

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



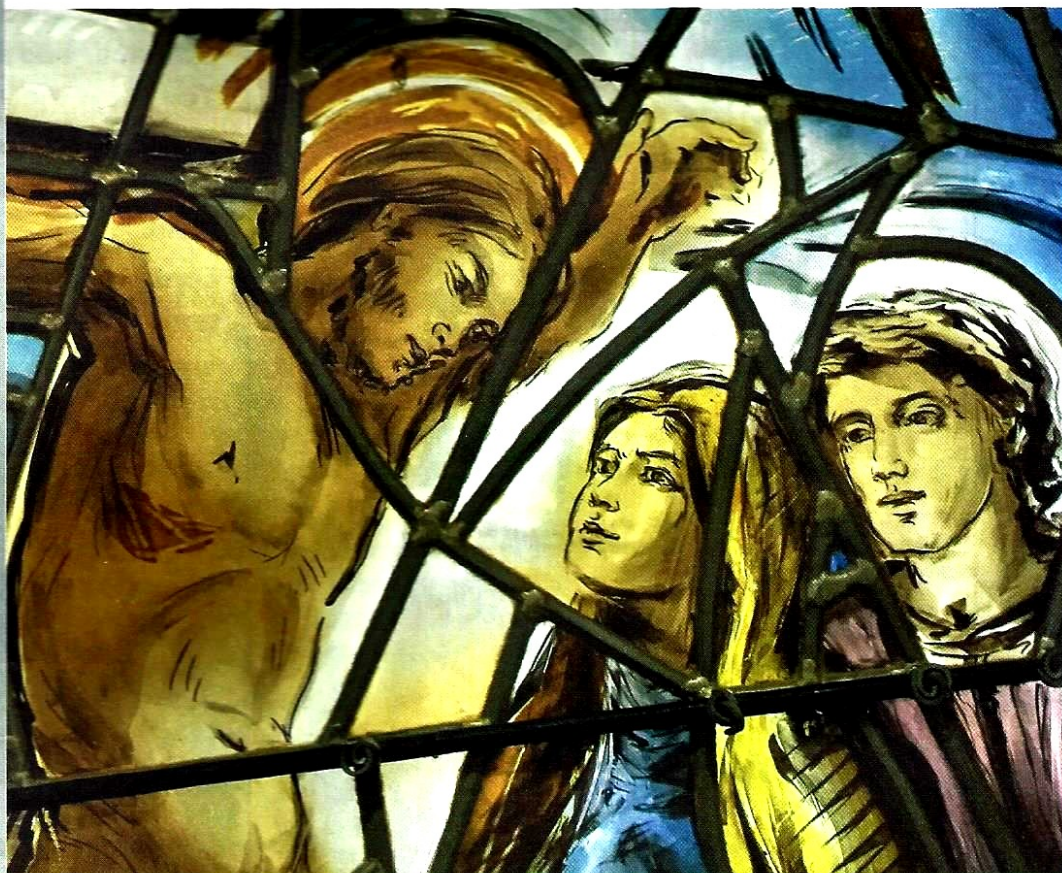
November 12, 2017

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**St. John and Our Lady*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD
(THANKSGIVING DAY)

MASSES 8:15AM & 12:10PM

No 5:30PM MASS



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
(DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING)

MASSES 8:15AM & 12:10PM

No 5:30PM MASS

ON BOTH DAYS, THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE AT 2:30PM
AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.
IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 1.212.753.8418



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week
For the Intentions of

SUSAN ESPOSITO

A Morning Prayer

O God, early in the morning I cry to
You. Help me pray and gather my
thoughts to You.



I cannot do it alone. In me it is dark, but with
You there is light.

I am lonely, but You do not desert me.
My courage fails, but with You there is help.

I am restless, but with You there is peace.

In me there is bitterness, but with You there is
patience. I do not understand Your ways, but
You know the way for me.

You have shown me so much goodness; let me
also accept what is hard to bear from Your
hand. You make all things serve for the best.

Lord, whatever this day brings, Your Name be
praised.

—Dietrich Bonhoeffer
Letters and Papers from Prison



Give Thanks, Give Life

**New York Catholic Center
Blood Drive**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

9:30AM TO 3:30PM

**CATHOLIC CENTER
9TH FLOOR CAFETERIA
1011 FIRST AVENUE**

**TO SCHEDULE
AN APPOINTMENT**

<http://tinyurl/CatholicCenterGives>



Save the Date!

Thanksgiving Coffee Hour

**After the 12:00 Noon Mass
Sunday, November 19th
In the Parish House**



BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS CASEY—GOD'S DOORKEEPER

On Saturday, November 18, 2017, Venerable Father Solanus Casey, OFM, Cap., will be Beatified during a Mass at Ford Field in Detroit, Michigan. This is his story. Bernard Francis Casey, Jr. was born on November 25, 1870, in Oak Grove, Wisconsin. He was the sixth of sixteen children born to his parents, Ellen and Bernard Casey, Sr. His parents raised "Barney" and his siblings in an atmosphere of deep devotion to the Catholic Faith that included daily prayer and a nightly family rosary.

The Caseys were farmers, and all in their clan worked at various chores on the family farm. In addition, Barney, helped support the family by working as a logger, a hospital orderly and a street car conductor. However, his deep spiritual life and devotion to prayer ultimately opened Barney's heart to answer Jesus' call to the Priesthood. He first entered the Seminary of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to study for the Diocesan Priesthood. However, he had to leave because of academic difficulties. Later, the Lord led him to enter the Capuchin Franciscan Seminary in Detroit. Although Barney still struggled with academics, his religious superiors were impressed by his personal holiness, and approved his ordination to the Priesthood on July 24, 1904. After ordination, his name in religion was "Father Solanus." Since the seminary faculty was concerned about the depth of Father Solanus' theological knowledge and understanding, he wasn't permitted to hear Confessions or to preach doctrinal homilies at Mass.

