

November 22, 2009 - The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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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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. Francisco 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.

NOVEMBER 22, 2009

(dec.) Pauline Hegggers, *req. by Steven Nerlfi*
 All parishioners and benefactors of
 St. John's Church
 Living and deceased members of
 St. John's Fraternity, *req. by the Fraternity*
 For the intention of
 Marie-Thérèse Elizabeth Gelimais

MONDAY

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

NOVEMBER 23, 2009

(dec.) Frances Giacobelli
(dec.) Yonkers F.D. Patrick Doyle
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 Living and deceased members of the
 Rey family, *req. by Elizabeth Weese*
(dec.) Lillian Monastero
req. by Dorothy Montes

TUESDAY

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

NOVEMBER 24, 2009

Living and deceased members of
 the Secular Franciscan Order
req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
(dec.) Noemi Balmaceda, *req. by Zully*
(dec.) Vivian Handy, *req. by Concepción*

WEDNESDAY

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

NOVEMBER 25, 2009

In honor of the Infant Jesus
req. by Kathleen Day
(dec.) John J. Botti, *req. by the Botti family*
(dec.) John Radich, *req. by Mary Radich*
(dec.) Daniel Mooney, *req. by Elise Mooney*
 For those enrolled in the
 Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

10:30 A.M.

NOVEMBER 26, 2009—THANKSGIVING DAY

(dec.) Carmela DeStefano
req. by Teresa Marri

FRIDAY

12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M.

NOVEMBER 27, 2009

(dec.) Francesco Santina and
 Teresa Giordano, *req. by Teresa Marri*
 Joan Ernesto, *req. by Mrs. Austin*

SATURDAY

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

NOVEMBER 28, 2009

Living and deceased members of
 Padre Pio Prayer Group
req. by St. John's Fraternity
(dec.) Alicia Esteves

The Friars, volunteers and staff of
St. John the Baptist
 wish all our parishioners and visitors
 and their families a very
Happy Thanksgiving



EVENTS OF THE WEEK
November 21 to 28, 2009

- 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*
- Tue 24** > *Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall*
> *Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:30 P.M., church hall*
- Wed 25** > *Food Pantry CLOSED today (open on Tuesday, Nov. 24)*
> *Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church*
- Thu 26** **THANKSGIVING DAY**
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY
ONLY ONE MASS, AT 10:30 A.M.
> **Two Thousand Hail Marys,**
7:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., church hall
- Fri 27** Day after Thanksgiving
RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED ALL DAY
MASSES AT 12:15 P.M. and 5:15 P.M. ONLY
(NO MORNING MASSES)
- Sat 28** > **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
> *Padre Pio Prayer Group, 12:00 noon, church/hall*

This week, **ST. JOHN'S BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY** will open on Tuesday instead of Wednesday.

DOES YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY FALL IN NOVEMBER? If so, the friars invite you to renew your vows ("*Side by Side Celebration*") at the **12:15 P.M. Mass on Saturday, November 28.** *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 !*

MASS AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: On Saturday, December 5th at 6:30 P.M., Rev. Dr. Joseph G. Marabe, JCD, moderator of the San Lorenzo Ruiz Chapel, will celebrate a liturgy at St. Patrick's Cathedral. There will also be a candlelit procession starting at 5:30 P.M. For more information, please contact Aida Gamolo at **1-917 816-0530** or e-mail alg@bestweb.net.



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.*

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 READINGS: Since the Church year ends on November 28, Fr. Leonard will cease his weekly classes on the Sunday Scripture readings. He thanks all participants and looks forward to future classes in 2010.

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.

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. *Help us feed our needy neighbors !*

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

Your Church in the city when you are away from home

Dear Friends in Christ,

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

This is the last Sunday of the Liturgical Calendar; a new year begins next week with the beginning of the season of ADVENT. The year of worship ends with the feast of declaring that Jesus Christ is KING!

In the month of November we, as a city, had elections for the selection of the mayor of the Big Apple. We listened to all sorts of claims, promises and endless speeches and debates. For many of us this is nothing new. We can list the many elections and their consequences of years past.. Presidents, senators, mayors come and go. In faith we seek a lasting kingdom.

Jesus, the Christ, is that lasting kingdom. Why, you may ask. Look at the conversation of Jesus with Pilate: “Are you a king?” Jesus boldly states: “For this I was born and for this I came into the world, TO TESTIFY TO THE TRUTH.”

To believe in Jesus is to live and seek the truth as Jesus teaches. “Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.” This is the challenge of Faith; this is the seeking that we do all of our lives; constantly learning; faithfully listening; and with courage doing His truth. All of our faith lives must point to Jesus. If at any time our so called faith actions point to us we are not on the right track.

How is Jesus king? Look at his miracles! Jesus accepted people as they were and did challenge them. It was His kindness, His compassion, His healing power that moved people to follow Him. He was meek and humble of heart. This was easily seen by those who were seeking the truth. Those who were not interested in the truth missed His kingship. These actions distinguished Jesus from the religious people of His day. In a sense Jesus, as King, was revolutionary; He did not lord it over the people. Who did Jesus prefer to mix with? The poor, the ailing, the crippled, the lowly; Jesus made no distinctions about peoples; He was never judgmental; He was inclusive.

And that is why His kingdom will last for all time. To live in the truth of Jesus takes COURAGE, STRENGTH OF WILL, KNOWLEDGE OF JESUS’ TEACHINGS FROM THE SCRIPTURE. It is no secret that there are many people striving to live in His truth. Please look around you, they are near to us.

In this THANKSGIVING WEEK is this not cause for us to give thanks mightily for this grace we possess? Let this be the first on our list of giving thanks: Thank you, Jesus for your truth; help me always to seek your truth, my King and my God.

God bless you and continue to make St. John your home away from home.

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

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