

**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday, March 2, 2014**



**Sunday, March 2, Eighth Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

5:00 + Joseph and Bridget Murphy  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Cornelius & Nellie Crowley  
10:00 (Sp) + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado  
11:30 + Brian McDonnell & Teresa Kennedy  
1:00 (Sp) + Juan and Teresa Melendez and  
Maya Cazar

**Monday, March 3, Weekday**

9:00

12:15

**Tuesday, March 4, Weekday**

9:00

12:15 + Leticia Derico and Ramona Velez

7:00 (Sp.)

**Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday**

9:00 Intentions of Regina Di Orio & Family

12:15 + Sister Mary McLaughlin, OP

7:00 (Sp.)

**Thursday, March 6, Thursday after**

**Ash Wednesday**

9:00 Intention of Siobhan Sullivan

12:15 + Antonio Ortiz

**Friday, March 7, Friday after Ash Wednesday**

9:00 + Brother Peter Stewart, FSC

12:15 + Mary Coughlan

7:00 (Sp) + Ramon De Los Santos

**Saturday, March 8, Saturday after**

**Ash Wednesday**

9:00

12:15 + William and Catherine McCarthy

5:00 + Bob Henn

**Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent**

7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish

8:45 Increase in Religious Vocations

10:00 + Juan & Teresa Melendez and

Maya Cazar

11:30 + Nellie Crowley

1:00 (Sp) + Nylsa Feliciano

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

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Upper  
Church for the week of March 2-8 for:

**INTENTIONS OF VICTOR COLOMBO**

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....**

Christina Zingone, Fr. Peter J. McCrann, SMM, ,  
Maria Rivera Malucci, Lindsey Guzman, William  
Cunningham, Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason, Noreen  
Liddane.

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

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*We ask your prayers for all loved ones serving our  
country in the Military:*

Michael Mastrangelo, U.S. Army

SFC Kenneth Medina

USAF Armando Irizarry

Capt. Dennis Andrew Fitzgerald

PFC Marc Kuboy, U.S. Army

CPL Brian E. Brosnan, USMC

Sgt. Miguel Angel Cruz

S. Sgt. Marco Rodriguez, USMC

Andrew Konstantinidis, National Guard

PFC Steven Canela, USMC

Please advise the rectory if you wish a name to be  
removed from this list or to be added.

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**ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET**

St. John's Altar Rosary Society will sponsor  
their Flea Market on Saturday,  
April 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3030  
Godwin Terrace. For more information,  
please call (718) 543-3003.

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La asociación del Rosario del Altar de San  
Juan patrocinará su Mercado sobre ruedas el  
abado 5 de abril 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en  
3030 Godwin Terrace. Para más información  
llame al telefono (718) 543-3003.

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## SISTERS OF LIFE

The season of Lent is a time of both sacrifice and giving of oneself. We ask your support in securing new items so that the Sisters of Life can continue to assist mothers and babies in need. The items requested are: **disposable diapers (all sizes), baby bottles, new newborn baby clothes and baby blankets. Also baby wipes, diaper bags, gift cards for Pathmark, Target, etc. and NYC Transit Metro Cards.** All donated items may be brought to the rectory. May God bless you for your generosity.

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## HERMANAS DE VIDA

La Cuaresma es una temporada de sacrificio y de dar de uno mismo. Pedimos se ayuda en conseguir donaciones para asistir las Hermanas de Vida en su ayuda a madres y bebés en necesidad. Las donaciones necesarias son las siguientes: **pañales disponibles (todos tamaños), biberones, ropita para recién nacidos, y cobijas de bebé. También bolsos para los pañales, toallas mojadas disponibles, tarjetas de regalo de Pathmark, Target, etc. Y tarjetas de tránsito de NYC.** Las donaciones serán aceptadas en la rectoría. Que Dios los bendiga por su generosidad.

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## SEASON OF LENT

These forty days are not a time to focus on our sins and suffering; it is not really a time of sack cloth and ashes. It is a time to be quiet, to listen and to remember God's promise to us, to celebrate our freedom from sin and death. This is season of deepening love.

Let us continue this season of Lent, not with sadness, but with joy. Let us journey together into the truth of our lives.

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Esto cuarenta días no son para enfocarnos en nuestros pecados y sufrimientos; en realidad no es un tiempo para saco de tela y cenizas. Es un tiempo de silencio, para escuchar, para recordar la promesa que Dios nos dejó, para celebrar nuestra libertad del pecado y la muerte. Esta es la temporada de un amor profundo. Empecemos esta temporada de Cuaresma, no con tristeza, sino con alegría. Hagamos la jornada juntos a la verdad de nuestras vidas.

