

November 24, 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

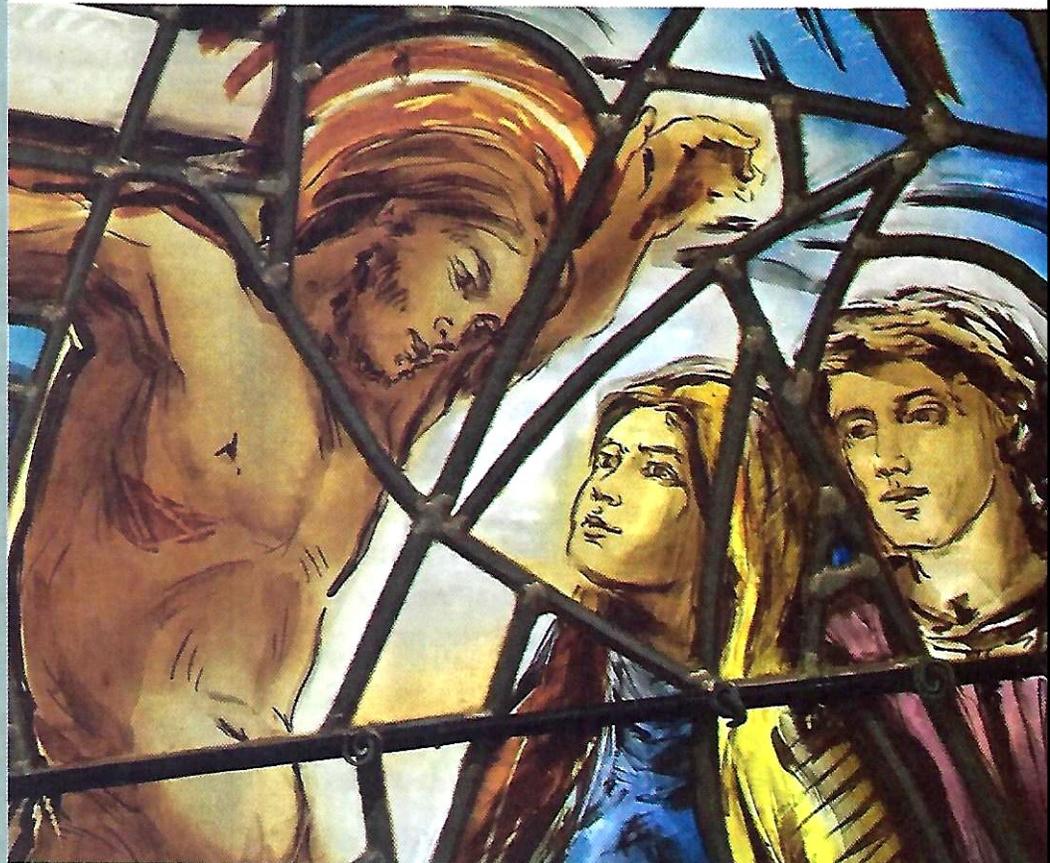
**Miraculous Medal Novena**  
*Monday:*  
Following the 12:10 and 5:30pm  
Masses

**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 



*St. John and Our Lady*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

  
**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**  
**MASS SCHEDULE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
 (THANKSGIVING DAY)

**MASSES 8:15AM & 12:10PM**  
**No 7:00AM & No 5:30PM MASS**



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
 (DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING)

**MASSES 8:15AM & 12:10PM**  
**No 7:00AM & No 5:30PM MASS**

ON BOTH DAYS, THE CHURCH WILL CLOSE AT 2:30PM  
 AND THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.  
 IN AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 1.212.753.8418



**Will be here soon!**

During Advent, our Parish sponsors a Giving Tree to benefit **Catholic Charities Adopt-A-Family Program**. Our *Giving Tree* is located in our 55<sup>th</sup> Street Entrance.

1. Please **SELECT** an ornament and **ADD** that person to your Christmas gift list.
2. **TAPE** the ornament to the gift.
3. **RETURN** it to the Church, **UNWRAPPED**.

**DEADLINE** is **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

*Take an Ornament—Buy a Gift—Share Your Love!*



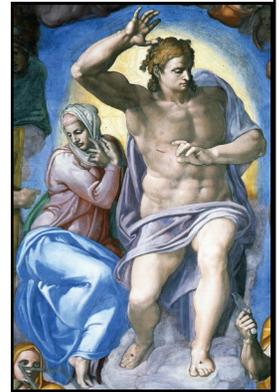
*The Sanctuary Lamp*

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

**JOSEPH GAROPPOLO**

**DO EVERYTHING WELL**

The Last Judgment, Michelangelo's huge fresco on the wall behind the Sistine Chapel altar, is one of the greatest representations of the coming of Jesus at the end of time. The centerpiece of the composition is Jesus as Divine Judge with the Blessed Virgin, His Holy Mother, at His side. They are shown in a halo of heavenly light, surrounded by a huge crowd of apostles, prophets, patriarchs, Old Testament heroines, martyrs, and saints who form a vast array of all the saved. Michelangelo painted hundreds of figures, including those in hell, with exquisite attention to detail.



Just think, when Michelangelo was painting, his work in the Papal Chapel he thought it was destined to be seen by very few—the pope, his court, a few visiting kings and diplomats at most. In fact, the Sistine Chapel received less visitors in Michelangelo's time than the population of a medium-to-small-sized parish today. Yet, Michelangelo painted with the same eye to perfection as if he knew his work would be seen by millions. He was not painting for the multitudes but for his patron, the pope, and most importantly, to glorify God.

