

**Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 1, 2015**



Sunday, March 1, Second Sunday of Lent

- 5:00 + Joseph and Bridget Murphy
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) Intention of Isidro Gonzalez
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
1:00 (Sp) + Emanuel Flores

Monday, March 2, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 + Gorge Antonio Escobar
12:15 + Nellie Crowley
Tuesday, March 3, Lenten, Weekday
9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 Intention of Denise Ledesma

Wednesday, March 4, Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 (Sp.) + William Rosario
9:00 + Teresa Maher
12:15 + Janny Chan

Thursday, March 5, Lenten Weekday

- 9:00 + Kevin Smith
12:15 + Janny Chan
Friday, March 6, Lenten Weekday
9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC
12:15 + Janny Chan
7:00 (Sp) + Ramon de los Santos

Saturday, March 7, Lenten Weekday

- 12:15 + Teresa Maher
5:00 + Teresa Maher

Sunday, March 8, Third Sunday of Lent

- 8:30 Parishioners of St. John's Parish
10:00 + Raul Antonio Almanzar
11:30 + Brian McDonnell & Teresa Kennedy
1:00 (Sp) + Catalina and Candelaria Javier

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

St. John's Catholic Elementary Regional has a block of tickets in section 309 at Yankee Stadium for the May 9th baseball game between the Baltimore and New York Yankees. Cost is \$41.00 per ticket. Please contact Mrs. Mauro at St. John's School (718)548-0255 if interested in purchasing tickets.

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S

DONATIONS

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of March 1-7:

IN THANKSGIVING

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of March 1-7 in memory of:

**FR, EDWARD J.FAGAN, OAR and
FR. MICHEL J. KENNY, OAR**



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**

*"Our Catholic family is strong, and only made stronger
through your generosity."*

Cardinal Dolan

Parish Goal: \$50,000

Amount Pledged: \$6,290

of Gifts: 15

Average Gift Amount: \$419.33

13 % of Parish Goal

Commitment Weekend will take place at all parish Masses next weekend in which you may make your pledge or give your donation to support the 2015 Cardinal's Appeal. Remember that you may make a pledge of an amount that you would like to give, make an initial payment, and then pay off the remaining amount over the coming months. A pledge is a great opportunity to multiply your generosity. The following chart offers suggestions for your consideration

<u>Total Pledge</u>	<u>5 Monthly Payments</u>	<u>Daily Sacrifice</u>
\$500	\$100	\$1.37
\$250	\$ 50	\$0.68
\$150	\$ 30	\$0.41
\$100	\$ 20	\$0.27

Parish Book Exhibit This Next Weekend

The Society of St. Paul, a religious community of priests and brothers (also popularly known as *Alba House*) whose apostolate is media and communications, are here this weekend hosting a book exhibit downstairs in the lower church meeting room. A wide variety of religious articles, books and resources (bibles, music CD's, DVD's, children's books, etc.) both in English and Spanish, will be available for purchase. Take this opportunity to deepen your personal spiritual life and to learn more about the Catholic faith, the sacraments, and the teachings of the Church during this Lenten Season.

Survey to Participate in the Upcoming Synod on the Family

In preparation for this October's Ordinary Synod on the Bishops to be held in Philadelphia with the meeting topic, "*The Vocation of the Family in the Church and Contemporary World*", the faithful are invited to share their input with the Archdiocese of New York by responding to a set of 19 online questions posted on www.nyfamilylife.org/synod. Friday March 6th will be the last day to complete this online survey.

Lenten Mass Music

As you have noticed at the English weekend parish masses, we are using the Gregorian Chant Mass Settings during Lent for the Kyrie (Penitential Rite, *Lord, have mercy*; Sanctus, *Holy, Holy, Holy*; Agnus Dei, *Lamb of God*). The settings and words may be found in our parish hymnal on pages 16-19. These chants are part of the Church's solemn music tradition and are fitting to use during the solemn season of Lent.

Irish Breakfast

The St. John's School Alumni Committee will be having an Irish Breakfast on Sunday March 8th beginning at 12:30 pm at the Old St. John's School (3030 Godwin Terrace). Breakfast includes Irish sausages, blood pudding, white pudding, potatoes, eggs, oatmeal, Irish Soda Bread, juice, coffee and tea. Tickets are \$20 (advance) and \$25 (at the door).

