

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sunday, September 14, 2014

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Holy Cross

- 5:00 + Adolfo Torrech, Jr., Charles C.
Coletti & Cruz Cruz Torrech
8:30 Parishioners of St. John
10:00 (Sp) + Angela, Jose & Martin Delgado
11:30 + John, Jean & Bobby Tramontozzi
1:00 (Sp) + Victor, Sabino, Ildefonso and
Filiberto Brito

Monday, September 15, Our Lady of Sorrows

- 9:00 + Fr. Michael Kenny, OAR
12:15 + Fr. Francis Peluso, OAR

Tuesday, September 16, Saints Cornelius
and Cyprian

- 9:00 + Eileen Scanlon & Sr. Mary L.
Scanlon, RJM
12:15 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC
7:00 (Sp.) + Rafael Francisco

Wednesday, September 17, Weekday

- 9:00 Intentions of Regina Di Orio
and Family

- 12:15 + Joseph Sullivan

Thursday, September 18, Weekday

- 9:00 + Fr. Edward Fagan, OAR, Brother
Peter Stewart, FSC and Brother
Joseph Murphy, FSC
12:15 + Crowley, McCarthy and O'Keefe
Families

Friday, September 19, Weekday

- 9:00 Special Intention
12:15 + Gennaro Bozzo
7:00(Sp) + Previsterio Gomez

Saturday, September 20, Saints Andrew Kim
Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

- 12:15 + Cornelius & Nellie Crowley
5:00 + Kathleen & Dennis Tuohy

Sunday, September 21, Twenty-Fifth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

- 8:30 Intention of Mildred Kolessar and
Family
10:00 (Sp.) + Carmelo Montanez Rodriguez
11:30 + Ralph Sanchez
1:00(Sp.) + Zunilda de los Santos

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

The Altar Candles burning in the Lower Church
for the week of September 14-20 in memory of:

**FR. MICHAEL J. KENNY, OAR and
KEVIN G. KENNY**

The Sanctuary Lamp burning in the Lower
Church for the week of September 14-20 for:
SPECIAL INTENTION

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK.....

Christina Zingone, Fr. Peter J. McCrann,
SMM, Maria Rivera Malucci, Lindsey
Guzman, Alice Ann O'Donohue Mason,
Noreen Liddane, Jose Garcia, Timothy
Mahoney, Stephen Eric Goldstein.

*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

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removed from this list or to be added.

St. John's Parish Religious Education Program

Classes for children whose families wish to
attend religious instruction in the St. John's
School of Religion begin this month. If your
family has not already registered for classes,
please contact Ms. Jeanette Guzman (718)884-
2627. Classes are offered for children from
Grade 1 through High School.

Victim Assistance

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of
sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious
or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York

is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, OP at 212-371-2000 X 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may be reached via e-mail at: victimassistance@archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

Cualquier persona que necesite reporter algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte a la Hermana Eileen Clifford, OP al 212-371-1000 X 2949 o Diacono George J. Coppola al 917-861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados vía correo electrónico: victimassistance@archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se prove para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros.

Parish Mass Intentions

In accordance with a directive from Bishop Walsh, the Vicar General, in light of the *Making All Things New* Archdiocesan pastoral strategic planning process, parishes may accept stipends for Masses up until June 30, 2015. Your understanding in this regard is greatly appreciated as our parish begins to accept 2015 Mass Intentions.

By the Numbers:

August Parish Offertory Collections

August 2-3	\$4775.00
Latin America	\$1876.00
August 9-10	\$4119.00
August 16-17	\$4,445.00
Parish Maintenance	\$830.00
August 23-24	\$4,933.00
August 30-31	\$4288.00

Propagation of the Faith \$1993.00

St. John's Church depends upon the generosity of parishioners in meeting the operating expenses for our church building and parish along with serving the spiritual, liturgical, and pastoral needs of our Catholic community in Kingsbridge. Many thanks for your financial support.

The Exaltation of the Cross

This weekend's liturgical celebration recalls a double anniversary from the fourth century AD of a church being constructed by the Emperor Constantine in Jerusalem on the site attributed to Calvary and the discovery of the Lord's cross by the empress St. Helena in 320 AD.

