

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, July 12, 2015**



**Sunday, July 12, Fifteenth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

5:00 Special Intention  
8:30 Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 (Sp) + Francisca Lopez Melo  
11:30 Intention of Ervis Tataj  
1:00 (Sp) + Juan Santana

**Monday, July 13, Weekday**

9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving  
12:15 + Ralph Sanchez

**Tuesday, July 14, St. Kateri Tekakwitha**

9:00 + Ruth Marrero  
12:15 + Martin Enright  
7:00 (Sp.) + Antonio Vivar Diaz

**Wednesday, July 15, St. Bonaventure**

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

12:15 + Catherine Morahan

**Thursday, July 16, Weekday**

9:00 Intention of Carmela Duda  
12:15 + John Brady

**Friday, July 17, Weekday**

9:00 + Fidelina Badia, Fr. Edward  
Fagan, OAR & Fr, Francis  
Peluso, OAR

12:15 + Frank Fusaro, Jr.

7:00 (Sp) + Louise Motto

**Saturday, July 18, Weekday**

12:15 + Teresa Maher  
5:00 + Gene Clark

**Sunday, July 19, Sixteenth Sunday in**

**Ordinary Time**

8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish  
10:00 + Laura and Jose Ramirez  
11:30 Mass of Thanksgiving  
1:00 (Sp) + Jose Germoso

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

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for  
the week of July 12-18 for:

**INTENTIONS OF EILEEN STANTON**

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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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***Year For Families***

Pope Francis has asked all Catholics  
worldwide to use the months ahead as a time for  
preparation and prayer for the World Meeting of  
Families to be held in Philadelphia this coming  
September. Special prayers cards, both in  
English and Spanish, are still available for those  
who have not yet received one. The prayer cards  
may be obtained in the Church at weekend  
Masses and at the parish office during the  
weekdays.

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***Did You Know?***

St. Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680) who  
was canonized in 2012 is the first Native  
American saint. She was born in Ossernon, near  
the present day site of Auriesville, New York.  
During a time of persecution among her tribe in  
1677, she fled to the Catholic mission of St.  
Francis Xavier at Kahnawake near Montreal.  
Remembered annually on July 14th, she is called  
the "*Lily of the Mohawks*" and is a patroness of  
ecology and the environment.



### ***Parish Merger Update***

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. Effective August 1st, our Kingsbridge Catholic community will become the Parish of St. John-Visitation.

As Cardinal Dolan noted in his November 2, 2014 letter announcing this merger, the joining of two parish communities into one is not to be seen "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." This process will entail changes from the way in which our parish has operated in the past as we move forward in becoming a new parish community.

An important issue being addressed is the availability of meeting space for parish groups and activities. With the relocation of the St. Joseph's Cursillo Center (the former convent), this building will become available and is being renovated for use as a parish pastoral center. Reorganizing and restructuring will require time, patience, and planning. Inevitable changes lie ahead in this process of forming a new parish community. While August 1st is the effective date for the merger, the implementation of this process will be ongoing in the coming months ahead. A great deal of work will need to be done. Our parish staff is committed to finding the best ways to serve the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral, and educational needs of our local area.

I am grateful to Cardinal Dolan and the Priest Personnel Office for appointing me as Pastor (a six year term) of the newly merged St. John-Visitation Parish. While times of transition are not always easy, new challenges and opportunities will emerge for us to form a vibrant Catholic community here in Kingsbridge.

Have an enjoyable summer and 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.

*Fr. Michael Kerrigan*

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

June 6-7	\$7130
Black and Indian Collection	\$1974
June 13-14	\$6254
June 20-21	\$5443
June 27-28	\$5758
<i>ParishPay</i>	\$726

St. John's Church 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 St. John's Parish during the summer. Many thanks and have a good summer.

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### ***From the Pope's Latest Encyclical***

Pope Francis offers reflections worth considering about contemporary society and the importance of interpersonal human relationships in a technological society:

"When media and the digital world become omnipresent, their influence can stop people from learning how to live wisely, to think deeply and to love generously. In this context, the great sages of the past run the risk of going unheard amid the noise and distractions of an information overload. Efforts need to be made to help these media become sources of new cultural progress for humanity and not a threat to our deepest riches. True wisdom, as the fruit of self-examination, dialogue and generous encounter between persons, is not acquired by a mere accumulation of data which eventually leads to overload and confusion, a sort of mental pollution. Real relationships with others, with all the challenges they entail, now tend to be replaced by a type of internet communication which enables us to choose or eliminate relationships at whim, thus giving rise to a new type of contrived emotion which has more to do with devices and displays than with other people and with nature. Today's media do enable us to communicate and to share our knowledge and affections. Yet at times they also shield us from direct contact with the pain, the fears and the joys of others and the complexity of their personal experiences. For this reason, we should be concerned that, alongside the exciting possibilities offered by these media, a deep and melancholic dissatisfaction with interpersonal relations, or a harmful sense of isolation, can also arise."

From *Laudato Si'*, Chapter One, Section Four:  
DECLINE IN THE QUALITY OF HUMAN LIFE AND THE  
BREAKDOWN OF SOCIETY, paragraph #47

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

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**“Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits...So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.”... “In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ in accord with the favor of his will.”**

The gospel of Mark opened with Jesus proclaiming the presence of the kingdom and the need for repentance. He now sends His chosen Twelve to do the same. It is easy to picture them going in pairs, see what they are carrying and wearing, perhaps one to speak, the other to support in prayer. As friends they have been ‘summoned’ indicating a sense of urgency. As part of the chosen band, off they go.

Maybe their message is the same as that spoken by Pope Francis: ‘Jesus Christ loves you, He gave His life for you, and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you. He accompanies you.’ The art of accompaniment! The words of the classic song ring true: ‘You’ll never walk alone.’

Is the Lord not summoning everyone to hear His call and continue His mission? What will I do

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

**Décimo Quinto Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario**  
**12 de julio de 2015**

**“Entonces llamó a los Doce y los envió de dos en dos, dándoles poder sobre los espíritus impuros... Entonces fueron a predicar, exhortando a la conversión; expulsaron a muchos demonios y curaron a numerosos enfermos, ungiéndolos con óleo.” ... “ El nos predestinó a ser sus hijos adoptivos por medio de Jesucristo, conforme al beneplácito de su voluntad.”**

El evangelio de San Marcos empieza con Jesús proclamando la presencia del reino y la necesidad de arrepentimiento. El envía a Sus Doce escogidos a hacer lo mismo. Es fácil imaginárselos yendo en parejas, ver lo que llevan y cómo se visten, quizá uno habla y el otro lo apoya orando. Como amigos, han sido “llamados”, indicando un sentido de urgencia. Como parte del grupo escogido, allá fueron.

Quizá su mensaje es el mismo que el Papa Francisco ha dado: ‘Jesucristo te ama, El dio su vida por tí, y ahora El vive a tu lado cada día para iluminarte, fortalecerte, y liberarte. El te acompaña’ ¡El arte de la compañía! Las palabras de la clásica canción suenan verdaderas: ‘Nunca caminarás solo.’

¿No está el Señor llamándonos a todos a escuchar su llamado y continuar Su misión? ¿Qué hare al respecto?