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*“Love one another  
as I have loved you,”  
- John 15:12 -*

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*“Se amen los unos a los otros  
asi como Yo los he amado.”*

- Juan 15:12 -



**Office Hours:**

Mondays through Fridays only **9:00 am-12:00 noon; 1:00 pm-7:00 pm**  
Saturdays and Sundays by *APPOINTMENT ONLY*

**Horario de la Oficina:**

Lunes a Viernes solamente de **9:00 am-12:00 y 1:00-7:00 pm**  
Sabados y Domingos *CON CITA*

**Mass Schedule: ENGLISH**

Mondays through Friday: **9:00 am and 12:15 pm**  
Saturday: **12:15 pm 5:00 pm** (Sunday Vigil)  
Sunday: **8:30 am and 11:30 am**

**Horario de la Misa: SPANISH**

Martes y Viernes: **7:00 pm** Domingo: **10:00 am y 1:00 pm**

**Confessions/Confesiones:** Saturday/Sabado **4:00-5:00 pm**

**Morning Prayer –Liturgy of the Hours:** Monday-Friday **8:35 am**

**Novena to the Miraculous Medal:** Mondays before **12:15 pm** Mass

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction:** First Friday

**Baptisms/Bautismos**

Family Interview with a priest along with Pre-Baptismal Instruction.  
Familia con una cita con el sacerdote y se requiere platica.

**Weddings/Bodas**

Arrangements must be made at least six months before the wedding date.  
Los novios deben hablar con el Sacerdote por lo menos seis meses  
antes de la fecha de la Boda.

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 2, 2015**



**Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

5:00 + Seamus Murphy  
8:30 For the People  
10:00 (Sp) + Dionicio Castillo  
11:30 + Bob Stanton  
1:00 (Sp) + Rafael Antonio De Los Santos

**Monday, August 3, Weekday**

9:00 + Joseph Zane  
12:15 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

**Tuesday, August 4, St. John Vianney**

9:00 Intentions of Millie Kolessar  
12:15 + Mai Hunt  
7:00 (Sp.) + Eugenia Petrone

**Wednesday, August 5, Weekday**

9:00 + Patrick William Smyth  
12:15 + Maureen Moriarty

**Thursday, August 6, Transfiguration**

9:00 + Frank Duffy  
12:15 + Patricia Coyne

**Friday, August 7, Weekday**

9:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi  
12:15 + Josefina G. Suarez  
7:00 (Sp) + Enge Fink

**Saturday, August 8, St. Dominic**

12:15 + Margie Harmon  
5:00 + Josefina Flores

**Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

8:30 For the People  
10:00 + Amelia Moran Gonzalez  
11:30 + John Coughlin  
1:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

**DONATIONS**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church  
for the week of August 2-8 in memory of:

**ROBERT STANTON**



**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.*

***A New Beginning***

This weekend marks the beginning of the merged St. John-Visitation Parish that becomes effective August 1st. A special word of welcome to those who will be joining us for weekend Masses. New members attending our Masses will be the first step in creating a more vibrant Catholic parish community over the coming months.

The summer months are times of transitions for parishes and priests throughout the Archdiocese of New York, especially this year with the implementation of *Making All Things New* and the resultant mergers of parish communities. Please continue to pray for the Archdiocese of New York and those who are called to serve as pastoral leaders in this time of major change and necessary restructuring as well as all those who have been affected by these changes.

***Prayer for the Merger of Our Catholic Kingsbridge  
Community***

*Loving God, Creator of all things,  
You have given us loving hearts to love You,  
our neighbors, and ourselves.  
Strengthen us to have renewed hearts,  
as we continue the mission of Your Son's disciples  
for the future of our parish community  
in this Kingsbridge region of the Northwest Bronx.  
Continue to inspire us to be open  
to the new possibilities set before us  
like the crowds in this weekend's Gospel  
of the multiplication of loaves and fishes.  
Help us as a parish community to be hopeful  
and transformed by Your love for us  
as we embark on the new journey set before us.  
Bless us in Your loving service  
in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son,  
who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen*

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

***Welcome To St. John-Visitation Parish***

Msgr. Hugh McManus, who recently retired as Administrator of Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Scarsdale, is now in residence here at our parish. He is a St. John parish priestly vocation and we welcome him back to Kingsbridge.

George Chiffriller has been hired as our new parish business manager/bookkeeper. St. John-Visitation Parish welcomes him and looks forward to his work in assisting with the operation of parish temporal affairs and finances.

Rev. Eliseo Gonzalez, OAR, who previously served on the St. John's Parish staff will be visiting and staying with us this coming week.

Rev. Franklin Owusu-Bekoe from St. Anthony Parish in Ghana, West Africa where he presently serves both as a parish priest and headmaster of the parish school will be assisting our parish until early September. His family lives in Kingsbridge and we look forward to him joining us this summer.

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### ***In Grateful Appreciation***

The implementation of *Making All Things New* along with the subsequent restructuring and merging of parishes offered the opportunity for long-time parish employees to participate in a special Archdiocesan retirement program. Two of our St. John's Parish employees, Mrs. Maryann Kenny, our Parish Business Manager for the past 27 years and Mrs. Evelyn Martinez, our bookkeeper for the past 15 years have chosen to accept this retirement opportunity effective July 31st.

