patrocinada por la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Respeto a la Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord and that he had spoken to him and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus.”

We probably remember the encounter of Saul with the Lord on the road to Damascus. We have little difficulty recalling that he wrote many letters to teach and encourage others in the faith. Many people choose one of the fourteen letters as their ‘favorite.’

Consider for a moment what would have happened if Paul was not welcomed into the apostolic community. What would have happened if Barnabas had not intervened in his behalf? Today, we are able to welcome others into our faith community. We can welcome back those who have been unchurched for a while. Unfortunately, we sometimes do not foster the unity which Jesus prayed for in John’s gospel. We are threatened by others who pray in a different language, embrace different religious customs.

What a mistake was made until Barnabas intervened. What can I do to make someone feel part of my church community?

**Quinto Domingo de Pascua
3 de mayo de 2015**

“Cuando Saulo llegó a Jerusalén, trató de unirse a los discípulos, pero todos le tenían desconfianza porque no creían que también él fuera un verdadero discípulo. Entonces Bernabé, haciéndose cargo de él, lo llevó hasta donde se encontraban los Apóstoles, y les contó en qué forma Saulo había visto al Señor en el camino, cómo le había hablado, y con cuánta valentía había predicado en Damasco en el nombre de Jesús.”

Probablemente recordamos el encuentro de Saulo con el Señor en el camino a Damasco. No es difícil recordar que escribió muchas cartas para enseñar y alentar a otros en la fe. Muchas personas escogieron una de las catorce cartas como su ‘favorita’.

Considere por un momento que habría pasado si Pablo no hubiera sido aceptado por la comunidad apostólica. ¿Qué hubiera pasado si Barnabé no hubiera intervenido en su nombre? Hoy podemos darle la bienvenida a otros en nuestra comunidad de fe. Podemos dar la bienvenida de regreso a todos los que han abandonado la iglesia por algún tiempo. Desafortunadamente, a veces no fomentamos la unidad por la que Jesús oró en el evangelio de San Juan. Nos sentimos atemorizados por aquellos que oran en un language diferente o que tienen costumbres religiosas distintas.

Qué error se cometió hasta que Bernabé intervino. ¿Qué puedo yo hacer para hacer sentir a alguien parte de mi comunidad en la iglesia?

SU PALABRA HOY
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly