

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



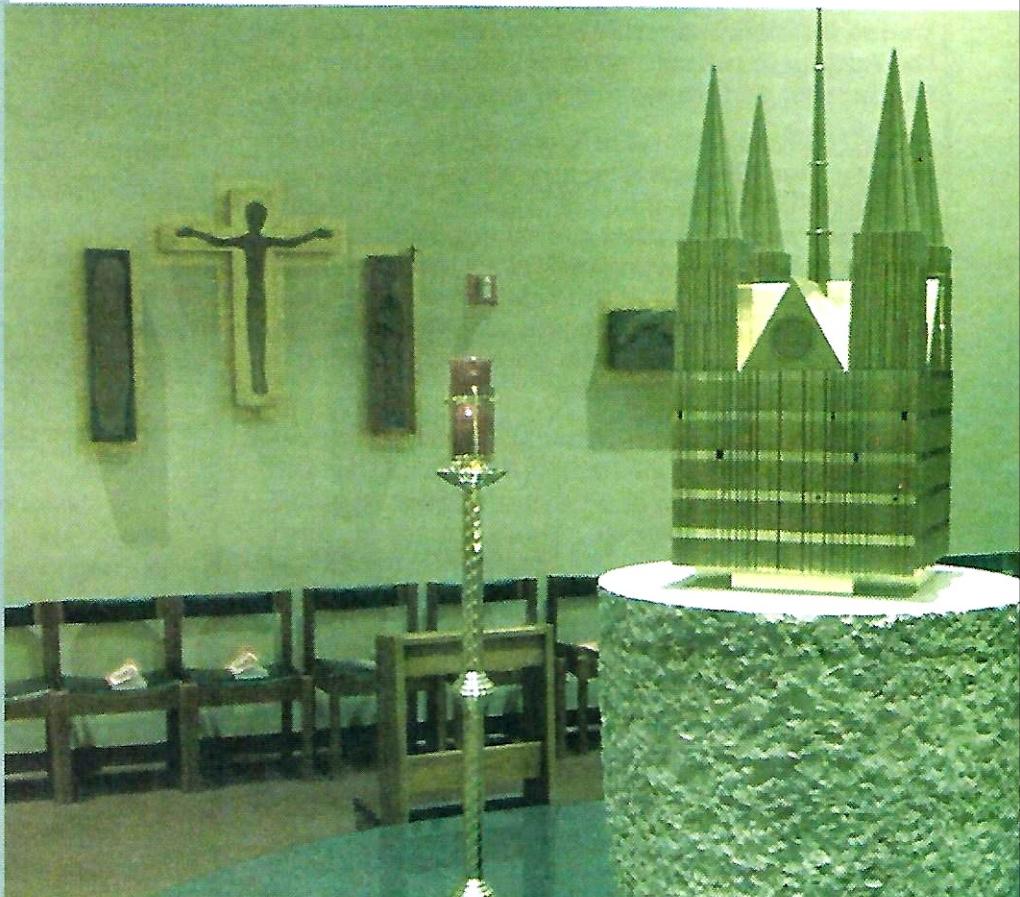
February 23, 2020

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**

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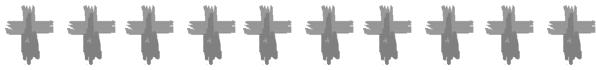
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NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

ASH WEDNESDAY



DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26TH

**MASSES—7:00AM, 8:15AM,
12:10PM & 5:30PM**

PRAYER SERVICES—2:30PM & 7:30PM

A DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE

LENTEN FAST & ABSTINENCE

During the Holy Season of Lent, the Church urges all the Faithful to reflect a spirit of penance in their daily life through performing acts of fast and abstinence:

FASTING requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until the age of 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

ABSTINENCE prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout your entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY are days of fast & abstinence. **FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of abstinence.

WEEKDAYS OF LENT—There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

EASTER DUTY OBLIGATION—Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week

IN THANKSGIVING

A Prayer for Ash Wednesday



*Loving God,
You called us forth from the
dust of the earth;
You claimed us for Christ in the
waters of Baptism.
Look upon us as we enter these
Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes,
and bless our journey through the
desert of Lent to the Easter font of rebirth.
May our fasting be hunger for You;
our alms, making peace with others;
our prayer, the words of humble and
grateful hearts.
All that we do and pray is in the Name of
Jesus, for in His Cross You proclaim Your
Love forever and ever. Amen.*

—Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

SACRIFICE OUR PARISH LENTEN MITE BOXES

Like the Widow's mite, these boxes are small, but the sacrificial offerings collected in them are a great benefit to our needy brothers and sisters who are served by the **BREAD OF LIFE** FOOD PANTRY.

LENTEN MITE BOXES will be available at all Masses on the weekend of February 15th/16th and a supply will also be kept in the Parish Office. Please return your **mite** Box either to the Sacristy or Parish House by Palm Sunday, April 14th. Thank You.



FROM THE DESK OF MONSIGNOR MATHERS

My Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a season of change. It's a time to ask yourself: "What do I need to change in my life so I can know Jesus better and become more like Him?" In Lent you face the attitudes, habits, and patterns of sin in your life to help you set realistic goals for your Lenten Journey. Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, when blessed ashes are placed on your forehead in the sign of a Cross, to remind you of your mortality. That is, you don't live forever on earth, because you are dust and to dust you will return. So now is the time to "repent and believe" to ask for God's mercy and return to the Lord.

Lent is also a time of preparation. Over the next forty days, Jesus invites you into the desert with Him, so you can face and overcome your temptations. As you seek to purify, cleanse, and nourish your body and your soul, you prepare your heart to embrace a new way of living.

