

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Sunday, November 9, 2014



Sunday, November 9, Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica

5:00 + John Maxwell  
8:30 + All Souls Novena  
10:00 (Sp) + Agustina Morel vda. Medina  
11:30 + Cesar Alonzo  
1:00 (Sp) + Jaime Irizarry

Monday, November 10, St. Leo the Great

9:00 + All Souls Novena  
12:15 + Joseph Zane

Tuesday, November 11, St. Martin of Tours

9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC  
12:15 + Michael J. Oates  
7:00 (Sp.) Mass of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 12, St. Josaphat

9:00 Intentions of Sheila & Pito Lopez  
and Family  
12:15 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

Thursday, November 13, St. Frances Xavier

9:00 Intention of Millie Kolessar  
12:15 All Priests and Sisters who  
have served at St. John's

Friday, November 14, Weekday

9:00 + Scanlon and Hurley Families  
12:15 + Osmano & Paul Marchi  
7:00(Sp) + Rosenda Vega & Herminio  
Mercado

Saturday, November 15, Weekday

12:15 + Angela Soldo  
5:00 + Betty Ann Fitzgerald and  
Charles C. Coletti

Sunday, November 16, Thirty-Third Sunday

In Ordinary Time

8:30 + Joan Normile  
10:00 (Sp.) + Angela, Jose & Martin  
Delgado  
11:30 + Crowley, McCarthy & O'Keefe  
Families  
1:00(Sp.) + Rafael Francisco

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

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower  
Church for the week of November 9-15 in  
memory of:

**ANGELA SOLDO**

The Altar Candles burning in the Upper Church  
for the week of November 9-15 for:

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church  
for the week of November 9-15 in memory of:

**ANGELA and TOMMASO DERASMO**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Upper  
Church for the week of November 9-15 in  
memory of:

**CATALINA and CANDELARIA JAVIER**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower  
Church for the week of November 9-15 for:

**SPECIAL INTENTION**

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....



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

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*Remembering Our Parish's Faithful Departed*

The listing of names read on *All Souls Day*  
10:00 am and 11:30 am Masses to remember  
those from our parish who have passed on to  
eternal life this past year are posted on the church  
bulletin boards. Kindly remember them and their  
families in your prayers along with all those who  
have go to their eternal rest during this month of  
November

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*Cardinal Dolan's Making All Things New Decisions*

The long awaited decision by Cardinal Dolan  
in the pastoral strategic parish planning process was

announced during last Sunday's parish Masses week and specifically how it will affect our parish. Copies of Cardinal Dolan's letters that was read at Mass, both in English and Spanish, are available in the church and posted on the church bulletin boards

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."

During my meeting with Cardinal Dolan on October 31<sup>st</sup> when the final *Making All Things New* decisions were conveyed to the parishes, I assured him that both Fr. McCarthy, the Administrator of Visitation and I would work together with the merger of these two Kingsbridge area parishes seeing this an opportunity and important way to strengthen parish life in response to the Archdiocesan pastoral planning process. Over the coming months, a transition team will assist in implementing the merger.

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

*Fr. Michael Kerrigan*

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### ***The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica***

Each year on November 9<sup>th</sup>, the universal Roman Catholic Church celebrates the anniversary of the dedication of the Cathedral Church of Rome by Pope Sylvester I on this day in 324 A.D. on land owned by the Laterani family.

*The Edict of Milan* in 313 A.D. promulgated by the Roman Emperor Constantine drastically changed the history of Christendom in which Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire and Christians could publicly worship and profess their

faith rather than be hidden or as a "underground religious movement". This *Lateran Basilica* represents this marked change in societal attitude in which Christians could assemble to worship without fear of being imprisoned, tortured or put to death.

A basilica is a church or cathedral accorded special ceremonial rights by the pope.

*The Dedication of the St. John Lateran Basilica* recalls the primacy of the Bishop of Rome that views this Church as "the mother and the head of all churches of Rome and the world."

This Church served as the principal residence of the popes from the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. until being moved to Avignon in 1309 A.D. and was the site of five ecumenical councils. It was originally dedicated to Jesus the Saviour and later to St. John the Baptist.

