

### 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



March 8, 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

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*Christ Crucified*

*Christina Krupka*

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

# dear Padre

## What's wrong with memorized traditional prayers?

Archbishop Fulton Sheen once encountered a woman, whose fiancé was Catholic, who declared that she'd never become Catholic because they pray the same words in the Rosary over and over, and she and God doubt the sincerity of anyone who repeats the same words. Sheen asked her if she was sure that her fiancé loved her. "Certainly he does." "But how do you know?" "He told me." Then she affirmed that her fiancé had told her so within the hour. When Sheen asked, "Did he tell you before?" she replied that he told her "I love you" every night. Sheen advised her not to believe him: "He is repeating; he is not sincere."

As Sheen cleverly demonstrates, the words "I love you" don't lose meaning with repetition. Likewise, prayer—whether rote or spontaneous—is a way of saying, "I love you" to God. It places you in God's presence, celebrating your loving relationship with him. St. Teresa of Ávila, a Doctor of the Church, wrote in *Interior Castle of the Soul* that it was important "not to think much but to love much" when praying. She even considered it a blessing when her mind wandered in prayer because it forced her to concentrate on loving God rather than merely thinking about Him!

The right form of personal prayer, then, is the one that best expresses your love for God in a spirit of humility, confidence, and perseverance—three requirements needed for true prayer, according to another Doctor of the Church, St. Alphonsus Liguori.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

## THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE AT OUR PARISH

**MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**

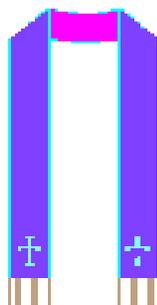
**11:30AM TO 12 NOON**

**5:00 TO 5:25 PM**

**SATURDAY**

**11:30AM TO 12 NOON**

**4:30 TO 5:25PM**



## The Sanctuary Lamp

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

**WALTER JANKOWSKI**



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS are  
celebrated by our Parish Family  
every Friday Evening in Lent,  
after the 5:30pm Mass.**

## What is \$38,000?

**The answer is:**

It's what our Parish needs to reach its 2020 Cardinal's Appeal Goal.

The Good News is, members of our Parish Family have already donated \$52,500. But, to make our \$90,500 Goal we still need \$38,000. For the Cardinal's Appeal to be a success in our Parish, we need the help and support of everyone in our Parish Family.

Whatever you can give will insure that essential services throughout the Archdiocese, including service to the poor, to needy parishes, to seminarians, and to religious education programs, will continue. So please, make a gift to the Appeal today. Please also be sure to include our Parish Number, #130, on any gift you make.

Thank you for your generosity.

## CREDO OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD



What is a Creed? It's a summary of the Catholic Faith that expresses central truths of the Faith all members of the Church believe. At Sunday Mass Catholics throughout the world pray the words of the Nicene Creed. That prayer begins with the words "I believe" which come from the Latin "credo." So, a Creed is a profession of Faith that reflects your personal belief in the most important and central truths of the Catholic Faith. Since all members of the Church profess this same belief, the Creed is a common Profession of Faith that unites all the faithful as one.

In 1967, Pope, now Saint, Paul VI declared a "Year of Faith" to honor the 19<sup>th</sup> Centennial of the martyrdom of the Apostles Peter and Paul in the year 67AD. The Holy Father stated that the goal of this Year of Faith was to "give witness to (Catholic's) steadfast will to be faithful to the deposit of Faith which the apostles transmitted to us." In 1968, as the Year of Faith came to a close, the pope published an Apostolic Letter, *Solemni Hac Liturgia*, which contained the Credo of the People of God.

By issuing this Creed, the Holy Father acknowledged the Church's duty to study the Faith ever more deeply, and find new and better ways to present the Faith to the world. So, in the Creed, Peter's successor (Pope Paul VI) proclaims anew the timeless faith of St. Peter to women and men in the modern world.

The Creed, in its entirety, will be published in the bulletin over the next few weeks. During Holy Lent, it's natural to want to grow in your knowledge and love for God. As St. Augustine says: "Let the words of this creed be like a mirror for you. Look at yourself in it to see whether you really believe all that you claim to believe. And rejoice every day in your Faith."

