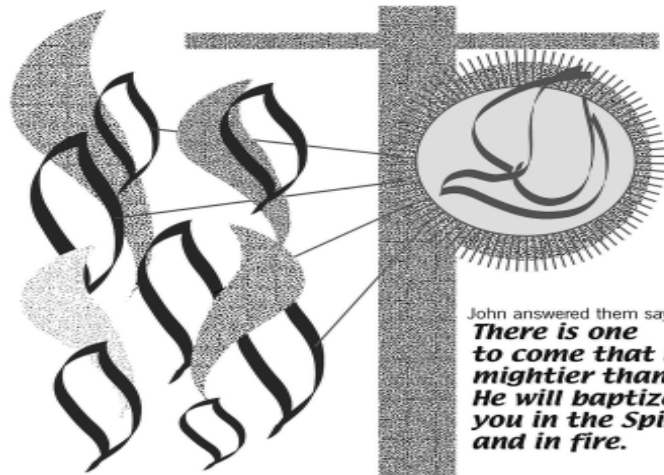


December 13, 2009 - Third Sunday of Advent

The Church of Saint John The Baptist

A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS
WITH SHRINES OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)
AND MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP



John answered them saying
**There is one
to come that is
mightier than I.
He will baptize
you in the Spirit
and in fire.**

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturdays: 4:00 P.M. (*Vigil Mass*)
Sundays: 9:00, 10:30 A.M., 12:00 P.M., 5:15 P.M.

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:45, 7:45 A.M., 12:15, 5:15 P.M. **Saturdays:** 12:15 P.M.

NATIONAL HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE: One Mass only, at 10:30 A.M.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday through Friday, after the 12:15 P.M. Mass. **BENEDICTION** at 5:05 P.M.

CONFESSIONS—SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday through Friday: from 7:15 A.M. to 7:45 A.M.
and from 11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. in church;
from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the parish office
(Reconciliation Room)

Saturdays: from 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
and from 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. in church

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

Each Friday before the First Saturday from 9:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M.

BLESSING WITH THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS

Fridays, following the 12:15 P.M. and 5:15 P.M. Masses

ROSARY: Monday through Friday at 11:55 A.M. and 4:55 P.M. Saturdays at 12:00 P.M.

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA PRAYER GARDEN open daily

PRIEST ON DUTY: Monday to Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

NOVENA WITH BLESSING OF THE RELIC
Thursdays, following the 5:15 P.M. Mass

OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

NOVENA AND MASS
Wednesdays at 6:30 P.M.

SOCIAL WORKER AVAILABLE: Wednesdays 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.; Thursdays 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

*The mission of the Parish of St. John the Baptist, in the spirit of the Capuchin Franciscan Order and the tradition of the Catholic Church, is to be **Christ in the City**—to assist in the spiritual, social and personal development of the members of the parish, the community of midtown Manhattan, and the people of the New York metropolitan area. St. John is a **Spiritual Center**, where individuals can seek peace, holiness and sanctuary, alone or in the community. St. John is a responsive and evolving community which encourages growth in our relationship to God and to one another, so that through these relationships we can find strength, joy and happiness.*

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Mondays & Tuesdays and Thursdays & Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
Wednesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.
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The Church of Saint John The Baptist - New York

CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

(OFM CAP) AT SAINT JOHN'S

Bro. Luke Benbrook	<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>
Rev. John Clermont	<i>Honduras, CA</i>
Rev. Edward Conway	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
Rev. Valerian D'Silva	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
Rev. Philip Fabiano	<i>Pastor</i>
Rev. Thomas Franks	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
Rev. Ramón Frías	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
Rev. Francis Gasparik	<i>Capuchin Mission & Development Dir.</i>
Rev. Leonard Glavin	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
Rev. Thomas Houle	<i>Chaplain, N.Y. State Corrections</i>
Bro. George McCloskey	<i>Comm. and Public Relations</i>
Bro. Salvatore Patricola	<i>Guardian/Parochial Vicar/Deacon</i>
Rev. John Baptist Riordan	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
Rev. Matthias Wesnofske	<i>SFO Prov. Spiritual Assistant</i>

PARISH PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Mary Bivona	<i>Social Services</i>
Joan Prenty	<i>RCLA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)</i>
Laurence Rosania	<i>Director of Music and Liturgy</i>
Joseph Spicketts	<i>Bread of Life Food Pantry</i>

PARISH PROGRAMS

Bread of Life Food Pantry	<i>Wed 1 to 2:45</i>
Christ in the City Silent Retreat	<i>Sat 4 to 10 (twice a month)</i>
RCLA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)	<i>Sun 9 to 10:45</i>
Tuesday Together at the Friary	<i>2nd Tue 7, 12 and 5:30</i>

