

**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday, May 17, 2015**



**Sunday, May 17, Seventh Sunday of Easter**

5:00 + Cruz Cruz Torrech  
8:30 Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 (Sp) + Amelia Moran Gonzalez  
11:30 + Deceased Members of the Curran  
Family

1:00 (Sp) + Sunilda De Los Santos

**Monday, May 18, Easter Weekday**

9:00 + Debbie Lawson Holloway  
12:15 + Rafael, Maria & Ralph Sanchez

**Tuesday, May 19, Easter Weekday**

9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother  
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother  
Joseph Murphy, FSC

12:15 + Hugh Masterson, Jr.

7:00 (Sp.) + Carmen Gilda Francisco

**Wednesday, May 20, Easter Weekday**

9:00 + Paul B. Murray  
12:15 + Ramiro Torres

**Thursday, May 21, Easter Weekday**

9:00 + Joseph Zane  
12:15 + Judy Diaz

**Friday, May 22, Easter Weekday**

9:00 + Felipe Mercado  
12:15 + Madeline & John Kiernan  
7:00 (Sp) + Ana and Jose Agustin  
De La Cruz

**Saturday, May 23, Easter Weekday**

12:15 + Martin Enright  
5:00 + Hilda Merced

**Sunday, May 24, Pentecost Sunday**

8:30 Parishioners of St. John  
10:00 (Sp) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez  
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi  
1:00 (Sp) + Roma Sassone

**DONATIONS**

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church for the week of May 17-23 in memory of:

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower Church for the week of May 17-23 in memory of:

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR**



**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.*



**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: \$34,301

# of Gifts: 107

Average Gift Amount: \$330.57

Parish Goal Percentage: 69%

If you have not already done so, please consider making your gift to support the various Archdiocesan pastoral, educational, and social services assisted by the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship.

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. Please make use of the specially marked envelopes that you received in the mail or are available in the church.

Many thanks to all who have contributed to this year's Cardinal's Appeal

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

***By the Numbers: April Parish Collections***

April 5 <sup>th</sup> (Easter)	\$12,964.00
April 11-12	\$7287.00
April 18-19	\$7047.00
April 25-26	\$6757.00
<i>ParishPay</i>	\$903.00

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. Many thanks for your financial support.

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***Have You Considered Using ParishPay?***

*ParishPay* offers an alternative way to make contributions to St. John's Church. In lieu of using the weekly envelopes and placing them in the collection basket at Mass, *ParishPay* offers the opportunity for automated donations or electronic giving. Contributions may be made from credit cards, bank checking or savings accounts. Also, this method enables one to budget their donations to our parish.

As indicated in the April collections, twelve parishioners gave \$903 through *ParishPay*. For more information, please call 1-866-727-4741 ext. 1 or visit [www.ParishPay.com](http://www.ParishPay.com)

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***Upcoming Spring Parish Celebrations***

*First Holy Communion*: Saturday June 6th  
5:00 pm Mass

Sunday June 7th 11:30 am and 1:00 pm Masses

**50th Anniversary of Religious Profession  
for Sr. Christine Carrigg, R.J.M.**

Sunday June 14th 11:30 am Mass with general  
reception following Mass

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His Eminence Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan will be ordaining ten transitional deacons and two members of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal to the priesthood at The Cathedral of St Patrick on Saturday May 23rd at 9:00 am.

This year's Ordinandi are: James Benavides, Sean Connolly, Jose Cruz, Ricardo Garcia (who served here in our parish last summer) Adolphus Muoghalu, Adolfo Novio, Matthew Reiman, Stephen Ries, Elvin Rivera, Jean-Marie Uzabakiriho, Brother Christopher McBride, C.F.R. and Brother Ignatius Shin, C.F.R.

