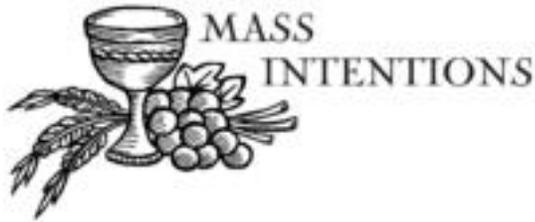


Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, February 8, 2015



Sunday, February 8, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 + Ritchie Gonzalez  
8:30 Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 (Sp) + Enrique Garcia  
11:30 + Robert Stanton  
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina and Candelaria Javier

Monday, February 9, Weekday

9:00 Intention of Maureen Jones  
12:15 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother Joseph Murphy, FSC

Tuesday, February 10, St. Scholastica

9:00 + Clare Deegan  
12:15 + Rocuzzo Family  
7:00 (Sp.) Special Intention of Andrew Green

Wednesday, February 11, Weekday

9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC  
12:15 + Andrew Lavery

Thursday, February 12, Weekday

9:00 + Carmela Arlia  
12:15 + Alan Harrington

Friday, February 13, Weekday

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

12:15 + Dymphna Duffy

7:00 (Sp) Mass of Thanksgiving

Saturday, February 14, Saints Cyril and

Methodius

12:15 + Katrina Hennigan  
5:00 Intention of Mave Kilroy

Sunday, February 15, Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish  
10:00 + Amelia Moran Gonzalez  
11:30 + Maria Ferreira  
1:00 (Sp) + Luis Armando Ortiz

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S  
DONATIONS

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Lower Church for the week of February 8-14 in memory of:

**BROTHER PETER STEWART, FSC**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of February 8-14 in memory of:

**ROBERT J. KENNY**



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

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

*We ask that you please notify the rectory when to remove a name from the list.*



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
2015  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the 2015 *Cardinal's Appeal*.

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la **CAMPANA DE CORRESPONSABILIDAD**  
del **CARDENAL**  
2015  
*Compartir las Bendiciones de Dios*

Siendo los custodios y discípulos de Cristo, reconocemos que todos los bienes y las riquezas en nuestras vidas son regalos del Señor. La Eucaristía nos fortalece, y respondemos a la generosidad de Dios en nuestras vidas usando y compartiendo nuestros regalos para servir a los demás. Por favor comparta sus regalos y haga un regalo a la *Campaña del Cardenal 2015*.

*Recalling St. Valentine*

While February 14th is celebrated annually by many as a day for romance, red hearts, public displays of affection, gifts of roses, flowers, and candy to a special loved one, etc., the man associated with this day, Valentinus or Valentine as he has come to be known through the centuries is one among many martyrs violently put to death during the persecution of early Christians in first four centuries. How did the day of this death become a day for expressions of celebrating human love?

Like many Christian saints of the early church who were martyred, little biographical information and personal details are actually known about their historical lives. The day in which they entered into eternal glory by violence was remembered along with recalling stories about their heroic virtues, defying civil authorities, and the willingness to suffer death for the sake of the Christian faith. St. Valentine exemplifies this pattern.

Several stories abound regarding what led to the death of St. Valentine and why he has been remembered through the centuries. He was a Roman priest who lived in the 3rd century when the Roman emperor Claudius II was persecuting the Christian church. The emperor issued an edict prohibiting young couples from marrying, primarily because he felt that unmarried soldiers, free from marriage obligations and family concerns would fight more fiercely and not be afraid to engage in battles. Valentine defied this edict and secretly performed weddings. Eventually he was apprehended, imprisoned, and tortured for violating the emperor's command about performing marriage ceremonies.

While in prison, he was befriended by his jailer, a man named Asterius whose daughter, Julia was blind from birth. Valentine prayed with the blind young girl and healed her from her blindness. This cure led to Asterius and Julia becoming Christians; however, this miracle did not spare Valentine's life.

On February 14, 270 A.D., Valentine was sentenced to a three-part execution (beating, stoning, and decapitation) because of his stance in upholding Christian marriage. Tradition has it that the evening prior to his death, he wrote a letter to Julia, Asterius' daughter, encouraging her to thank God for the healing she experienced in being able to see and to remain steadfast in the Christian faith. He concluded his letter with the signature "*From Your Valentine.*"

While the origin of this holiday may not reflect the popular romantic sense in which this day is presently celebrated, this saint reminds us about the importance and meaning of discovering the love of God in the human experience of loving others in the difficult moments of our human lives, even to the point of suffering and death.

God's true love for us as manifested in human sacrificial love for others never fail.

