

Presentation of the Lord  
 Sunday, February 2, 2014



Sunday, February 2, Presentation of the Lord

- 5:00 + Elizabeth Nugent
- 7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish
- 8:45 + Philip and Kitty Rega
- 10:00 (Sp) + Miguel Angel Guzman
- 11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
- 1:00 (Sp) + Leoba and Emigdio Arellano

Monday, February 3, Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC

- 12:15 + Anne Cordes

Tuesday, February 4, Weekday

- 9:00 + Ben Hanson

- 12:15 + Thomas Hickey

- 7:00 (Sp.) + Anacona Dominguez

Wednesday, February 5, St. Agatha

- 9:00 Increase in Religious Vocations

- 12:15 + Martin, Kathleen & Brian Markley

Thursday, February 6, St. Paul Miki and

Companions

- 9:00 World Peace

- 12:15 + Robert and Pat Henn

Friday, February 7, Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC

- 12:15 + Sister Mary Immaculate, RJM

- 7:00 (Sp) + Enrique Garcia

Saturday, February 8, Weekday

- 9:00 + Patricia Henn

- 12:15 + Thomas Hickey

- 5:00 + Eleanor Jackson

Sunday, February 9, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

- 7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish

- 8:45 + James Murphy

- 10:00 + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado

- 11:30 + Mary and Anthony Campbell

- 1:00 (Sp) + Juan & Juan Jose Checo

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION

Month of January

Each week to run the parish, the amount needed in the collection is approximately \$7,500.00.

January 5<sup>th</sup> .....\$4,568.50

Second Collection.....\$1,588.50

January 12<sup>th</sup>.....\$5,771.00

January 19<sup>th</sup> .....\$5,074.00

January 26<sup>th</sup> .....\$4,531.00

Parish Maintenance.....\$1,746.00

We ask your increased generosity in the collection each week.



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.*



*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.

### 2014 CARDINAL'S APPEAL

\$7,750,000 of the funds raised through the *Appeal* helps needy schools and parishes throughout the Archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the *2014 Cardinal's Appeal*.

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\$7,750,000 de los fondos recaudados a través de la *Campaña* ayudarán a las escuelas y parroquias necesitadas en toda la Arquidiócesis. Muchas de nuestras parroquias y escuelas necesitan ayuda para cumplir con sus necesidades diarias mientras ellas continúan la gran tradición de educar a nuestros jóvenes y proveer refugio e iluminación espiritual. Haga una inversión en su fe y en su comunidad parroquial con un regalo a la *Campaña del Cardenal 2014*.



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### SCHOOL NEWS – REGISTRATION 2014-2015 SPACE IS LIMITED

Registration for St. John School will be held on the following dates:

Pre-Kindergarten – 4 years old

Must be 4 years old by December 31, 2014

Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

From 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ONLY

Kindergarten to Grade 7

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

From 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. ONLY

For information on the registration process and documents you will need to complete registration, please call the school office during school hours at (718) 548-0255.

### PASTORAL NOTES

#### *Blessing of Throats at Monday Masses*

Each year on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Church remembers the life and example of the fourth century bishop and martyr, St. Blaise. A story long associated with him was a desperate mother whose young son had a fish bone lodged in his throat and came to St. Blaise. At his command, the child was able to cough up the bone.

The individual blessing of throats with crossed candles will conclude the final blessing at the Monday February 3<sup>rd</sup> 9:00 am and 12:15 pm Masses.

#### *Real Love Youth Retreat*

*Love Never Fails, People Fail on Love*

Youth between the ages of 13-18 are invited to attend a day-long retreat day to be held this coming Saturday February 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm in the St. John's Lower Church. The retreat day includes music, worship talks, activities, food, and music. Donation is \$3.00

#### *English Choir Anyone?*

During the parish assemblies held in November as part of the *Making All Things New* discussions, the topic of having a choir at one of our weekend English Masses was raised. With our English Mass cantor Kathryn Minicozzi expressing a desire to reduce her weekend commitment, the opportunity arises for the possibility of having an English choir at the Saturday 5:00 pm Mass.

To gauge interest in this possibility for starting in March for the beginning of Lent, anyone who would like to consider becoming a member of an English Mass choir is asked to speak with our parish music director Andrey Komanetsky after Mass over the next few weeks. This way we will know by the end of February if this idea is feasible.

#### *Church Building Concerns*

This year's harsh winter weather has taken its toll on the steps leading down to the lower church. At this point, the ramp is the only access. Attempts are being made to make temporary repairs to the damaged steps so they may be used until the Spring when the necessary major repair work can be done. Your understanding and cooperation in this regard are appreciated.

On a positive note, the outside lights to the main entrance of the church are now working. Building safety is a parish priority.

**HIS WORD TODAY**  
*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**The Presentation of the Lord**  
**February 2, 2014**

**“The Lord God said: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to temple the Lord whom you seek... Yes, he is coming says the Lord of hosts...’ ‘He came to temple now, inspired by the Spirit, and when the parents brought the child Jesus to perform for him the customary ritual, he took him in his arms and blessed God in these words.”**

We accompany Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus on this fortieth day after Christ's birth. Traveling to the temple, we meet the aged Simeon and holy Anna. The Spirit brought them to the temple and prayer of praise is part of the night prayer of the church. Isn't it easy to see Simeon, like a loving grandfather embracing the Divine Child? How special it was for him to hold the Christ and embrace Him.

Every time the church celebrates the ritual of baptism, we move beyond the external signs of water, oil, clothing and candle. We are summoned as was Simeon to recognize that the same God, comes to live in the newly born baptized person. The divine life, the life of grace begins; making real the statement that Christ is 'the human face of God and the divine face of man.'

Like Simeon today we are able to take Christ into our arms and bless God for the gift of grace and the sacraments we live. Like Joseph and Mary may we too marvel at what is said about Him and what He does for us.

**PALABRA HOY**  
*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

**La Presentación del Señor**  
**2 de febrero de 2014**

**“Yo envió a mi mensajero, para que prepare el camino delante de mí. Y en seguida entrará en su Templo el Señor que ustedes buscan... ya viene, dice el Señor de los ejércitos...” ‘Conducido por el mismo Espíritu, fue al Templo, y cuando los padres de Jesús llevaron al niño para cumplir con él las prescripciones de la Ley, lo tomó en sus brazos y alabó a Dios.’”**

Acompañamos a José, María y el niño Jesús en el cuadragésimo día después del nacimiento de Cristo. Al llegar al templo encontramos al anciano Simeón y a una mujer santa llamada Ana. El Espíritu los llevó al templo y a la oración de alabanza, la cual es parte de la oración nocturna de la iglesia. ¿No es fácil ver a Simeón como un amoroso abuelo abrazando al Divino Niño? Qué maravilloso deber haber sido para él cargar y abrazar a Cristo.

Cada vez que la iglesia celebra el ritual del bautismo, vamos más allá de las señales externas de agua, aceite, vestidura y candela. Se nos llama tal como a Simeón a reconocer que el mismo Dios viene a vivir en el bautizado recién nacido. La vida divina, la vida de gracia comienza, haciendo realidad la declaración de que Cristo es 'la faz humana de Dios y la faz divina del hombre.'

Al igual que Simeón, hoy podemos tomar a Cristo en nuestros brazos y bendecir a Dios por el don de la gracia y los sacramentos que vivimos. Y que así como José y María, que podamos maravillarnos de lo que se dice sobre El y lo que El hace por nosotros.