

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

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 

August 12, 2018

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

On the Corner of East 55th Street and First Avenue

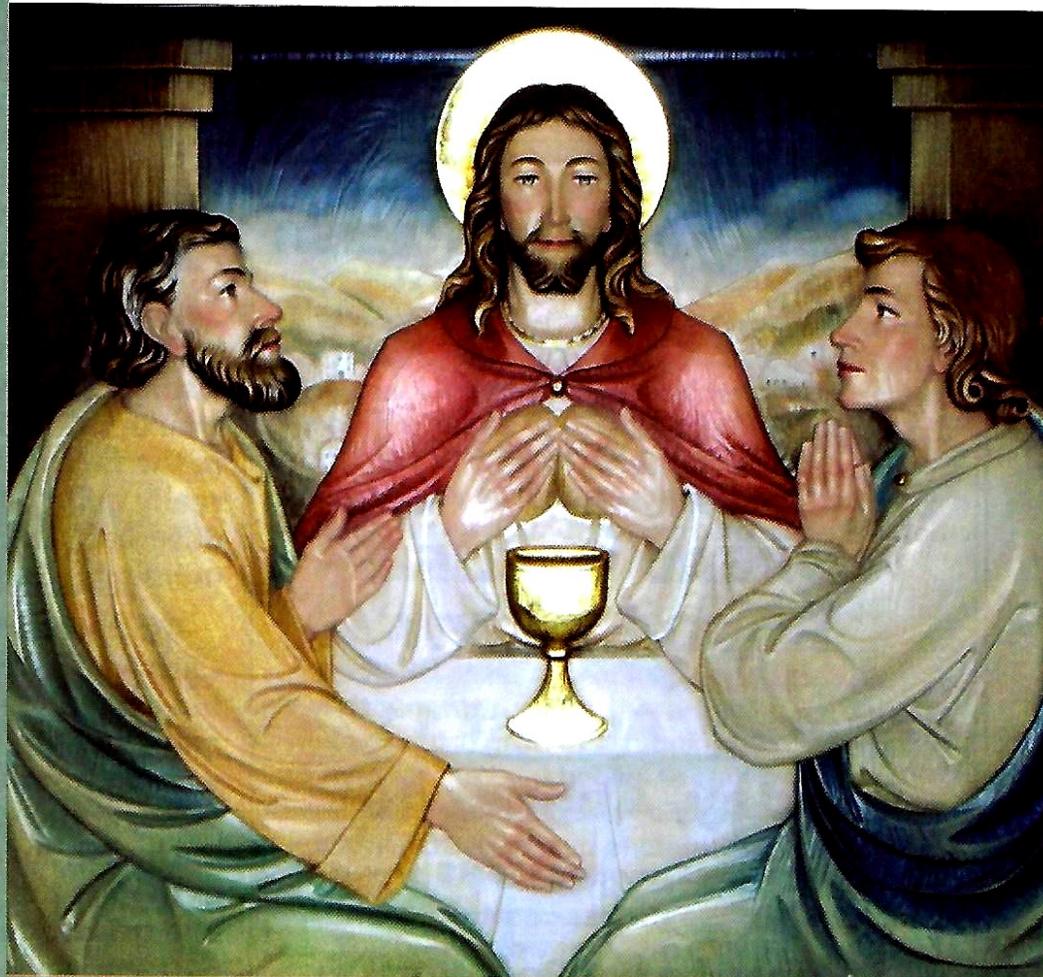
Reverend Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers, JD, JCD, Pastor

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The Supper at Emmaus Sculpture

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



**Solemnity
of the
Assumption
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary**

Holy Day of Obligation

**Tuesday, August 14th
5:30 Vigil Mass**

**Wednesday, August 15th
7:00am, 8:15am,
12:10pm & 5:30pm**

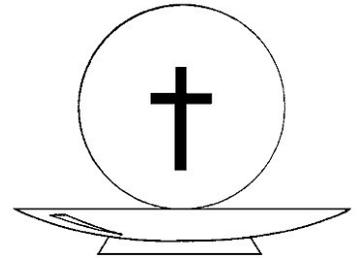


The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

**FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
MICHAEL KELLY**

**Fed By
Jesus**



We should never
tire of saying that
the Eucharist communicates our
Redemption. After all, on the altar there is
the continuous saving work of our divine
merciful One, always craving that I might
seize the most of the fruits of His saving
Passion. Continuous Redemption on the
world's altars means Redemption of my
personal evil. I need to see that God is
responding to my faith and contrition. He
even uses my evil so that His mercy can
more abundantly flow right into me.

I am never alone with my fear, despair,
disappointment, or a crisis involving accepted
authority. Any kind of difficult situation is a
trial of faith. I may feel alone and helpless
in the face of such trials. Yet the truth is
really quite different, paradoxically
different. In these highly difficult
moments, God is actually closest to me.

In times of huge sexual temptations,
Christ says to Saint Catherine of Siena: "I
have never been so close to you as in this
moment." In such moments, God is simply
waiting for me. He is waiting for me to
discover the value and treasure of the
Eucharist. In every temptation, crisis, fear,
or moment of despair, He wants to embrace
and transform me by this Redeeming
Sacrament.

—Rev. Tadeusz Dajczer

PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH

**SUMMER
FOOD DRIVE**

for the
**BREAD OF LIFE
FOOD PANTRY**

**Saturday, August 11th —
Sunday, August 19th**

Lists of most needed ITEMS are in
the RACKS in the Entrances to the Church.

