

January 21, 2018

# *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

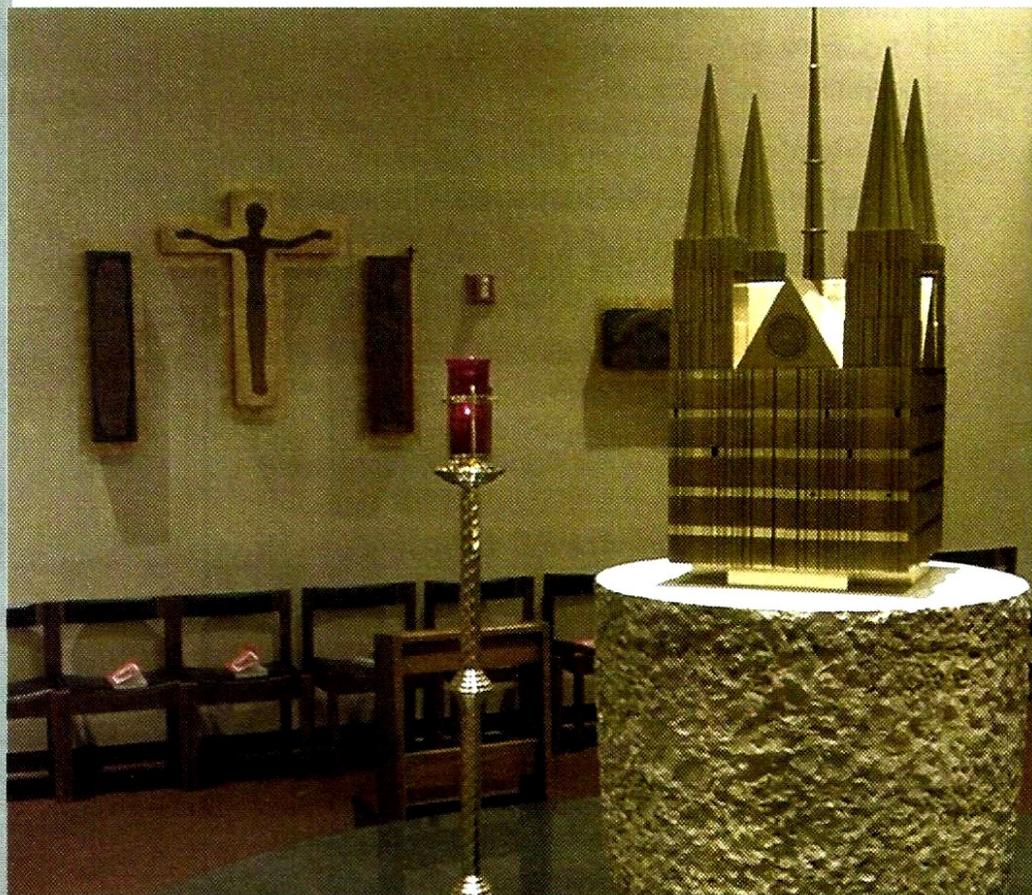
**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
*Monday:*  
Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm  
Masses

**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



*"Jesus dwells in our midst in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Maximilian Kolbe*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



## FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS:

### A Catholic Response

*An Archdiocesan-Wide Drive to Replenish Dwindling Food Pantries*

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. More than 800,000 people in those same 10 counties are experiencing difficulty affording food.

Since hunger has no season, the week from **Sunday, January 28<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** has been chosen for the **"Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign"** in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of New York.

Our Parish Family will share in this campaign through contributions to the **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** at the Church of the Holy Cross at 42nd Street.

**3** Simple ways you can participate in the **"FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN"** :

- ❖ **DONATE MONEY** to support the emergency food program at the **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY**.
- ❖ **DONATE FOOD** to the food drive for the **BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** from **January 28<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ **VOLUNTEER** at a local food pantry.



### FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Praise Jesus because  
He abides patiently,  
He understands mercifully,  
He forgives easily,  
He forgets utterly.

—12<sup>th</sup> Century Church Prayer



### The Sanctuary Lamp

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

**OMEDO CHESRO**

### Meaningful Suffering



*Suffering in itself has no value. It is what we do with our suffering that makes the difference. Jesus' ministry attests to this fact: He did all He could to alleviate the hurts of others. Yet, He also spoke of suffering as a source of growth, as a means of purification and of inner conversion.*

*Suffering can be beneficial when it leads to a kind of "resurrection" in you, when a strength or a sleeping energy in you is aroused, when talents heretofore unknown are recognized, when a clarity about life's purpose and direction becomes keener for you, when a stronger sense of compassion for others deepens in you. There is so much within you that can come to life through suffering.*

—Sr. Joyce Rupp



### IF YOU ARE GOING TO A HOSPITAL

Before you check into a hospital or have an outpatient procedure, we encourage you to see a priest here in our parish and receive the sacraments that can help you.

Just speak to a priest after Mass, or call the Rectory and we will be happy to arrange to hear your confession, anoint you with the Sacrament of the Sick, and give you Holy Communion, to help you through this spiritually challenging time.

