

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



May 31, 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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Jesus our Divine Teacher and Risen Lord.

NEW PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS WELCOME



NEW FEAST ON THE CHURCH CALENDAR

On the Monday after Pentecost (June 1st), the whole Church will celebrate a new feast in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The name of this feast is the "Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church." Pope Francis announced that, starting in 2018, the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of "Mother of the Church" (*Mater Ecclesiae*) will be celebrated by the Church as an annual feast on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday.

New prayers and special readings for Mass and for the Liturgy of the Hours have been assigned to the feast.

The Decree establishing this new feast states that the Holy Father wants it to promote Marian devotion and the growth a maternal sense of the Church among pastors, religious and the faithful.

The basis for the Mary's title as "Mother of the Church" is described in the Decree as follows:

"(In Church Tradition, many like...) St. Leo the Great say that Mary is the Mother of the Church because she is at once the Mother of Christ and the Mother of His Mystical Body, which is the Church."

"Indeed," the Decree continues, "the Mother standing beneath the Cross accepted her Son's testament of love and welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple (St. John) as sons and daughters to be reborn unto eternal life. She thus became the tender Mother of the Church which Christ begot on the Cross handing on the Spirit.

As a caring guide to the emerging Church Mary already began this mission in the Upper Room, praying with the Apostles while awaiting the coming of the Holy Spirit.

This celebration helps you remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, the oblation of Christ in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed...the (Blessed) Virgin Mary."

The prayers for this feast ask God to unite us more closely with Mary in the work of redemption, so that, with her motherly help, the Church may teach all nations by proclaiming the Gospel, and, through the grace of the outpouring of the Spirit, draw all people to her Son, Jesus.



The Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp near our Tabernacle burns this week

**THOSE SUFFERING
FROM COVID-19**

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."

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER N/A

2019 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER \$4,112

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.

From the Desk of Monsignor Mathers

My Dear Parishioners,

Today, on the great Feast of Pentecost, we heard how “in tongues of fire” the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles while they were gathered together in the Upper Room.

Then, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God in different tongues. Devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem were astounded to hear the Apostles speaking in their native language.

In this, God clearly reversed the confusion and separation that entered the human family after the futile attempt to build a tower in Babel. Scripture recounts how before trying to build the tower, the whole world spoke the same language. But, due to peoples’ arrogance and pride, the Lord let their speech become confused, so they couldn’t understand each other. Consequently, they were unable to work together to build the tower and, later, went their separate ways (Genesis 11:1-9).

The Preface of Pentecost proclaims, “...as the Church came to birth (the Spirit) opened to all peoples the knowledge of God and brought together the many languages of the earth in one profession of faith.”

On the Feast of Pentecost and at all the Masses we celebrate on Sundays and Holy Days, our Parish Family uses a special response to the Prayer of the Faithful (Universal Prayer) that reminds us of Pentecost. That is, when the Lector says, “We pray to the Lord,” we sing the three-fold response printed below.



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The first part of the response is in English, the common language of the United States. The second part of the response is in Latin, the universal language of the Church. While the third part of the response is in Spanish, the language spoken by millions of Catholics in the world today, and by many Catholics in the Archdiocese of New York as well.

This three-fold response reminds us of the wider dimensions of our prayer. As members of one Church, we do not pray only for our personal or local needs. We also pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Faith throughout the whole world. While they, in turn, remember us in their prayer. This is because, despite our many languages, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with one voice, to profess one Lord, one Faith, and one Baptism.

As we pray this threefold response every week, may it keep the spirit of Pentecost alive in the hearts and lives of our Parish Family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Monsignor Douglas J. Mathers

