

April 12, 2020

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



Jesus our Divine Teacher and Risen Lord.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME

“JESUS IS RISEN!”

Christ is alive! He is our hope. Everything He touches becomes full of new life.

Christ is alive and He wants you to be alive! He is in you, He is with you and He never abandons you.

However far you may wander, the Risen One is always there. He calls you and He waits for you to return to Him and start over again.

When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, He will always be your hope.

Christ is alive and He remains with you.

Risen, He shows you the light of His Face, and does not abandon all those experiencing hardship, pain and sorrow.

May you let yourself be renewed by Him!

Happy Easter!

—Pope Francis



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week for the protection of our **PARISH FAMILY**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



If you are unable to receive Jesus in the Eucharist, you can make an Act of Spiritual Communion.

First, tell Jesus how much you want to receive Him. Tell Him that you want to draw closer to Him, and make Him part of everything you do in daily life.

Next, express your love for Jesus by offering a prayer or Act of Spiritual Communion that invites Him to come spiritually into your heart and soul and life. One of the most popular Acts of Spiritual Communion, written by St. Alphonsus Ligouri, is printed below.

“My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You Sacramentally, come at least Spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from You.”



“Break Open My Tomb”:

An Easter Prayer

Lord Jesus, on Easter I rejoice in Your victory over sin and death. But I know that much of my faith in You still remains entombed.

Through the power of Your Resurrection, I ask you to break open my tomb.

Where I've buried compassion and mercy, Lord, break open my tomb.

Where I've buried humility and humanity, Lord, break open my tomb.

Where I've buried my sense of joy and willingness to forgive, Lord, break open my tomb.

Loving Jesus, in You I've found a Savior that no tomb can confine.

Help me break open the tomb that keeps me from Your love and Your grace.

Renew Your Risen Life within me, so I can share the joy of life with You always and forever. AMEN

Prayer Requests

FOR OUR SICK: MARIE MACCHIA, SABRINA BERTUCCI, GEORGE FUENTES AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM COVID-19.

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.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

2020 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

N/A

2019 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

\$8,981

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.

WITNESSES TO THE RESURRECTION



At the end of March, the Italian news service reported an amazing story about a 72-year-old priest named Fr. Giuseppe Berardelli. According to the report, Fr. Berardelli was pastor of the Church of St. John the Baptist in Casnigo, a town northeast of Milan. Since Father had a respiratory condition, his parishioners got together and gave him the gift of his own ventilator. Unfortunately, Casnigo is located in a part of Italy that was hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic. One of its victims was Fr. Berardelli. After being diagnosed with Covid-19, he was taken to a nearby hospital. Then, he was put on the ventilator that his parishioners bought him. Father knew that the hospital was overcrowded with victims of the virus. He also knew that there weren't enough ventilators to give to serious cases. So, he told the health care worker assigned to his case to give his ventilator to a younger person. Fr. Berardelli died a week after he gave up his ventilator, but the patient who received it, a young man he never met, survived.

Father's sacrifice has been described in the words of Jesus: "There is no greater love than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." (John 15:13) And, he's been called a Martyr of Charity or Love. While this may be true, Fr. Berardelli can also be described as a witness to the Resurrection.

Catholics naturally celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter Sunday. But you know that Easter is much more than a one-day celebration. Why? Because Jesus' Resurrection brings the power of His Divine Love into your life every day. That Love frees and forgives you. It's a Love that cares for you and a Love you can share with others.

Pope Benedict adds that the Resurrection is also your hope. That is, hope in everlasting life that's firm and invincible because Jesus rose from the dead. As a witness to the Resurrection, you not only carry that hope in your heart, you also have the power to share it with all people. This hope gives you the courage to do good, in Jesus' Name, even when it costs, and especially when it costs.

So, Fr. Berardelli's heroic sacrifice was made possible by the love and hope he drew from the Resurrection. This same kind of love and hope is seen in the acts of so many as together, we face the coronavirus pandemic. It's seen in the self-sacrifice of public health workers, first responders, and the people who deliver and provide essential products to others. It's seen in the courage of those who keep mass transit going, who bring food to the hungry, and who ensure that our streets are safe and clean. And it's especially seen in the prayers you make and the sacrifices you offer for an end to this pandemic.

St. John Paul said that we Catholics are an Easter People, and "ALLELUIA" (Praise the Lord) is our song. In the days ahead, sing that song, and be a witness to Jesus' Resurrection, by the love and hope that's in your heart and life. Be a witness to the Resurrection as well by the way you share that love and hope by doing good for others, in Jesus' Name. **HAPPY EASTER!**