New York Catholic Youth Day

"Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8)

Come and join hundreds of other young Catholics (high school age students through college level, ages 13-21) for a day filled with prayer, music, fun, games, powerful witness, and talks, Holy Hour reflections, reconciliation, and much more. *New York Catholic Youth Day 2015* will be held at St. Joseph's Seminary from 9:00am-5:00pm on Saturday April 11th. For more information and to register, please call (914)367-8329 or visit www.oymyny.org

Did You Know?

The word *Lent* is derived from the Anglo-Saxon *lencten* (*spring*). *Lenctentid* (*springtide*) was the Saxon name for March because March is the month in which days begin to lengthen as the *Vernal Equinox* (*Spring Season*) occurs annually, usually around March 20-22.

Historically, Lent is a retreat-like preparation period for catechumens, those being initiated into the Church at the Easter Vigil along with being a time of spiritual renewal and ongoing conversion for those who are already baptized. The practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving are actions associated with the Season of Lent.

PRAYER FOR LENT

O LORD, be with me
as I enter into the desert of Lent.
Please give me the courage, honesty,
and humility needed to recognize my sins
and the strength, tears, and firm resolve
to overcome them.
Purify my heart, O LORD
and renew a steadfast spirit within me.
May I turn away from sin
and be faithful to the Gospel.
O LORD, lead me
through Your sorrowful passion and death,
that I may rejoice in Your resurrection. Amen.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

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“God put Abraham to the test. He called him: Abraham’ He replied, ‘Here I am.’ Then God said: ‘Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height I shall point out to you...’ ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy... Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son.’”... “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

The period of lent is a time for testing. Like exams in school, or annual physical checkups, they assist us to determine our knowledge, our professional competence, and our physical health.

This time of prayer allows us to focus on our spiritual health and well being. How well am I with God at this moment? Are there areas for improvement. Am I complacent or content just to sit back and do nothing? Can I be truly honest as I hold my spiritual medical report in my hand?

What areas in my relationship with others needs some remedy? Is there someone who needs my love, care and concern? Is there some area of fragmentation I should attend to, and not just sweep under the rug?

Abraham passed the test with flying colors. Lent is the time the Lord places before us to make our needed improvements. Our father in faith, Abraham, like our heavenly Father responded generously. I can use this time of lent to do the same. In the long run, I will benefit.

“Dios puso a prueba a Abraham: ‘¡Abraham!’, le dijo. El respondió: ‘Aquí estoy’. Entonces Dios le siguió diciendo: ‘Toma a tu hijo único, el que tanto amas, a Isaac; ve a la región de Moria, y ofrécelo en holocausto sobre la montaña que yo te indicaré.’ ... ‘No pongas tu mano sobre el muchacho ni le hagas ningún daño. Ahora sé que temes a Dios, porque no me has negado ni siquiera a tu hijo único.’ ... “Este es mi Hijo amado. Escúchenlo.”

Este período de cuaresma es de prueba. Al igual que los exámenes de la escuela, o el chequeo médico anual, nos ayuda a determinar nuestro conocimiento, competencia profesional o salud.

Este tiempo de oración nos permite enfocarnos en nuestra salud y bienestar espiritual. ¿Qué tan bien estoy con Dios en este momento? ¿Hay áreas que mejorar? ¿Estoy tranquilo o contento de simplemente sentarme y no hacer nada? ¿Puedo ser verdaderamente honesto al tener mi reporte médico espiritual en mis manos?

¿Qué áreas en mi relación con otros necesito remediar? ¿Hay alguien que necesite amor, cuidado y atención? ¿Hay algún área de fragmentación que debería yo atender, y no solamente barrer bajo la alfombra?

Abraham pasó el test maravillosamente. La cuaresma es el tiempo que Dios nos pone delante para que hagamos las mejoras necesarias. Nuestro padre en la fe, Abraham, como nuestro Padre en el cielo, respondió generosamente. Yo puedo utilizar este tiempo de cuaresma para hacer lo mismo. A lo largo me beneficiaré.

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

**Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma
1 de marzo de 2015**