

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday, November 16, 2014



Sunday, November 16, Twenty-Third
Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 5:00 +Betty Ann Fitzgerald & Charles C.
Coletti
8:30 + Joan Normile
10:00 (Sp) + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado
11:30 + Crowley, McCarthy and O'Keefe
Families
1:00 (Sp) +Rafael Francisco

Monday, November 17, St. Elizabeth of
Hungary

- 9:00 + Connie Hubschman
12:15 + Patricia Henn

Tuesday, November 18, Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
7:00 (Sp.) + Francisco Felix

Wednesday, November 19, Weekday

- 9:00 + Susan and Patrick Collins
12:15 + Joaquin F. Guerra

Thursday, November 20, Weekday

- 9:00 + Joseph Zane
12:15 + Maria and Elsa Torres

Friday, November 21, Presentation of Mary

- 9:00 + Sally Scott
12:15 + Ralph Sanchez
7:00(Sp) + Previsterio Gomez

Saturday, November 22, St. Cecilia

- 12:15 + Rosa & Rocco Rutigliano
5:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

Sunday, November 23, Christ the King

- 8:30 + Crowley, McCarthy & O'Keefe
Families
10:00 (Sp.) + Antonio Morales & Arsenio
Vasquez
11:30 Mass of Thanksgiving
1:00(Sp.) + Manuela Vernaza and
Juan Iglesias

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

The Altar Candles burning in the Upper Church
for the week of November 16-22 in memory of:

KEVIN G. KENNY

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of November 16-22 in memory of:

LUCIA and DONATO RUTIGLIANO

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Upper
Church for the week of November 16-22 in
memory of:

SISTER M. KEVIN KENNY, RSHM

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower
Church for the week of November 16-22 in
memory of:

GRAZIA and VINCENZO CASSESE

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....



Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM , Maria Rivera
Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, Alice Ann
O'Donohue Mason, Noreen Liddane,, Timothy
Mahoney.

Congratulations Confirmandi

Our parish extends prayerful best wishes
and an abundance of God's continued blessings
to those who were confirmed by Bishop Walsh at
last Saturday's 5:00 pm Mass. A special word of
thanks is extended to the staff and teachers from
our parish religious education program and St.
John's Catholic Regional School who assisted
with their preparation. May the newly confirmed
continue to grow in the ways of faith and be
witnesses to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

*Making All Things New:
The Merger of our Kingsbridge Catholic Parishes*

As announced on Sunday November 2nd, the two current Kingsbridge churches located west of the Major Deegan Highway will be merged into a new parish. This decision, announced by Cardinal Dolan, is the culmination of the *Making All Things New* pastoral strategic parish planning process over the past 5 years.

A few important summary points to be highlighted:

- 1) The parishes of Saint John and Visitation will merge into a new parish.
- 2) The church of Saint John will be designated as the new parish church.
- 3) It is anticipated in this time of transition and merger that by August 1, 2015, Visitation church will no longer be celebrating Masses and the sacraments on regular weekly basis.
- 4) As Cardinal Dolan stated: "This is a very difficult time for the faithful of the Parish of Visitation, as they will now worship at your parish church, and no longer at their former parish church. And so, they must see this merger not as "them" having to fit into "your" parish but as two parishes coming together, in the Lord's name, to become a new worshipping family."

It is anticipated in the coming months ahead, most likely beginning in early 2015, that discussions and future planning involving both parishes will take place with the implementation of this merger. What will emerge in shaping a new Catholic parish community in Kingsbridge has yet to be determined.

Your prayers, patience, and understanding during this time of major transition in the Archdiocese of New York are greatly appreciated and much needed.

Fr. Michael Kerrigan

Next Weekend's Second Collection

Next week's collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the United States by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. Specially marked envelopes are available for this collection.

By The Numbers

Church Attendance Figures

Each year the Archdiocese of New York requests parish to do an exact count of the actual number of people who attend each Mass offered by the various churches.

The following is the breakdown for the weekend of October 18-19 at St. John's Church.

