

October 15, 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



St. John and Our Lady

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



SAVE THE DATE!

Our Parish Bible Study

"Panorama of the Old Testament"

5 Tuesday Evenings

October 10th, 17th, & 24th &
November 7th & 14th

6:30pm to 8:00pm in St. John's Parish House

Includes Prayer, Small Group Discussion
& Video Presentation

\$25 Study Guide/Commentary (One Time Charge)

For More Information—Call 917.945.6668

REGISTRATION 6:15pm Before the Sessions



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

In Loving Memory of

JOSEPHINE JANKOWSKI

PRAYER BEFORE READING THE GOSPEL



Jesus, open the eyes of my heart,
that I may hear Your word
and understand and do Your will.

Open the eyes of my mind
to the understanding
of Your Gospel teachings.

Speak to me the hidden and secret
things of Your Wisdom.

Enlighten my mind and understanding
with the light of Your knowledge,
not only to cherish those things
that are written, but to do them.

AMEN.

—St. John Chrysostom

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OUR PARISH



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

FOR THE

BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH THROUGH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

PLEASE LEAVE DONATIONS IN CHURCH
BY THE ST. FRANCIS SHRINE.

"WHATSOEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST OF MY BRETHREN,
YOU DO FOR ME." MATTHEW 25:40



Fall

Coffee Hour

After the 12:00 Mass

Sunday, October 22nd

In the Parish House



From the Desk of Monsignor Mathers

My Dear Parishioners,

After He taught in their synagogue, Jesus was rejected by many people in His hometown of Nazareth. The Lord summed up their negative reaction when He said, "No prophet is without honor except in his native place, among his own kindred, and in his own house."

It seems unthinkable that people would reject Jesus. Yet, they did. The fact that they knew Him as the village carpenter, and also knew His mother and family, certainly contributed to this reaction. After all, since Jesus was so familiar to them, it was easy to take His words for granted.

When we come to Mass, we do not come as strangers, but as children of the same loving Father, and brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. For us, our Parish Church is the Lord's house and native place. Is our attitude like that of the people of Nazareth, or, in coming to Mass, do we truly seek to honor the Lord?

While none of us directly rejects the Mass, it's easy for anyone to think, "I've heard that Gospel before," or, "I already know those prayers." The point is, because we are so familiar with the Mass, it's easy to take it for granted.

I'd like to offer two basic suggestions for personal reflection about the Mass that will help you to appreciate the power and gift of the Mass.

Suggestion #1: As you walk or drive to Church, think about what you'll be doing at Mass, not after Mass. Even better, plan to get to Mass early. For example, if Mass begins at 12:00 noon, try to be in Church at ten to twelve. This will give you time to settle down, and begin to reflect on what's going to happen in the Mass.

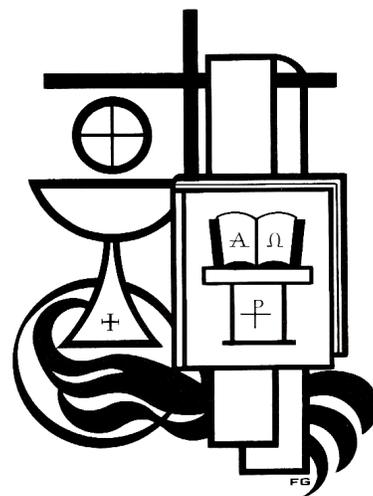
Say to yourself something like, "Today at Mass, God is going to speak to me, through the Scripture, in the homily, in song and in prayer. What will the Lord say? How will His Word touch my present needs, or give my future direction?" And, "How will I respond to Him?"

Think—"Jesus will make the sacrifice of Calvary present on the altar, He will give me the opportunity to join my life with His in this great offering to our Father. How can I make this offering? In Holy Communion, Jesus will share His Life with me and give me healing, strength and forgiveness. How will I use Jesus' gifts?"

Suggestion #2: When Mass is over, don't rush to be the first one out of Church. Instead, sit back quietly and spend a moment reflecting on what just happened. Remember, you offered your life to the Lord. How will you continue that offering today and tomorrow? Think of the challenge, the direction, the new meaning that the Word of God will bring to your life. Don't be embarrassed to share and talk about these faith-filled insights with others.

The point of my two suggestions is obvious. They help you not to take the Mass for granted. In addition, they show you the way to honor the Lord not just in Church, but also in your mind, and heart, and life.

*Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers*



dear Padre

When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?

When someone we love is dying, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: “The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable” (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone’s death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person’s suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person’s death.

It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, “Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?” It is also important to have a discussion with your Priest. Many times one is forced to make serious decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice practically and spiritually as well.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017

5:30pm +Marion Buttigieg (**Vigil for Sunday**)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2017

7:30am For Our Parishioners

9:00am +Mary D’Angelo

10:30am Intentions of Bill & Dee Violet

12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Aufiero Family

5:30pm +Gandolfo Rannazzisi

ST. HEDWIG, ST. MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2017

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei

8:15am +Orlando V. Geraldez

12:10pm Intentions of Timothy Jones, Birthday

5:30pm +Bill Smith

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017 ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

7:00am +John W. Kelliher

8:15am +Gail R. Schipski

12:10pm +Pedro Thwaites Lastra

5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2017 ST. LUKE

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

8:15am +Msgr. Charles Roselli

12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei

5:30pm +Steven Evans

ST. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF, ISAAC JOGUES & COMPANIONS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017

7:00am +Marie Germaine Theriault

8:15am +John W. Kelliher

12:10pm Catholic Guardian Services

5:30pm +Joan Alzamora

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2017 ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich

8:15am Intentions of Rev. Robert F. O’Toole, S.J.

12:10pm +Jerry Hogan

5:30pm +Paul Lochak

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2017

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei

12:10pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

5:30pm +Maria O’Brian (**Vigil for Sunday**)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2017 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$5,033

2016 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$7,535

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

FOR OUR DECEASED: LOUIS KELLER, VERONICA MALUENDA, MARIA ROSCIGNO, FRANCES ROSCIGNO

Please call the Parish House to have a Parishioner’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.