ORGANIZATIONS

Charismatic Prayer Group	<i>Tue 6 to 8</i>
Edith Stein Guild	<i>1st Sat 10 to 12</i>
Father Solanus Guild	<i>2nd Sat 10:30 to 12</i>
Fatima Blue Army Cell Prayer Group	<i>Wed 5:45</i>
God the Father Cenacle Devotion	<i>3rd Sun 1 to 4</i>
Padre Pio Prayer Group	<i>4th Sat 12 to 3:30</i>
<i>(Blessing with the Relic of St. Pio after the</i>	<i>12:15 p.m. Mass)</i>
Singles for Christ	<i>3rd Sun: 5:15 Mass, 6:30 Rec.</i>
Two Thousand Hail Marys	<i>3rd Sat 7 to 5</i>

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER—FRATERNITIES

Immaculate Heart of Mary	<i>1st Sun 12 noon</i>
Sts. Elizabeth and Louis	<i>2nd Sun 12 noon</i>
St. John's Fraternity	<i>4th Sun 12 noon</i>

OUTREACH

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	<i>Mon and Wed 6 to 7</i>
<i>Tue and Thu 12 to 1</i>	<i>Sat 3 to 4</i>
Al/Anon	<i>Fri 12:30 to 1:30</i>
Catholic Council of Electrical Workers	<i>3rd Fri 4 to 8</i>
Debtors Anonymous	<i>Tue 5:30 to 7; Wed 5</i>
Japanese Bible & Prayer Study	<i>4th Sun 4 to 7</i>
Police & Fire Line of Duty Widows	<i>4th Sun 1 to 3</i>
SMA	<i>Sat 4:30 to 5:30</i>
Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)	<i>Thu/Fri 6 to 7:30</i>

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED AT SAINT JOHN'S

Ar-Rahman Foundation	<i>Fri 12:30 to 2:30</i>
Central City Chorus	<i>Thu 6 to 10</i>
St. Mary of Zion Ethiopian Church	<i>Sun 8 to 4</i>
Visiting Nursing Care Service	<i>Mon 1; Tue 2; Fri 9:30</i>

OTHER MINISTRIES LOCATED AT SAINT JOHN'S

Capuchin Franciscan Development Office
 Capuchin Franciscan Foreign Mission Office
 Courage—National Office; Lamp Ministries

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.
 10:30 A.M.
 12:00 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 13, 2009

For the intention of Patrick Daly
 All parishioners and benefactors of
 St. John's Church
 Living and deceased members of
 Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity
(dec.) Elizabeth Cotaco Santos
req. by Hermie Enriquez

MONDAY

6:45 A.M.
 7:45 A.M.
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 14, 2009

(dec.) Frances Giacobelli
(dec.) Lolita Siongco Cotaco
req. by Hermie Enriquez and family
(dec.) Mario Capin
req. by Tom and Betty Kirwan
(dec.) José Espiritu Cotaco
req. by Hermie Enriquez and family

TUESDAY

6:45 A.M.
 7:45 A.M.
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 15, 2009

Living and deceased members of
 the Secular Franciscan Order
req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church
 Dorothy and John Liddy, and James Shlager
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
(dec.) Ronald Aleksey
req. by Vera and Bayan Aleksey
 Teri Daly, *req. by Patrick Daly*

WEDNESDAY

6:45 A.M.
 7:45 A.M.
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.
 6:30 P.M.

DECEMBER 16, 2009

Gerald Di Mauro
req. by Elena MacLeod
(dec.) John and Anna
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
(dec.) Mary Hawley, req. by Patrick Daly
 For the intentions of the friars of
 St. John the Baptist
 For those enrolled in the
 Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

6:45 A.M.
 7:45 A.M.
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 17, 2009

(dec.) Winifred Duane
req. by Elena MacLeod
(dec.) Kay O'Shea
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
(dec.) Agnes Donovan [anniversary rem.]
req. by her family
 For the intention of Patrick Daly

FRIDAY

6:45 A.M.
 7:45 A.M.
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

DECEMBER 18, 2009

(dec.) Frances Giacobelli
 For the intention of Patrick Daly
(dec.) Joseph Scavo
req. by Nancy Scavo and family
(dec.) Juliet Fernando
req. by Chula de Silva

SATURDAY

12:15 P.M.
 4:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 19, 2009

(dec.) Eleanor Skelly
req. by Helen A. Turner
(dec.) Louis Brandes and James Müller
req. by Ruth Müller