## PASTORAL NOTES

### *Lenten Fast and Abstinence*

During the Season of Lent, the Church urges all the faithful to reflect a spirit in penance in the daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence.

**FASTING** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

**ABSTINENCE** is not eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continue throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

**Ash Wednesday** (March 5<sup>th</sup>) and **Good Friday** (April 18<sup>th</sup>) are days of fast and abstinence.

The **Fridays in Lent** (March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11) are days of abstinence.

### **Did You Know?**

The ashes that are used each year for *Ash Wednesday* are derived from the palms which are burned from the previous year's *Palm Sunday* celebration. Ashes signify our humanity, especially the creation account in *Genesis 2:7* which recalls the creation of human beings from the dust of the ground.

### *Parish Lenten Series: The Gospel Passion Accounts*

Rev. Michael Kerrigan will be leading a Lenten weekly series in reading the 4 Gospel Passion Accounts on Sunday afternoons (March 16, 23, 30 and April 6) from 12:45-2:00 pm) Sessions will be held in the meeting room of the lower church. Each week a different evangelist will be read and considered. It would be helpful to BYOB, i.e. *Bring Your Own Bible*.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE**

Ashes will be distributed at the 9:00 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish) Mass. No Ashes will be distributed at the rectory office.

## HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

### Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 2, 2014

Our world is filled with constant reminders. Advertisements tell us of what we need. Announcements are repeated constantly. Memos are sent via email. Yellow post it tags are all over the place, on the desk, the refrigerator door. Buy this, don't forget to pick up that.

God's word today gently reminds us of God's care for us. Using the image of a mother's care, Isaiah reassures us of God's maternal protection. A restless child going to sleep is comforted by her presence. The hug and embrace assures us that He is never far away.

The image of a bird, soaring, nesting and even feeding its newborn, tells me that He cares and is present to me in my every need. Why is it I sometimes approach God, thinking He is distant or severe? My God is merciful and just, full of kindness and compassion.

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

### Octavo Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario 2 de marzo de 2014

Nuestro mundo está lleno de constantes recordatorios. Anuncios nos dicen qué necesitamos. Los comerciales se repiten constantemente. Memorandos se envían por email. Uno encuentra notitas pegadas por todos lados, en el escritorio, la puerta del refrigerador. Compre esto, no se olvide de recoger aquello.

Las palabras de Dios hoy gentilmente nos recuerdan de lo mucho que le importamos. Al usar la imagen de una madre amorosa, Isaías nos asegura que Dios nos ofrece protección maternal. Un niño incómodo se tranquiliza por la presencia de su madre. El abrazo nos asegura que El nunca está lejos.

La imagen de un ave, volando, anidando, alimentando a su recién nacido me indica que yo le importo y que está presente por mí en todo momento. ¿Por qué es que a veces me aproximo a Dios pensando que El está distante o es severo? Mi Dios es misericordioso y justo, lleno de amor y comp

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We would like to encourage you to pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent. The Stations will be prayed every Friday of Lent after the 12:15 p.m. Mass in English. There will be a Mass at 7:00 p.m. on Fridays as we customarily have, after which the Stations will be prayed in Spanish.

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Queremos animarles a rezar el Via Crucis los viernes de Cuaresma. El Via Crucis sera rezado, en ingles, todos los viernes de Cuaresma, después de la misa de las 12:15 p.m. Se celebrará, como de costumbre, una misa en español todos los viernes a las 7:00 p.m. Después de la misa rezará el Via Crucis.

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## MORNING PRAYER

An excellent practice would be your attendance at Morning Prayer which is held Monday through Friday at 8:30 a.m. in the Lower Church. Come and join in at the official Prayer of the Church.

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Una práctica excelente podría ser de asistir a la Oración de la Mañana que se reza de lunes a viernes a las 8:30 a.m. en la Iglesia de abajo. Ven y únete en la Oración oficial de la Iglesia.

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### *2014 Cardinal's Appeal:*

#### *By the Numbers*

Parish Goal: \$49,500

Amount Pledged: \$11,895.

# of Gifts: 27

Average Gift Amount: \$440.56

Parish Goal Percentage: 24%

Many thanks to those who have already made their gift to this year's Cardinal's Appeal. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday for the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal. Remember that you may pledge a certain amount for your donation and make payments over the rest of the year. Please consider making your gift to support the various Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social services assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.