

April 7, 2019

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:

Tuesday at 7:00pm *(September thru June)*

Wheelchair Accessible

Entrance on 1011 First Avenue



Christ Crucified

Christina Krupka

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

PALM SUNDAY



**Saturday,
April 13th**

Vigil Mass at 5:30pm



SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH

**Masses 7:30am, 9:00am & 10:30am,
12:00 Noon & 5:30pm**

Palms will be distributed at all the Masses.



12:00 NOON MASS

SOLEMN BLESSING OF PALMS

**Outside the Catholic Center Main Entrance
1011 First Avenue
and Procession to the Church for Mass**



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

In Loving Memory of

MARY & JOHN JENNERJAHN

HOLY SATURDAY

APRIL 20th

No Morning Masses



4:30PM TO 5:30PM CONFESSIONS

No 5:30pm Mass

8:00PM—MASS OF THE EASTER VIGIL

**Lighting of New Fire outside Church
at 55th Street Entrance—Procession into Church,
Scripture Readings, Blessing of Water,
Renewal of Baptismal Promises**

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 21ST

**ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!**

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**MASSES—8:30AM, 10:30AM,
& 12:00 NOON**



*There is NO 7:30am, 9:00am, or
5:30pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

HOLY THURSDAY-APRIL 18TH



7:30AM—MASS

**11:30am to 12:00Noon—
Confession**

7:00PM—MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**Solemn Mass includes the *Mandatum* (Washing of the Feet) &
Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Repository**

ADORATION UNTIL 10:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY—APRIL 19TH



Day of Fast & Abstinence

12:00Noon

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

3:15pm

**LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION & DEATH,
Veneration of the Cross & Rite of Holy Communion**

5:00pm to 6:00pm—Confessions

7:30PM—STATIONS OF THE CROSS



RECONCILIATION MONDAY

APRIL 15TH

**On April 15th, Monday of Holy Week,
Confessions will be heard at our Parish from
11:30am to 12 Noon, and continuously from
3:00pm to 9:00pm. All Catholic Parishes in the
New York Metropolitan Area will also hear
Confessions on Reconciliation Monday from
3:00pm to 9:00pm.**

**Don't miss this blessed opportunity to
be reconciled to the Lord before Easter and,
don't hesitate to bring a friend.**

LOVE, FORGIVENESS AND MERCY

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST

Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing. —Luke 23:34

Merciful Lord, it seems a mixed blessing to have power over another, like emperors who decided the fate of gladiators with a casual turn of the thumb. Still, humans relish such power and seek it constantly. As the Lord of Lords, You astonish us with Your dying suggestion that the ultimate power of mercy and the highest authority is found in forgiveness. Awaken the dormant muscles in our lives to exercise Your way of empathy, forbearance and forgiveness.

Woman, here is your son. Here is your mother. —John 19:26-27

Shepherd Lord, as a mother gathers her young at table, so do You gather God's children in Holy Communion. From the Cross You call us to transcend the discord of human relations to form the all-inclusive body of Christ. Your Precious Blood was the purchase price for the truth that we are no longer strangers or aliens, but citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. Give us the grace to embrace all people in the kinship of Your Holy Family.

I am thirsty. —John 19:28

Compassionate Lord, we share Your thirst for peace and Your hunger for justice, but too often we drink from dead seas and stagnant ponds. Your vulnerable outcry for refreshment invites us to quench the thirsts of the soul and the hungers of the heart. How fitting it is that even in death, blood and water pour forth from Your broken body. Move us to drink from the springs of Your Living Water and the Sacred Cup of Your Precious Blood.

Truly I tell you, today you will be with Me in Paradise. —Luke 23:43

Holy Lord, as the Cross forms the meeting point between heaven and earth, Your dying words close the artificial distance between saints and sinners. Humans are skilled at forming classes and erecting fences, but You came to tear down walls and build bridges. At Your last meal You prayed that we might all be one and with Your last breath You sealed that bond of love. Open our eyes to recognize the truth that we are all good thieves and flawed givers.