EVENTS OF THE WEEK

December 12 to December 20, 2009

- Sat 12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**
> Fr. Solanus Guild mtg., 9:00 A.M., mtg. room
> **Christ in the City Retreat**
4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., church/meeting room
- Sun 13 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
> Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity,
12:00 noon, church/hall
> **Advent Vespers**, 4:00 P.M., church
- Tue 15** > Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:30 P.M., church
> **Healing Mass**, 7:15 P.M., church
- Wed 16** > Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall
> Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church
- Sat 19** > **Two Thousand Hail Marys**,
7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., church hall/church
> **Side by Side Celebration**—Light breakfast and
reflection, 10:00 A.M., rectory office conference room.
Renewal of Marriage Vows, 12:15 P.M. Mass
- Sun 20 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
> God the Father Cenacle Devotion
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., church hall
> **Advent Vespers**, 4:00 P.M., church

CHRIST IN THE CITY RETREAT will take place on **Saturday, December 12**, beginning with the 4:00 P.M. with Vigil Mass in church and continuing in a meeting room until 10:00 P.M. *The theme for this retreat will be "Dorothy Day—Who Was She?" Because the number of participants is limited to sixteen, it is important to register early—call Br. Salvatore at 1-212 564-9070, extension 247.*

The **TWO THOUSAND HAIL MARY PRAYER GROUP** meets in the church hall on the third Saturday of the month. *The day begins at 7:30 A.M. and closes with the 4:00 P.M. Sunday Vigil Mass on Saturday, December 19.*

DOES YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FALL IN DECEMBER? If so, the friars invite you to renew your vows ("**Side by Side Celebration**") at the **12:15 P.M. Mass on Saturday, December 19**. *Please complete a registration form found at the entrance of the church and return it to Brother Salvatore. For more information, call him at 1-212 564-9070, extension 247. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!*

SPIRIT IN ACTION (SIA) is a group of mature (age 45+) single Catholics who meet to share spiritual, social and cultural activities. For information about membership as well as upcoming events, please call our **hotline number: 1-212 560-2366**.

PENNIES FOR OUR PANTRY: Our Bread of Life Food Pantry asks you to donate your pennies to help us feed the needy. A jar has been set up in the parish office where you can deposit any loose change you may have. *Help us feed our needy neighbors!* (See also the article in the insert.)



THE NEW PADRE PIO ORGAN: Our new organ was heard for the first time on the Feast of Christ the King and Saint Cecilia (*Patron Saint of Sacred Music*) Day (November 22, 2009.) Since 2010 will be a remarkable year because it marks the double centennial of Padre Pio and the 170th anniversary of our parish (see below), our new organ will be formally blessed and dedicated on the Feast of St. Pio (September 23, 2010.) *Please consider supporting this once-in-a-lifetime event—donation envelopes are available in the church lobby.* For more details, please read one of our fliers .

ST. JOHN'S 170th ANNIVERSARY! We will celebrate the 170th anniversary of the establishment of our parish in **JUNE** of 2010. It is a milestone, and we want to celebrate this anniversary in a quiet but special manner. One of the activities that the committee is planning is to publish a **PARISH COOK BOOK** of your favorite recipes. Since ethnically we are a very diverse parish, are hoping to have recipes from all groups who worship here at St. John's. *Please consider sending us your favorite recipe, giving us permission to print it in our 170th anniversary cookbook. Please forward or give it to Fr. John Baptist Riordan.* Thank you for your consideration.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) is a Catholic formation / education program for people interested in full initiation into the Catholic Church through the celebration of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist (*Sundays 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.*). It is also for Catholics who have been baptized and have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist (*Sundays 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.*) *Those who are interested please call Joan Prenty at 1-212 564-9070, extension 217 and leave your name and phone number.*

GRACE INSTITUTE is currently accepting applications for its **TUITION-FREE Business Skills Program**. This four-and-a-half month and nine-month training program teaches women the skills needed to succeed in the workplace. The program includes an in-depth study of computers, keyboarding, business writing, communications and office procedures. *All graduates receive job placement assistance.* Classes meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., and will begin in February 2010. Evening classes will also be available in September. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, fluency in English and be eligible to work in the U.S. *Grace Institute is located at 1233 Second Avenue (between 64th & 65th Streets).* For more information, phone 1-212 832-7605 or visit the web site at **www.graceinstitute.org**. Open houses take place every Wednesday in December and January, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 p.m.

A VOCATION VIEW: If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Charles Szivos at 1-914-968 1340 (*Priesthood*), Sr. Deanna Sabetta at 1-212-371 1000, extension 2803 (*Religious*) or Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at 1-914-968 6200, extension 8269 (*Diaconate*).