

November 8, 2009 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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.

**SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)  
NOVENA WITH BLESSING OF THE RELIC**  
Thursdays, following the 5:15 P.M. Mass

## BLESSING WITH THE RELIC OF THE TRUE CROSS

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

**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.

## 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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**OFFICE HOURS:** Sundays from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.  
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

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 &amp; 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>
RCIA (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 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>Sat 3 to 4</i>
Catholic Council of Electrical Workers	<i>Fri 12:30 to 1:30</i>
Debtors Anonymous	<i>3rd Fri 4 to 8</i>
	<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>4th Sun 1 to 3</i>
	<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.	<b>NOVEMBER 8, 2009</b> Living and deceased members of Sts. Louis and Elizabeth Fraternity
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	All those enrolled in the All Souls Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	( <i>dec.</i> ) John, Catherine and Josephine Bacionga, <i>req. by Mary Anne Bacionga</i>

**MONDAY**

6:45 A.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 9, 2009</b> For the intention of John Lyons
7:45 A.M.	( <i>dec.</i> ) Frances Giacopelli
12:15 P.M.	All those enrolled in the All Souls Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	The Keane family, <i>req. by Mary Keane</i>

**TUESDAY**

6:45 A.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 10, 2009</b> Living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order
7:45 A.M.	<i>req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church</i> K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces
12:15 P.M.	<i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i> All those enrolled in the All Souls Novena of Masses
5:15 P.M.	Manfred Joseph, <i>req. by Claudette Joseph</i>

**WEDNESDAY**

6:45 A.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 11, 2009</b> ( <i>dec.</i> ) John M. Dombroski
7:45 A.M.	<i>req. by Clarinda Dombroski</i> For the intention of Catherine Paterson
12:15 P.M.	Umberto Bertoli, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
5:15 P.M.	Claudette Joseph [special intention, in thanksgiving]
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

**THURSDAY**

6:45 A.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 12, 2009</b> Angie Sigsmondi, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	Eugene and Madelyn Sella [60 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary]
12:15 P.M.	( <i>dec.</i> ) France Avona
5:15 P.M.	<i>req. by Lillian Manarino and Jeanette Ancona</i> ( <i>dec.</i> ) Cesar Estacio

**FRIDAY**

6:45 A.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 13, 2009</b> ( <i>dec.</i> ) Frances Giacopelli
7:45 A.M.	Fr. Selva Raj
12:15 P.M.	<i>req. by parishioners of St. John the Baptist</i> ( <i>dec.</i> ) Catherine Christman
5:15 P.M.	<i>req. by Ann Kennedy</i> ( <i>dec.</i> ) Marcelino Estacio

**SATURDAY**

12:15 P.M.	<b>NOVEMBER 14, 2009</b> ( <i>dec.</i> ) Alfredo Guglielmo
4:00 P.M.	<i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i> Susan Robinson, <i>req. by Jerry Hanlon</i>



**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**November 8 to 15, 2009**

- Sun 8** > *Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/hall*  
 > **SFO Open House, 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M., church hall**
- Tue 10** > **Tuesday at the Friary, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 5:30 P.M., parish office conference room**  
 > *Sunday's Readings with Fr. Leonard Glavin, 5:45 P.M., conference room*  
 > *Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall*
- Wed 11 VETERANS' DAY—Rectory office OPEN all day**  
 > *Sunday's Readings with Fr. Leonard Glavin, 12:45 P.M., conference room*  
 > *Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall*  
 > *Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church*
- Thu 12** > **Spirituality—Reflection on Faith with Fr. John Baptist Riordan, 6:00 P.M., church**  
 > *Worship Committee meeting, 6:00 P.M., conf. room*
- Sat 14** > *Fr. Solanus Practice of the Evangelical Counsels, 10:30 A.M., Queen of All Saints Circle meeting room*  
 > **Christ in the City Retreat 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., church/meeting room**
- Sun 15** > *God the Father Cenacle Devotion, 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. church hall*

**SFO OPEN HOUSE:** The **Secular Franciscan Order (SFO)** invites you to its **Open House on Sunday, November 8 from 1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** in the church hall. SFOs are orders of lay Franciscans, approved by the Church for men and women, married or single, living the Gospel life on earth. *This Open House is sponsored by the St. John's SFOs: The Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity, and St. John's Fraternity.*