**Please Leave Donations
by the St. Francis Shrine**

Today and over the next few Sundays, Jesus speaks to you in the Gospel about His gift of the Eucharist. The following is a reflection on this amazing Divine Gift.

Jesus Is Here!

The sacred words and gestures that surround the Consecration at every Holy Mass solemnly proclaim: *Jesus is here!* Whenever you receive the Son of God—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—in Holy Communion, you can say: *Jesus is here!* Wherever the Blessed Sacrament is reserved, the Sanctuary Lamp silently declares: *Jesus is here!*

Is it any wonder that St. John Paul II desired to *rekindle Eucharistic amazement throughout the Church?*

Marvelous is the mystery of Our Lord's abiding Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Yet many Catholics are unaware of the treasures of grace, power and consolation flowing from the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus. Even for fervent believers, it is a challenge to maintain a vibrant faith in Jesus' Eucharistic Presence amid the distractions of secularized society.

But, there are simple ways of tending the flame of faith in the *source and summit of the Christian life* so that the Eucharist becomes for you a Life to be lived, a Light to be shown and a Love to be shared.

Believe!

Faith is a gift which needs to be used, deepened and shared. As you learn about, think about and pray about the mystery of the Eucharist, your faith grows and begins to express itself outwardly.

Conversely, outward expressions of your faith in the Real Presence can sustain you in times of darkness, doubt and distraction. Reverent genuflections, recollection as you receive Holy Communion, and attentive silence before the Blessed Sacrament also have great evangelizing power. More effective than words are these manifestations of faith which confidently proclaim: *Jesus is here!*

Sunday Plus

It is true that the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and His Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. (CATECHISM 2177)

But Holy Mass is not just for Sunday; daily Our Lord's saving sacrifice is made real, and daily He

desires to unite Himself to you through Holy Communion.

By going to weekday Mass (even if only once or twice a week) you confirm that the spiritual benefits received far outweigh the sacrifice you make. For with every reception of Holy Communion, your union with Christ is increased.



Eucharistic Adoration

Faith grows, almost imperceptibly, as you spend time in Our Lord's Presence. Many parishes have specific Eucharistic Adoration times—our Parish has all-day Adoration every Friday. Responding to Our Lord's invitation to *watch with Me* is transformative because, during every period of Eucharistic Adoration, you encounter Him Who is your Lord and God, Savior, Teacher, Friend and Brother.

The Visit

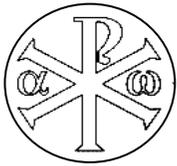
Jesus waits for us in the Sacrament of Love. (St. John Paul II) So, what are you waiting for? Visits to the Blessed Sacrament need not be long or formal. The business man stopping in on his way to work and the young mother whispering to her toddler, "Say Hi! to Jesus," both bear eloquent witness to Eucharistic faith in the here-and-now of daily life.

The Gift of Prayer

If *prayer is the greatest gift one friend can offer to another* (Terence Cardinal Cooke), then prayer that focuses on the Eucharist is the highest form of the greatest gift you can give. You can participate at Holy Mass and receive Holy Communion for someone's special intentions, or you can offer an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament for a dear one in need.

And be Thankful!

Eucharist means "thanksgiving." As faith grows, your gratitude for this amazing mystery of Divine Love also grows. As your gratitude grows, your love for the Lord begins to spill over to others: family and friends, co-workers and neighbors, strangers and enemies... to the whole human family! From the good soil of Eucharistic faith comes the good fruit of grateful, generous love. You become a witness to Him Who dwells among us, hidden in the humble Host. And your life begins to proclaim to all: *Jesus is here!*



POWER HOUSE OF PRAYER WEEK

Our August Power House of Prayer Week begins Sunday, August 19th and continues through Saturday, August 25th.

Prayer intentions are gathered the week before in special boxes placed at our Church Entrances and on table inside the Church. The intentions are put in a large white box that's placed before the Altar and remains there for the entire week.

Through the Power House of Prayer Week, you open your heart to the needs of your brothers and sisters, and celebrate the mutual love of our Parish Family, by intense and fervent prayer for each other.

The Power House of Prayer Week puts Jesus at the center of our Parish Life, and helps His love continue to grow ... in your heart, in your life and in our Parish Family.

2019 Mass Intentions Book Opened

Many of our parishioners pray for friends and family and remember their beloved dead by having Mass intentions offered in their name.



While Mass Intentions are still available for the balance of 2018, the Book of Mass Intentions for 2019 will also be opened, beginning Monday, August 13th. This is intended to accommodate parishioners who would like to arrange special Mass dates in advance.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2018 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	\$4,556
2017 THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY	\$6,481

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, AUGUST 11, 2018

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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12, 2018

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Michael Fein
10:30am +Maria Valdivia
12:00pm Living & Deceased Members of the Aufiero Family
5:30pm +Thady Goonan

MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2018 ST. PONTIAN & HYPPOLYTUS

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Richard M. Cashin
12:10pm +Claire Menagh
5:30pm +Carolyn Roque

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2018 ST. MAXIMILLIAN KOLBE

7:00am +Ellen Hernon
8:15am +Mary Jennerjahn
12:10pm +Louis R. Keller
5:30pm +Marcella Otis

(VIGIL OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2018 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +John W. Kelliher
12:10pm +John "Buddy" Hogan
5:30pm +Jesus & Filipinas Valdez

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2018 ST. STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski
8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull
12:10pm +Marie J. Darcy
5:30pm +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17, 2018

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich
8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei
12:10pm +Liam Robinson
5:30pm +Anita & John Burrachio

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

8:15am +Msgr. Charles Roselli
12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei
5:30pm +Mary Margaria (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

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.