# The Gospel of Saint Mark

The second Gospel takes your breath away with its rapid telling of the events of Jesus' public ministry. A mere sixteen chapters from beginning to end, the Gospel of Saint Mark is both the shortest and earliest of the four Gospels in the Bible.

Archeologists and textual experts have dated this Gospel to about 70 AD, just a few decades after the death of Jesus. This date may seem to be quite late, but it doesn't mean that the accounts were brand-new at the time; it means that early Christians expected the second coming of Christ in their own lifetimes so they did not take the time to sit down and write about Jesus. Instead, stories of Jesus were passed along orally until later in the First Century.

The Gospel of Saint Mark gives us a unique portrait of Jesus, which can be drawn as much from what the Gospel does not contain as from what it does. The story begins, for example, not with a story of the birth of Jesus, as do the

Gospels of Saint Matthew and Saint Luke. No magi or shepherds for Saint Mark! Instead, it starts with Jesus Baptism in the Jordan. The end of this Gospel has unique features as well. Some early versions of the Gospel of Saint Mark ended not with 16:20 (as do our Bibles, centuries later), but with verse 16:8. The original text left hearers pondering about the disciples who had run away and tomb-visiting women who had fled the scene "frightened out of their wits." This problem was resolved in complete versions of this Gospel that continue with verses 9–20.

After its abrupt beginning —the Gospel plunges you into the whirlwind of Jesus' activity, which is described in a sometimes concise and spare style. Along the way Jesus preaches and prophesies, He heals, teaches and tells parables up to His coming to Jerusalem, where His life as one of us ends, but His saving story just begins. That's why this Gospel ends with Jesus telling us we are the disciples who must now live in the mystery of the empty tomb and proclaim His Good News to the whole world.

The portrait of Jesus sketched by Saint Mark is difficult for many to hear. Because of its content of suffering and tribulation, some have called it a "passion narrative with a long introduction." Throughout the Gospel, Jesus anticipates His death, and He draws the listener in to focus on this aspect of life with Christ.

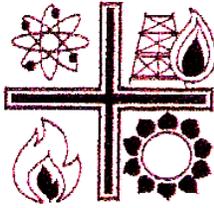
The Gospel of Saint Mark is proclaimed on Sundays in Year B. This means it is the Gospel proclaimed in the current Church Year.

In art, the Evangelist Saint Mark is portrayed with a lion by his side. The Feast of Saint Mark is April 25.



Our Parish

# HELP Collection



**HELP is a special Second Collection which will be taken at all Mass on the weekend of Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>—Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Through this important collection, our Parish Family is invited to join in making a special offering to assist the parish in paying its dramatically increasing

**Heating, Electric, Light, and Power bills.**

**Your generosity in our HELP Collection is greatly appreciated.**

## Human Life Is Sacred

The dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Direct attacks on innocent persons are never morally acceptable, at any stage or in any condition.

In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, human cloning, in vitro fertilization, and the destruction of human embryos for research.

Catholic teaching about the dignity of life calls us to oppose torture, unjust war, and the indiscriminate use of drones for violent purposes; to prevent genocide and attacks against noncombatants; to oppose human trafficking; and to overcome poverty and suffering.

We stand opposed to these and all activities that contribute to what Pope Francis has called "a throwaway culture."

—US Bishops—*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, #44,45 (2015)*

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2018 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **\$8,104**

2017 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **\$10,283**

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, JANUARY 20, 2018

5:30pm +Leslie Stehmer (Vigil)

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018

7:30am +Mary & John Jennerjahn  
9:00am +Phyllis & Anthony Marzelli  
10:30am +Colin Da Silva Vint  
12:00pm For Our Parishioners  
5:30pm +Bridget Roseleen McTague

#### DAY OF GIVING GOD THANKS FOR THE GIFT OF HUMAN LIFE

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2018

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei  
8:15am +Norah Evidente  
12:10pm +Omedo Chesro  
5:30pm +Edwin Willis

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2018 ST. VINCENT

7:00am Intentions of Carmen M. Desueza, Healing  
8:15am Intentions of Eva Grace  
12:10pm In Thanksgiving  
5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2018 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

7:00am +Elena & Frances Baldeon  
8:15am +Antonina Seidita  
12:10pm Intentions of Miriam Salas, Healing  
5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

#### THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018

7:00am +John W. Kelliher  
8:15am +Ellen Hernon  
12:10pm +James Amalo  
5:30pm +Geronima Mederos

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2018 STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei  
8:15am +Eleanor Morningstar  
12:10pm Intentions of Thomas Conway Maginnis, 40th Birthday  
5:30pm Intentions of Artemio Mora Figueredo

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018 ST. ANGELA MERICI

8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell  
12:10pm +Mildred Vanesse  
5:30pm +Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (Vigil for Sunday)

## Prayer Requests

**FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, MURIEL BRAIND, ROBERT ELGORT, MARY GOLDSTEIN, RENEE SOMMERS**  
**FOR OUR DECEASED: JOHN KASSIS, LAURA MONTALBAN, 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.