

January 12, 2020

# 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

Reverend Wilfred Y. Dodo, Parochial Vicar

Parish House: 348 East 55th Street - New York, New York 10022

1 212 753-8418 1 212 753-8419 Fax 1 212 826-1848

E Mail: [churchofstjohn@cs.com](mailto:churchofstjohn@cs.com)

## 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



*"Unto you a child is born a Savior, Christ the Lord" Lk 2:11*

*Photographer: Christina Krupka*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



## MASS PRAYERS IN LATIN

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY & LAMB OF GOD  
SANCTUS, SANCTUS, SANCTUS**

**Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus**

**Dominus Deus Sabaoth**

**Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.**

**Hosanna in excelsis.**

**Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini**

**Hosanna in excelsis.**

### **AGNUS DEI**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.**

**Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
dona nobis pacem.**



## *The Sanctuary Lamp*

The Sanctuary Lamp near our  
Tabernacle burns this week for  
the Intentions of

**MICHAEL KELLY**

**December 24, 1818**

### **AN AUSTRIAN PRIEST UNVEILS HIS NEW HYMN—‘SILENT NIGHT’**

In December 1818, the little Austrian town of Oberndorf, just north of Salzburg, was still nursing its scars. Two years earlier, after the treaties marking the end of the Napoleonic Wars, the town had been split in half, with its northern section across the river Salzach being given to Bavaria. The new frontier had driven a stake through the town's economy; unemployment and resentment were running high.



Amid these convulsions, few had paid much attention to the arrival of a young priest named Father Josef Mohr, assigned as Pastor of St. Nicholas Parish. Fr. Mohr brought with him a draft of a six-stanza poem, written while he was serving at a church in the Austrian Alps. And when Fr. Mohr heard that the church organ was broken—which meant the Parish might have no music for the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass—he suggested to the Parish organist, Franz Gruber, that his poem might make a decent Christmas hymn. So, Gruber got to work on a melody.

As the worshippers trudged through the snow towards St. Nicholas's Church that Christmas Eve, none knew that they were to witness the birth of a musical phenomenon. They were the first to hear and sing "Silent Night," the hymn written by their Pastor, Fr. Mohr. The hymn was accompanied by Mr. Gruber on his guitar.

Today 'Silent Night' is probably the world's most familiar Christmas hymn having been translated into an estimated 300 languages and dialects. Its fame in the English-speaking world owes much to an American priest, Fr. John Freeman Young, who translated it for his New York parishioners in 1859.



## **PRAYER FOUND IN A CHURCH PEW**

*My Church is composed of  
people like me; I help make it what it is.*

*It will be friendly, if I am; it will be holy,  
if I am.*

*It pews will be filled, if I help fill them.*

*It will do great work, if I work; it will be  
prayerful, if I pray.*

*It will make generous gifts to many  
causes, if I am a generous giver.*

*It will bring other people into its worship  
and fellowship, if I invite and bring them.*

*It will be a Church of loyalty and love, of  
fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity  
and mercy if I, who make it what it is, am  
filled with these same things.*

*Therefore, with the help of God, I now  
dedicate myself to the task of being all things  
that I want my Church to be. Amen.*

## **SAVE THE DATE—MARCH FOR LIFE**

**in Washington, DC—Friday, January 24, 2020**

**A Manhattan bus (Sponsored by the Arch-Diocesan  
Family Life/Respect Life Office) will be leaving from  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street  
(between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues) in New York at 5:00AM.**

**For further information and to register:**

**CALL Sr. Charity 646.476.0931**

## “ I BAPTIZE YOU...”

The Feast of the Lord's Baptism gives you an opportunity to reflect on the purpose and meaning of your own baptism.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church describes the Sacrament of Baptism in these words:

*“Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as (children) of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission...” (#1213)*

The Catechism then expands on this basic definition when it says: *“The different effects of Baptism are signified by the perceptible elements of the sacramental rite. Immersion in water symbolizes not only death and purification, but also regeneration and renewal. Thus the two principal effects (of Baptism) are purification from sins and new birth in the Holy Spirit.” (#1262)*

So, Baptism is the foundation of your life of Faith and your relationship with the Lord. It's also the beginning of your pilgrim journey of faith from this life to the next. That's why the Lord and His Church affirm that Baptism is necessary for salvation (CCC #1257) which is your place in the eternal life of heaven. As the Catechism teaches, Baptism is a powerful Sacrament that washes away original sin (the sin of Adam and Eve), and all the sins you commit before Baptism, as well as the effects of these sins. It gives you a new life and a new identity as a Child of God, because you partake of God's Divine nature. It makes you a brother or sister and disciple of Jesus and a temple in which the Holy Spirit dwells. Baptism also makes you a member of the Body of Christ, the Church and joins you in a sacramental bond of unity with all your baptized sisters and brothers in the one People of God. Finally, Baptism calls you to live and profess the gift of faith you receive by participating in the apostolic and missionary activity of the Church. That is, continuing Jesus' saving mission in the world.

