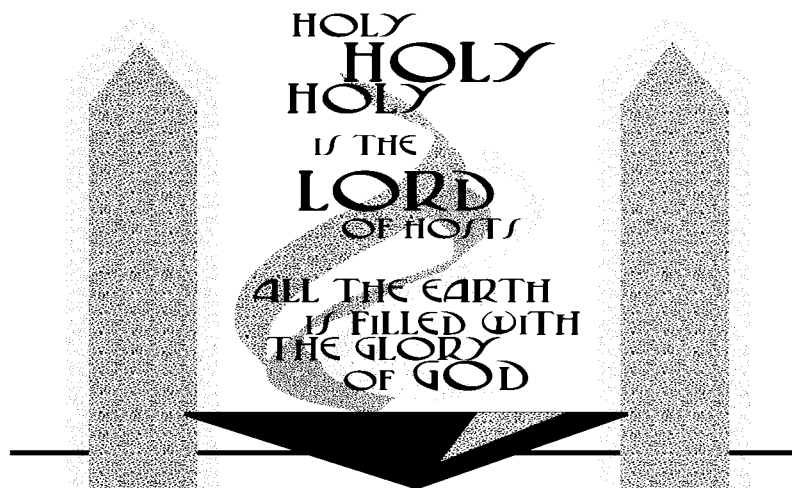


February 7, 2010 - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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. **ROSARY** at 5:00 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 5:00 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 and Thursdays, 12:00 P.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.

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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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 Frias	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
Rev. Francis Gasparik	<i>Provincial Counselor</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>	<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 (BDA)	<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>
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	FEBRUARY 7, 2010
9:00 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Lorenzo Hussey</i> <i>req. by Carma Connelly</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	Members of Spirit in Action <i>req. by the Committee members</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Aida LaBorde Burgos</i> <i>req. by Peter de Armos</i>
MONDAY	FEBRUARY 8, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) James Meany, req. by Cathy O'Shea</i>
7:45 A.M.	For the intention of John Lyon
12:15 P.M.	Living and deceased members of Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity <i>req. by the Fraternity</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Irminda Mendoza</i> <i>req. by Concepción Mallonga</i>
TUESDAY	FEBRUARY 9, 2010
6:45 A.M.	Living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order <i>req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Timothy Fitzpatrick</i> <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Jeanne Cooper, req. by Cathy O'Shea</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Louise Saltalamacchia</i> <i>req. by her co-workers</i>
WEDNESDAY	FEBRUARY 10, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Anna and Miles Mangum</i> <i>req. by Steven Nerfji</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Domingo Dano</i> <i>req. by Vicky Lumanas</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Cresciana Balurán</i> <i>req. by Vicky Lumanas</i>
5:15 P.M.	Erlinda V. Corpuz <i>req. by Concepción Mallonga</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	FEBRUARY 11, 2010
6:45 A.M.	Valerie Fredrick, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	Family and friends of Annie McGroary <i>req. by Mary Ellen McGroary</i>
12:15 P.M.	Br. Salvatore Patricola <i>req. by Vannia Ettelman</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Maximo and Aguida Cumagun</i> <i>req. by Concepción Mallonga</i>
FRIDAY	FEBRUARY 12, 2010
6:45 A.M.	George Tracey, <i>req. by his cousins</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>Elizabeth, Joan and Barbara</i> <i>(dec.) Felix and Macaria La Corte</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>req. by the Espiritu family</i>
5:15 P.M.	Gregoria A. Guzmán <i>req. by Concepción Mallonga</i>
SATURDAY	FEBRUARY 13, 2010
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Fr. Armand Dasseville, and family</i> <i>req. by Catherine Christman</i>
4:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Louis Brandes, req. by Ruth Müller</i>

EVENTS OF THE WEEK
February 5 to 14, 2010

- Fri 5** > **All-night Vigil**, 9:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M., church
- Sat 6** > **Edith Stein Guild**, 10:00 A.M., conference room
- Sun 7** > **Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity**, 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m., church/ ball
- Tue 9** > **Tuesday at the Friary**, 7:00 A.M., 12:00 noon, 5:30 P.M., parish office conference room
 > **Charismatic Prayer Group**, 6:00 P.M., church ball
- Wed 10** > **Food Pantry**, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church ball
 > **Fátima Blue Army**, 5:30 P.M., church
- Sat 13** > **Father Solanus Guild**, 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., meeting room
 > **Christ in the City Retreat**, 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., church/meeting room
- Sun 14** > **Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity**, 12:00 noon, church/ ball

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL will be held on **Friday, February 5**, 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.*

TUESDAY AT THE FRIARY—an experience of reflection, prayer and sharing—will take place this **February 9**, 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.

CHRIST IN THE CITY RETREAT will take place on **Saturday, February 13**, 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.*

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.



