

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



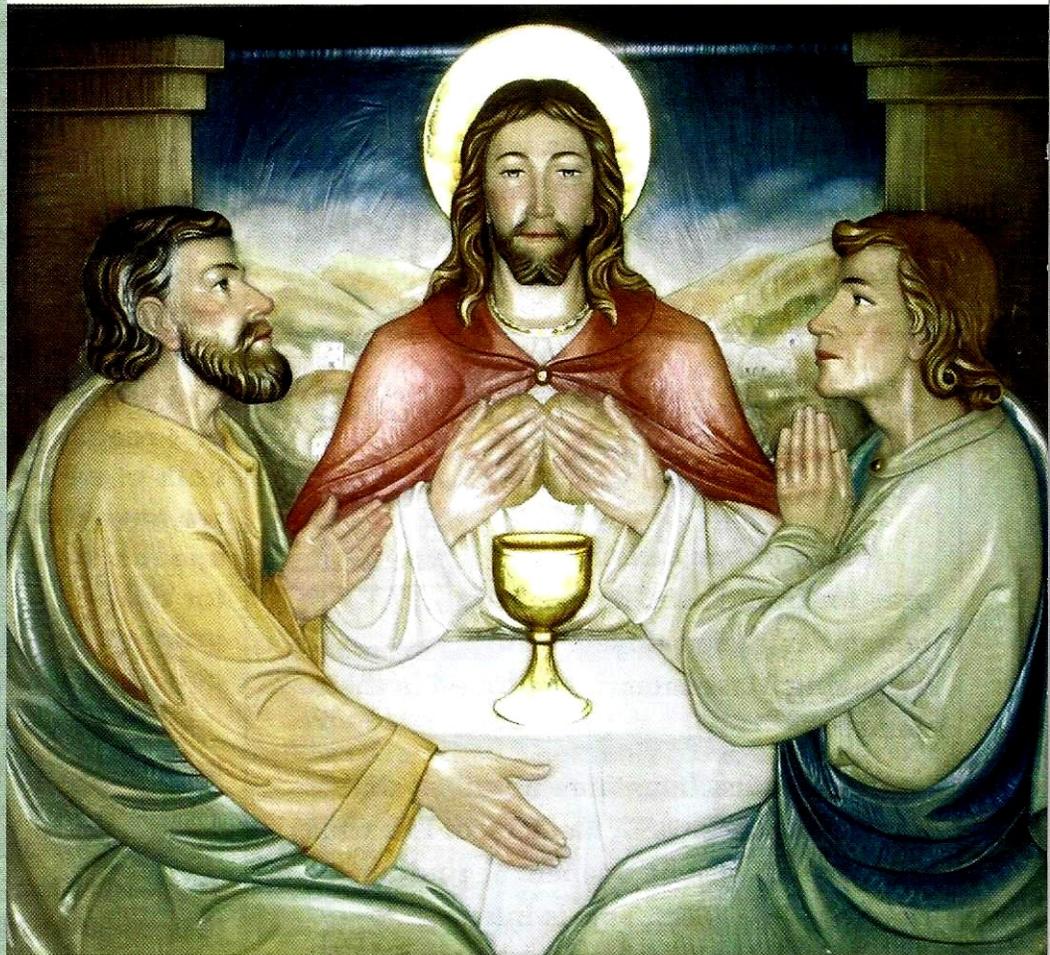
July 9, 2017

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

On the Corner of East 55th Street and First Avenue

Reverend Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers, JD, JCD, Pastor
Reverend Antony R. Alfred, Parochial Vicar

Parish House: 348 East 55th Street - New York, New York 10022
1 212 753-8418 1 212 753-8419 Fax 1 212 826-1848
E Mail: churchofstjohn@cs.com



The Supper at Emmaus Sculpture

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA



God our Father, Whom Kateri Tekakwitha liked to call the Great Spirit, we thank You for giving us this young woman as a model of Catholic life.

Despite her frailness and her community's resistance, she bore witness to the presence of Christ. With her companions, she drew close to the elderly, the sick, and the young. Every day, she saw in nature a reflection of Your Divine Glory and Beauty.

Grant that by her intercession we may always be close to You, more sensitive to the needs of those around us, and more respectful of Your creation. With her, we shall strive to discover what pleases You and endeavor to accomplish it until that day You call us back to You. Amen.

2018 MASS INTENTIONS BOOK OPENED

Many of our parishioners pray for friends and family and remember their beloved dead by having Mass Intentions offered in their name.



While Mass Intentions are still available for the balance of 2017, the Book of Intentions for 2018 will also be opened, beginning Monday, July 10th. This is intended to accommodate parishioners who would like to arrange special Mass dates in advance.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week
In Loving Memory of

MARIE CHESRO

Reflection

An Attitude of Gratitude

I want to speak to you about gratitude to God. Consider, dearly beloved, the fact that God loved you first. You've heard this, but somehow it hasn't penetrated. If it had, you would be gratefully and passionately loving him back. Yet there are few signs of it! Such love of God should be reflected immediately in your love for one another.

How many of us truly and constantly realize the bounty of God to us, just speaking in the natural order? Do we thank God for the medical care we receive, for our clothing, our food, and our holidays? I received a letter from a woman, the mother of many children, who had broken her arm. She wrote, "Only now do I realize what it is to have two hands, both of which I need so much." We walk; we have the use of our limbs, eyes, speech, hearing. Are we grateful to God for these? Or do we take everything for granted, and grumble and mumble and complain and feel sorry for ourselves?

I fear with great fear when I see a lack of gratitude. Think about it, meditate about it, pray about it, do something about it! Ours are frightening times and God is so good to us. Do we realize what we have? It is time we should. The time is now!

