

December 1, 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



"Come Lord Jesus"

Photographer Christina Krupka

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

**SOLEMNITY
OF THE
IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION
OF THE
BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY**



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
MASSES 7:00AM & 8:15AM
& 12:10PM & 5:30PM**



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our
Tabernacle burns this week

In Loving Memory of

MARIA & HENRY KRUPKA

**Christmas
Flower Fund**



On Christmas Day and
throughout the Christmas Season, our altar
and Parish Church will be decorated with
beautiful Christmas flowers.

Parishioners wishing to remember a
living or deceased parent, relative or friend
are invited to make a donation to our Parish
Christmas Flower Fund. The customary
donation is \$15.00.

This is a wonderful way to remember
those you love at Christmas.

Our Christmas Giving Tree



IS HERE!

During Advent, our Parish sponsors a Giving
Tree to benefit **Catholic Charities Adopt-A-
Family Program**. Our *Giving Tree* is
located in our 55th 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 15th.

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

**A PRAYER
TO
HONOR MARY**



MOTHER OF GOD,
I sing your praises, but I
must praise you even more.

My speech is too feeble to honor you as I ought,
for no tongue is eloquent enough to express
your excellence.

Mary, most powerful, most holy, and worthy of
all love.

Your name brings new life, and the thought of
you inspires love in the hearts of those devoted
to you. AMEN

—St. Bernard of Clairvaux

*From the Desk of
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers*

My Dear Parishioners,

Next Sunday, December 8th, is the Second Sunday of Advent. The Church moves the celebration of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary to Monday, December 9th.

This celebration is very special for us because our Blessed Mother, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the United States.



What's the spiritual meaning of Mary's Immaculate Conception? The Church teaches that Mary was conceived in the normal way, through an act of love by her mother and father, St. Joachim and St. Ann. However, while she was fully human, Mary was preserved from the stain of original sin and its effects from the very first moment of her existence. This special grace was conferred on her by God since she was to be the Mother of His only Son, Jesus.

Sometimes, Mary's Immaculate Conception is confused with the conception of Jesus. The Gospel tells us when Mary said "yes" to God's plan to send His Son to redeem us, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb. The Church celebrates this "beginning of our salvation" on March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation.

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we cherish Mary as the pure and spotless vessel to whom God gave the privilege of sharing her flesh with His Son, and bringing Him into the world.

In the familiar prayer, the "Hail Mary", we say that Mary is "full of grace" and that "the Lord is with" her. Which means that Mary was faithful to God and her life was filled with God even before Jesus was conceived in her womb.

As you celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception, ask God for the grace to become like her. That is, a faithful person filled with the Lord, a person who brings Jesus into the world.

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers

*Holy Family Hospital
of Bethlehem*



The Birthplace of Hope

This weekend, one of our Parishioners, Mrs. Ellen Shafer, and other members of the Order of Malta, will speak at all the Masses about how the Holy Family Hospital is a "gift of peace" to mothers, babies and families in the Holy Land.

Just 500 yards from the birthplace of Jesus, Holy Family Hospital, which is operated by the Order of Malta, provides state-of-the-art maternity and neo-natal care to women in this war torn region, without regard to religion, nationality, or ability to pay.

Over 4,000 babies are delivered annually at this hospital, which serves the Bethlehem area, nearby UN refugee camps, and Bedouin encampments in the surrounding desert.

Perhaps the most important role of Holy Family Hospital is the way that it is a beacon of hope and instrument of inter-religious peace and understanding between Christians and Muslims in a region of historical conflict.

For more information about the Holy Family of Hospital of Bethlehem, visit the website: www.birthplaceofhope.org.

dear Padre

An intellectual friend told me that she loves the great dogmas of Advent. I smiled and agreed, but I don't have the faintest idea what she meant!

Dogma refers to Church teachings defined by an ecumenical council, including the pope, or by the pope alone acting as head of the Church. The magisterium, the Church's teaching authority, tells us these must-be-believed truths have been divinely revealed to us. During Advent, we celebrate two dogmas: the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and the Incarnation, which includes the birth of Christ that we prepare for during Advent.

Both dogmas speak of God's extraordinary connection with humanity. God specially gifted Mary because of her role in becoming the Mother of God. Mary, from the moment of her conception, was free from original sin. Her closeness to Jesus was established from the earliest moments of her existence.

The dogma of the Incarnation is defined simply by St. John the Evangelist when he wrote: "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us" (St. John 1:14). During the year, we first celebrate the Incarnation on March 25, at the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Scripture and Tradition hold that Jesus was conceived in Mary's womb when she accepted God's will by answering "yes" to the angel's announcement that she would bear the "Son of the Most High" (St. Luke 1:32). During Advent, we eagerly anticipate the result of that Incarnation, Jesus' birth.

Dogmas can sometimes seem disconnected from our lives. The customs of Advent put an everyday face on the book definitions and remind us that God lives in our midst.

—The Redemptorists



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2019

5:30pm +Denis H. Burns
(Vigil Mass for First Sunday of Advent)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2019

7:30am For Our Parishioners
9:00am +Elizabeth Anthony
10:30am +Emmett Murphy
12:00pm +Guido & Agnese Bettini
5:30pm +Jordan Roberts

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2019

7:00am +Marie Louise Andrei
8:15am +Adele Soldano
12:10pm Living Members of the Ladies of Charity
5:30pm +Rose & Andrew Gull

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2019 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich
8:15am Intentions of Charles Hurley, Healing
12:10pm +John Cassis
5:30pm +Francisco Valdivia

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019 ST. JOHN DAMASCENE

7:00am +Marie Germaine Theriault
8:15am +Adele Soldano
12:10pm +Bettina Millano
5:30pm +John McMahon

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2019

7:00am +Gail R. Schipski
8:15am Intentions of Charles Hurley, Healing
12:10pm +John McMahon
5:30pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli

ST. NICHOLAS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019 FIRST FRIDAY

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell
8:15am +Adele Soldano
12:10pm +Deceased Members of the Ladies of Charity
5:30pm +Lilly Tuohy

ST. AMBROSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2019 FIRST SATURDAY

8:15am Intentions of Louise & Morris Annunziato, Healing
12:10pm +Vicenta Melendez
5:30pm +Bernadette Correll
(Vigil Mass for Second Sunday of Advent)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Prayer Requests

2019 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

N/A

2018 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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.

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