

First Sunday of Lent  
Sunday, March 9, 2014



Sunday, March 9, First Sunday of Lent

5:00 + Bob Henn  
7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 Increase in Religious Vocations  
10:00 (Sp) + Juan & Teresa Melendez and  
Maya Cazar

11:30 + Nellie Crowley  
1:00 (Sp) + Nylsa Feliciano

Monday, March 10, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intention of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + John, Jean and Bobby Tramontozzi

Tuesday, March 11, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Michael Haas  
12:15 Mass of Thanksgiving  
7:00 (Sp.) + Acurcio Vera Cruz

Wednesday, March 12, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intention of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + Robert Carroll

Thursday, March 13, Lenten Weekday

9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC & Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC  
12:15 + William, Louise & Dermot Kennedy

Friday, March 14, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intention of Patrick Scanlon  
12:15 + Neil Crowley  
7:00 (Sp) +Rafael & Gladys Contreras

Saturday, March 15, Lenten Weekday

9:00 Intention of Siobhan Sullivan  
12:15 + Crowley, McCarthy & O'Keefe  
Families

5:00 + Matthew Foley

Sunday, March 16, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 Parishioners of St. John Parish  
8:45 + Patrick and Mary O'Keefe  
10:00 + Clotilde Lopez Laboriel and  
Antonio Melendez Avila  
11:30 + Thomas Hickey  
1:00 (Sp) + Jaime Irizarry

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

The Wine and Hosts consecrated in the Upper  
Church for the week of March 9-15 for:

**INTENTIONS OF MIRIAM CALAF**

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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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### ***Fasting & Feasting***

*Lent is more than a time of fasting; it can also be a joyous season of feasting.*

*Lent is a time to fast from certain things, and to feast on others.*

- Fast** from judging others
  - Feast** on the Christ dwelling in them
- Fast** from emphasis on differences
  - Feast** on the unity of life
- Fast** from apparent darkness
  - Feast** on the reality of light
- Fast** from thoughts of illness
  - Feast** on the healing power of God
- Fast** from words that pollute
  - Feast** on words that purify
- Fast** from discontent
  - Feast** on gratitude
- Fast** from anger
  - Feast** on patience
- Fast** from pessimism
  - Feast** on optimism
- Fast** from worry
  - Feast** on Divine Providence
- Fast** from complaining
  - Feast** on appreciation
- Fast** from negatives
  - Feast** on affirmatives
- Fast** from unrelenting pleasures
  - Feast** on unceasing prayer
- Fast** from hostility
  - Feast** on peace
- Fast** from bitterness
  - Feast** on forgiveness
- Fast** from self-concern
  - Feast** on compassion for others
- Fast** from personal anxiety
  - Feast** on trust
- Fast** from discouragement
  - Feast** on hope
- Fast** from acts that tear down
  - Feast** on acts which build up
- Fast** from thoughts that weaken
  - Feast** on promises that inspire
- Fast** from idle gossip
  - Feast** on purposeful silence
- Fast** from problems which overwhelm
  - Feast** on prayer that undergirds

### **PASTORAL NOTES**

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

Rev. Michael Kerrigan will be leading a weekly Lenten series on the Gospel Passion Accounts by the 4 evangelists 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. Next week will begin with the Gospel of St. Matthew, the Passion Account that will be read on Palm Sunday. Reading and studying the Bible offers a way to enrich one's spiritual life and to become more familiar with the Word of God. It would be helpful to BYOB, i.e. *Bring Your Own Bible*.

#### ***February Parish Offertory:***

##### ***By the Numbers***

February 1-2	\$5,280.00
February 8-9	\$4,745.00
February 15-16	\$4,153.00
February 22-23	\$5,832.00
\$20,010.00 = Total Monthly Amount:	
\$30,000.00 = Monthly Budgeted Amount Needed for Parish Operation	
- \$9,990.00 = <u>Shortfall (Deficit for Month)</u>	
<b>-\$20,045.50 = Shortfall for first two months of 2014</b>	

In this Lenten season in which prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are encouraged, you may wish to reflect upon how you are supporting your parish and consider increasing your weekly contribution to support St. John's Church.

