

April 23, 2017

Saint John *the Evangelist -* *Our Lady of Peace* *Catholic Church*

On the Corner of East 55th Street and First Avenue

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Jesus our Divine Teacher and Risen Lord.

Sunday Masses
7:30, 9:00 and 10:30am
12 Noon and 5:30pm
Saturday Vigil at 5:30pm

Monday thru Friday Masses
7:00 and 8:15am
12:10 and 5:30pm
Saturday Masses
8:15am and 12:10pm

Sacrament of Penance
Monday thru Friday:
11:30am to 12 Noon
5:00 to 5:25pm
Saturday:
11:30am to 12 Noon
4:30 to 5:25pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Friday
8:45am to Noon
12:45 to 5:00pm
Benediction: 5:00pm

Japanese Mass
1:00pm 2nd Saturday
Throughout the Year

Baptisms and Marriages
By appointment

Visitation of the Sick
Upon request

Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday:
Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm
Masses

Rosary
Monday and Wednesday:
Following the 5:30pm Mass

Parish House Office Hours
Monday thru Friday:
9:00am to 12 Noon
1:00pm to 5:00pm

Music Director
Kathleen Martin
Choir Rehearsal:
Thursday at 7:00pm (*September thru June*)

Wheelchair Accessible
Entrance on 1011 First Avenue



NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



MASS PRAYERS IN LATIN

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY & LAMB OF GOD

SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus
Dominus Deus Sabaoth
Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua.
Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini
Hosanna in excelsis.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

Easter Thoughts



"Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone. But, the power of the Resurrection, this Passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives."

—Pope Francis

"Do not be afraid to take up the challenge of making Christ known in the modern "metropolis." It is you who must "go out into the byroads" and invite everyone you meet to the banquet which God has prepared for His people."

—St. John Paul II



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

In Loving Memory of

ANNE MARIE SCHMITT

The Easter Season



The great feast of Easter, which is fifty days in length, invites Catholics to practice in their daily lives the joy of the Resurrection. In the readings during the season, we hear stories of the Risen Lord appearing to disciples in the garden tomb and on the road to Emmaus, in the upper room and on the shore of the sea. Jesus appears to His disciples for forty days before His Ascension, to ensure that the newly formed Church is alive in her faith.

Although Jesus does not appear to us in bodily form, the Resurrection is just as real for us as it was on the first Easter morning. We are an Easter people. We pattern our lives on the Paschal Mystery and testify that no sin and suffering can destroy the gift of life God promises us in Christ Jesus. These fifty days are an opportunity for us and the whole Church to radiate the inexpressible joy of Easter to a world waiting for peace together with Easter hope that crowns the season at the celebration of Pentecost.



From the Desk of Monsignor Mathers

My Dear Parishioners,

Throughout the Bible, God is characterized by a deep abiding, and merciful love for humanity, especially for those who respond to God's invitation to live according to His commandments and His new covenant in Jesus. God's Divine Love is recognized in a special way on the Sunday after Easter, which since 2000, has been celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. On this day, we celebrate God's unfathomable love and His constant yearning to forgive us for the ways in which we fail in our obligations to follow the new covenant in Jesus.

Recognition of God's loving mercy and forgiveness has been a constant in our Catholic tradition. However there was never a formal liturgical celebration until St. John Paul II established this feast day for the whole Church. He declared, "Divine Mercy is the Easter Gift that the Church receives from the Risen Christ and offers to humanity at the dawn of the Third Millennium."

In the past, many other Popes and faithful Catholics had advocated celebrating God's Mercy. Pope John Paul II was greatly influenced in this regard by the writings of a 20th Century Polish nun, the mystic St. Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938). St. Faustina was born on a farm in rural Poland and was the third of ten children born to her parents. When almost twenty, she entered the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, became Sr. Maria Faustina, and devoted her life to the message of God's mercy. She described her spiritual experiences with Christ in her diary, "Divine Mercy in My Soul."

For almost 40 years, Pope John Paul II championed Sr. Faustina's mission to promote God's mercy in the world. This finally culminated both in her canonization and the

establishment of the Feast of Divine Mercy. This feast fulfills what Christ Himself told St. Faustina:

"I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened." —Faustina's Diary, P. 699.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers*



COLORS OF EASTER

GREEN is for the palms that they waved at Him as He entered into Jerusalem.

PURPLE is for the wine He poured and blessed before He faced His final test.

RED is for the Precious Blood He shed from His Hands and Feet, Side and Head.

BLACK is for the sky when He died on the Cross, suffering to redeem our loss.

PINK, YELLOW, and ORANGE are for the dawn on the morn when His tomb was empty and hope was reborn.

WHITE is for the dazzling light that awed all who saw Him answer—the Son of God.

An Easter Prayer



Heavenly Father and God of Mercy,
we no longer look for Jesus among the dead,
for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life.
From the Baptismal water of death You raise us
with Him and renew Your gift of life within us.

Increase in our minds and hearts
the Risen Life we share with Jesus
and help us grow as Your people
toward the fullness of eternal life with You.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



2017 Cardinal's Annual Appeal

At Our Parish is

OVER THE FINISH LINE!

OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$107,500.

To date, 115 Parishioners made gifts to the Appeal totaling \$110,990 — 104% of our goal. God bless your generosity.

You can still make a gift to the 2017 Appeal. Your gift benefits the charitable works of the Archdiocese of New York to people and parishes in need.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2017 EASTER SUNDAY

\$23,536

2016 EASTER SUNDAY

\$20,623

THANK YOU! WE ARE GRATEFUL TO THOSE WHO USE OUR ENVELOPE SYSTEM. LET US KNOW IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OFFERING ENVELOPES THROUGH THE MAIL.

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

5:30pm +Marge Garritano (**Vigil for Sunday**)

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Mary D'Angelo
10:30am +Luke Lavalle
12:00pm +Salvatore Dell'Anno
5:30pm In Thanksgiving

MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017 ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Elena & Frances Baldeon
12:10pm +Sean P. Brosnan
5:30pm +Teodoro E. Amador

TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull
8:15am Intentions of Beverly Mastrianni, Healing
12:10pm +Raffaele & Marrone De Santis
5:30pm +Jacques Bandel

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2017

7:00am +John W. Kelliher
8:15am Intentions of Renzo D'Anselmi & Family
12:10pm +Anne Marie Schmitt
5:30pm +Teodoro E. Amador

THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski
8:15am +Ethel Talabovich
12:10pm +Maisie Saldanha
5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2017 ST. PETER CHANEL

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Gail R. Schipski
12:10pm +Anne Cordiner
5:30pm +John Chaney

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:15am +Ann Marie Fanning
12:10pm +Francis Steven Valdivia
5:30pm +John E. Fitzgerald (**Vigil for Sunday**)

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MURIEL BRAIND, ROBERT ELGORT, MARY GOLDSTEIN

FOR OUR DECEASED: ANNE CORDINER, DAVID GOLDRING

Please call the Parish House to have someone's name placed on this list. Check to see if someone who is ill consents to having their name published. We only publish the names of recently deceased.