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### ***Welcome Bishop Walsh***

We welcome Most Rev. Gerald Walsh, D.D. who is celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish 5:00 pm Saturday Mass. Please remember in your prayers our Confirmation candidates and their families as they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit that they will continue grow in the Catholic faith and be exemplary witnesses to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

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### ***Veterans' Day Holiday Observance***

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Veterans' Day holiday. Please plan accordingly.

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### **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

### **The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**November 9, 2014**

The church we reflect upon today, a major basilica in Rome, is called 'the mother of all the churches of Rome and the world.' It has a special place in the history of the church.

We move from a physical building and are reminded by St. Paul that we too are temples of the Spirit. We are God's dwelling among His people. The words of John's gospel 'and the Word became flesh and He dwelt among us' speak not only of Mary and the Incarnation, but also of the reality, that God lives in and among us.

How meaningful as we read these words is the fact that the person sitting and praying next to us, is a temple of God's Spirit. How challenging for us to recognize the presence of the Lord in those of our family, those with whom we work. How beautiful we are as we reflect with Paul that 'I live, now, not I, but Christ lives in me.'

As I spend time in prayer, whether in a magnificent cathedral or humble chapel, the fact is that the Lord is present and that is what really matters. As I spend time with family and friends, and recognize the presence of the Lord in every individual that is what really matters. The next time I pass a church, may I remember that His dwelling is there and also with me. In the words of Oscar Romero, Christ is the Master builder, we are the ministers.

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**SU PALABRA HOY**  
*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*  
**Dedicación de la Basílica Laterana**  
**9 de noviembre de 2014**

La iglesia sobre la cual reflexionamos hoy, una importante basílica en Roma, es llamada 'la madre de todas las iglesias de Roma y el mundo.' Tiene un sitio especial en la historia de la iglesia.

Pasamos de un edificio físico y San Pablo nos recuerda que somos también templos del Espíritu. Somos morada del Señor entre Su pueblo. Las palabras del evangelio de San Juan: 'Y la Palabra se hizo carne y habitó entre nosotros' habla no sólo de María y la Encarnación, sino también de la realidad de que Dios viven en y entre nosotros.

Es de gran significado leer estas palabras y darnos cuenta de que la persona sentada al lado nuestro es un templo del Espíritu de Dios. Es un gran reto para nosotros reconocer la presencia del Señor en los miembros de nuestra familia, en nuestros compañeros de trabajo. Qué hermoso es reflexionar con San Pablo: 'ya no vivo yo, sino que Cristo vive en mí.'

Cuando estoy en oración, ya sea en una magnífica catedral o en una humilde capilla, el hecho es que el Señor está presente y eso es todo lo que realmente importa. Cuando estoy con mi familia y amigos y reconozco la presencia del Señor en cada individuo, eso es lo que realmente importa. La próxima vez que pase por una iglesia, ojalá pueda recordar que Su Morada está allí, y también en mí. En las palabras de Oscar Romero: 'Cristo es el jefe de obra, nosotros somos albañiles.'

***Christmas Charity Drive***

With another Christmas season on the horizon, our parish will begin 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. Donations may be dropped off at the church during weekend Masses and during the week at the parish office.

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***November 1<sup>st</sup> Ordination of Transitional Deacons***

Among the 21 seminarians from the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre ordained to the transitional diaconate by Cardinal Dolan on November 1<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph's Seminary was Rev. Mr. Ricardo Garcia who served here at our parish this past summer. Fr. Antonio attended this ordination on behalf of our parish and we welcomed Ricardo back last Sunday at the 10:00 am Mass in which he served liturgically as a deacon for the first time. Please remember him along with the other deacons as they continue their formation and ongoing preparation to the ordination to the priesthood next Spring.

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***Automated Giving: ParishPay***

As part of our parish *Sharing God's Gifts* campaign to increase our collections, we have begun *ParishPay*, an automated and effective way for making donations to St. John's Church. *ParishPay* processes automatic monthly recurring gifts from parishioners to a parish that is enrolled in the program. These gifts can come directly from a bank or credit card account. Besides our regular Sunday collection, ParishPay can also handle second collections. You may enroll by logging on to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or calling 1-866-727-4741.ext. 1