

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, May 25, 2014



Sunday, May 25, Sixth Sunday of Easter

5:00 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi

7:30 People of St. John's Parish

8:45 + James Gerard Ryan and
Intention of Sean Patrick Ryan

10:00 (Sp) +Josefa Gonzalez, Celia, Andrea
and Benigno Ojeda, Sr.

11:30 + Muriel Moore

1:00 (Sp) + Lydia Laboriel Blanco

Monday, May 26, St. Philip Neri

9:00 + Fidelina , Miropo & Julian Badia

12:15 HOLIDAY – No 12:15 Mass

Tuesday, May 27, Easter Weekday

9:00 + John Guarracino, Fusco Family
and Rosa Zingone

12:15

7:00 (Sp.) +Hector Torres

Wednesday, May 28, Easter Weekday

9:00

12:15

7:00 (Vigil) In Thanksgiving for the
Canonization of Popes John XXIII
and John Paul II

Thursday, May 29, Ascension of the Lord

9:00 Intentions of Louise Guarracino

12:15 + Michael Coughan & Sonny Ayers

7:00 (Sp.) People of St. John's Parish

Friday, May 30, Easter Weekday

9:00

12:15

7:00 + Carla Libasci

Saturday, May 31, Visitation of Mary

9:00

12:15 + James Kennedy

5:00 + Sylvester Nugent

Sunday, June 1, Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 People of St. John's Parish

8:45 + Juan & Teresa Melendez and
Maya Cazar

10:00 + Victoria Beas

11:30 + Patricia Henn

1:00 + Lucindo Urena

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THIS WEEK'S DONATIONS

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of May 25-31 in memory of:

KEVIN G. KENNY and

FR. MICHAEL J.KENNY, OAR

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower
Church for the week of May 25-31 in memory
of:

MARGIE and PETER McVANN

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, Jose Garcia, Timothy Mahoney.

*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.

ST. JOHN'S FLEA MARKET

St. John's Altar Rosary Society will sponsor their
Flea Market on Saturday, June 7th from 9:00
a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 3030 Godwin Terrace.

Featuring clothing of all kinds, bric-a-brac,
jewelry and household goods. For more
information, please call Alba Sanchez at (718)
543-3003.

La asociación del Rosario del Altar de San Juan
patrocinará su Mercado sobre ruedas el abado 7
de junio 9:00 a.m. a 4:00 p.m. en 3030 Godwin
Terrace. Habra ropas de toda clase joyerías y
cosas para el hogar. Para más información llame
al telefono Alba Sanchez a (718) 543-3003.

ASCENSION THURSDAY MASS SCHEDULE

This coming Thursday May 29th marks the 40th day since Easter Sunday in which the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a holy day of obligation. Our parish Mass schedule for Ascension Thursday will be:

Wednesday 7:00 PM Vigil Mass (English)

Thursday 9:00 AM (English); **12:15 PM** (English); **7:00 PM** (Spanish)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION THIS COMING SATURDAY

The students and families from our parish's religious education program will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at the Saturday May 31st Parish 5:00 PM Mass.

WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER SEMINARIAN RICARDO GARCIA

Mr. Ricardo Garcia who has recently completed his third year of theological studies at St. Joseph's Seminary will be joining us here at St. John's Parish through July 6th. We look forward to his pastoral assistance over the coming weeks and extend our welcome to him along with our prayers as he continues his preparation on the journey toward the priesthood.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Gospels record Mary as speaking 7 times:

- 1) *"How can this be since I am a virgin?"*
(Luke 1:34)
- 2) *"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word"*
(Luke 1:38)
- 3) Mary entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth (Luke 1:40)
- 4) *"My soul magnifies the Lord"* **The Magnificat** (Luke 1:46-55)
- 5) *"Child, why have you treated us like this? Look your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety"* (Luke 2:48)
- 6) *"They have no wine."* (John 2:3)
- 7) *"Do whatever He tells you."* (John 2:5)

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

In observance of the Memorial Day national holiday, our parish office will be closed on Monday May 26th and the only parish Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

PASTORAL NOTES

Pastoral Planning Since Pentecost

From the blog of Timothy Cardinal Dolan –

May 6, 2014

The readings from God's Holy Word in the Bible during this bright Easter season are most enlightening and encouraging.

The apostles, disciples, and faithful women and men had to pray for guidance, then debate, and finally make tough decisions about such things as preaching the Gospel outside of Jerusalem (*Who would go? Where? What language?*); taking care of the "widows and orphans" (thus the development of deacons); the flow of the liturgy and other sacraments; attracting new converts and preserving the faith of those already in the fold; how to relate to pressing cultural and social issues, bringing the light of the gospel to the public square; and, how best to spend the offerings of God's People.

