

August 19, 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

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

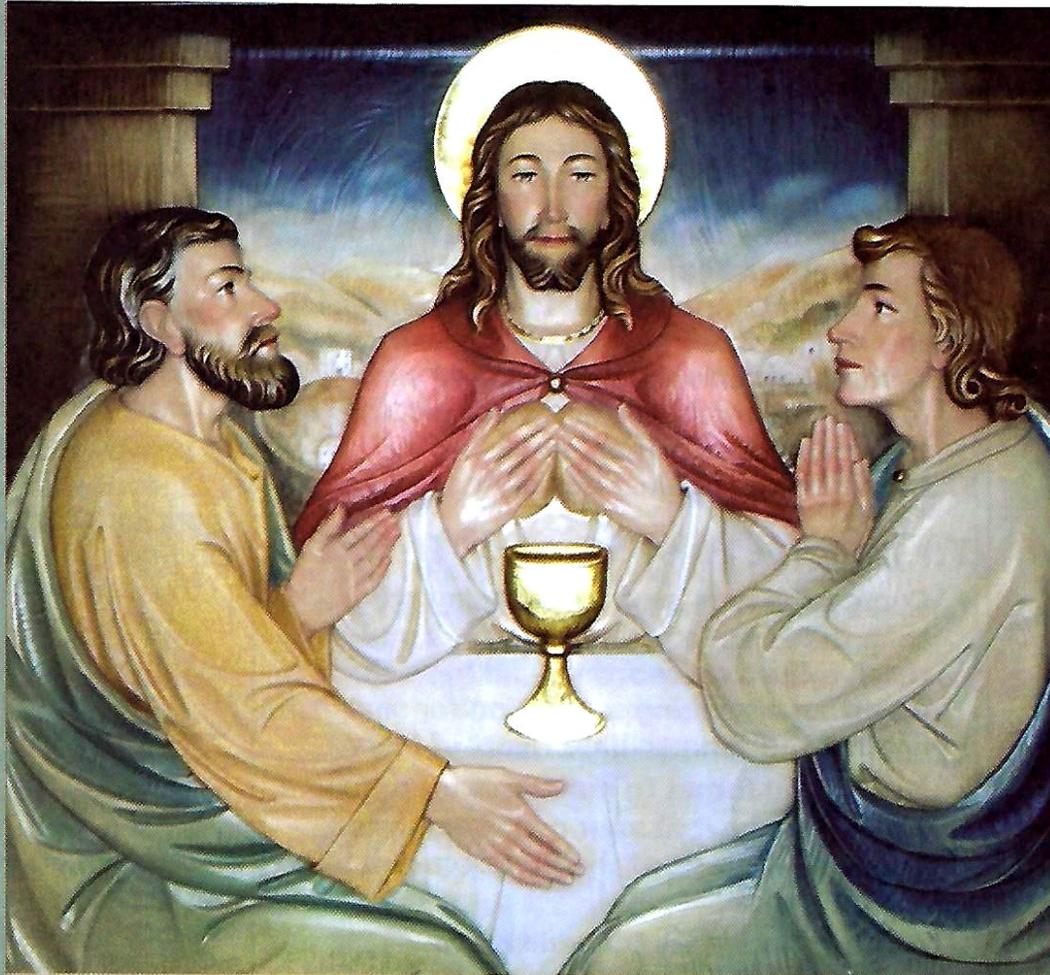
Kathleen Martin

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



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

According to ancient custom, the Church has dedicated Saturday to the honor of the Blessed Mother. From this special dedication arose the pious practice of "First Saturday Devotion." This Devotion is practiced on the First Saturday of the month for 5 Consecutive Months. It consists of:

1. Going to Confession
2. Receiving the Eucharist
3. Saying five decades of the Rosary
4. Meditating for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

All this offered in REPARATION for the sins of blasphemy and ingratitude committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The five First Saturdays correspond to the five kinds of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. They are:

1. Blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception;
2. Blasphemies against her Virginity;
3. Blasphemies against her Divine Maternity, at the same time refusal to accept her as the Mother of all people;
4. Instilling indifference, scorn, and even hatred towards this Immaculate Mother in the hearts of children;
5. Direct insults against her sacred images.