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission is hosting the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Fordham Rose Hill campus. With over 500 expected to attend, this daylong event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. To register or for more information, visit [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) or call Kim Quatela at (646) 794-3198. Spaces are limited, so act fast!

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### ***Conferencia de Hombres***

La Comisión de Hombres de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York está patrocinando la 1ra conferencia anual para hombres, el sábado, Marzo 21, 2015, en la Universidad de Fordham, Rose Hill, en el Bronx. Este evento les dará una oportunidad única a los hombres de la Arquidiócesis, para comprometerse en su vida espiritual. Los conferencistas incluyen a Su Eminencia, el Cardenal Timothy Dolan, Arzobispo de Nueva York, Damon Owens, presentador de renombre y fuerte promotor de la fe católica, y Joe Klecko, ex-jugador defensivo para los Jets de Nueva York. La entrada es de \$45 e incluye desayuno, almuerzo y una camiseta. Todas las charlas serán traducidas al español a través de audífonos. Para inscribirse, o para más información, visite [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) o llame a Kim Quatela al (646) 794-3198. Esperamos más de 500 personas y el cupo es limitado. ¡Incríbese ya!



by Rev. William J. Reilly  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 8, 2015**

**Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario**  
**8 de febrero de 2015**

We join Jesus in Capernaum and Paul with the Corinthians and discover the importance of the oral teaching, preaching the word of God. We are accustomed to read, whether the sacred scriptures or inspirational books, but we are provided with the spoken word in Sunday homilies, television teaching and radio lectures.

All are meant to inform, form and transform us. Unfortunately, we can fall into the trap of not listening with attention. We might find it hard to overcome an accent, or distracted by those around us. A simple lesson can help us.

Like the young Samuel ask the Lord to speak because I am trying to listen. Surely there is one word, one phrase or sentence which can provide a great treasure for meditation, rather than turn the dial to off, or the remote to mute.

Simon said 'everyone is looking for you' and we are among those who need to find, listen and reflect upon the gift the Lord offers us through His many instruments. I provide what every preacher needs: a good listener.

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#### ***World Day of the Sick***

*The World Day of the Sick* is observed annually on February 11<sup>th</sup>, the memorial of *Our Lady of Lourdes*. This day highlights the healing ministry of the Church and reminds us that service to the sick and suffering cannot be neglected. It recognizes the great efforts and contributions of the medical profession, doctors, nurses, health care institutions and pastoral care givers to restore health to those afflicted with illness and disease.

In designating this special day in 1992, Saint Pope John Paul II noted this annual observance as "*a special time of prayer and sharing, of offering one's suffering for the good of the Church, and of reminding us to see in our sick brother and sister the face of Christ who, by suffering, dying and rising, achieved the salvation of humanity.*"

As participant in the Priests of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage/Retreat in France (February 5-12), Fr. Kerrigan will be in Lourdes on February 11th. During the special Mass celebrated at the shrine, our parishioners who are sick, homebound, and infirm, those who were recently anointed at Manhattanville Health Care Center, and other intentions commended to prayer will be remembered that day.

Nos unimos a Jesús en Capernaúm y a San Pablo con los Corintios y descubrimos la importancia de la enseñanza oral, predicando la palabra de Dios. Estamos acostumbrados a leer, ya sea las sagradas escrituras o libros que inspiran, pero se nos provee con la palabra hablada en las homilias los domingos, enseñanzas por televisión y sermones por la radio. Todos intentan informar y transformarnos.

Desafortunadamente, podemos caer en la trampa de no escuchar con atención. Puede que encontremos difícil comprender un acento, o tal vez la gente alrededor nos distrae. Una lección sencilla puede ayudarnos.

Al igual que el joven Samuel le pide al Señor que hable, yo también, porque estoy tratando de escuchar. Seguramente hay una palabra, una frase u oración que puede proveer un gran tesoro para meditación, en vez de bajar o apagar el volumen.

Simón dijo 'Todos te andan buscando' y nosotros estamos entre los que necesitan encontrar, escuchar y reflexionar acerca del don que el Señor nos ofrece a través de sus muchos instrumentos. Yo proveo lo que todo predicador necesita: alguien que sabe escuchar.

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#### ***Feeding Our Neighbors***

Your generous response over the past weeks to *Feeding Our Neighbors*, the archdiocesan-wide food drive to replenish dwindling food pantries is greatly appreciated. This coming week as part of their Christian Service outreach, sophomore students from St. Raymond's Boys High School will be sorting and packing the items that have been collected for *HopeLine's* Family Assistance Program to distribute to those in need.

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**SU PALABRA HOY**

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly