

**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



October 22, 2017

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

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NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

# SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

[A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION]



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

VIGIL MASS 5:30PM

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

MASSES 7:00AM & 8:15AM &  
12:10PM & 5:30PM



## All Souls COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>

MASSES 7:00AM & 8:15AM &  
12:10PM & 5:30PM

ENVELOPES FOR OUR PARISH'S ALL SOULS NOVENA OF  
MASSES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE TABLES AT THE BACK OF THE  
CHURCH AND IN OUR PAMPHLET RACKS.

THE NAMES OF THE DECEASED LOVED ONES, FRIENDS AND  
FAMILY, YOU HAVE LISTED ON THE NOVENA ENVELOPE WILL  
BE PLACED ON OUR ALTAR AND BE REMEMBERED DURING THE  
NOVENA MASSES.



## The Sanctuary Lamp

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

JOHN DLUZNIEWSKI

## SAVE THE DATE!

OUR PARISH



## THANKSGIVING Food Drive FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

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





## FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR DOUGLAS J. MATHERS

My Dear Parishioners,

When a person says, "I want to do my own thing", it usually means they want to do the things in life they believe will bring them happiness. What could be more consistent with the ideals upon which this country was founded, i.e., the right of every individual to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?"

However, if "doing your own thing" involves behavior that threatens the common good, then civil law intervenes to restrict or prohibit a person's chosen lifestyle. An individual's "pursuit of happiness" can also be subtly censored by the approval or disapproval of public opinion.

The standard for this kind of censure is usually just "mere numbers." That is, if a large number of people engage in a particular activity or pursuit, then it must be right. On the other hand, if people reject or don't conform to that same popular standard, then their lifestyle must be wrong.

This type of relative and arbitrary standard has the unfortunate effect of giving certain individuals more freedom than others in society. In the recent past, men and women of various cultural, racial and ethnic backgrounds have joined together and successfully opposed attitudes and practices, sanctioned by public opinion, that unjustly denied them the freedom to pursue happiness that others enjoyed. Has the time come for Catholics to do the same?

Without intending to be irreverent, if our lifestyle as followers of Christ is described as "doing our own thing", then it could be argued that current public opinion attempts to censor, restrict and prohibit our freedom to enjoy the happiness of living according to our Catholic beliefs.

Let's consider a few examples...Current public opinion sanctions promiscuous sexual relationships prior to marriage. If we Catholics value and practice the virtue of chastity, society labels us as "old fashioned", "out of step with the times" and "psychosexually abnormal".

As Catholics, we also value marital fidelity and parental responsibility. Yet, our society dispenses with these commitments if they infringe on individual satisfaction or "development." Thus, when we freely make sacrifices or endure difficulties as parents and spouses, society labels us as too dependent and immature to reject spouse or family and live as an "authentic" person.

These examples generalize particular experiences. Certainly, other experiences could be detailed which raise the same question. Namely, are Catholics as free as other individuals in society to do and pursue those things in life we believe will bring us happiness?

If public opinion sanctions attitudes and practices that unjustly deny us this right, we must oppose it. Not just because of our equal rights with others, but, more importantly, because of Christ's command that we witness to our Faith in Him before the whole world.

Since we are called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, we cannot permit the views of others, no matter how widespread they may be, to restrict the free exercise of our Faith. St. Paul's advice to the Phillipians about their Catholic Witness should guide us in doing our "Catholic thing" today..."In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing: prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God in the midst of a twisted and depraved generation and you will shine in the world like bright stars since you are offering it the Word of Life."

Sincerely in Christ,  
Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers

## A DIFFERENT KIND OF POLITICAL PARTICIPATION



Unfortunately, politics in our country often can be a contest of powerful interests, partisan attacks, sound bites and media hype. The Church calls for a different kind of political engagement: one shaped by the moral convictions of well-formed consciences and focused on the dignity of every human being, the pursuit of the common good and the protection of the weak and the vulnerable. As citizens, we should be guided more by our moral convictions than by our attachment to a political party or interest group. When necessary, our participation should help transform the party to which we belong. We are called to bring together our principles and our political choices, our values and our votes, to help build a civilization of truth and love.

—U.S. Bishops

*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship , #14*



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

**C**onsult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams.

**T**hink not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential.

**C**oncern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what is still possible for you to do.

—St. John XXIII, Pope

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**2017 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$6,195**

**2016 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$6,526**

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, OCTOBER 21, 2017

5:30pm +Maria O'Brien (Vigil for Sunday)

### TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

7:30am +Mary & John Jennerjahn

9:00am For Our Parishioners

10:30am Intentions of the Rohingya Refugees in Myanmar

12:00pm +John Dluzniewski

5:30pm +Dede Luckett

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017 ST. JOHN OF CAPISTRANO

7:00am Intentions of Elizabeth Fougnier

8:15am Our Lady of Guadalupe & Juan Diego

12:10pm +Savermuththu Antonygunam

5:30pm +Agostino Della Sala

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 ST. ANTHONY MARY CLARET

7:00am +John W. Kelliher

8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull

12:10pm +Elena & Frances Baldeon

5:30pm +Andy Ghim

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2017

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich

8:15am +Gail R. Schipski

12:10pm +Gilbert Javier

5:30pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

8:15am +Marie Germaine Theriault

12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei

5:30pm +Betty & Bill Saggers

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2017

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull

8:15am +Lucille Choquette

12:10pm +David Albert Ransom

5:30pm Intentions of Norman Zuniga

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017 ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE

8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei

12:10pm +Nicholas M. Turner

5:30pm +John Johnson (Vigil for Sunday)

## Prayer Requests

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

**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.