My God, my God, what have You forsaken Me. —Mark 15:34

Vulnerable Lord, You began Your saving mission as an outcast king, relegated to a throne of straw when there was no room in the inn. On the Cross You bear our most devastating pain—the feeling of being abandoned by God. Your haunting words echo through the centuries as a Baptismal call to holy arms. When God appears to slumber and the heavens seem silent, send us forth as the Body of Christ to personify Divine Love and speak words of comfort to the forsaken and abandoned.

It is finished. —John 19:30

Victorious Lord, St. Paul speaks of the faithful athlete who knows the triumph of breaking the tape at the finish line. Having fought the good fight and run a glorious race, you claim a higher prize, not by breaking the tape, but by allowing yourself to be broken. The Way of the Cross reveals that life is not a competition, but a journey of compassion. Bind us together like hobbled athletes who support each other in mutual love to share the exhilarating prize of eternal life with You.

Father, into Your hands I commend My spirit. —Luke 23:46

Faithful Lord, we are an independent people not inclined to trust our fate to the hands of others, even when those hands are Divine. We prefer to be masters of our own destiny and pull ourselves up by our own bootstraps. With Your dying breath, You teach us to submit to your greater power in faith and hope. May we embrace this final, graceful legacy of discipleship by seeking not to control, but to yield; not to grasp, but to be embraced by You in love, forgiveness and mercy.

VENERATION OF THE CROSS



In the Seventh Century, the Church in Rome adopted the practice of veneration of the Cross from the Church in Jerusalem, where a fragment of wood of the Lord's Cross had been venerated every year on Good Friday since the Fourth Century. According to tradition, the Holy Cross was discovered by the mother of the Emperor Constantine, Saint Helena, on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in 326. A Fifth Century account describes this service in Jerusalem. A coffer of gold-plated silver containing the wood of the Cross was brought forward. The Bishop placed the relic on a table in the Chapel of the Crucifixion and the faithful approached it, touching brow or lips to the wood as the priest said, "Behold, the Wood of the Cross."

Veneration of an image or representation of Christ's Cross does not mean that we are actually adoring the material image, rather we venerate what it represents. In kneeling before the Crucifix and kissing it we are paying the highest honor to our Lord's Cross as the instrument of our salvation. Because the Cross is inseparable from His Sacrifice, in reverencing His Cross we are, in effect, adoring Christ. Thus we affirm: "We adore You, O Christ, and we bless You because by Your Holy Cross You have Redeemed the World."



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019

5:30pm +John Viscogliosi (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2019

7:30am For Our Parishioners
 9:00am +Marie Louis Andrei
 10:30am +Vicenta Melendez
 12:00pm +Julie Palmisano
 5:30pm +Susan & Bernd Buedden

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2019

7:00am +William Rowley
 8:15am +Michael Visconte
 12:10pm Intentions of Miriam R. Salas, Healing
 5:30pm +Sharon Nelson

TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2019

7:00am Intentions of Jean Bilgera
 8:15am +Philomena Morganti
 12:10pm Intentions of Carmen M. Desueza, Healing
 5:30pm +Marie Louise Andrei

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

7:00am +Julia Valdivia
 8:15am Intentions of Margo Everts
 12:10pm +Cristina Valdivia
 5:30pm +Theresa Mezzacappa

THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2019 ST. STANISLAUS

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
 8:15am Intentions of the Bilgera Family
 12:10pm +Sr. Maureen Coyne, OP
 5:30pm +John W. Kelliher

FRIDAY, APRIL 12, 2019

7:00am Intentions of Marie Colwell, Healing
 8:15am +Michael Fein
 12:10pm +Artemio Mora Figueredo
 5:30pm +Maria Valdivia

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2019 ST. MARTIN I

8:15am +Richard M. Cashin
 12:10pm +Carolyn Roque
 5:30pm Special Intentions (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2019 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT \$5,381
2018 THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT \$6,262

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, MARY GOLDSTEIN,

FOR OUR DECEASED: ANDREW HERNON, THERESA CARROLL, WALTER CASTAGNA, OLGA LOPEZ, CAROL THOMAS

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.