

August 27, 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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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



The Supper at Emmaus Sculpture

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4th

LABOR DAY



Holiday Mass Schedule
8:15am & 12:10pm
No 5:30pm Mass



The Parish House Office will be closed.
In an emergency, please contact us at

1.212.473.2939



PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

**Lord our God, in Your wisdom
and love, You surround us with
the mysteries of the universe.**

**In times past You sent us Your
prophets to teach Your laws
and bear witness to Your undying love.**

**You sent us Your Son to teach us by word and
example that true wisdom comes from You alone.**

**Send Your Spirit upon all students and their
teachers and fill them with Your wisdom and
blessings.**

**Grant that during this academic year
they may devote themselves to their studies
and share what they have learned from others.**

Grant this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

—Book of Blessings.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

IN THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We Welcome Our
New Parishioners!



CHLOE FRANCES CHOBOT

Child of Jennifer & Steven
Baptized on April 22, 2017

EMMA ELIZEBETH KENNY

Child of Jennifer & Ryan
Baptized on April 22, 2017

LIAM ANTHONY RAM

Child of Liz Ann & Premdatt
Baptized on April 23, 2017

GRACE CATHERINE KO

Child of Amity & Galen
Baptized on April 23, 2017



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**"Prayer is the best preparation for
Holy Communion. When you pray,
you go to meet Christ Who is coming
to meet you in Holy Communion.**

**If your Creator and Savior comes
from Heaven with such great love, it
is only fitting that you should go to
meet Him through prayer."**

—St. Bernardine of Siena



FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR MATHERS

My Dear Parishioners,

On September 4, 2016, the Church was blessed with a new saint. She is a saint of our time, someone we all know and love as "Mother Teresa." After Pope Francis canonized her, she is officially known as "St. Teresa of Calcutta." But, like Mother Cabrini and Mother Seton, she is still called Mother Teresa.

To help you get to know her more deeply, a brief sketch of her life and a prayer for her intercession is printed below.

Mother Teresa, born on August 26, 1910, of Albanian descent, was Baptized Agnes Gonxha Bohaxhiu. Her father died tragically when Agnes was eight years old, leaving her widowed mother to raise their family alone. The faith-filled, loving witness of her mother had a profound influence on both Agnes' character and on her openness to a religious vocation.

Agnes recognized and gladly responded to God's call to serve Him as a consecrated religious very early in life. In September 1928, at the age of eighteen, Agnes left home to enter the Community of the Irish Sisters of Loreto in Dublin. She was soon sent to India where she professed her first vows. It was then that she choose the name "Teresa" after St. Therese of Lisieux, and was known as Sister Mary Teresa.

Sister Mary Teresa's first assignment was teaching young girls arithmetic, geography, and religion at a school founded by her Community in Darjeeling. Her next assignment was to St. Mary's High School for Girls, another Sister of Loreto School in Calcutta. Sister Mary Teresa taught at St. Mary's from 1931 until 1948. She eventually became Principal of St. Mary's and was then known as Mother Teresa.

During a train ride from Calcutta to Darjeeling in 1946, Mother Teresa received a second call from Jesus: "Come, be My Light" to the poorest of the poor. After much prayerful discernment, and with permission of her Religious Superiors and the Archbishop of Calcutta, in 1948 Mother Teresa answered Jesus' call. She left her teaching vocation with the Sisters of Loreto to found a new religious community, the Missionaries of Charity.

A unique feature of Mother Teresa's new order was a fourth vow. That is, women who joined the Missionaries of Charity like other consecrated religious, vowed to serve the Lord by living in poverty, chastity, and obedience. However, in addition to these three vows, they made a fourth vow, "...to give wholehearted and free service to the poorest of the poor."

Twelve of her former students soon joined Mother Teresa to help in her work of teaching the young, caring for the sick and the orphaned, feeding the hungry, and praying with the dying and the bereaved. She and her Sisters started each day in the same way. They attended Mass, received Jesus in the Eucharist, prayed their daily prayer, then, with Rosary in-hand, went out into the slums of Calcutta to find and serve Jesus in the unwanted, the unloved, and the uncared for.

Between 1948 and 1997, the Missionaries of Charity grew to more than 4,000 members and established Missions in 123 countries. Today, this still growing Community serves the poorest of the poor in 450 Centers throughout the world.

During her lifetime, Mother Teresa received the Pope John XXIII Peace Prize, the Nobel Prize for Peace, and many other awards that recognized how her work embodied God's love and mercy for all people. After she died in 1997, the Government of India honored her with a State Funeral.

Mother Teresa was Beatified by Pope John Paul II on October 19, 2003, and was be Canonized a Saint by Pope Francis on September 4th, 2016.

"Prayer to St. Teresa of Calcutta"

Dear Saint of Mercy, you allowed the thirsting love of Jesus on the Cross to be a living flame within you, so you became a Light of His Merciful Love to all people.

Obtain from the Merciful Heart of Jesus the request I now make. [Make Request]

Good St. Teresa, teach me to let Jesus possess my whole being so completely, that my life, like yours, radiates His Light and His Merciful Love to others. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers

dear Padre

What can I do about neglectful God-Parents?

The people I choose to be my child's godparents are making no attempt to build a special relationship with her. I've talked to them about it, but it didn't help. Is it possible to replace them?

When my niece Hayley was five, she asked me to be her "step"-godfather because she didn't know who her godfather was. The family friend my sister invited to be Hayley's godfather moved out of state and seems to have forgotten that Hayley is his godchild.

Godparents have responsibilities beyond Baptism Day. The *Code of Canon Law* says a godparent also "helps the Baptized person to lead a Catholic life in keeping with Baptism and to fulfill faithfully the obligations inherent in it" (872). A godparent should be present for the child's First Communion and Confirmation and should encourage the child to live a good Catholic life as he or she grows older.

Unfortunately, parents can't "fire" neglectful godparents and replace them, but neither are parents limited to asking only two godparents to help their child grow in the Faith. Parents can—and should—ask others to help support their child's faith development as he or she grows up: a parishioner, a grandparent, or a friend in the town where your child has gone away to college. After all, children are baptized into a community of believers, and we all have responsibility to help children—and one another to lead good Catholic lives.

—Father Patrick Keyes, CSsR



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 2017

5:30pm +John W. Kelliher (Vigil for Sunday)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Msgr. George A. Kelly & Family
10:30am +Marie Louise Andrei
12:00pm Intentions of Elizabeth & George Erhardt
5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2017 **ST. AUGUSTINE**

7:00am +Sheila Friedman Gereb
8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell
12:10pm +Aldo Portolano
5:30pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli

THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

7:00am +John W. Kelliher
8:15am +Juan Yto
12:10pm +Juan Soriano
5:30pm +Francis Steven Valdivia

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich
8:15am +Gail R. Schipski
12:10pm +Marion Foetsch
5:30pm +Irene Paras Aquino

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

7:00am +Marie Germaine Theriault
8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull
12:10pm +Adamo & Lia Grilli
5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017 **FIRST FRIDAY**

7:00am +Lucille Choquette
8:15am +Drs. Virginia & William Mitty
12:10pm +Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
5:30pm +Mary D'Angelo

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2017 **FIRST SATURDAY**

8:15am +John W. Kelliher
12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei
5:30pm +Ernesto G. Legaspi (Vigil for Sunday)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2017 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$6,067

2016 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$5,309

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: LOUIS KELLER, VERONICA MALUENDA, MARIA ROSCIGNO, FRANCES 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.