We thank them both for their many years of dedicated and faithful work at St. John's Parish and wish them well as they move on to a new phase in their lives. Paraphrasing the Lord's words from the Gospel, "*Well done, good faithful servants. Your labors are gratefully appreciated. Rest from your labors and enjoy the new time that lies ahead for you.*"

Deacon Andrew Rivera's request for retirement status from full-time ministry has been approved by Cardinal Dolan. We extend our gratitude to him for his 35 years of diaconal ministry and service to St. John's Parish, wish him good health, and Godspeed in all his future endeavors.

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### ***Next Weekend's 2nd Collection***

Next weekend (August 8-9), our parish will be participating in the Missionary Cooperative Plan of the Archdiocese of New York in which a visiting missionary speaks at all the parish masses along with a special collection to be taken. Brother James Adams from the Marist Foreign Mission will be here next weekend as a way to increase our mission awareness and to support missionary dioceses and societies.

### ***Parish Religious Education Program Registration***

While September and the school year may seem some time away, it is not too early to register children in the St. John-Visitation School of Religion Program. Classes are offered for students not attending Catholic Schools and whose families desire assistance with religious instruction and sacramental preparation. Classes are held on Saturdays for students from Grade One to High School.

Please contact Ms. Jeanette Guzman, our Coordinator for Religious Education, for further information and to register your children. She may be reached at (718)884-2627

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### ***Baseball and Religious Faith***

Last Sunday afternoon's Baseball Hall of Fame Induction ceremony featured three of the four new members speaking about the importance of God, faith, and religion in their lives. One would not ordinarily assume this type of connection between professional athletes and faith.

In our society where dialogue about religion and speaking publicly about faith are seemingly avoided, mocked, ridiculed or even silenced, it was refreshing to hear Craig Biggio speak about his years at Seton Hall University and how the team baseball chaplain, Monsignor Sullivan was "a friend who helped me with my conversion to Catholicism when I was going through a tough time in my life." John Smoltz mentioned the importance of how regularly attending a men's prayer group helped him as a professional baseball player. Amidst the throngs of cheering, enthusiastic Dominicans in attendance at Cooperstown, New York, Pedro Martinez kept repeating throughout his speech, both in English and Spanish, "*I want to thank God for....*".

It is somewhat unusual that the stage of the national pastime offered a way to communicate religious messages from a secular platform instead of the church pulpit.

If these professional athletes are not ashamed about speaking publicly about the role of religious faith in their lives and using this type of occasion to evangelize, what about us?

*Fr. Michael Kerrigan*



**HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
August 2, 2015**

**“Then the Lord said to Moses: ‘I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus I will test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not...I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites’ ... ‘Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of God will give you’... ‘What can we do to accomplish the works of God?’”**

The gospel of John does not include the story of the last supper, or the institution of the Eucharist. It does however, in the sixth chapter, teach us of the gift of life-giving bread which is Jesus Himself.

What God did for the people in the desert, offering the manna for their survival, He promised to do for us. Jesus wished to remain with His people, as we learn His concern in the priestly prayer in John’s gospel. He chose a way which made and makes this possible.

The Eucharist is the gift of Jesus to sustain us in the Christian life. It is the abiding Presence by which He nourishes us and feeds us. It is the gift of His Presence, waiting to be acknowledged and adored. The Eucharist is the gift for our survival today.

Ask the Lord to increase your desire for the Eucharist and avoid routine and monotony, but eagerly reach out for the gift He gives.

**Décimo Octavo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario  
2 de agosto de 2015**

**“Entonces el Señor dijo a Moisés: ‘Yo haré caer pan para ustedes desde lo alto del cielo, y el pueblo saldrá cada día a recoger su ración diaria. Así los pondré a prueba, para ver si caminan o no de acuerdo con mi ley ... el Señor ha escuchado las protestas de los israelitas’ ... ‘Trabajen, no por el alimento perecedero, sino por el que permanece hasta la Vida eterna, el que les dará el Hijo del hombre’ ... ‘¿Qué debemos hacer para realizar las obras de Dios?’”**

El evangelio de San Juan no incluye la historia de la última cena ni la institución de la Eucaristía. Sin embargo, en el sexto capítulo nos enseña sobre el don del pan que da vida, el cual es Jesús mismo.

Lo que Dios hizo por la gente en el desierto, ofreciéndoles el maná para su supervivencia, El prometió hacerlo por nosotros. Jesús deseaba permanecer con Su pueblo, tal como leemos sobre su preocupación en la oración sacerdotal en el evangelio de San Juan. El escogió una forma que lo hizo y lo hace posible.

La Eucaristía es el don de Jesús que nos sostiene en la vida Cristiana. Es la perdurable Presencia por la cual El nos nutre y alimenta. Es el don de Su Presencia, buscando ser reconocido y adorado. La Eucaristía es el don de nuestra sobrevivencia hoy.

Pídale al Señor que le aumente su deseo por la Eucaristía y evite la rutina y monotonía, y ansiosamente extienda la mano para recibir el don que El le ofrece.

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