

# 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



*Our citizenship  
is in heaven, and  
from it we also  
await a savior, the  
Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will change our  
lowly body to  
conform with his  
glorified body by  
the power that  
enables him also to  
bring all things  
into subjection to  
himself.*

## 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.

## 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

**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.

## 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 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.

## 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.*

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**

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

**FEBRUARY 28, 2010**

*(dec.)* Lorraine Natali, *req. by Joe Labinskas*  
 All parishioners and benefactors of  
 St. John's Church  
 Living and deceased members of  
 St. John's Fraternity, *req. by the Fraternity*  
*(dec.)* Frank Chambers

**MONDAY**

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

**MARCH 1, 2010**

*(dec.)* Dorothy J. and Sigmund A. Willant  
*req. by Veronica Willant*  
 For the intention of John Lyons  
*(dec.)* Patrick Scanlon  
*req. by Katherine Kavanagh*  
 Richard Henshaw, *req. by Kathleen Gormley*

**TUESDAY**

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

**MARCH 2, 2010**

For the intentions of  
 the Secular Franciscan Order  
*req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church*  
 For the intentions of  
 Mr. and Mrs. George Obergfoll  
*req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady*  
*(dec.)* Patrick and Kathleen Bannon  
*req. by Catherine Bannon*  
*(dec.)* Julio Ortiz, and for the intention of  
 Celia Ortiz, *req. by Diana Ortiz*

**MARCH 3, 2010**

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

Deceased members of the Groen and  
 Dick families, *req. by Debbie Groen*  
*(dec.)* Sr. Nora Cronin [anniversary rem.]  
*req. by Edward and Margaret Donovan*  
*(dec.)* Grace Janawsky  
*req. by Mary and Sophia*  
 For the intentions of Maura and Cirilo  
 Dalupang [wedding anniversary]  
*req. by the Dalupang family*  
 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.

**MARCH 4, 2010**

St. Pio and St. Jude [in thanksgiving]  
*req. by Jennifer Robert*  
 K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces  
*req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady*  
*(dec.)* Isaias Gumboc Him Bing  
*(dec.)* Santina and Flavie Louis-Jacques

**FRIDAY**

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

**MARCH 5, 2010**

St. Pio [in thanksgiving]  
*req. by Louis E. Jacques*  
*(dec.)* Peter Pampellone  
*req. by Gia Pampellone*  
*(dec.)* Juan Saënz Ojeda  
*req. by Myriam and Carlos Escobedo*

**SATURDAY**

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

**MARCH 6, 2010**

Carla Watson and family  
*req. by Camille Ferdinand*  
*(dec.)* Tomás Fernando  
*req. by Dolores Suárez*

**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**February 27 to March 7, 2010**

**Sat 27** > **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*

**Sun 28** **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
> *St. John's SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/hall*  
> **Lenten Vespers, 4:00 P.M., church**

**Mon 1** > *Seminar on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:00 P.M.*

**Tue 2** > *Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall*

**Wed 3** > *Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall*  
> *Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church*

**Fri 5** > **Stations of the Cross, 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., church**  
> **All-night Vigil, 9:00 P.M. to 5:30 A.M., church**

**Sun 7** **THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**  
> *Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M., church/hall*  
> **Lenten Vespers, 4:00 P.M., church**

**LENTEN VESPERS** take place every Sunday of Lent at 4:00 P.M. in church.

Our **ALL-NIGHT VIGIL** will be held on **Friday, March 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.*

**NO GREATER LOVE—A PASSION PLAY FOR THE SEASON OF LENT**—will be presented by the Xavier Company until April 10. This is a musical drama performed in the sanctuary of churches. *Admission is free but a free will offering is asked.* For more information, please contact Carol Ferrone at 1-212 627-2100, extension 217.

**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.**

**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. Every penny counts!*

There will be a **SEMINAR ON THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Monday, March 1 at 6:00 P.M., with Fr. John Baptist Riordan. This seminar will highlight the spiritual, psychological and theological dimensions of being receptive to the saving graces of the Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** take place every Friday of Lent at 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. in church. *Walk with Jesus on His way to Calvary.*

**EASTER NOVENA MASS CARDS** are now available at the parish office.

**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 170<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**GRACE INSTITUTE** runs a **TUITION-FREE Business Skills Program.** These four-and-a-half month and nine-month training programs teach women the skills needed to succeed in the workplace. The programs include an in-depth study of computers, keyboarding, business writing, communications and office procedures. *All graduates receive job placement assistance.* Classes meet Monday through Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Evening classes will also be available in September. Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED, fluency in English and be eligible to work in the U.S. *Grace Institute is located at 1233 Second Avenue (between 64<sup>th</sup> & 65<sup>th</sup> Streets). For more information, phone 1-212 832-7605 or visit the web site at [www.graceinstitute.org](http://www.graceinstitute.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'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 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](http://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 the Baptist Parish,

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

“Time waits for no man or woman or young person!”

It is the Second Sunday of Lent; hopefully we are all remembering our Lenten observations. This is difficult since we love the Easter Joy and New Life promised us in faith. We need to keep our focus! This is the lesson of the Sacred Readings for this very Sunday. Our father in faith—when he was known as Abram—was asked by God: “LOOK UP AT THE SKY AND COUNT THE STARS, IF YOU CAN. You will have that many descendants.” What a great promise God made to Abram! He put his trust in God and began the tradition of offering sacrifices to God.

St. Paul tells us that God will CHANGE US, so we will become the glorified body of Christ. Promise, trust, faith, hope! Jesus, ever compassionate, takes three of his disciples to the top of the hill and is transfigured before them; they see Jesus in full glory. Excited, the disciples say, like joy-filled young children: “LET US BUILD THREE TENTS AND STAY HERE FOREVER!”

This is an experience of faith that is gained by personal prayer. True prayer changes us; we are no longer the person we were when we began to pray. True prayer that comes from the depths of one’s heart and soul has as its purpose life-altering experiences. The three disciples were never the same once they saw Christ transfigured. Christ’s transfiguration is the promise of our transfiguration. A change is necessary; prayer is necessary. Not simply vocal prayer, but prayer that comes from deep within our hearts and souls.

As we pray, we enter the exodus of our personal journey. In prayer we enter the relationship with God. God takes us by the hand as He did with Abraham, Moses, Paul, Mary, John Paul, Mother Teresa and many great persons.

Allow this Lent 2010 to be a real exodus. Be transfigured.

Remember St. John, your home away from home.

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

## The Fifth and Sixth Stations of the Cross at St. John's Church



# 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*