The Rite of Baptism, like the ritual for other Sacraments, uses visible signs and symbols to express the spiritual and invisible way that it brings God and His grace into your life through this amazing Sacrament.

Some of the signs and symbols used in Baptism are:

- ❖ **THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** A Cross is traced on the forehead of the person being baptized to “claim them for Christ” and to express how the Mystery of the Cross is at the heart of the Faith they will receive through this Sacrament.
- ❖ **WATER:** Water is the primary symbol of Baptism. When Jesus died on the Cross, Blood and Water flowed from His pierced side, to be the wellspring of His Life and Grace. (John 4:10) The water of Baptism reminds the one being baptized that, in this Sacrament, they are cleansed of sin and die with Jesus to sin so they can begin a new way of living by sharing a new and resurrected life with the Lord. As St. Paul reminds you, if you've been united with Jesus through likeness to His death “...so shall (you) be through a like resurrection.” (Romans 6:5)
- ❖ **WORDS:** The words used in Baptism, “I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,” speak of the new birth into the Divine Life of the Holy Trinity that God lovingly gives to the person who is baptized.
- ❖ **OIL:** The newly baptized is anointed with Sacred Chrism to signify that they share in the Priestly, Kingly, and Prophetic mission of Jesus, and are called to carry out this mission by living and loving as Jesus did.
- ❖ **WHITE GARMENT:** A white garment, put on after Baptism, is an outward sign of a newly baptized person's new and truest identity as a daughter or son of God who has become a new creation clothed with Christ.
- ❖ **CANDLE:** A baptismal candle is given to the newly baptized. This candle is lit from the Easter (Paschal) Candle, which is placed near the Baptismal Font. That candle represents the Risen Lord, Who is the Light of the World. Jesus is also the Light Who guides the new believer all throughout his or her life of faith, so that the flame of their faith will always burn brightly.

These signs and symbols tell you that, in Baptism, you are incorporated into Christ and His Church and configured to Him. They also tell you that Baptism is a loving gift to you from God which is intended to bless you every day, as you journey with the Lord in faith from this life to the next.



# dear Padre

**Becoming a saint.**

*How does a person become a saint?*

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorist Order saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not formally canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This is the mystical that body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As the Letter to the Hebrews said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, a person's life should serve as a model for others in the Church and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often by a close successor along with the local Bishop.

The beatitudes offer you a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, you're on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well (peacemaking) or one that challenges you (purity of heart). Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven.

—Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR



## Mass Intentions

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2020

5:30pm +Zef Berisha (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2020

7:30am For Our Parishioners  
9:00am +Michael Fein  
10:30am +Maria Valdivia  
12:00pm +Jose Flores  
5:30pm +Msgr. George A. Kelly & Family

### FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 ST. HILARY, BISHOP

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2020

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich  
8:15am Intentions of Victoria Callahan & Family  
12:10pm +Aldo Portolano  
5:30pm +John J. Larkin

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

7:00am +Rose & Andrew Gull  
8:15am +John W. Kelliher  
12:10pm +Denise Caulfield  
5:30pm +Donnie LaRoja

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020

7:00am +Marie Germaine Theriault  
8:15am +Gail R. Schipski  
12:10pm +Nuria & Oscar Calmet  
5:30pm +Margo & Douglas Coldwell

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2020 ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

7:00am +Lucille Choquette  
8:15am +Marie Louise Andrei  
12:10pm +Lilly Tuohy  
5:30pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2020

8:15am +Rose & Andrew Gull  
12:10pm +Earl & Mary Correll  
5:30pm +Thomas Klyпка (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

**2020 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD \$9,022**  
**2019 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD \$7,735**

*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**

**FOR OUR DECEASED: MARY GOLDSTEIN, TERESA HOGAN, WILLIAM PITASSY, RENEE SOMMERS, THOMAS G. VOSS**

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