TIPS FOR THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

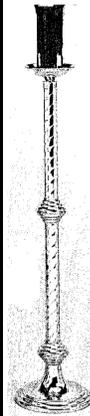
- ◆ Confession may be done on a day other than the First Saturday so long as you receive Our Lord worthily and have the intention of making reparation for sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
- ◆ Even if you forget to make this intention, you can make it at your next Confession, taking advantage of the first occasion to go to Confession.
- ◆ It is not necessary to meditate on every mystery of the Rosary on each First Saturday. Meditating on just one or on several of the Mysteries will suffice.



The Sanctuary Lamp

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

MARY & JOHN JENNERJAHN



Our Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp, which is next to our Tabernacle, is a sign of the Real Presence of Jesus, the Light of the World, in our Parish Church.

In accordance with tradition, this candle may be dedicated in honor or in memory of a particular person or persons, or for a special intention. The customary offering for this weekly dedication is \$25.

There are several dates still open for dedication in September through November 2018 and the new book is open for 2019.

Anyone who would like to make arrangements for dedicating the Sanctuary Lamp should contact the Parish Office.

Eye Exam?

"Turn away my eyes from seeing what is vain: by your way give me life."

Psalm 119:37



I have a tiny garden patch in which I've planted black-eyed susan, roses and lavender. Their bright colors and fragrance delight me and also attract honeybees who visit daily. I've become fascinated by the way the bees hover over each blossom as if discerning where to pause, where to pay attention, what to give their time and energy to, and whether a stop at a particular flower will fulfill their needs for a flourishing life. This honeybee examination of conscience reminds me of a question I often ask myself in my prayer time at night: Where did my eyes linger today?

What draws me and what I resist reveal so much of how I'm cooperating with God's grace. When do I look away because something is not for my good? Where do I keep my gaze focused on Jesus and His witness of love?

—Sr. Melanie Svoboda

For Catholics

Who've Been "Away" from the Church—Part I



(By Parishioner request, I am happy to re-print the following article.)

If you've been away from the Church, the Good News is you can always "come home" again. For example, you can start going to Sunday Mass again and join a Parish Community that's ready to welcome you with open arms. God is inviting you to "dive into your faith" in a deeper way than you ever did before. You may already be feeling an inner pull to come to Church again—which is God calling you back to Himself. He never forces; He only invites. He leaves the decision to return to the Church up to you. Here are the Top Ten Reasons listed by Lorene Hanley Duqin of *Our Sunday Visitor* as influencing the decision of many people to return to the practice of their Catholic Faith:

NUMBER 10: BECAUSE YOU WANT MEANING IN LIFE.

In the hustle and stress of life today, you may suddenly realize that your life has lost a sense of meaning or purpose. That's when you begin to ask yourself, "What is my life all about? Why do I do what I do?" There's widespread confusion in our culture with regard to morality and truth. Only the joy of the Catholic Church offers you a beacon of light that gives meaning to your present life and leads you to eternal life.

NUMBER 9: BECAUSE YOUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES SURFACE.

Childhood memories of feeling connected to God can surface in your later life. Then, you begin to ask yourself, "Is it possible for me to recapture that simplicity of my faith? Can I believe again that God is with me and is watching out for me?" The secularization of our society leads people away from the spiritual side of their life. The Church gives you spiritual and even mystical experiences that feed your heart, mind, body and soul. It also offers you an array of ministries that let you interface and interact with the world around you, and make it a better world in which to live.

NUMBER 8: BECAUSE YOU MADE MISTAKES.

