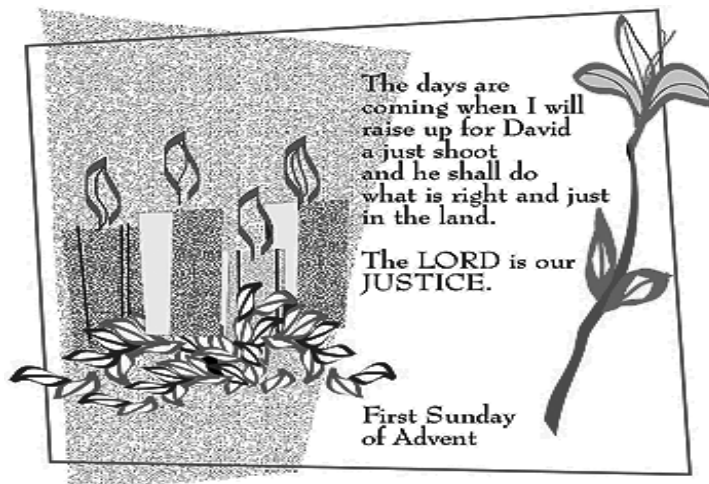


November 29, 2009 - First Sunday of Advent

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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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

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

NOVEMBER 29, 2009

David Williams, *req. by Elena MacLeod*
 All parishioners and benefactors of
 St. John's Church
 Mena García [special intention]
req. by Mena García
 Ubaldo and Rena Lara

MONDAY

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

NOVEMBER 30, 2009

(*dec.*) Frances Giacopelli
 (*dec.*) K.I.A. Spc. Kevin Hill
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 (*dec.*) Frank Chambers
 O'Grady family, *req. by Michael O'Grady*

TUESDAY

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

DECEMBER 1, 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.*) Sarah F. McFadden
req. by Elizabeth Weese
 Deceased members of the
 Cumagun family, *req. by Concepción*

WEDNESDAY

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

DECEMBER 2, 2009

(*dec.*) Mary Malloy
 Deceased members of the
 Malloy family
 (*dec.*) Timothy Tuohy
req. by Eleanor Tuohy
 (*dec.*) Margarita Salesa
 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.

DECEMBER 3, 2009

(*dec.*) Frances Giacopelli
 (*dec.*) John O'Grady
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 Patrick and Mary Ann Reilly
req. by Bridget and Patrick, Jr.
 Reynaldo Francisco
req. by Concepción Mallonga

FRIDAY

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

DECEMBER 4, 2009

Angelina Montesino
req. by Elena MacLeod
 (*dec.*) Hilda Salvatierra
 Michel-Ange Pierrecin
req. by Karen Anne Pierrecin
 Alice Baudin Jean-Baptiste
req. by Jacqueline Jackson

SATURDAY

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

DECEMBER 5, 2009

(*dec.*) Juan Saenz
req. by Munam Saenz-Escobedo and family
 (*dec.*) Mary McSorley
req. by Joseph Lubinskas



EVENTS OF THE WEEK

November 28 to December 6, 2009

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
> Before and after Masses: **Elves of St. John's accessory and gift sale**, 31st Street entrance



Sun 29 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
> Before and after Masses: **Elves of St. John's accessory and gift sale**, 31st Street entrance

Tue 1 > Finance Committee meeting, 3:30 P.M., conf. room
> Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:30 P.M., church hall

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

Thu 3 > **Spirituality**—Reflection on Faith with Fr. John Baptist Riordan, 6:00 P.M., conference room.

Fri 4 > **All-night Vigil**, 9:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M., church

Sun 6 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
> Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M., church/hall

ELVES OF ST. JOHN'S: In the spirit of the Christmas season, the Parish Council Elves of St. John's are sponsoring their third **accessory and gift sale** before and after all Masses on **November 28 and 29**, at the 31st Street entrance. Both **NEW** and **VINTAGE** items will be available at **well below-market prices**! Visit the elves' table, find a treasure, save money, and support YOUR parish.

FR. LEONARD'S PREVIEW OF SUNDAY READINGS: Since the Church year ends on November 28, Fr. Leonard has ceased 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.



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!*



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 Confirmation 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 and leave your name and phone number.*

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL will be held this **Friday, December 4**, 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.*

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 Ruíz 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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN: On Saturday, December 12 there will be a Day of Recollection for women at St. Paul the Apostle (59th Street at Lincoln Center.) Fr. Joseph Koterski, S.J. will preach on Advent preparation. The theme will be *Hope in Christ*. There will be a fee of \$25, which includes lunch. The retreat is sponsored by **Women for Life** and **The Sisters of Life**. *To register, please call 1-212 721-4507.*

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.

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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!

Today begins the new Liturgical Year. The theme of Advent, of course, is ANTICIPATION. Carlye Simon has a song with that title. This is a beautiful liturgical season of the year because it highlights for us the waiting that we do because of our faith. It certainly is not only waiting for the celebration of Christmas but ultimately for the waiting of the second coming of Jesus to carry us to our reward of faith.

The focus in these days, unfortunately, is solely on shopping for the “holidays”! Hopefully you and I will focus principally on the coming of Jesus once again into our lives. Since repetition is the mother of all learning ... let us learn once again how Jesus is present in us, for us, around us. In faith, we stretch out our arms to receive Jesus again and again in the hope that He teaches us to extend our arms to one another.

In keeping with the Sacred Readings for today, another word can be used for coming and that is from the First Reading: PROMISE. “The days are coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the House of Israel and Judah. I will raise up a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.” Jesus came to do just that and now Jesus depends upon us to continue to do likewise in our lives. What did Jesus do? Jeremiah says: JUSTICE!

Then St. Paul takes up the rallying cry and prays that “the Lord make you increase and abound in love.” This Advent once again we need to make a choice to conduct ourselves to serve God according to the instructions we have been given.

What is the consequence of Advent 2009? “Be vigilant! Do not become drowsy! Do not be overcome by anxieties!” This is the fitting way to receive Jesus again and again in into our hearts, homes, relationships, our work, our schools.

May I ask that we try to focus our prayer life during this Season by reflecting on the word PROMISE. What promise do you hear Jesus making to you because you believe in Him? Are you able to enunciate that promise which is made principally to you? Do you have the courage to “do justice” that is founded in the Gospel?

There is no doubt that these are challenging questions! Quite frankly, it is easier to do what society tells us we have to do for Christmas, like KMart, Radio City Music Hall—and these are good experiences—but there is more to this time. Are you willing to hear about Justice, about Peace, about the protection of the environment?

Be vigilant! Jesus is calling us to awaken to the needs of our day. Jesus promises us fullness of life by his coming. Be the way of Christ for our city.

Bless you for all that you do because of your faith. Remember St. John’s, your home away from home.

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

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