**TUESDAY AT THE FRIARY—**an experience of reflection, prayer and sharing—will take place this **November 10**, before work (from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 A.M.); at lunchtime (from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.); or on your way home (from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.) *Pray the Liturgy of the Hours, reflect on Bible passages and join in intercessory prayer.* For more information, please call Brother Salvatore at 1-212 564-9070, extension 247.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO SEE THE VIDEO *The Heroic Journey—The Life and Legacy of Solanus Casey***, during the next meeting of the Queen of All Saints Circle on **Saturday November 14 from 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.** *Rosary and Mass at noon will follow.*

**OUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU !** As cold winter weather approaches, we ask for your assistance in surrounding the needy with the warmth of God's love. If you can, please contribute fast food certificates, supermarket and drugstore gift cards, and/or MTA metro cards. These will meet the immediate needs of those facing difficult times. Even if you cannot give these material gifts, we ask you to please pray for those who truly need to feel hope instead of despair. If you have any questions, call our social worker, Mary Bivona, at 1-212 564-9070, extension 204. She is present on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but can be contacted on other weekdays at the above number. A psychologist is also available for counseling and can be reached by calling the rectory reception. Do not hesitate to contact us if you feel the need to talk to someone. This includes anyone who feels he or she might have a problem with possible addictions to drugs, gambling etc. *Help is available, and we assure you of full confidentiality as well as our prayers and interest in every individual situation.*

**CHRIST IN THE CITY RETREAT** will take place on **Saturday, November 14**, beginning with the 4:00 P.M. Vigil Mass in church and continuing in a meeting room until 10:00 P.M. *The theme for this retreat will be "Jesus, The Word Become Flesh." 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.*

**ST. JOHN'S 170<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY !** We will celebrate the 170<sup>th</sup> 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 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary cookbook. Please forward or give it to Fr. John Baptist Riordan.* Thank you for your consideration.

**NOVEMBER IS DONOR AWARENESS MONTH.** This will be the fourteenth year of this movement. As you may know, our pastor, Fr. Philip, received a liver transplant fourteen years ago. **There is a great need for organ, eye and skin donations.** Many lives have been saved through the generosity of organ donors; this is a hard reality but truly a work of Godliness. The great Pope John Paul II urged Catholics to consider this gift of life. *Materials will be available for your reading and instruction; please take them with you and read them.*

**FR. LEONARD'S PREVIEW OF SUNDAY'S READINGS:** Tuesdays at 5:45 P.M. and Wednesdays at 12:45 P.M., in the conference room.

**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 Conformation and/or Eucharist. *Interested? Call Joan Prenty at 1-212 564-9070, extension 217.*

**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. *Every penny counts !*

# *The Church of Saint John the Baptist*

210 West 31st Street—New York, N.Y. 10001 (*between 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenues*)

*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!**

*Tempus fugit!*, as the saying goes—and I bet some of you may be saying: “Where does the time go?” In the middle of the month of October I took a walk around the block for some fresh air and on that walk I met a Santa Claus all decked out in his finery, and it was not even a cold day with no snow in sight. You can be sure that I said at that time: “Where does the time go?”

It is not good to rush Father Time; if we do that, we will not see all the beauty around us and, much worse, we will miss seeing the Presence of God in His Creation. Francis was a great lover of all creation; he wrote songs about the world and its beauty and its Creator. We, I hope, want to do the same on our walking through this wonderful city. Even in the midst of a really busy city, we can see and grow to love God more profoundly in the loud traffic, the obstacles of construction, the rush of peoples. That is certainly a challenge. But I know that you take that opportunity to grow in love surrounded by the city we call the Big Apple.

In these times, like in many times past, the advice of the prophet Elijah reminds us of the power of faith; he says: “DO NOT BE AFRAID!” He gives this advice to the woman who had little water to drink and little flour for baking. Still the prophet is confident: “Do not be afraid!” Is this an attitude of faith that we have? A very good question for reflection.

We have a great advocate, Jesus, who by His lack of fear and trust in His heavenly Father, brings us salvation from our failings and also gives us fullness of life. He is our WAY, our TRUTH, our LIFE.

In the Gospel passage, Jesus sees the heart of the little lady who gives two small coins, and He commends her for that simple but generous offering—it came from her heart, not from her pride. This simple act of kindness can easily be forgotten, especially here in our neighborhood so filled with thousands of people each day, but I am certain that simple acts of kindness will not go unappreciated by everyone.

Take the Gospel example of the lady and offer small acts of kindness whenever possible. Simple things like a “good morning”; holding the door for one another; a smile ... This is what God sees and blesses us for doing so well. In doing these things, time will be appreciated and we will see the very presence of God in and around us. I bet we might even write a song like Francis praising God’s goodness in one another.

“Do not be afraid!” Jesus loves us and challenges us to grow in trust and faith every moment of each day.

In peace,

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

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