

June 24, 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

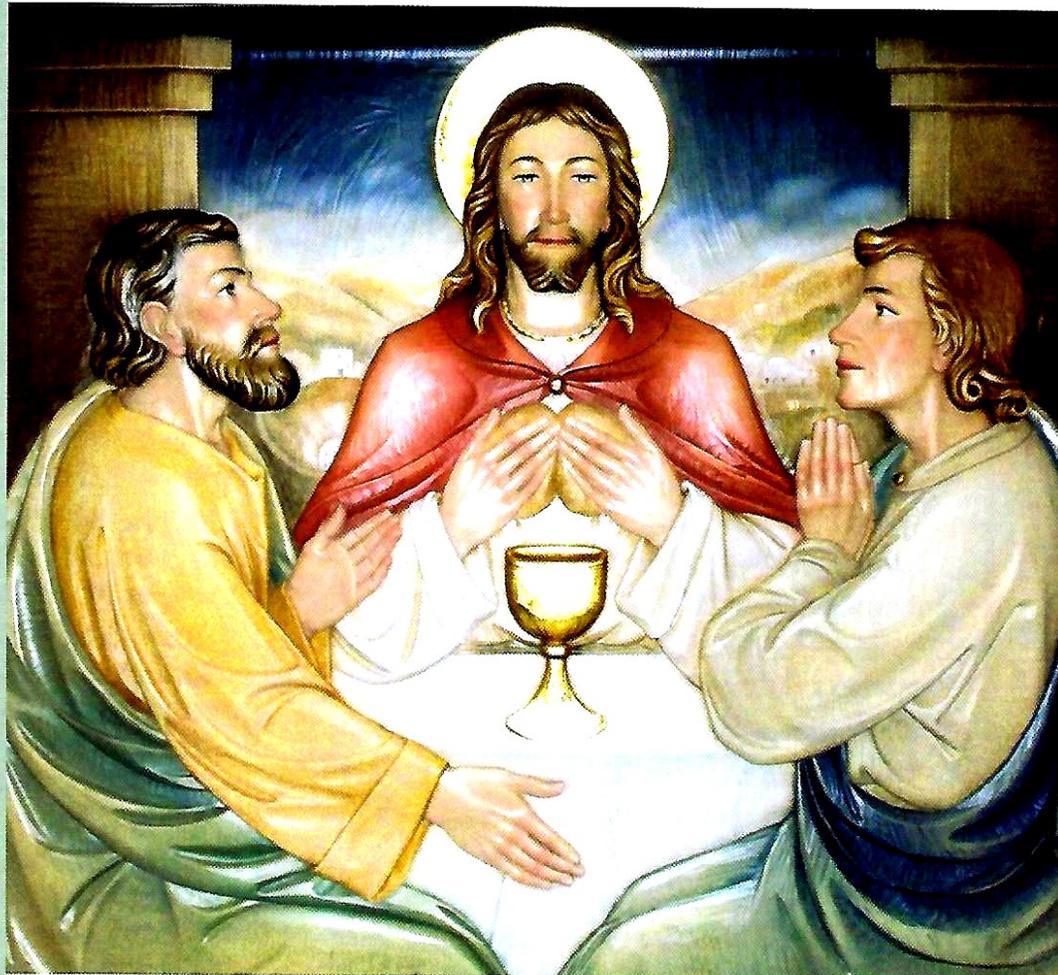
Miraculous Medal Novena
Monday:
Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm
Masses

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



The Supper at Emmaus Sculpture

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



Prayer to St. John the Baptist

O God, You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect people for Christ. Fill Your people with the joy of possessing His grace, and direct the minds of all the faithful in the way of peace and salvation.

Grant that as St. John was martyred for truth and justice, so we may enthusiastically witness to our Faith in You, and lead others to the Way, the Truth, and Eternal Life. Amen.

10 Things St. John the Baptist Has in Common with Jesus

1. *They were both the same age (born six months apart).*
2. *They both had the same extended family (Mary & Elizabeth were cousins).*
3. *They both had righteous, godly parents (Zechariah & Elizabeth, Joseph & Mary).*
4. *Their births fulfilled Old Testament prophecy.*
5. *Their births were announced to their parents by the Archangel Gabriel.*
6. *Their names were divinely given by God.*
7. *They began their public ministry in their thirties.*
8. *They both had a group of disciples.*
9. *They both preached the coming of God's Kingdom and called people to Repentance.*
10. *They were both righteous men who testified to God's Truth, and were condemned to death by civil rulers.*



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week

IN THANKSGIVING

dear Padre

Why do Peter and Paul share a feast day?

This week is the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul. Why doesn't each have his own feast day?

Actually, they do. Saints Peter and Paul are united in a solemnity on June 29th to honor their martyrdom, but each has his own feast: the Chair of Saint Peter (February 22nd) and the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25th).

St. Peter's primacy is evident in the prominence given to him in the Gospel and in the position of authority entrusted to him by Jesus and the infant Church. Jesus promised Peter that he alone would be the Foundation Stone, Keeper of the Keys, and Head Shepherd of His Church (see the Gospel of Matthew 16:18-19 and John 21:15-17), and Peter also oversaw Judas Iscariot's replacement (see Acts of the Apostles 1:15-26).

St. Paul holds a position of honor for his transformation from Church persecutor to "a slave of Christ Jesus" (Romans 1:1).