While reserved seating is limited to the family of the ordinandi, a general invitation is extended to anyone who would like to attend this year's ordinations to the priesthood at St. Patrick's Cathedral. *Ad multos annos!*

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***Prayer for Vocations***

*God of all creation,*

*In Baptism You called each one of us  
by name to be your children.*

*We give you thanks and praise you for this gift.*

*May the "Good News" of Jesus Christ,  
which inspired the first disciples to  
"Come and See"*

*continue to speak in our world today.*

*Bless the Archdiocese of New York*

*with men and women  
who will answer your call  
to speak your Word  
as Priests, Deacons,*

*Religious Sisters and Brothers,  
Missionaries and Lay Ministers.*

*We make this prayer through Jesus your Son,  
and our Lord and Brother forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

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***Cincuenta Aniversario de Bodas***

Todas las parejas que celebran sus 50 años de cases en el año 2015 están invitadas a la Misa Anual de Cincuenta Aniversario de Bodas. La Santa Misa será celebrada por el Cardenal Dolan el sábado 20 y domingo 21 de junio a las 2:00 pm en la Catedral de San Patricio. Favor de escoger una de as dos fechas y contact la oficina de St. John para inscribirse. El ultimo dia para inscribirse es el martes, 19 mayo. Esta celebración está patrocinada por la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Respeto a la Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
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**“Peter stood up in the midst of the brothers...He said ‘My brothers, the Scriptures had to be fulfilled which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand...it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day he was taken up from us, become with us a witness of his resurrection.’ Then they prayed, ‘You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen.’”**

Reading the Acts of the Apostles we are constantly reminded of the role and the power of the Holy Spirit. The group of eleven and their companions depended on the grace and power of the Spirit to direct them in their new found mission. In sports language, the Holy Spirit was the twelfth person on the field. They knew they needed outside help.

It is no different today. The church calls us all to ministry, some ordained, some consecrated, all dedicated to the building of His kingdom. The Spirit speaks to you as you read today, expressing the need as well as the call. We too pray Oh, ‘Lord, you know my heart, show me what you want me to do for your church.’

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### ***Making All Things New Update***

On Friday May 8<sup>th</sup>, the Archdiocese of New York announced another set of final decisions regarding parish mergers in addition to the decisions announced on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The latest announcement is 31 parishes being merged into 14 parishes. The Archdiocesan website [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org) has further information and specific details.

The *Making All Things New* pastoral parish planning process has resulted in the Archdiocese of New York merging 143 existing parishes into 69 new parishes and decreasing the total number of parishes from 368 to 296.

At this stage in the process, the Priest Personnel Board will be making decisions about appointments of administrators or pastors for the 69 merged parishes (including St. John-Visitation) along with an additional 20 parishes throughout the 10 counties of the Archdiocese.

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead and guide us in the months ahead as the Archdiocese of New York implements *Making All Things New* in revitalizing and strengthening the life for vibrant parish communities.

**SU PALABRA HOY**  
por el Reverendo William J. Reilly  
**Séptimo Domingo de Pascua**  
**17 de mayo de 2015**

**“Pedro se puso de pie en medio de los hermanos y dijo: ‘Hermanos, era necesario que se cumpliera la Escritura de la que el Espíritu Santo hablaba... Es necesario que uno de los que han estado en nuestra compañía durante todo el tiempo que el Señor Jesús permaneció con nosotros, desde el bautismo de Juan hasta el día de la ascensión, sea constituido junto con nosotros testigo de su resurrección.’ Y oraron así: ‘Señor, tú que conoces los corazones de todos, muéstranos a cuál de los dos elegiste.’”**

Cuando leemos los Hechos de los Apóstoles constantemente se nos recuerda del papel y el poder del Espíritu Santo. El grupo de once y sus compañeros dependían de la gracia y el poder del Espíritu para dirigirlos en su nueva misión. En lenguaje deportivo, el Espíritu Santo era el décimo segundo jugador en el campo. Ellos sabían que necesitaban ayuda externa.

Hoy no es diferente. La iglesia nos llama a todos nosotros al ministerio, algunos se ordenan, algunos se consagran, todos se dedica a construir Su reino. El Espíritu le habla a usted hoy, expresando la necesidad así como el llamado. Oramos Oh, ‘Señor. tú que conoces mi corazón, muéstrame lo que quieres que haga por tu iglesia.’

