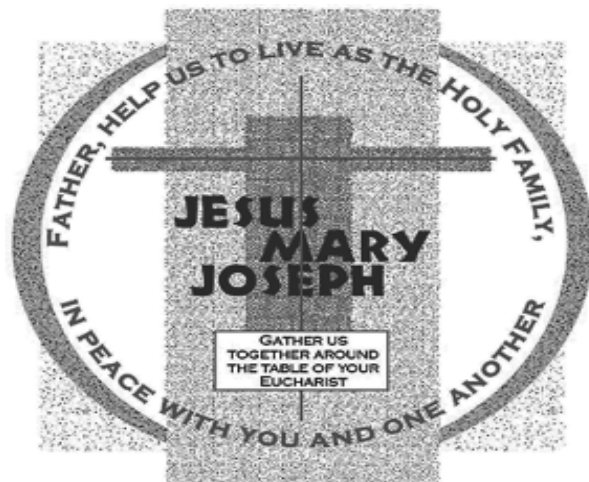


December 27, 2009 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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



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>
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

DECEMBER 27, 2009

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

9:00 A.M.	Living and deceased members of St. John's Fraternity, <i>req. by the Fraternity</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Carmela DeStefano req. by Teresa Marri</i>

MONDAY

DECEMBER 28, 2009

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Francesco, Santina and Teresa Giordano, req. by Teresa Marri</i>
7:45 A.M.	In honor of St. John the Baptist <i>req. by Michaelle Milien</i>
12:15 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Giuseppina Gigliotti req. by Josephine Filippis</i>

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 29, 2009

6:45 A.M.	Living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order <i>req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church (dec.) John J. Botti, req. by the Botti family</i>
7:45 A.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Nancy Clancy req. by Phyllis McQuillen</i>
5:15 P.M.	

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 30, 2009

6:45 A.M.	Rosa Tan, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) James Rottner req. by Virginia Field</i>
12:15 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	John Doyle, <i>req. by Ciel Long</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 31, 2009—NEW YEAR'S EVE

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Frank Chambers</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Frances Giacobelli</i>
12:15 P.M.	In thanksgiving to St. Pio <i>req. by Jorik, Doris, Nastassia and Anoushka</i>
5:15 P.M.	Living and deceased members of the Christmas family <i>req. by Catherine Christman</i>

FRIDAY

JANUARY 1, 2010

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

10:30 A.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
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SATURDAY

JANUARY 2, 2010

12:15 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Christmas Novena of Masses
4:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Tina Ortuatay req. by Joseph Filippis</i>



EVENTS OF THE WEEK

December 26, 2009 to January 3, 2010

Sat 26 > Padre Pio Prayer Group, 12:00 noon, church/ ball

Sun 27 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
> St. John's SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/ ball

Tue 29 > Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church ball

Wed 30 > Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church ball
> Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church

Thu 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE



Fri 1 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
(Offices and meeting rooms remain closed all day)
VIGIL MASS AT 5:15 P.M. ON THURSDAY
ON FRIDAY, ONE MASS ONLY, AT 10:30 A.M.

Sat 2 > Church ball closed all day for waxing

Sun 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
> Church ball closed all day for waxing
> Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity,
12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M., church

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

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.

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.

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 give it to Fr. John Baptist Riordan.*

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 January, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 P.M.*

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 Conformation 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.*

Mass Schedule

NEW YEAR'S EVE and **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

Thursday, December 31 — **NEW YEAR'S EVE:** Masses at 6:45 A.M., 7:45 A.M., 12:15 P.M. and 5:15 P.M.

NOTE: *The 5:15 p.m. Mass is our Vigil Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

Friday, January 1 — **NEW YEAR'S DAY:** One Mass only, at 10:30 A.M.

NOTE: *January 1, 2009 (Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God) is a Holy Day of Obligation*

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Your Church in the city when you are away from home

Dear Friends of St. John,

PEACE AND EVERY BLESSING! PAZ Y BIEN! PACE E BENE! SLAVA ISUSU CHRYSU!

The Christian World is in the center of celebrating the WORD MADE FLESH! The most beautiful words of the Gospel of St. John: “AND THE WORD WAS MADE FLESH!” In his divinity, the Word spoken by the eternal Creator took on our human nature and became one like us in all things except sin. Will we ever be able to fathom this mystery of God’s unconditional love? Ever since this announcement, the world has grappled with this truth of God and will continue to do so till we meet the very Word of God at the judgment.

The Sacred Readings for this feast of the Holy Family abound in sound advice. God speaks to us faithfully, continuously and with great examples. One important element is that we give of ourselves so that the reality of what we profess in faith becomes the reality of our lives. The Word of God became flesh to call us back to the original goodness given to us by our Creator. By faith we know that God’s love is unconditional and we also know that our human love is quite conditional. Therein lies the constant struggles to appreciate God’s goodness and to work to see how God’s goodness is reflected in our every day activities. God invites us to approach Him ever closer, ever more tenderly. Never with force, always with a loving invitation.

On this feast of the Holy Family, we once again establish our firm belief that family life is essential and important to the very foundation of society. This is a conviction of faith and needs our constant attention lest we fall into the beliefs of a society without limits. To expect or to have limits is not an infringement imposed upon us, but rather taken by us out of reverence for one another. Reverence and respect for one another is founded only on love for one another; it cannot be legislated. And in cases where reverence is legislated, the primary law of God continues to be the turning point of a good reality.

On this feast the Church offers for reflection the time when Jesus leaves his mother and father and goes to the temple to teach the religious leaders. His parents are worried; they search for their Son. Jesus advises them: “Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?” The family communicates information and love and life continues to prosper for all three members.

The foundation for our faith is God’s unconditional love for us and our conviction to work for reverence and love and respect, not only for God but for one another and for ourselves. We recommit ourselves to this conviction of faith.

Take time to bless one another! Take time to appreciate one another; that is the bond of perfection. This is the challenge of Christian faith. Let us shoulder this responsibility no matter what the circumstances, and in this way we can slowly appreciate the great unconditional love of God as we end the year 2009.

Make St. John in the City your home away from home.

Fr. Philip F. Fabiano, O.F.M. Capuchin
Pastor

December 27, 2009 — Insert