Father Solanus' first Priestly assignment was to Sacred Heart Parish in Yonkers, New York. Due to the limitations on his Priestly ministry, he worked as the parish doorkeeper, served as sacristan, and trained the altar servers. When people met him at the door or encountered him on the street, they were impressed by his sensitivity and gentleness. He was very compassionate when visiting the sick, and with just a few words would put people at ease. Father Solanus soon became known as "the holy priest." People of all ages and backgrounds started to visit him at the Capuchin Friary to seek his advice and comfort. Father Solanus would encourage his visitors to do something to "Please the Dear Lord" as a sign of their faith and commitment. This included helping the needy, going to Confession, and returning to regular prayer or participation in the Sacraments. Father's spiritual advice was fondly remembered and widely quoted. Here are just two examples: "Keep courage—rather confidence in God—which is courage Divinely reinforced" and "We must be faithful to the present moment or we will frustrate the plan of God for our lives."

After serving fourteen years at Sacred Heart Parish, he was transferred to Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in lower Manhattan and then to Our Lady Queen of Angels in upper Manhattan. Finally, in 1924, Father Solanus was assigned to St. Bonaventure Monastery in Detroit, the Capuchin Provincial headquarters. At St. Bonaventure, he continued to do what he did in New York. As the monastery doorkeeper, he ministered to people through compassionate and patient listening. It didn't take long for large numbers of people to come to the monastery and pour out their hearts to him. Soon, the friars left the front door unlocked and put a sign over the doorbell that read: "Walk In."

Father Solanus' "front door" Priestly Ministry produced remarkable results. The sick he prayed with became better; estranged spouses were reconciled; personal problems were resolved and sin was defeated. When people told him about these favors and blessings, he would say: "Thank God!" and "God is good!" and remind them that these special gifts came from God and not from him.

One of his recurrent teachings was: "Thank God ahead of time." "His plans for you are always the best." Father Solanus was convinced that anxiety and fear impeded God's good plans for His children, and wondered why people didn't pray with greater confidence. He'd often say, "You have to put God on the spot," with a twinkle in his eye.

As the years went on, people's demand on Father Solanus' time became greater while his health became increasingly fragile. To ease his burden, his superiors transferred him to St. Felix Friary in Huntington, Indiana, where he could live in "semi-retirement." However, hurting and needy people continued to visit him at St. Felix, and he never turned them away. Father also expanded his Priestly Ministry by faithfully answering hundreds of letters he received for spiritual advice. (Continued...)



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BLESSED FATHER SOLANUS CASEY

When his health continued to fail, Father returned to Detroit for medical treatment. On the morning of July 31, 1957, Father Solanus sat up in his bed at St. John's Hospital, stretched out his arms as if on a Cross, and said: "I give my soul to Jesus Christ" and then entered into eternal life.

At his Funeral Mass the Capuchin Provincial said: "His was a life of service and love for people like you and me. ...He suffered with and for you when you were sick. (While not physically hungry himself) ...he hungered for people like you. He loved people for what he could do for them and for God, through them."

Next time you experience a failure or setback or trial in life, say a prayer to Blessed Father Solanus, so he can do for you from heaven what he did for so many during his life on earth, assure you that God will never abandon you and that He always has a plan for your good.



BIBLE BACKGROUND

Many times you hear in the Bible that people repented of their sins "in sackcloth and ashes."

The English word **SACKCLOTH** comes from the Greek *sakkos*, the word for a bag or a sack. Sackcloth was rough fabric woven from goat's hair that was used for many purposes, especially for bags that held wheat or other types of grain.

In Biblical times, people took off their regular clothes and put on sackcloth as a sign of repentance. The rough cloth against their skin was a reminder and an outward expression of their inner desire to turn back to God by rejecting the pain and destruction of sin.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2017 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$12,093

2016 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$8,090

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, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

5:30pm Intentions of the Buttigieg Family (Vigil)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

7:30am +Michael Fein

9:00am +Yvonne Correll

10:30am +Maria Valdivia

12:00pm +Louise & Joe Cozzone

5:30pm Intentions of Rosa Marie Jove

ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

7:00am For Our Parishioners

8:15am +Richard M. Cashin

12:10pm +Edith Calleja

5:30pm +Joe Buttigieg

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

8:15am Intentions of Mimi McGovern, Happy Birthday

12:10pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2017 ST. ALBERT THE GREAT

7:00am +John W. Kelliher

8:15am +Melania Giron

12:10pm +Ethel Talabovich

5:30pm +Gail R. Schipski

ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND, ST. GERTRUDE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

7:00am Intentions of Rev. Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers, Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

8:15am Intentions of Rev. Msgr. Douglas J. Mathers, Anniversary of Priestly Ordination

12:10pm Catholic Guardian Services

5:30pm +Vanessa Borg

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017 ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei

8:15am +Msgr. Charles Roselli

12:10pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

5:30pm +Lucille Choquette

THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER & PAUL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

8:15am +Antoinette Teresi

12:10pm +Mary Dineen

5:30pm +Lea Encarnacion (Vigil for Sunday)

Prayer Requests

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

FOR OUR DECEASED: LOUIS KELLER, PAUL LOCHAK, REGINA RICCARDI, MARIE SALVAGGIO

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.