

March 1, 2009 - First Sunday of Lent

The Church of Saint John The Baptist

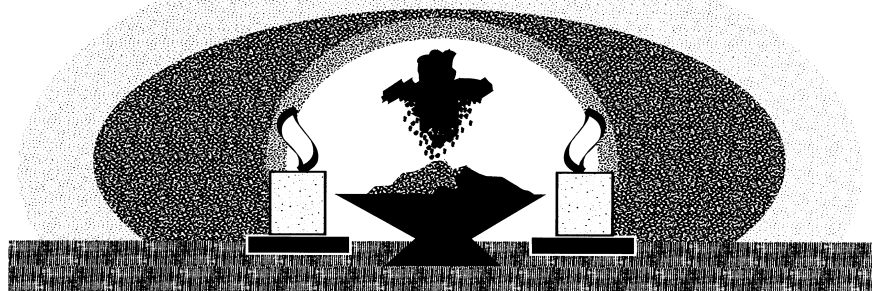
A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

WITH SHRINES OF

SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

AND MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

**THIS IS THE TIME OF FULFILLMENT.
THE REIGN OF GOD
IS AT HAND!**



**REFORM
YOUR LIVES
AND BELIEVE IN THE GOOD NEWS!**

SUNDAY MASSES

Sundays: 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.

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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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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CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS

(OFM CAP) AT SAINT JOHN'S

Rev. Michael Banks	<i>Pastor</i>
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. 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. Philip Romano	<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</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

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

MARCH 1, 2009

(*dec.*) Mary Malloy
 All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
 The deceased members of the Malloy family
 In thanksgiving, *req. by Concepción Mallonga*

MONDAY

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

MARCH 2, 2009

For the intention of John Lyons
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 (*dec.*) Patrick and Kathleen Bannon
req. by Catherine Bannon
 (*dec.*) Michael and Mary Lynch
req. by Jack Lynch

TUESDAY

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

MARCH 3, 2009

Living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order
req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church
 (*dec.*) Sr. Nora Cronin [anniversary rem.]
req. by Margaret and Edward Donovan
 (*dec.*) Mercedes A. Valencia
req. by Estrella Arroyo
 (*dec.*) Anne Vancol, *req. by Vannia Ettelman*

WEDNESDAY

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

MARCH 4, 2009

For the intention of Jorge Cea
req. by Elena MacLeod
 Special intention
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 For the intention of Jack Lynch
 Cecilia San Miguel, *req. by Erlinda Corpuz*
 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.

MARCH 5, 2009

Brother Salvatore Patricola
req. by Elena MacLeod
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 (*dec.*) Ana Maria Mirambeau
req. by God the Father Cenacle Devotion Group
 (*dec.*) Ana R. Clemente
req. by Rouenna Clemente

FRIDAY

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

MARCH 6, 2009

Miss I. M. Woods
req. by Elena MacLeod
 In honor of St. John the Baptist
req. by Robert Louis-Jacques
 Michael Murphy, *req. by Françoise Sanon*
 Innocent Victims of Abortion

SATURDAY

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

MARCH 7, 2009

For the intention of Mary Radich
 (*dec.*) Lesly Nicoleau
req. by Eves Rose Dory



EVENTS OF THE WEEK

March 1 to 8, 2009

- Sun 1** **FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**
> *Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity*
12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M., church/hall
> **Lenten Vespers**, 4:00 P.M., church
- Tue 3** > *Finance Council meeting*, 3:30 P.M.,
parish office conference room
> *Charismatic Prayer Group*, 6:30 P.M., church hall
- Wed 4** > *Food Pantry*, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall
> *Fátima Blue Army*, 5:45 P.M., church
- Fri 6** *DAY OF ABSTINENCE (meatless meals)*
> **Stations of the Cross**, 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., church
> **All-night Vigil**, 9:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M., church
- Sun 8** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**
> *Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO meeting*
12:00 noon, church/hall
> **Lenten Vespers**, 4:00 P.M., church

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL will be held this Friday, March 6, beginning at 9:00 P.M. and closing on Saturday at 5:30 A.M. *The All-night Vigils are held on the Friday before the first Saturday.* **ALL ARE WELCOME.**

DATELINE JERUSALEM is a series on the trial, death and resurrection of Jesus, as TV news would cover it today. **Four Thursdays: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2;** twice each date, from **11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon, or 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.** Choose a time convenient to you and mark your calendar!

YEAR OF ST. PAUL: Pope Benedict XVI has designated June 28, 2008 to June 29, 2009 as the Year of St. Paul, celebrating the 2,000th anniversary of the saints' birth. In celebration of this year, St. John's offers monthly gatherings to review the writings of St. Paul. The overall theme of the meetings is "*Prayerfully Read Paul*". The next gathering will take place on **Wednesday, March 25 at 7:45 P.M.** in the parish office conference room; its subject, *St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians.*

ST. JOHN'S BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: St. John's Bread of Life Food Pantry serves hundreds of needy persons every Wednesday, among them many children. In 2008, we served a total of **31,858** persons and issued **12,802** bags of food—**an increase of 24 percent** over 2007! This of course puts a great strain on our limited resources and the volunteers who labor indefatigably to feed the less fortunate among us. **We continue to need your assistance**—please call Joe Spicketts at 1-212 564-9070 extension 203 to find out how you can help.

