

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, August 9, 2015



Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

5:00 + Josefina Flores

8:30 For the People

10:00 (Sp) + Amelia Moran Gonzalez

11:30 + John Coughlan

1:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

Monday, August 10, St. Lawrence

9:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

12:15 + Ralph Sanchez

Tuesday, August 11, St. Clare

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

12:15 Intention of Lilia Abada

7:00 (Sp.)+ Thelmo Floresta

Wednesday, August 12, Weekday

9:00 + Scanlon and Hurley Families

12:15 + Cornelius and Elizabeth Leane

Thursday, August 13, Weekday

9:00 + Rachel, Francis & Frank Zeis

12:15 + Servio Tulio Calderin

Friday, August 14, St. Maximilian Kolbe

9:00 + Teresa Maher

12:15 + Con Sullivan

7:00 (Sp)+ German Vega

Saturday, August 15, Assumption of Mary

12:15 + Raffaele and Antoinetta Parrella

5:00 + Celine McGahey

Sunday, August 16, Twentieth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:30 For the People

10:00 + Emeterio Feliciano

11:30 Brett, Stanton, DiOrio and  
Lopez Families

1:00 (Sp) + Zunilda De Los Santos

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower  
Church for the week of August 9-15 in memory  
of: **RAFFAELLE & ANTOINETTA PARRELLA**

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**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.*

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***A New Beginning***

For those who may have been away,  
the canonical merger of St. John-Visitation  
Parish became 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.

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***Welcome Brother James Adams***

This weekend 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 Missions will be here as a way to  
increase our mission awareness and to  
support missionary dioceses and societies.  
Your generous response to support to this  
appeal is greatly appreciated.

### ***Parish Merger Update, News, and Notes***

- 1) To signify the merger of our St. John-Visitation parish community, during the Eucharistic Prayers in which the saints are commemorated, St. Elizabeth the cousin whom the Blessed Virgin Mary visited in the Gospel account of the Visitation (Luke 1:39-56) will be included along with mentioning St. John and the saint(s) of the day.
- 2) For those who formerly attended Visitation Parish and received weekly parish support envelopes, they may still be used until September 6th. In September, our merged parish community of St. John-Visitation will be doing a registration drive.
- 3) The Sunday shuttle bus is up and running as a way to assist primarily seniors and those needing transportation to Kingsbridge Avenue from outside Visitation Church (160 Van Cortlandt Park South). Pick-ups will be at 8:00 am and 11:00 am with drop-offs after the 8:30 am and 11:30 am Masses. This service will be done on a trial basis for the next six months at a cost of \$355 per week.
- 4) The parking lot at St. John's Catholic Regional School north of the Church located at 3143 Kingsbridge Avenue is open and available with 20 parking spaces during the Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses. If additional parking should be needed, the possibility exists for using the parking lot at the Public School (3030 Godwin Terrace).
- 5) As previously announced both at Church and in the bulletin, bus access is needed outside Kingsbridge Avenue in the NO PARKING AREA. Please follow and observe this Department of Traffic Regulation or risk the possibility of an illegally parked car fine.
- 6) With the relocation of the St. Joseph's Cursillo Center (the former convent) to Holy Cross Parish, Bronx, this building has become available and work is underway to renovate this space to be used as a parish pastoral center. This project should help address the need for offices for the parish pastoral staff and the availability of meeting space for parish groups and activities.
- 7) Please note the new parish e-mail address [stjohnvisitation@yahoo.com](mailto:stjohnvisitation@yahoo.com) and parish website [www.stjohnvisitationparish.org](http://www.stjohnvisitationparish.org)

Reorganizing and restructuring will require time, patience, and planning. Inevitable changes lie ahead in this process of forming a new parish community in the months ahead.

Your understanding and cooperation as we continue with the parish merger process for our Catholic community in Kingsbridge is very much needed.