Mass

	<u>Adults</u>	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Total</u>
Saturday 5:00 pm (English)	128	10	138
Sunday 8:30 am (English)	105	16	121
Sunday 10:00 am (Spanish)	340	86	426
Sunday 11:30 am (English)	169	54	223
Sunday 1:00 pm (Spanish)	367	156	523
Totals	1109	322	1431

Increased Parish Offertory Campaign Update

Many thanks to our parishioners who generously responded to the request to consider increasing their weekly/monthly donation to St. John's Church. The following amounts reflect a positive response during the month of October when we began this campaign:

October 4-5	\$7849.00
October 11-12	\$7186.00
October 18-19	\$5942.00
October 25-26	\$6443.00

Average Weekly Amount Received During

Month: **\$6855**

This amount is a substantial increase (\$1545) from the average weekly amount of \$5310 from the previous month.

Christmas Charity Drive

With another Christmas season approaching, our parish has begun accepting donations of new toys, gift cards, and new clothing for children, youth, and families assisted by the outreach mission of the Cardinal McCloskey Center. The age range is from newborn to teenagers.

New clothing for teenagers will gratefully be appreciated along with new, unwrapped toys for young children, both boys and girls. Donations may be dropped off at the church during weekend Masses and during the week at the parish office.

Some possible gift ideas to consider:

- Fisher Price Toys
- V-Tech Educational Toys
- Board games
- Dolls & Toy action figures
- Trucks and Trains
- Legos
- Jewelry Making and Boutique Crafts Kits
- Sports (Soccer Balls, Basketballs, Baseball/Softball, etc) and Books and puzz

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

**Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life...the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”

The Proverbs of Solomon extol the virtues of a wise and prudent woman. Perhaps today we are reminded, never to take a woman for granted. The Sacrament of Marriage calls us to recognize the giftedness of women. Think for a moment of the roles they play.

God chose Mary to be the Mother of our Savior. Women ministered to Jesus throughout His ministry. It was they who were steadfast at Calvary when others abandoned Him. The first accounts of the resurrection found Jesus present to Mary and other women. The first disciples to announce the Resurrection were women.

In the history of the church, we find heroic women, doctors of the church. Founders of religious communities and missionaries, mothers and spouses. We are able to include the names and faces of so many models of Christian behavior.

As I read the words of proverbs, may I express gratitude for the outstanding persons raised by the Lord in the life of the church. May I express my respect and regard for the women in our community who reflect the virtues extolled by Solomon. May I include my spouse, or my daughters in my life on the list of the pearl of great price.

compensación. Ella le hace el bien, y nunca el mal, todos los días de su vida... la mujer que teme al Señor merece ser alabada.”

Los proverbios de Salomón exaltan las virtudes de una mujer sabia y prudente. Quizá hoy se nos recuerda nunca subestimar a una mujer. El sacramento del matrimonio nos llama a reconocer los dones de las mujeres. Piense por un momento en los papeles que ellas juegan.

Dios escogió a María para ser la Madre de nuestro Salvador. Mujeres sirvieron como ministros a Jesús. Ellas permanecieron fijas en el Calvario mientras otros lo abandonaron. Los primeros recuentos de la resurrección indican que Jesús se les apareció a María y otras mujeres. Los primeros discípulos que anunciaron la resurrección fueron mujeres.

En la historia de la iglesia encontramos mujeres heroicas, doctoras de la iglesia, fundadoras de comunidades religiosas y misioneras, madres y esposas. Somos capaces de incluir los nombres y caras de muchísimos modelos de comportamiento cristiano.

Al leer las palabras de los proverbios, ojalá pueda yo expresar gratitud por las extraordinarias personas que me educaron en el Señor y en la vida de la iglesia. Ojalá pueda expresar mi respeto y consideración por las mujeres de nuestra comunidad que reflejan las virtudes exaltadas por Salomón. Ojalá que pueda incluir a mi esposa o a mis hijas en la lista de las valiosas perlas.

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

**Trigésimo Tercer Domingo en Tiempo
Ordinario**

16 de noviembre de 2014

“Una buena esposa, ¿quién la encontrará? Es mucho más valiosa que las perlas. El corazón de su marido confía en ella y no le faltará