2009 CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL—SHARING GOD'S GIFTS is underway. Our Archdiocese is one of the largest and most diverse in the country. It spreads across ten counties, a total of 4,700 square miles. It is the home to more than 2.5 million Catholics guided by more than 1,500 priests, 375 permanent deacons and 3,900 religious men and women, and serviced by 10,000 catechists, parish directors and coordinators of religious education. The Archdiocese strives to ensure excellent academic and spiritual formation in our 225 Catholic elementary and secondary schools for over 102,000 students. It is a major effort to keep Catholic education affordable by subsidizing operations in our schools, offering athletic, cultural and spiritual programs to more than 25,000 youth. The Archdiocese provides immigration legal assistance to 7,000 individuals, helping 3,500 families through rental assistance and serving 4 million meals to individuals and families through food pantries. The Archdiocese looks to the future as it provides the finest philosophical, theological and spiritual preparation at our Seminary, and enhances pastoral life through retreat programs.

A VOCATION VIEW: Are you moved with love and compassion when you see the outcast in today's society? 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*).

JOURNEYING TOGETHER: Attention, men 18 to 40! *Is there something missing in your life? Could it be a calling from God to serve as a diocesan or religious priest or brother? Would you like to speak with others who feel the same way?* If so, please consider attending an afternoon of prayer, reflection and discussion at Good Shepherd Friary in New York City (last stop on the A train, or Dyckman Street exit on the Henry Hudson Parkway.) These free informal gatherings, with refreshments, meet on the **last Sunday of every month** from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. **Prior registration is essential.** Contact Brother Tim Jones, O.F.M. Cap. at the Good Shepherd Friary, 608 Isham Street, New York, N.Y. 10034. Phone: 1-212 567-1300 extension 832. E-mail: brotimjones@yahoo.com.

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. It is also for Catholics who have been baptized and have not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. *Interested? Call Joan Prenty at 1-212 564-9070, extension 217.*

OUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU ! In these trying times, we wish to remind you that our church is here to serve you. Priests are available daily from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Our social worker, Mary Bivona, is present on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but can be contacted on other weekdays at 1-212 564-9070, extension 204. A psychologist is also available for counseling and can be reached by calling the rectory reception at the above number, extension 0. Above all, do not hesitate to contact us if you feel the need to talk to someone. We assure you of our prayers and interest in every individual situation.



ONE COMMUNITY...
ONE FAITH...
ONE BODY IN CHRIST!

Our Works of Charity



\$1.5 million of the Cardinal's Appeal is set aside for Charities. Through your generous contributions, the Archdiocese, including the Offices of Catholic Charities, Hispanic Affairs, Black Ministry and Respect Life is able to serve **5.3 million** meals in parishes and communities, provide safe after school programs for **2,800** children and help **4,700** individuals with job training and placement .

Please help support our charitable ministries with a gift today!

The Church of Saint John the Baptist ~ 2009 Lenten Schedule

LENTEN LITURGIES

Sundays of Lent

LENTEN VESPERS

4:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

Five Lenten reflections with sung Vespers.

Presenter: Fr. Thomas Franks

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent

11:30 A.M. AND 6:00 P.M.

Walk with Jesus on His way to Calvary.

REFLECTION OPPORTUNITIES

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL

March 6 to 7

April 3 to 4

9:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:30 A.M.

"DATELINE JERUSALEM"

Thursdays: March 12, 19, 16, 25,
and April 2

11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

A series on the trial, death,
and resurrection of Jesus

as TV news would cover it today.

Organizer: Brother Salvatore Patricola

TUESDAYS TOGETHER AT THE FRIARY

March 10

7:00 A.M., 12:00 NOON AND 5:30 P.M.

An hour of Bible reflection, prayer and
sharing, in the parish conference room.

Presenter: Brother Salvatore Patricola

CHRIST IN THE CITY

Saturday, March 14

4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M.

A silent retreat limited to twelve people.

Presenter: Brother Salvatore Patricola

HOLY WEEK

TRIDUUM — EASTER

PALM SUNDAY OF

THE LORD'S PASSION

April 5

SATURDAY, APRIL 4: MASS AT 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5: MASSES AT 9:00 A.M.,
10:30 A.M., 12:00 NOON AND 5:15 P.M.

Distribution of Palms and Procession at all liturgies.

HOLY THURSDAY

April 9

CONFESSIONS

IN THE CHURCH: 11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

IN THE PARISH OFFICE: 1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

6:30 P.M.

Washing of the Feet.

Procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

After Mass until 10:00 P.M.

Night Prayer at 9:00 P.M.



GOOD FRIDAY

April 10

CONFESSIONS

11:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON

AND 1:00 P.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

12:00 NOON

SEVEN LAST WORDS

1:00 P.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

*CELEBRATION OF
THE LORD'S PASSION*

3:00 P.M.

Liturgy of the Word (*The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John* will be sung.)
Veneration of the Cross. Holy Communion.

HOLY SATURDAY

April 11

CONFESSIONS

11:30 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.

AND 3:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

7:30 P.M.

Service of Light. Liturgies of Word
and Eucharist, with music.

EASTER SUNDAY

April 12

MASSES

9:00 A.M., 10:30 A.M.,

12:00 NOON, 5:15 P.M.

Festive music at all liturgies.