The penitential practices of "Pray—Fast—Give," the three spiritual pillars of Lent, help you get ready to celebrate and share the gift of Jesus' Resurrected Life at Easter.

"**FAST**" doesn't mean that you go on a spiritual diet. It means that when you limit or omit some of your food and drink, your physical hunger reminds you of the hunger in your soul for God, and your longing for a deeper relationship with the Lord.

"**GIVE**" teaches you to separate yourself from money and material possessions. When you let go of and give away money and possessions, you benefit others and also learn to trust more deeply that the Lord will always provide for your needs.

"**PRAY**" by deepening your prayer life in Lent, you come to know the Lord better and to love Him more. Remember that the light of God's love shines brightly in your life when, through prayer, you recognize and repent of the darkness of sin.

To help our Parish Family share in the gifts and graces of Lent, we will have special Bulletin Inserts that highlight the spiritual significance of this Holy Season.

In addition, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross every Friday evening after the 5:30pm Mass.

Finally, besides our daily schedule of confessions, our Parish will join with all the Parishes in the Brooklyn and Rockville Centre Diocese, and in the Archdiocese of New York, in the celebration of Reconciliation Monday on April 6th. On Reconciliation Monday Confessions will be heard continuously from 3:00pm to 9:00pm.

Don't forget to use the familiar Little Black Book Lenten Spiritual Guide that the Parish gives you as a gift. You can also take and fill up one or more of our "Mite Boxes." All the funds from these "Mite Boxes" are donated to the Bread of Life Food Pantry, to help those in need right here in New York City.

To quote the words of St. Paul you'll hear on Ash Wednesday, "Now is the acceptable time." Lent is the acceptable time to change your life for the better, and to grow in love for the Lord and for each other.

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers

Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season, our altar and parish church will be decorated with beautiful Easter Flowers.

Parishioners who wish to remember a living or deceased parent, relative or friend are invited to make a donation to our parish EASTER FLOWER FUND during the Easter Season. The customary donation is \$15.00.

Special Easter Flower Offering envelopes have been sent to our Parishioners with their regular monthly envelopes. Although the Easter Flower Envelopes are dated, they may be brought in at any time. A supply of these envelopes will also be available at the doors of the church.

What a meaningful way to remember those you love at Easter!

dear Padre

In some books and movies, the devil is depicted as an all-powerful, unconquerable force. Is this the true image of Satan? What should be a Catholic response to the devil?

In all my years of priesthood, I have not encountered many situations in which the presence of evil was palpable. However, when I do, they usually involved mistreatment of someone innocent and vulnerable. These incidents remind me of the need for a deeper trust in God and the strength of someone spiritually wiser than I, to be called upon to repel this evil.

However, the usual way Satan operates is by subtly seducing you into confusion, complacency, and self-will. Indeed, isn't that the case in next week's Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert?

Jesus experienced not only a frontal assault by the devil, but also the hunger, fear, and isolation that make all of us vulnerable to false gods of greed, security, or power. When the devil addressed Him in His privation and vulnerability, Jesus found ways to call upon God's Word and God's Power. This is how he vanquished Satan's attack against Him.

Likewise, your encounters with this real, fallen angel will persist. Because God gave you the freedom to choose good or evil, you will always be vulnerable to attacks of the devil, with the devil always watching for an "opportune time." "One day at a time" is a good way to summarize your approach to evil. You have to rely on God's power daily lead you through a maze of choices so you can freely choose the good He wants you to have and live. The next day you must again seek the same God-bestowed grace of wisdom and courage, calling on God to lead you in God's ways. In other words, God's grace is sufficient to vanquish the devil and his evil in your life. It's always available to you, so call upon it daily.

—The Redemptorists



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2020

5:30pm +Helen Ryan (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020

7:30am	For Our Parishioners
9:00am	+Francesco Quadrelli
10:30am	Special Intentions of Fotini Livanos
12:00pm	+Mario Borini
5:30pm	+William Heskin

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2020

7:00am	Intentions of Marie Colwell, Healing
8:15am	+Elena & Frances Baldeon
12:10pm	+Marie Louise Andrei
5:30pm	Intentions of Haridasen Nair, Birthday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2020

7:00am	+Catherine R. Murphy
8:15am	+John W. Kelliher
12:10pm	+Leticia Melguizo
5:30pm	+Nicolas Camilleri

ASH WEDNESDAY — ASHES DISTRIBUTED AT ALL MASSES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020 FAST & ABSTINENCE

7:00am	+Margo & Douglas Coldwell
8:15am	+Ethel Talabovich
12:10pm	+James Duffy

2:30pm PRAYER SERVICE — ASHES DISTRIBUTED

5:30pm +Sabino Rosales, Jr.

7:30pm PRAYER SERVICE — ASHES DISTRIBUTED

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020

7:00am	+William J. Kaiserman
8:15am	+Gail R. Schipski
12:10pm	+Marie Germaine Theriault
5:30pm	+Rose & Andrew Gull

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020

7:00am	+Lucille Choquette
8:15am	+John W. Kelliher
12:10pm	+Dolores Sabates
5:30pm	+Msgr. Charles Roselli

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

8:15am	+Marie Louise Andrei
12:10pm	+Francis Steven Valdivia
5:30pm	+Stella H. Capitelli (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2020 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$4,854

2019 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME \$5,735

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: ANNE BRICKER, MARY GOLDSTEIN, WILLIAM PITASSY, MARY CLARE SPECHT, 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