#### ***2014 Cardinal's Appeal:***

##### ***By the Numbers***

Parish Goal:	\$49,500
Amount Pledged:	\$16,799.
# of Gifts:	41
Average Gift Amount:	\$409.73
Parish Goal Percentage:	34%

**This weekend's Commitment Sunday offers the opportunity to make your donation to the 2014 Cardinal's Appeal or to pledge a certain amount payable in installments over the year. Many thanks to those who have already made their gifts**

## **HIS WORD TODAY**

*by Rev. William J. Reilly*

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**“To sum up then, just as a single offense brought condemnation to all men, a single righteous act brought all men acquittal and life. Just as through one man’s disobedience all became sinners, so through one man’s obedience all shall become just...” “Not on bread alone is man to live”... “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test”... “You shall do homage to the Lord your God; him alone shall you adore.”**

A few days since we showed our devotion and desire to live this Holy Season. The ashes are gone, but the reason for Lent is so obvious. We are all in need of forgiveness, for personal sin and the collective sins of all humankind. Looking at our world tells everyone we have a lot of work to do. What Jesus did for me by His sacrifice is the greatest gift possible, resulting in acquittal and life. When we learn of a verdict or a jury ‘not guilty’ we know people are relieved and begin a new life. When Jesus told the woman ‘neither do I condemn you’ think of how she felt. I begin Lent seeking the forgiveness I need and offering the forgiveness which I have the power to give.

The words of Jesus in response to the three temptations are gentle reminders. This Lent be  
1) Fed by the word of God 2) Jump at the chance to forgive someone who caused a hurt and 3) Make your prayer life be as if it were the last opportunity to be at peace with God and others.

I ask the gift of conversion, turning to Jesus daily. I pray that the Lord will soften the hearts of those who see no need for Lent this year.

## **SU PALABRA HOY**

*por el Reverendo William J. Reilly*

**Primer Domingo de Cuaresma  
9 de marzo de 2014**

**“Por consiguiente, así como la falta de uno solo causó la condenación de todos, también el acto de justicia de uno solo producirá para todos los hombres la justificación que conduce a la Vida. Y de la misma manera que por la desobediencia de un solo hombre todos se convirtieron en pecadores, también por la obediencia de uno solo, todos se convertirán en justos”... “El hombre no vive solamente de pan”... “No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios”... “Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios, y a él solo rendirás culto.”**

Hace pocos días que mostramos nuestra devoción y deseo de vivir esta época santa. Las cenizas se han ido, pero la razón de la cuaresma es obvia. Todos necesitamos perdón, por pecado personal, y por los pecados colectivos de la humanidad. Al ver nuestro mundo nos damos cuenta de que tenemos mucho trabajo por delante. Lo que Jesús hizo por mí con su sacrificio es el mayor don posible, resultando en absolución y vida. Cuando escuchamos que un jurado da un veredicto de “inocente” sabemos que la gente se alivia y comienza una nueva vida. Cuando Jesús le dijo a la mujer “tampoco yo te condeno”, piense cómo se sintió. Comienzo la cuaresma buscando el perdón que necesito y ofreciendo el perdón el cual tengo el poder de dar.

Las palabras de Jesús en respuesta a las tres tentaciones son recordatorios gentiles. En esta cuaresma sea, primero, alimentado por la palabra de Dios. Segundo, no deje pasar la oportunidad de perdonar a alguien que le ha causado dolor y. tercero, haga de su vida de oración como si fuera la última oportunidad de hacer las paces con Dios y otros.

Pido el don de la conversión, volteándome hacia el Señor diariamente. Ruego para que el Señor suavice los corazones de aquellos que no ven la necesidad de la cuaresma este año.