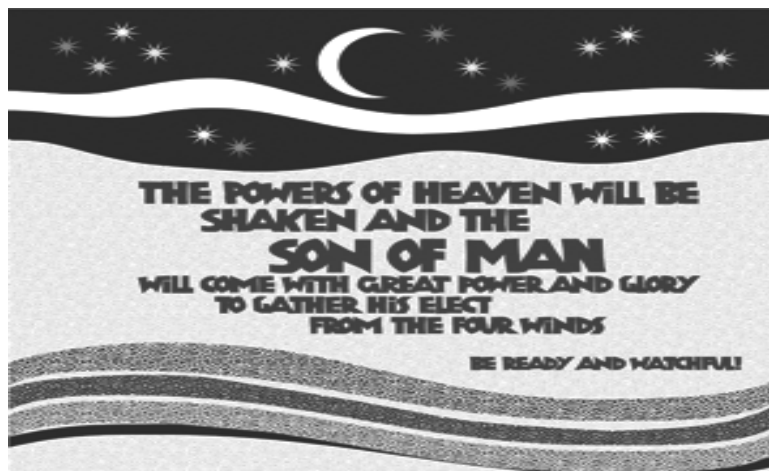


# The Church of Saint John The Baptist

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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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> |
| 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>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.

**NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

*(dec.)* Frances Giacobelli  
 All parishioners and benefactors of  
 St. John's Church  
 Thomas and Tomacito Simmons  
*req. by Laurence Rosania*  
*(dec.)* Benjamen Estacio

**MONDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

Doris Kornblith, *req. by Elena MacLeod*  
*(dec.)* Margaret and Margueritte Worou  
*req. by Salomon Worou*  
 John F. McCann  
*req. by Mary and Bill Shields*  
 Cathy Donnor, *req. by Mary and Bill Shields*

**TUESDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

Living and deceased members of  
 the Secular Franciscan Order  
*req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church*  
 Charles Lamont and family  
*req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady*  
 Milagros L. Abucay  
*req. by Noemi and Concepción*  
*(dec.)* Katherine Buccino  
*req. by Dorothy Montes*

**WEDNESDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

Jack Eppler, *req. by Elena MacLeod*  
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces  
*req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady*  
*(dec.)* Rolline Titus, *req. by Odette Hyppolite*  
 Gayle Ann Reas [in thanksgiving]  
 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.

**NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

Lovall Woods, *req. by Elena MacLeod*  
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces  
*req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady*  
*(dec.)* Antoinette Esposito  
*req. by Carmine Esposito*  
*(dec.)* Francis Kelly, *req. by Catherine Agnelli*

**FRIDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

*(dec.)* Jennie, John and Stella Dombroski  
*req. by Clarinda Dombroski*  
 Marie Colette Jacques [special intention]  
 Living and deceased members of  
 the Sullivan family  
*req. by Catherine Christman*  
*(dec.)* Josephine Scavo Lurillo  
*req. by Nancy Scavo and family*

**SATURDAY**

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

**NOVEMBER 21, 2009**

*(dec.)* Michael Jackson  
*req. by Florence Lanlenou*  
*(dec.)* Louis Brandes, *req. by Ruth Müller*



**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

**November 14 to 22, 2009**

- Sat 14** > Fr. Solanus Praxinos 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
- Mon 16** > Parish Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., conference room
- Tue 17** > Sunday's Readings with Fr. Leonard Glavin,  
5:45 P.M., conference room  
> Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:30 P.M., church  
> **Healing Mass**, 7:15 P.M., church
- Wed 18** > 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  
> Fatima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church
- Thu 19** > **Spirituality**—Reflection on Faith with  
Fr. John Baptist Riordan, 6:00 P.M., church
- Sat 21** > SFO Council meeting, 2:00 P.M., meeting room  
> **Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development (CCHD)**
- Sun 22** > **Second Collection: The Catholic Campaign  
for Human Development (CCHD)**  
> St. John's SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/hall

**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.

**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 CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY** announces that its monthly Healing Mass will take place on Tuesday, November 17 at 7:15 P.M. in church.

**THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD):** For nearly forty years, CCHD has embodied Catholic social teaching by pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of the human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals, creating lasting solutions to the problem of poverty through real community change, creating jobs and building affordable housing. *As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support in the collection to be taken on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22.* This campaign is an opportunity to respond to the Gospel's call to solidarity with the poor. Your offering to the Campaign for Human Development gives hope to the poor who are working together to build a better life. Please be generous!

**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.

**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.*



**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!*

**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.*

BULLETINS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE AT OUR WEB SITE: **www.padrepio shrine.com.**

# *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!**

Last week as I sat at breakfast with a couple from Miami we watched as people rose up out of the subway station to begin their work. What I saw as an ordinary beginning of the day they saw as exceptional in that people seemed to be in a rush. The couple had ridden the subway for the first time and they sat quite impressed with the steadiness of all the people; everyone intent on their tasks.

New Yorkers seem to be in a rush; very intent on doing their best; quite focused and deliberate. We seem intent on getting the most out of every minute; no time to lose.

This New York “attitude” is also pointed out to us in the Sacred Readings for our Liturgy today. The prophet Daniel speaks to us in the first reading about a time “unsurpassed in distress.” Not wanting to be hopeless he also writes: “BUT THE WISE SHALL SHINE BRIGHTLY LIKE THE SPLendor OF THE FIRMAMENT.” If we find ourselves in a “rush”, do we have the hope such as Daniel describes? Do we take our faith into each moment of our day?

Faith takes confidence! Trust in the One who saves us and directs us toward our Creator Father. In Hebrews we read: “BUT THIS ONE OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS, AND TOOK HIS SEAT FOREVER AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD ...” In this “ONE”, Jesus, lies our hope, our faith and our love. Being mindful of this truth strengthens our resolve to live as Christ teaches us, urges us and provides the example of how to do just that.

No doubt it is challenging to live “as Christ.” At every turn something calls us to renew ourselves; to reinvent ourselves; to adjust to the time in which we live; to serve the poor even when we, ourselves, are tested beyond our limits. Doesn’t Jesus foretell this challenge? “In those days after the tribulation the sun will be darkened, the moon will not give its light...” “BUT THEN THEY WILL SEE THE SON OF MAN COMING IN THE CLOUDS WITH GREAT POWER.”

In the meantime, lift up your heads and see Christ in those ‘steep subway stairs’; in the various tall buildings around us in the traffic, in the sounds of our City, in the various different people. Our challenge of faith is to bring into focus the very presence of God in our midst; the very hope of our faith, Jesus Christ and the glory of God Spirit. Be contemplative even in the rush, the bustle, the many tensions.

Over the front door of the friary and church is the image of “Christ in the City.” Can we carry that image into the streets, the shops, the homes, the subway, the work place? That is faith in action. The Spanish have a saying: “CRISTO CUENTA CONTIGO!”

Yes: “CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US!”

Sincerely,

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

November 15, 2009 — Insert