*Fr. Michael Kerrigan*

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### ***The Solemnity of the Assumption***

While the Assumption of Mary is not found in the Scriptures, this story about the end of Mary's earthly life has been a long tradition of the Christian Church for many centuries. Death has been understood by the Church as a consequence of the original or "first sin" of human disobedience of the first man and woman. Likewise, the Church has taught that Mary as the Mother of God was conceived without original sin. Theologians have long speculated if Mary died or simply was assumed into heaven without dying.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church in paragraph #974 does not directly answer this question but notes:

"The Most Blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven, where she already shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection, anticipating the resurrection of all members of His Body."

The Assumption of Mary was formally promulgated as a dogma of the Church by Pope Pius XII in 1950. It has been recalled as the 4th Glorious Mystery of the Rosary and each year the Feast of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on August 15th.

While the Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the six holy days of obligation observed in the United States, since this day falls on Saturday this year it is not a holy day of obligation. Our only parish Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on Saturday August 15th at 12:15 pm.

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### ***By the Numbers: July Parish Collections***

July 5	\$6025.00	Church in Africa	\$1838.00
July 12	\$6265.00	Parish Pay	\$681
July 19	\$5222.00	Parish Maintenance	\$1091.75
July 26	\$6149.00		

St. John-Visitation Parish depends upon the generosity of parishioners in meeting the operating expenses for our parish and church building along with serving the spiritual,

liturgical, and pastoral needs of our Catholic community in Kingsbridge.

With the additional air-conditioning expense during the summer months, your parish support is greatly appreciated. While many of us take vacations during the summer months, church and parish expenses do not take a vacation. Please consider contributing for the weekends when you are away from our parish during the summer.

Many thanks and have a good summer.

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### ***Have You Considered Using ParishPay?***

*ParishPay* offers an alternative way to make contributions to St. John-Visitation Church. In lieu of using the weekly envelopes and placing them in the collection basket at Mass, *ParishPay* offers the opportunity for automated donations or electronic giving. Contributions may be made from credit cards, bank checking or savings accounts. Also, this method enables one to budget their donations to our parish.

As indicated in the July collections, ten parishioners gave \$681 with *ParishPay*.

For more information, please call  
1-866-727-4741 ext. 1 or  
visit [www.ParishPay.com](http://www.ParishPay.com)

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### ***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, at (718)884-2627 or [guzmancre@yahoo.com](mailto:guzmancre@yahoo.com) for further information and to register your children.

## **SU PALABRA HOY**

*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*  
**Décimo Noveno Domingo en Tiempo  
Ordinario**  
**9 de agosto de 2015**

**“No entristezcan al Espíritu Santo de Dios, que los ha marcado con un sello para el día de la redención. Eviten la amargura, los arrebatos, la ira, los gritos, los insultos y toda clase de maldad. Por el contrario, sean mutuamente buenos y compasivos, perdonándose los unos a los otros como Dios los ha perdonado en Cristo.”**

Cuando San Pablo les escribió a los efesios, incluyó una lista de lo que necesitamos y de lo que debemos eliminar de nuestras vidas. Es fácil recordarla. Estas son virtudes que buscamos y seguramente manifestamos en muchas formas. Pasamos por alto los defectos, y quizá no los vemos como barreras u obstáculos cuando consideramos recibir la Eucaristía.

San Pablo no se refiere a simples molestias, como el calor o una tormenta, sino los serios vicios dirigidos a otras personas. Ofrezcamos un remedio: Primero oremos por la persona o personas contra las que sentimos rabia, furia o enojo. Segundo, cuando se nos dificulta ‘perdonar y olvidar’, recuerde, pero sin amargura. Los vicios nos hacen menos humanos, menos amoros, egoistas, menos dignos de ser amados.

El Señor nos habla así como habló a Elías: ‘¡Levántate, come, porque todavía te queda mucho por caminar!’

El don de la Eucaristía nos ofrece una mayor fortaleza espiritual al vivir de la forma que San Pablo enseñó a los efesios.