One legitimately asks: hasn't the Church been into strategic pastoral planning since Jesus ascended to His heavenly Father?

It's hardly novel. Our current ***Making All Things New*** is only the 2014 chapter of an opus which began to be composed in 33 AD.

That's why we've stressed from the start of our present round of planning that it's more than a question about buildings, addresses, closings or merging. Yes, some of this will be called for, and the sound recommendations from our pastors, clergy, religious, and people are now "on the table," to be further prayed over, refined, and finalized.

But, driving all of this is the same set of values we sense in our Easter readings: *Is the invitation of Jesus, and the truth of His message, being extended effectively in our preaching, religious education of the young, faith formation of adults, and our schools? Are the poor and rich being served? Are the "fallen away" being welcomed back? Do God's people have available to them the spiritual sustenance of prayer and the sacraments? Are the offerings of God's People being spent well, or squandered?*

Some are tempted to observe (and the press readily reports it!) that this strategic pastoral planning is all the result of a new, unprecedented crisis in today's Church, caused by such things as mismanagement and stupidity by bishops and priests; the stubbornness of the Church to change settled teaching (woman's ordination) or discipline (priestly celibacy) to correct the shortage of vocations; the loss of money paid to victims and attorneys due to the sex abuse nausea; or the mistakes of past bishops and pastors in overbuilding and over-expansion.

Baloney! There's not much radical, dramatic, or crisis driven in sound, patient, prayerful pastoral planning. It's been going on since Pentecost.

Thanks to all of you leading and cooperating in this current phase! It's not easy, but it's sure essential. And you're in good company with the apostles and first generation disciples.

HIS WORD TODAY

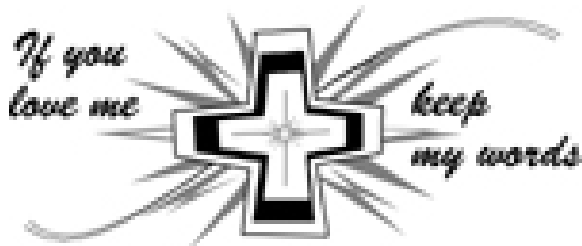
by Rev. William J. Reilly
May 25, 2014

“Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear...” “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him.”

The encouraging words of St. Peter and the promise of Jesus in His prayer for us, provide a map for our Christian living. A map is a plan, gives direction, leading to a destination, but it is not the journey itself. It is used at the starting point, but the journey begins with the first step.

The directive of St. Peter reflects the witness we can give. When others criticize the church, they are criticizing Christ and the human dimension of His followers. We are not perfect, but are working at perfection. We are not to become defensive, but gently and reverently, accept the criticism and if possible respond, but always in charity.

It is the basic commandment of love of God and neighbor which is our goal and that of the church. We approach our God with great confidence, our hope, knowing two great things. The first is that the Spirit is among us and that the Father will support and sustain us if we ask. May I ask, ‘what is the reason for your hope?’



SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly
25 de mayo de 2014

“Estén siempre dispuestos a defenderse delante de cualquiera que les pida razón de la esperanza que ustedes tienen. Pero háganlo con suavidad y respeto, y con tranquilidad de conciencia.” ... Si ustedes me aman, cumplirán mis mandamientos. Y yo rogaré al Padre, y él les dará otro Paráclito para que esté siempre con ustedes: el Espíritu de la Verdad, a quien el mundo no puede recibir, porque no lo ve ni lo conoce.”

Las alentadoras palabras de San Pedro y la promesa de Jesús en su oración por nosotros nos proveen de un mapa para nuestro vivir cristiano. Un mapa es un plan, que da dirección, conduciéndonos a un destino, pero no es la jornada. Se usa como un punto de partida, pero la jornada comienza con un primer paso.

La directiva de San Pedro refleja el testimonio que podemos dar. Cuando otros critiquen la iglesia, ellos están criticando a Cristo y la dimensión humana de sus seguidores. No somos perfectos pero estamos trabajando en perfeccionarnos. No debemos ponernos a la defensiva, sino que gentil y respetuosamente aceptar el criticismo y si podemos responder, hagámoslo siempre caritativamente.

Es el mandamiento básico de amor a Dios y al prójimo lo que es nuestra meta y también la de la iglesia. Nos acercamos a Dios con gran confianza, nuestra esperanza, conociendo dos grandes cosas. La primera es que el Espíritu está entre nosotros y que el Padre nos ayuda y sostiene si se lo pedimos. Permítame preguntar: ‘¿Cuál es la razón de nuestra esperanza?’