You may be burdened by the weight of past and accumulated sins. You really want to get rid of the guilt of having hurt God and others. So, you begin to ask yourself, "Will God ever forgive me? Is there any way I can start over with a clean slate?" You can always tell God that you're sorry, but by going to Confession you have *complete assurance* of God's forgiveness. In addition, this Sacrament reconciles you with God, and with all members of the Church, the Body of Christ. In Confession, God gives you the grace to start all over again.

NUMBER 7: BECAUSE YOU NEED TO FORGIVE OTHERS.

Sometimes you can hold on to anger and resentment toward people who've deeply hurt you. Maybe it was a family member or friend. Maybe it was a Sister, or a Priest, or someone on a Parish Staff. Sadly, modern culture condones and encourages anger and revenge. But these are spiritual cancers that eat at your heart and life. The Church provides you with an opportunity to seek God's help in forgiving others, even when the other person does not ask for forgiveness or does not deserve it. The ability to forgive is a gift that opens your heart more fully to God's love, peace, and reconciliation.

NUMBER 6: BECAUSE WE WANT TO BE HEALED.

You may be carrying deep spiritual wounds. For example, you struggle with anger at God over bad things that happen—a terminal illness, a debilitating injury, a broken relationship, mental or emotional problems, an unexplainable accident, the death of a loved one or some other deep disappointment. The Church can't change these situations, but there are people in the Church who can assist in the process of spiritual healing to help you get past your wounds and pain and get on with your life.

Part II—Number 5 through Number 1 will be in next week's Bulletin.

dear Padre

Recently a genetic testing kit became available. Does the Church have any teaching on these tests?

In principle the Church is not opposed to genetic testing. The number of tests available seems to rise almost daily. The critical issue from a moral standpoint is what we do with the information that is gained.

Any use of the information to harm people would be judged immoral—for example, using genetic information to detect Down syndrome in a pre-born child with the subsequent abortion of this human life. Another example would be using genetic information against people seeking employment or health insurance.

An additional concern is the impact that genetic testing results might have on the person receiving them. For instance, a person may wish to know if he carries the gene for Huntington's disease, an illness that will surface in his life if he has the gene. There is no cure for this debilitating disease. However, the information may assist him in preparing himself and others for the time when the disease will manifest itself.

In other instances, however, genetic information may lead to better understanding in treatment of a disease. Such testing would allow spouses to know if they carry a particular gene, for example, associated with cystic fibrosis. A couple finding themselves carriers of the gene should bear this in mind when making decisions about their responsibilities in future parenthood.

Summarizing, information obtained from genetic testing holds promise and potential peril. The God-Given dignity and life of persons should guide judgments about the morally acceptable use of genetic information.

—Redemptorist Fathers



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 2018

5:30pm +Mary Margaria (Vigil)

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018 LAST DAY FOR FOOD DRIVE

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Mary D'Angelo
10:30am +Gabriella & Gaetano Fiumicini
12:00pm +Susan Bigot-Cahill
5:30pm +Madeline Sershen

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 ST. BERNARD

7:00am Intentions of Margo Everts
8:15am +Ellen Hernon, 13th Anniversary
12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei
5:30pm Intentions of Maria Rosa & Ricardo Jove

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2018 ST. PIUS X

7:00am +John W. Kelliher
8:15am +Gail R. Schipski
12:10pm +Maureen Dineen
5:30pm +Corina LaFrance

THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull
8:15am +Marie Germaine Theriault
12:10pm In Thanksgiving
5:30pm +Ethel Talabovich

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23, 2018 ST. ROSE OF LIMA

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell
8:15am +Msgr. Charles Roselli
12:10pm +Marie Louise Andrei
5:30pm +Gail R. Schipski

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2018 ST. BARTHOLOMEW

7:00am +Elena & Frances Baldeon
8:15am +Lucille Choquette
12:10pm +Michael Wilcox
5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei

ST. LOUIS, ST. JOSEPH CALAZANZ

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25, 2018

8:15am +Msgr. Charles Roselli
12:10pm +Frank Di Bernnardo
5:30pm +Alice Harvey (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2018 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY \$5,051
2017 THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY \$8,180

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.