Similarly, if you act with generosity and love, whether you're observed by millions or no one, you'll follow the path of Jesus to true freedom and love. So, you do what is right, not to be seen, but because you want to glorify God and be true to yourself and to others. If you live like this, you'll have no reason to fear your own Last Judgment.

More than six million people annually see *The Last Judgment* in person, and countless more via broadcasts and social media. So do everything well, since it is seen by God and yourself—and maybe some day, by more eyes than you ever imagined!

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

*From the Desk of  
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers*

My Dear Parishioners,

Historians have determined that the first Thanksgiving took place in the fall of 1621 at the Pilgrim Settlement in Plymouth, Massachusetts. It was then that Pilgrim settlers and Native Americans had a meal together to celebrate a good harvest. By the 1660's, some New England communities were holding a Thanksgiving feast annually, but it was not until two centuries later that Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday in November would be a new national holiday, "Thanksgiving Day."

THANKSGIVING DAY is a holiday that is among the finest national traditions in the United States. However, setting a day aside for giving thanks to God is not just a United States phenomenon, many countries throughout the world also celebrate harvest or other festivals that express gratitude to God.

For Catholics, Thanksgiving Day has a special meaning. This is because we know that gratitude lies at the very heart of discipleship. A grateful heart heralds the beginning of discipleship and opens the way to our deepest response, the desire to give back to God for the bounty of our lives.

With this in mind, you should ask yourself, "What do I want to thank my loving God for?" Early American colonists, who gave inspiration to the Thanksgiving Day tradition, were thankful for their very survival. Many of their compatriots were buried in the soil of their new land, far from all that they cherished and was familiar.

It's natural to thank God when things turn out the way you hoped, when disaster is averted or when your life seems filled with abundance. Harder, perhaps, is the ability to thank God for being present with you in times of struggle, failure, illness and death. But, the truth is, your memory of God's presence is both a comfort and a gift to you all its own.

If you take time to reflect on your life, you can often discover that you're most grateful for a gift you struggled to receive.

Often you find that what has come to you in the form of hardship has, in hindsight, revealed itself as gift. This is why each day's struggles and trials can be offered to God with a heartfelt "thank you."

Meister Eckhart, a 14th Century Dominican Mystic, wrote, "If the only prayer you ever say is 'thank you,' that will suffice." At first, this might seem puzzling. What about prayers of praise and petition? But Eckhart knew that the most genuine response, and indeed, the first and most spontaneous response of a heart which discovers God, is "thank you." Gratitude lies at the beginning of true prayer.

As you celebrate Thanksgiving Day, pause to reflect on your personal reasons for giving thanks to God. Then, ask God for the grace to be present to those moments in your daily life when His gifts are obvious and also when they're hidden in shadows. Remember to praise and thank God for all of them.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers

*A Prayer for  
Thanksgiving*



**O bountiful God, You have blessed me beyond all measure with food and family, friends and freedom.**

**I thank You for looking upon me with love and for filling all creation with Your loving gifts.**

**Show Yourself to me in all the surprising ways that You are present in the world, in my life, in my family and friends, and in coworkers and strangers.**

**Help me to use Your gifts wisely, to share them unselfishly, and to enjoy them immensely. Amen.**

*Holy Family Hospital  
of Bethlehem*  
"The Birthplace of Hope"



Next weekend, Mrs. Ellen Shafer, one of our Parishioners and the Chair of the Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem Foundation, will speak at all the Masses about the way that Holy Family Hospital is a "gift of peace" to mothers, babies and families in the Holy Land.

For more information about the Holy Family of Hospital of Bethlehem, visit the website:  
[www.birthplaceofhope.org](http://www.birthplaceofhope.org).



**A COFFEE A DAY**  
**FOR OUR PARISH**

**We're brewing up a simple campaign to keep our parish strong.**

**Would you consider increasing your weekly giving by the cost of something simple—like one cup of coffee a day or a takeout dinner per week? What a difference that would make for our Parish!**

**This campaign, A Coffee a Day for our Parish, will help increase our regular offertory collection and allow us to have a strong and secure financial future.**

**Please consider what you can add to your regular weekly giving to the Parish.**

**We will be so grateful!**

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP**

**2019 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$7,398**  
**2018 33RD 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.*

**Mass Intentions**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2019**

5:30pm +Tessie Hidalgo (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019**

7:30am +Mary & John Jennerjahn  
9:00am For Our Parishioners  
10:30am +Elena & Frances Baldeon  
12:00pm +Dino & Lena Bettini  
5:30pm Intentions of Delia Padron, Healing

**34TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2019**

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei  
8:15am +Victor LaPlace  
12:10pm +Adamo & Lia Grilli  
5:30pm +Stephen Losi

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019**

7:00am +John W. Kelliher  
8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull  
12:10pm +Helen Calise  
5:30pm +Josephine Laurino

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2019**

7:00am +Anant Bhavsar  
8:15am +Karen Jimenez  
12:10pm +Joseph Garoppolo  
5:30pm +Frank Sacco

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

7:00am **No Mass**  
8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei  
12:10pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli  
5:30pm **No Mass**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

7:00am **No Mass**  
8:15am +Francis Steven Valdivia  
12:10pm +Minas & Josephine Kodjian  
5:30pm **No Mass**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019 ST. ANDREW**

8:15am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell  
12:10pm +Marie Germaine Theriault  
5:30pm +Denis H. Burns (Vigil for Sunday Mass)

*Prayer Requests*

**FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, WILLIAM PITASSY**

**FOR OUR DECEASED: MARY GOLDSTEIN, TERESA HOGAN, RENEE SOMMERS**

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