

**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



March 4, 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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*Christ Crucified*

*Christina Krupka*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

## **Progress Isn't Always Easy**

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that He was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up His words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, He confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of His Divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God Himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy lives. "I came that they might have life and have it abundantly," Jesus said in St. John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove Him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in His person, His fame spread. Yet the message He preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and spiritual happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us in all things.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



## **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

"Lent...is a special time for recalling the gift of Baptism, when we became children of God. The Church invites us to renew the gift she has given us, not to let this gift lie dormant as if it

were something from the past or locked away in a memory chest.

—Pope Francis



## ***The Sanctuary Lamp***

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week

## **IN THANKSGIVING**

### ***From a Litany of St. Joseph***



St. Joseph,	—Pray for us.
Noble son of the House of David,	—Pray for us.
Husband of the Mother of God,	—Pray for us.
Guardian of the Virgin,	—Pray for us.
Foster Father of the Son of God,	—Pray for us.
Faithful Guardian of Christ,	—Pray for us.
Head of the Holy Family,	—Pray for us.
Pattern of patience,	—Pray for us.
Lover of poverty,	—Pray for us.
Model of workers,	—Pray for us.
Example to parents,	—Pray for us.
Pillar of family life,	—Pray for us.
Comfort of the troubled,	—Pray for us.
Hope of the sick,	—Pray for us.
Patron of the dying,	—Pray for us.
Terror of evil spirits,	—Pray for us.
Protector of the Church,	—Pray for us.

Let us pray:

Almighty God,  
in Your infinite wisdom and love,  
You chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary,  
The Mother of Your Son.  
As we enjoy his protection on earth  
May we have the help of his prayers in heaven.  
We ask this through Christ Our Lord.  
AMEN.

—March 19th is the Feast of St. Joseph,  
**Husband of Mary.**

# ST. PATRICK

## MISSIONARY TO IRELAND

In his autobiography, "The Confession," St. Patrick calls himself both a Roman and a Briton. He was born on the northwest coast of Britain in about 390AD into a strongly Catholic family, and his father was an official of the Roman government in Britain.

Slave-traders abducted Patrick and a large number of his father's slaves when he was 16 years old, taking them to Ireland. There he lived and suffered from hunger and cold for 6 difficult years, working as a shepherd. He eventually escaped and returned to Britain. He was educated in Britain and France, and then entered the priesthood, later becoming a Bishop.

Because of a dream in which "all the children of Ireland from their mother's wombs were stretching out their hands" to him, he returned to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick's autobiography, *The Confession*, describes the trials and successes of his life-long missionary work to bring the Gospel to the Irish people. One of the hymns attributed to Patrick reveals his devotion to the Trinity (perhaps why the shamrock became one of his symbols): "I bind onto myself today the strong name of the Trinity, by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three."

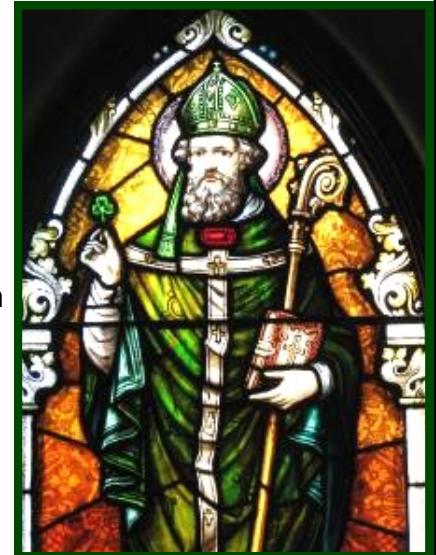
**St. Patrick's Prayer Life**—Patrick's autobiography, *The Confession*, was written near the end of his life. In it, he not only tells the story of his life but also reveals much about his prayer life, which might also help you.

For example, he writes how he learned to pray as he worked:—"After I was taken to Ireland, many times through-out the day I prayed as I tended the flocks of sheep. The love of God and the awe of God grew strong within me, and my faith was strengthened. In a single day I would say as many a hundred prayers. And almost as many at night. I often awakened and prayed before daylight—through snow, through frosts, through rain—and I felt no illness or discomfort, and I was never lazy but filled with energy and inspiration. Now I know that this was because the Holy Spirit was burning within me."

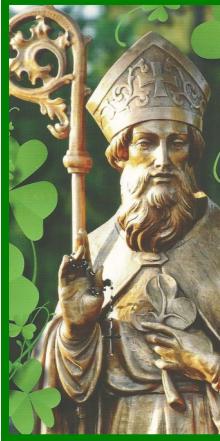
Patrick also tells of how, through prayer, he discovered the Holy Spirit alive within him in these words: "I must not hide God's gift, which God generously gave me in the country of my captivity. Because then I sincerely sought Him, and there I found Him. He protected me from evil because, I fervently believe, His Spirit lives within me and works within me even to this day."

### St. Patrick's Prayer

*"Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me,  
Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me,  
Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left,  
Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise,  
Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me"*  
*(from "The Breastplate of St. Patrick").*



**Our Parish  
invites you to a  
Coffee  
Hour  
IN CELEBRATION OF  
SAINT PATRICK  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>  
IN THE PARISH HOUSE  
AFTER THE 12NOON MASS**



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

5:30pm +Nancy & Luke A. Foye, Sr. (**Vigil**)

## THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018

7:30am	+Louis Capitelli
9:00am	+Mary D'Angelo
10:30am	+Guido & Agnese Bettini
12:00pm	+David Goldring
5:30pm	Intentions of Louise Schmidt

### MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018

7:00am	For Our Parishioners
8:15am	+Paul Pisani
12:10pm	Living Members of the Ladies of Charity
5:30pm	+Rose & Louis Romano

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2018

7:00am	+Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am	Our Lady of Guadalupe & St. Juan Diego
12:10pm	+Louise Capone Casazza
5:30pm	+John W. Kelliher

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2018 SS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

7:00am	+Ethel Talabovich
8:15am	+Gail R. Schipski
12:10pm	+Vicenta Melendez
5:30pm	+Rose & Andrew Gull

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2018 ST. JOHN OF GOD

7:00am	+Michael Visconte
8:15am	+Nicholas M. Turner
12:10pm	+Betty Rhodes
5:30pm	+Marie Louise Andrei

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2018 ST. FRANCIS OF ROME

7:00am	+Margo & Douglas Coldwell
8:15am	+Marie Germaine Theriault
12:10pm	+Geraldine Sacco
5:30pm	+Msgr. Charles Roselli

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

8:15am	+Julia Valdivia
12:10pm	+Leolino, Edgar & Lerma A. Maglasang
5:30pm	+Cristina Valdivia ( <b>Vigil for Sunday</b> )

**Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**

**SET CLOCKS  
FORWARD  
ONE HOUR!**

**MASSES ARE ON  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME!**

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2018 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	\$8,471
2017 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	\$8,019

*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,  
MARY GOLDSTEIN, RENEE SOMMERS

**FOR OUR DECEASED:** JOHN KASSIS, LAURA MONTALBAN,  
COLIN VINT

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.