

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 30, 2014



Sunday, March 30, Fourth Sunday of Lent

5:00 + John, Jean and Bobby  
Tramontozzi  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 Intentions of Siobhan Sullivan  
10:00 (Sp) + Antonio and Lola Panama  
11:30 + Kitty and Dan O'Leary  
1:00 (Sp) + Juana Andino

Monday, March 31, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + John and James Normile  
12:15 + Bridie McHugh

Tuesday, April 1, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intentions of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + Mary Arbeznik  
7:00 (Sp.) + Romalda Rivas Castro and  
Romalda Rivas Gonzalez

Wednesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + John and James Normile  
12:15 + Bernard and Mary Duffy

Thursday, April 3, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intentions of Bob & Eileen  
Stanton  
12:15 + Mary Moore

Friday, April 4, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + John and James Normile  
12:15 + Dymphna and Dee Duffy  
7:00 (Sp) Intentions of Julia Pena

Saturday, April 5, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC  
12:15 + Parishioners who died in March  
5:00 + Maeve Toft

Sunday, April 6, Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Marion Kelly  
10:00 (Sp) + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado  
11:30 + Mockler Family  
1:00 (Sp) + Jose Miguel Santana

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

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church  
for the week of March 30-April 5 in memory of:

**HELEN and CHRISTOPHER KENNY**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower  
Church for the week of March 30-April 5 in  
memory of:

**CALLAHAN FAMILY**

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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.*



*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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## EASTER FLOWERS

On the radiators this weekend you will find envelopes marked "Easter Flowers." We ask your help and generosity in donating so we may purchase the Easter decorations which make our Church so beautiful. You may put the envelopes in any collection or bring it to the rectory. Also, Easter Sunday envelopes will be on the radiator for your convenience.

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Esta semana, en los radiators, encontrarán unos sobres con la inscripción, "Easter Flowers." Estamos apelando a su ayuda y generosidad para que no ayuden con la compra de las decoraciones de pascua que hacen ver nuestra iglesia tan hermosa. Pueden devolver los sobres poniéndolos en cualquiera de la cestas o en la rectoria. Para su convenciencia, en los radiators, también encontrarán sobres para la donación especial de Pascua de Resurrección. Apreciamos su generosidad.

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### NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY 2014

*What's Your BEatitude? (Mt 5:3)*

May 10, 2014

9:00 am -5:00 pm

St. Joseph's Seminary

201 Seminary Avenue

Yonkers, NY

For young people between the ages of 13-21

For more information and to register

[www.oymny.org](http://www.oymny.org)

[ymoffice@archny.org](mailto:ymoffice@archny.org)

(914)367-8329

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### *Not Married in the Catholic Church?*

For various reasons, couples choose to be civilly married but did not have a religious celebration in the Catholic Church. According to Church teaching, Catholics who marry are required to have their unions celebrated in the Catholic Church in order to participate in the church's sacramental life.

As recent parent meetings for sacramental preparation have raised, this situation often poses problems for families raising children. For those who are civilly married and did not have a previous marriage celebrated in the Catholic Church requiring an annulment, the process to have the marriage validated or blessed by the Catholic Church is usually not complicated. If you find yourself in this situation, please consider making an appointment to speak with Fr. Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio to discuss what may be done.

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## PASTORAL NOTES

### *Did You Know?*

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called "*Laetare Sunday*" which is derived from the entrance antiphon *Laetare, Jerusalem* ("Rejoice with Jerusalem" from *Isaiah* 66:10-11).

It marks the halfway point of the Lenten season and reflects the joyful note of the ancient practice of "*handing over*" the Apostles' Creed to "*The Elect*" who are preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

In addition, it is one of two Sundays in which rose colored vestments are worn at Mass. The other Sunday is *Gaudete Sunday*, the third Sunday of Advent.

### 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

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### LENTEN BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES:

#### TWO REMAINING SESSIONS

March 30<sup>th</sup> The Passion According to  
St. Luke

April 6<sup>th</sup> The Passion According to  
St. John

*Sundays 12:45 – 2:00 PM*

Meeting Room – St. John's Lower Church

*Sessions to be led by Rev. Michael Kerrigan*

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### TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

St. John's Catholic Elementary Regional has a block of tickets in section 234 at Yankee Stadium for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> baseball game between the Tampa Bay Rays and New York Yankees. Cost is \$38.00 per ticket. Please contact Mrs. Mauro at St. John's School (718)548-0255 if interested in purchasing tickets.

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
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**“But the Lord said to Samuel: “Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearances but the Lord looks into the heart.”... ‘Light produces every kind of goodness and justice and truth. Be correct in your judgment of what pleases the Lord.’”**

As we often hear on television ‘we are at half time’. It is a good time to stop, evaluate and recap. Lent seems to be flying by and our external practices of prayer, sacrifice and good works are well under way. We look at and examine ourselves. We see where we have been and are ready to move on. As happens as the second half begins teams have to adapt and adjust. We do too when we ask what does God see being played out in these first weeks. Where is my heart?

As I direct my light do I find goodness in what I say, think and do? Am I working for justice, right relationships with others? Do I seek the truth, the Jesus who told me He is the way, truth and life? Look at the world through another lens, the one the Lord is using as you walk the days of Lent, as you begin the second half.

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

**Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma**  
**30 de marzo de 2014**

**“Pero el Señor dijo a Samuel: ‘No te fijes en su aspecto ni en lo elevado de su estatura, porque yo lo he descartado. Dios no mira como mira el hombre; porque el hombre ve las apariencias, pero Dios ve el corazón.’... “el fruto de la luz es la bondad, la justicia y la verdad. Sepan discernir lo que agrada al Señor.”**

Así como dicen en la televisión, estamos en el “medio tiempo”. Es una buena oportunidad para detenernos, evaluar y recapitular. La cuaresma parece volar y nuestras externas prácticas de oración, sacrificios y obras de caridad ya van encaminadas. Nos vemos y examinamos. Vemos en dónde estábamos y nos alistamos a seguir adelante. Así como pasa cuando la segunda mitad comienza, los equipos deben adaptar y ajustarse. Nosotros también lo hacemos cuando nos preguntamos qué es lo que Dios ve que hemos logrado en estas primeras semanas. ¿En dónde está mi corazón?

Mientras dirijo mi luz, ¿encuentro bondad en lo que digo, pienso y hago? ¿Trabajo por la justicia, buenas relaciones con otros? ¿Busco la verdad, el Jesús que me dijo que El es el camino, la verdad y la vida? Mire al mundo con un lente diferente, el lente que usa el Señor mientras camina usted la jornada de la cuaresma, mientras comienza usted la segunda mitad.

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### **ST. JOHN'S ALUMNI IRISH RAFFLE**

Thank you to all who supported St. John's Alumni Irish Breakfast Raffle. The winners of the prizes were:

1. Anne Byrne, Pearl River, NY
  2. Veronica Rodriguez, Bronx, NY
  3. James Monahan, Bronx, NY
  4. Brian McKeever, Bronx, NY
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