SHARE THE LOVE AT ST. JOHN ! The Fellowship Committee invites you to join with us to fill the church at the 12:00 noon Mass on Valentine’s Day, Sunday, February 14 (*Yes, this year Valentine’s Day falls on a Sunday!*). Bring a special friend to Mass, and following Mass celebrate friendship with sparkling wine or cider and croissants. Reach out to a family member, a fractured Catholic, a non-Catholic, a significant other, someone who is lonely and in need of some tender loving care, or someone who is searching for a faith community. **All are welcome in our sacred space !** Share the love at St. John on Valentine’s Day !

THE NEW PADRE PIO ORGAN: Our new organ was heard for the first time on the Feast of Christ the King and Saint Cecilia (*Patron Saint of Sacred Music*) Day (November 22, 2009.) Since 2010 will be a remarkable year because it marks the double centennial of Padre Pio and the 170th anniversary of our parish (see below), our new organ will be formally blessed and dedicated on the Feast of St. Pio (September 23, 2010.) *Please consider supporting this once-in-a-lifetime event—donation envelopes are available in the church lobby.*

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.*



SPIRIT IN ACTION (SIA) is a group of mature (age 45+) single Catholics who meet to share spiritual, social and cultural activities. For information about membership as well as current and upcoming events, please call our **hotline number: 1-212 560-2366.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES: STRENGTHENING FAMILIES AND RESOLVING CRISES. Each year, more than 3,000 families are helped to stay together through services that prevent children from being placed in foster care; 4,000 families are given financial assistance in a crisis; and 26,000 helped with social services and counseling—all by Catholic Charities of the Archdioceses of New York. *To learn more, log on to www.catholiccharitiesny.org.*

OUR CHURCH IS HERE FOR YOU ! As cold winter weather is here, we ask for your assistance in surrounding the needy with the warmth of God’ 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 from 12:00 noon to 5:00 P.M.* She can also be contacted on other weekdays at the above number. 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 of St. John the Baptist Parish,

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

Our faith is a gift from God! It is a gift freely given to us by a very generous Father in heaven. Faith is given to us in our human condition. God so loves us, that He continues to respect our freedom to develop our gift of faith while we walk this earth. Our heavenly Father is so gracious that God depends on us to cherish faith, to develop faith and to be faithful in faith. So our human experiences are valuable not only to us but to God also. If we try to remain faithful to the gift, all our experiences lead us to greater knowledge of God helping us to be open to all peoples.

As a world community we have witnessed many tragedies and we have also witnessed great caring responses to these tragedies. In recent times, Haiti comes to mind; an experience of great, incomparable suffering. This experience has given rise to the insurmountable desire of people around the world to come to the aid of the Haitian people. This response is a human response of faith in God and our ties to one another.

In the Scripture readings today, HUMAN EXPERIENCE is reflected upon as a response to God. Isaiah, one of the great prophets, is sad: “Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips ...” Quickly he adds: “... yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Despite this experience, Isaiah hears God speaking to him: “Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?” Jubilantly and full-hearted Isaiah cries out: “Here I am, send me!” He balances his unworthiness with the gracious will of God, and with that balance Isaiah serves the Lord to this very day with his writings.

Paul also says that he is not worthy. “I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle ... But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me has not been ineffective.” Paul, one of the most prolific writers, balanced his unworthiness with God’s grace and built the Church community in many cities.

The apostles in the boat listened to Jesus even though “... we have worked hard all night ...” Jesus requests that they go fishing again. They balanced their experience with that of Jesus and then they caught so many fish that their nets were bursting.

What do you think of yourself? Are you so taken with yourself that all you can think of is your own experience? Do you spend too much time thinking about your unworthiness, so much so that you forget the GRACE God gives you and all of us in abundance?

The advice Jesus gave his disciples is the same we have today: “DO NOT BE AFRAID; FROM NOW ON YOU WILL BE CATCHING MEN.” Keep a balance—Jesus gives us the power and strength to maintain that balance. Then thank God for the many experiences we have to come to know Him more intimately, more profoundly. How is your balance?

Remember St. John, your home away from home.

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

A Prayer for Priests

O Almighty, Eternal God, look upon the Face of Your Son and for love of Him, who is the Eternal High Priest, have pity on Your priests. Remember, O most compassionate God, that they are but weak and frail human beings. Stir up in them the grace of their vocation which is in them by the imposition of the bishop's hands. Keep them close to You, lest the enemy prevail against them, so that they may never do anything in the slightest degree unworthy of their sublime vocation.

O Jesus, I pray for Your faithful and fervent priests; for Your unfaithful and tepid priests; for Your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for Your tempted priests; for the lonely and desolate priests; for Your young priests; for Your dying priests; for the souls of Your priests in purgatory.

But above all, I commend to You the priests dearest to me, the priest who baptized me, the priests who have absolved me from my sins, the priests at whose Masses I have assisted and who have offered me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion, the priests who have taught and instructed me or helped and encouraged me, and the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to Your Heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity.

Amen.

— *Cardinal Cushing*