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

*We believe in one only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creator of things visible such as this world in which our transient life passes, of things invisible such as the pure spirits which are also called angels, and creator in each man of his spiritual and immortal soul.*

*We believe that this only God is absolutely one in His infinitely holy essence as also in all His perfections, in His omnipotence, His infinite knowledge, His providence, His will and His love. He is He who is, as He revealed to Moses; and He is love, as the apostle John teaches us: so that these two names, being and love, express ineffably the same divine reality of Him who has wished to make Himself known to us, and who, "dwelling in light inaccessible," is in Himself above every name, above every thing and above every created intellect. God alone can give us right and full knowledge of this reality by revealing Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in whose eternal life we are by grace called to share, here below in the obscurity of faith and after death in eternal light. The mutual bonds which eternally constitute the Three Persons, who are each one and the same divine being, are the blessed inmost life of God thrice holy, infinitely beyond all that we can conceive in human measure. We give thanks, however, to the divine goodness that very many believers can testify with us before men to the unity of God, even though they know not the mystery of the most Holy Trinity.*

**THE FATHER:** *We believe then in the Father who eternally begets the Son; in the Son, the Word of God, who is eternally begotten; in the Holy Spirit, the uncreated Person who proceeds from the Father and the Son as their eternal love. Thus in the Three Divine Persons, coeternae sibi et coaequales, the life and beatitude of God perfectly one superabound and are consummated in the supreme excellence and glory proper to uncreated being, and always "there should be venerated unity in the Trinity and Trinity in the unity."*

**THE SON:** *We believe in our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God. He is the Eternal Word, born of the Father before time began, and one in substance with the Father, homoousios to Patri, and through Him all things were made. He was incarnate of the Virgin Mary by the power of the Holy Spirit, and was made man: equal therefore to the Father according to His divinity, and inferior to the Father according to His humanity; and Himself one, not by some impossible confusion of His natures, but by the unity of His person. He dwelt among us, full of grace and truth. He proclaimed and established the Kingdom of God and made us know in Himself the Father. He gave us His new commandment to love one another as He loved us. He taught us the way of the beatitudes of the Gospel: poverty in spirit, meekness, suffering borne with patience, thirst after justice, mercy, purity of heart, will for peace, persecution suffered for justice sake. Under Pontius Pilate He suffered—the Lamb of God bearing on Himself the sins of the world, and He died for us on the cross, saving us by His redeeming blood. He was buried, and, of His own power, rose on the third day, raising us by His resurrection to that sharing in the divine life which is the life of grace. He ascended to heaven, and He will come again, this time in glory, to judge the living and the dead: each according to his merits—those who have responded to the love and piety of God going to eternal life, those who have refused them to the end going to the fire that is not extinguished. And His Kingdom will have no end.*

## WHY DOES LENT SEEM SO NEGATIVE?



Starting with the somber symbol of ashes, Lent indeed can seem negative, since Lenten discipline aims to make you aware of your weakness and sin and your need for conversion, repentance, and renewal. You won't seek help unless you realize how much help you need. So, the purpose of Lenten discipline is positive not negative.

St. Augustine says through self-denial, you grow strong in the face of temptation and evil.

Self-denial helps you empty yourself so you can be filled with God. It helps you hunger and thirst for the food and drink that your soul needs. In Lent, you freely give up something good for the promise of something better.

You should not think that Lenten discipline by itself can heal you, make you holy, or earn God's favor. Rather, its purpose is to open your heart so the Holy Spirit can work in you and help you imitate and grow in Jesus' self-giving love.

Our Parish  
invites you to a  
**Coffee  
Hour**



IN CELEBRATION OF

# SAINT PATRICK

## Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

IN THE PARISH HOUSE  
AFTER THE 12NOON MASS

## PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2020 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT  
2019 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

**\$6,261**  
**\$6,026**

*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, MARCH 7, 2020

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### SUNDAY MASSES ON DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020

7:30am +Michael Visconte  
9:00am +Mary D'Angelo  
10:30am For Our Parishioners  
12:00pm +Raymond Mc Grane  
5:30pm +Mary Goldstein

#### MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020 ST. FRANCES OF ROME

7:00am +Mary M. Sullivan  
8:15am +John Francis Larkin  
12:10pm +Mary Louise Andrei  
5:30pm +Gail R. Schipski

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020

7:00am +Julia Valdivia  
8:15am +Bill Morey  
12:10pm +Cristina Valdivia  
5:30pm +Geraldine Sacco

#### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2020

7:00am +John W. Kelliher  
8:15am Intentions of Hans-Victor Bihlmaier, MD  
12:10pm +William J. Kaiserman  
5:30pm +Cresente G. Amador

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020

7:00am +Ethel Talabovich  
8:15am +Michael Fein  
12:10pm +Rose & Andrew Gull  
5:30pm +Maria Valdivia

#### FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2020

7:00am +Margo & Douglas Coldwell  
8:15am +Richard M. Cashin  
12:10pm +Carolyn Roque  
5:30pm +Msgr. Charles Roselli

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2020

8:15am +Marie Germaine Theriault  
12:10pm +Francis Pisani  
5:30pm +Walter Jankowski (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

## Prayer Requests

**FOR OUR SICK: SABRINA BERTUCCI, GEORGE FUENTES**

**FOR OUR DECEASED: MARIO BORINI, REV. JAMES P. CONNOLLY, ANTHONY PICCILLO**

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.