Saint Augustine wrote that they share a solemnity because even though they didn't suffer on the same day, they suffered as one. On different days of presumably the same year, 67AD, Peter was crucified and Paul beheaded.

Their esteem coupled them in the early Church's devotion. Hence, the Preface of the Mass of the Solemnity states that "each in a different way gathered together the one family of Christ; and revered together throughout the world, they share one Martyr's crown."

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

On the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), the Most Reverend Leo Cushley, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of St. Andrews & Edinburgh in Scotland wrote a Pastoral Letter to his flock and to the whole Church on the importance of Sunday Mass.

Due to space limitations, the first part of the Pastoral Letter was printed in the bulletin last week. The conclusion of Cardinal Cushley's Letter is printed below.



Edinburgh, Corpus Christi, 2018

LETTER CONTINUED.....

I will write to you again about these deeply important teachings; but, for now, I would like to re-emphasize something I wrote in my pastoral letter to you in 2015: "We belong to the Church because we belong to Jesus Christ, and we can only belong fully to Jesus Christ by being members of His Church". And we are only fully members of Christ and his Church when we faithfully join ourselves to the offering of his Sacrifice in the Mass every Sunday. It is this and this alone that makes us a community and binds us together as one family in the Church.

If we cut ourselves off from this mystery of grace, we not only cut ourselves off from Him but from one another too. The community of God's people is impoverished by your absence. Of course, there can be unavoidable circumstances that prevent our coming to Mass; illness or caring for a sick child, for example; travelling abroad too, although in these days of the internet we ought to be able to plan ahead. But under normal circumstances, attending Mass on Sunday is a solemn and binding obligation. If we deliberately fail in this matter, it is a grave sin and we must go to confession before receiving communion again (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2181).

So, I would like you to ask yourself today: is Jesus Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass my priority every Sunday, or do other commitments take precedence sometimes? Coming to Mass only every other week, or occasionally, is not the same as being faithful to his New Covenant. Surely, we cannot treat Christ our Savior as one option among others for us to shuffle at our convenience.

Dear parents, you naturally want your children to achieve their full potential and find lasting happiness. There's no better thing you can do for them than to bring them to meet the living Lord Jesus at Mass every week. If you teach them like this to seek the Kingdom of God first, you can be sure He will bless them in all the other ways that you hope for (cf. Matthew 6:33). I know it isn't always easy in our secularized world. It may mean making sacrifices and standing up for your faith among friends or within families. But remember, Jesus already sacrificed everything for us, because He did not want anyone to be lost. At many times in the past, people have died for the Mass, and even today in some parts of the world our fellow Catholics risk their lives in order to get to Mass, because they believe that True Life depends on it. And they are right. Christ is our Life and the Mass is our lifeline. I therefore urge you, my dear brother and sisters, to make the choice to attend Sunday Mass, to make it a priority, and to bring others with you.

Finally, rejoice in hope, be patient in difficulties, and be constant in prayer (cf. Romans 12:12), especially the Great Prayer which is the Sunday Eucharist, and the Lord will surely reward you.

Invoking God's abundant blessing upon you, and especially upon our children making their First Holy Communion at this time, I am

Yours sincerely in Christ,

+Leo Cushley
Archbishop of St Andrews & Edinburgh

WELCOME!



As we end the month of June, Father Antony Alfred leaves on vacation and we welcome Father Saman Maximus.

Father Saman Maximus is a priest of the Archdiocese of Colombo, Sri Lanka. He was ordained to the Priesthood in 2001.

After ordination, Father Maximus served in his Diocese as Associate Pastor, Pastor, Hospital Chaplain, and University Chaplain.

Father Maximus is currently pursuing further studies in Sacred Music in Rome.

We ask God's Blessing on Father Maximus' Priestly Ministry to our Parish Family during the month of July.



Summer Reading?

Do you want to grow in your faith and your relationship with Jesus this summer?

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Mass Intentions



SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2018

5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei (Vigil of Sunday Mass)

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 2018

7:30am +Lucille & James Killorin

9:00am +Elena & Frances Baldeon

10:30am +Father's Day Novena

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

5:30pm +Angelica Farfone

THE 12TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2018

7:00am For Our Parishioners

8:15am +Nicholas M. Turner

12:10pm Father's Day Novena

5:30pm +Christine Scanlon

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei

8:15am +Elisabeth Volkmer

12:10pm +John Nichols

5:30pm +Maria Dolores Jove

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27, 2018 ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

7:00am +John W. Kelliher

8:15am +Elizabeth (Betty) Smith Wagner

12:10pm Thanksgiving to the Holy Trinity

5:30pm +Concepcion Lim-Tiga

THURSDAY, JUNE 28, 2018 ST. IRENAEUS

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski

8:15am +Deceased Members of D'Souza Family

12:10pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

5:30pm Intentions of Ava Lucia Fisher

SOLEMNITY OF ST. PETER & ST. PAUL, APOSTLES

FRIDAY, JUNE 29, 2018

7:00am +Francis Steven Valdivia

8:15am +Deceased Members of Rodrigues Family

12:10pm +Vanessa Borg

5:30pm +Miguel Angel Zapata

THE FIRST MARYTRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH

SATURDAY, JUNE 30, 2018

8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

12:10pm +Ethel Talabovich

5:30pm +Nuccia LaPorta (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2018 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$6,429

2017 THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME N/A

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

FOR OUR DECEASED: CHRISTINE BRICKER, PATRICIA KELLER, BROOKS KERR

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.