Constantine erected a round church, the *Anastasis*, above the empty grave of Jesus along with a basilica, the *Martyrium* as well as a shrine, the *Calvarium* between the two aforementioned churches making the place of the crucifixion. Dedicated in 335 AD, they were destroyed by the Persians in 614 AD. The two churches were rebuilt by Patriarch Modestus of Jerusalem in 626 AD but later destroyed by the Muslims in 1009 AD. The present site of the Holy Sepulcher, rebuilt by the Crusaders was dedicated in 1149 AD.

Welcome to Our Pastoral Year Seminarian

The formation faculty staff of St. Joseph's Seminary in conjunction with the Office of the Cardinal has assigned Mr. Anthony Giacona to serve at St. John's Parish this coming academic year (September 2014-May 2015). He will be here engaged fully in parish life during this pastoral year as part of the ongoing formation and priestly training. The pastoral year for Archdiocesan seminarians may be described as being similar to an internship. We welcome Mr. Anthony Giacona and look forward to him being here and serving at St. John's Parish.

Adults Interested in Sacramental Preparation

Adults who would like to consider the possibility of becoming a Catholic or those who have not yet celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist are asked to contact Fr. Michael Kerrigan or Fr. Antonio Astudillo. Our parish will be offering sessions for adults who are interested in preparing for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Eucharist). Please spread the word to those who may be interested; this is a helpful way to assist in the church's ongoing work and mission of evangelization.

HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14, 2014

“Moses accordingly made a bronze serpent and mounted it on a pole, and whenever anyone who had been bitten by a serpent looked at the bronze serpent, he recovered.”... “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so

must the Son of Man be lifted up, that all who believe may have eternal life in him”

For some the cross is a stumbling block, but for believers it is a sign of triumph. The desert experience of the Israelites speaks of their need to be freed from the evil inflicted by the serpents. Last spring we met the evil one in the Garden of Eden and we were introduced to evil, defeat and death. Today as we look upon the cross, which St. Pope John 23 called ‘the sign of love’ we find strength and hope.

A friend who made beautiful crosses in his wood workshop once asked: ‘what kind of cross do you like, the suffering Christ or the victorious One’. The first tells on the agony, suffering and death it took to regain our lost lives. The latter tells us of the Christ supporting us in our need today. I live with the joy and triumph of the resurrected Christ.

We were marked with the sign of the cross on our foreheads at our baptism. We usually make the sign of the cross when we begin and end our prayers. We see the cross on top of our churches and above our altars. With gratitude may we today express our gratitude for the saving cross of Jesus Christ, and may we make the sign of the cross devoutly and thoughtfully.

SU PALABRA HOY

por el Reverendo William J. Reilly

Exaltación de la Santa Cruz 14 de septiembre de 2014

“Moisés hizo una serpiente de bronce y la puso sobre un asta. Y cuando alguien era mordido por una serpiente, miraba hacia la serpiente de bronce y quedaba curado.” ... “De la misma manera que Moisés levantó en alto la serpiente en el desierto, también es necesario que el Hijo del hombre sea levantado en alto, para que todos los que creen en él tengan Vida eterna.”

Para algunos la cruz es un obstáculo, pero para los creyentes es una señal de triunfo. La experiencia de los israelitas en el desierto habla de su necesidad de estar libres del daño que les afligían las serpientes. La primavera pasada encontramos al maligno en el Jardín del Edén y nos encontramos con la maldad, la derrota y la muerte. Hoy, cuando ponemos la vista sobre la cruz, la cual el Papa San Juan XXIII llamó “la señal del amor”, encontramos fuerza y esperanza.

Un amigo quien hacía bellas cruces en su taller de madera me preguntó una vez: ‘¿Qué clase de cruces prefieres, el Cristo que sufre o el Cristo victorioso?’ El primero habla de agonía, sufrimiento y la muerte que se necesitó para recuperar nuestras vidas perdidas. El segundo habla del Cristo que nos apoya en nuestra necesidad hoy. Yo vivo con la alegría y triunfo del Cristo Resucitado.

Fuimos marcados con la señal de la cruz en nuestras frentes en nuestro bautismo. Generalmente hacemos la señal de la cruz cuando comenzamos y terminamos nuestras oraciones. Vemos la cruz sobre nuestras iglesias y en nuestros altares. Que podamos con gratitud hoy expresar nuestro agradecimiento por la cruz salvadora de Jesucristo, y que podamos hacer la señal de la cruz con con nuestra mente y con nuestro corazón.