Catherine de Hueck Doherty,
Grace in Every Season

SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA

During the coming week, we will celebrate a Native American woman whose life was marked by courage and love – St. Kateri Tekakwitha. It's said that the blood of martyrs is the seed of saints and the Catholic Faith. Nine years after the French Jesuit Missionaries, St. Isaac Jogues and St. John de Brebeuf, were martyred for the Faith by Iroquois Warriors, Tekakwitha was born in a Mohawk Village near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Catholic Algonquin who was taken captive by the Iroquois and then given to the Chief of the Mohawk Nation as his wife. Tekakwitha grew up in a village that had never seen a priest. However, stories her mother told her about Jesus inspired Tekakwitha with the desire to follow Him and become a Catholic.

When she was four years old, a smallpox epidemic tragically took the lives of her parents and younger brother. Tekakwitha survived the epidemic, but it left her partially blind and with a terribly disfigured her face. After she was orphaned, Tekakwitha was adopted by her uncle, who succeeded her father as Mohawk Chief. He hated Jesuit missionaries or "Blackrobes", but couldn't prevent them from preaching in his village because of a peace treaty with the French.

Tekakwitha never forgot her mother's stories about Jesus, and grew in her resolve to become a Catholic when she listened to the Blackrobes preach the Faith to her people. However, fear of her uncle kept her from seeking immediate instruction. Finally, at the age of 19, she went to the Mission of St. Peter, near her village, and told the priest of her intense desire for Baptism. He agreed to meet with her in secret to instruct her in the Catholic Faith.

On Easter Sunday, 1676, she embraced the new life of Jesus in Baptism, and took the name "Kateri" after St. Catherine of Siena.

Life as a Catholic wasn't easy for Kateri. Yet, her life in the Lord grew rapidly. Kateri told the priest at the mission that she often meditated on the great dignity of being Baptized. Kateri also said that she was

powerfully moved by God's love for all humanity, and shared that love by respecting the dignity of everyone in her village, even those who persecuted her.

As Kateri grew in holiness, opposition to her Catholic faith increased. Knowing her life was in danger, Kateri was advised by her priest to flee from her village and go to Canada. With nothing but a blanket, she walked 200 miles to the mission of St. Francis Xavier, located near Montreal. That mission supported a village of Catholics from various Indian Nations.

While living the village, Kateri went to daily Mass and spent long hours in prayer, especially before the Blessed Sacrament. She gave herself totally to God, through acts of charity and penance and by instructing children in the Faith.

After three years, Kateri's health, which was never good, began to fail dramatically. On Wednesday of Holy Week in 1680, Kateri



went home to God. Her last words were: "Jesus! Mary!"

Witnesses said that, after death, Kateri's disfigured face had a heavenly glow, and it became like that of a healthy child. Because of her purity and holiness, Kateri became known as the "Lily of the Mohawks."

Pope Benedict XVI canonized Kateri Tekakwitha in 2012. St. Kateri is known as the Patron of Native Americans, people in exile, and the environment. Her Feast Day is July 14th.

dear Padre

What is candlelighting protocol at weddings?

I went to a wedding where the couple lit a unity candle and then extinguished the individual flames. Is that the procedure the Church teaches?

According to the analysis of marriage-preparation policies in 2005 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the unity candle is not actually part of the rite of marriage. However, it has become popular as an additional ritual. Some dioceses and liturgists recommend that this ritual be done at the reception or in another setting, so as not to duplicate the already abundant symbols of unity within the rite. However, when selected as part of the ceremony, "the couple should light their individual candles from the Paschal Candle, the individual candles should not be extinguished, and the candle should not be placed on the altar" (from "Celebrating Marriage," Archbishop of Cincinnati).

The Bishops' analysis also mentions several other popular rituals, such as the Hispanic *lazo* (a Rosary or rope lasso that is placed over the couple's shoulders as a sign of the bond) and *arras* (coins that are blessed and exchanged by the couple as a sign of their mutual support) and the Filipino *velo* (veil held in place by the *lazo*). Some couples with a strong devotion to Mary will place flowers before her image as a sign of their dedication. While none of these are technically part of the marriage rite, their presence and use remind us that popular culture continues to have an effect on our religious celebrations.

—Fr. Scott Katzenberger, CSSR



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017

5:30pm +Marie Chesro
(Vigil for Sunday)

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Rose Buttigieg
10:30am +Mary Sullivan
12:00pm +Adam Ryan Pomposello
5:30pm +Miguel Lopez Lecube

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017

7:00am +Iris Borg
8:15am +Aida Yto
12:10pm +Julia Valdivia
5:30pm +Cristina Valdivia

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2017 ST. BENEDICT

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Nicholas M. Turner
12:10pm +Gertrudes Gutierrez
5:30pm +Margaret Estler

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2017

7:00am +Michael Fein
8:15am +Maria Valdivia
12:10pm Intentions of Christina Gaspar Giordano, Blessings
5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017 ST. HENRY

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski
8:15am +Richard M. Cashin
12:10pm Intentions of Jean Bilgera
5:30pm +John W. Kelliher

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2017 ST. KATERI TEKAWITHA

7:00am +Mary Jennerjahn
8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell
12:10pm +Anna & Cesidio Vernazzi
5:30pm +Flora & Dominick Valich

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017 ST. BONAVENTURE

8:15am +Mary Germaine Theriault
12:10pm Intentions of Vivian Longo
5:30pm +Ethel Talabovich (Vigil for Sunday)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2017 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$5,897

2016 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$6,062

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.

Prayer Requests

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

FOR OUR DECEASED: VERONICA MALUENDA, MARIA ROSCIGNO

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.