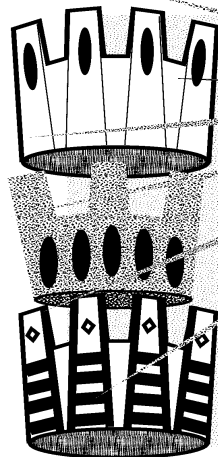


January 3, 2010 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

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



*In the days of King Herod,
Behold, magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem,
saying, "Where is the newborn
king of the Jews?
We saw his star at its rising,
and have come to do him homage."*

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.

SOCIAL WORKER AVAILABLE: Wednesdays 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; 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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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>Sat 3 to 4</i>
Catholic Council of Electrical Workers	<i>Fri 12:30 to 1:30</i>
Debtors Anonymous	<i>3rd Fri 4 to 8</i>
	<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

JANUARY 3, 2010

9:00 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Kreszenia Schiller</i> <i>req. by Charlotte La Colla</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Michael Kavanagh</i> <i>req. by Katherine Kavanagh</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Michael and Mary Heggers</i> <i>req. by Steven Nerlfi</i>

MONDAY

JANUARY 4, 2010

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Francesco Guglielmo</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
7:45 A.M.	For the intention of John Lyon
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Eleanor Brandes [6th anniversary]</i> <i>req. by Barbara Brandes</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Joseph and Angelina Poveromo, and</i> <i>Joseph DeVincent, req. by Lena Poveromo</i>

TUESDAY

JANUARY 5, 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> <i>(dec.) Pauline Heggers, req. by Steven Nerlfi</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Francesco and Filomena Guglielmo</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
12:15 P.M.	For the intentions of Rose, Gilles, Marlon and Nicholas
5:15 P.M.	

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 6, 2010

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Gaspaen Francesca Mirella</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) John O'Shea, req. by Cathy O'Shea</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Fr. Armand Dasseville</i> <i>req. by Mary Dirrane</i>
5:15 P.M.	Concepción Mallonga <i>req. by Valentina Vega</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

JANUARY 7, 2010

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Settimio and Teresina Guglielmo</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
7:45 A.M.	K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>
12:15 P.M.	Brother Francis, <i>req. by Mary Dirrane</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Anthony Bonafiglio</i> <i>req. by Arthur Martinsen</i>

FRIDAY

JANUARY 8, 2010

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Pasquale and Michelle Peppino</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Nathan Barber</i> <i>req. by Maria Doman and Jacob Schwendinger</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Mary Meaney, req. by Cathy O'Shea</i>
5:15 P.M.	Concepción Mallonga <i>req. by Erlinda V. Corpuz</i>

SATURDAY

JANUARY 9, 2010

12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Ena and Michele Porco</i> <i>req. by Filomena Guglielmo</i>
4:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Floyd Barnes</i> <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>



EVENTS OF THE WEEK
January 1 to 10, 2010

Fri 1 BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
(Offices and meeting rooms remain closed all day)
VIGIL MASS AT 5:15 P.M. ON THURSDAY
ON FRIDAY, ONE MASS ONLY, AT 10:30 A.M.

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

Sat 2 > Church hall closed all day for waxing

Sun 3 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

> Church hall closed all day for waxing
> Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity,
12:00 noon to 3:00 P.M., church

Tue 5 > Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall

Wed 6 > Food Pantry closed this day. Reopens January 13.
> Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church

Sun 10 > Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity
12:00 noon, church/hall

ALL-NIGHT VIGIL takes place on **Friday, January 1**, 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.*

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

A VOCATION VIEW: If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, please call Fr. Charles Szivos at 1-914-968 1340 (*Priesthood*), Sr. Deanna Sabetta at 1-212-371 1000, extension 2803 (*Religious*) or Deacon Anthony Cassaneto at 1-914-968 6200, extension 8269.

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.

OUR FOOD PANTRY will be closed on Wednesday, January 6. We will reopen on Wednesday, January 13 during normal hours (1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.)

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.* For more details, please read one of our fliers .

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 give it to Fr. John Baptist Riordan.*

GRACE INSTITUTE is currently accepting applications for its **TUITION-FREE Business Skills Program.** This four-and-a-half month and nine-month training program teaches women the skills needed to succeed in the workplace. The program includes 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., and will begin in February 2010. 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 64th & 65th Streets).* For more information, phone 1-212 832-7605 or visit the web site at **www.graceinstitute.org.** *Open houses take place every Wednesday in January, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 P.M.*

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 from 12:00 noon to 1:00 P.M. and from 4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.; Thursdays from 12:00 noon to 5:00 P.M.* She can also 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.*

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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,

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

Being in New York City, it is easier for us to imagine this wonderful feast of the Magi; the Three Kings from faraway countries who come in all their finery to adore the Messiah whose coming was foretold by the rising of the Star. These wise men followed the star and came before Jesus, Mary and Joseph and "fell down to worship Him"!

In late November, there was a procession of the animals and the Three Kings to Radio City Music Hall. A visitor friend of mine saw this procession and was amazed. He was also amazed that people walking in the streets that morning did not seem surprised at this spectacle marching to Radio City Music Hall. I suspect that reaction did not happen the first time the three kings appeared and came to worship Jesus. At that time the ordinary people did not expect visitors from faraway lands; But they did, indeed, come and were received by the Holy Family with open arms.

By faith we believe that Jesus is here for all peoples, with no exceptions. Jesus is love and there is so much love that Jesus extends to all peoples. This is the lesson of the feast of the Magi ... visitors from the West, the East, the North and the South. "RISE UP, JERUSALEM! YOUR LIGHT HAS COME, THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHINES UPON YOU."

As we begin the New Year of 2010 we focus our attention on Jesus as the Center of our lives; He is the Beginning and the End of all that we do, say and believe. All must be decided in the light of His teachings and no one is to be excluded. The grace of God is offered to everyone and to all. This is an extremely important reflection for us as we begin anew, not with simple New Year's resolutions but with the conviction of faith. The magi were fearless in departing their familiar countries to come to a "foreign" land and begin anew.

When we come to worship at St. John, I hope that we are all cognizant of the variety of peoples who pray with us; the many forms of prayer used; the variety of gifts endowed by the Spirit and, yes, even the way in which we accept God's grace ... it is varied, universal and offered continuously by our God. We look differently, speak in many languages; dress and walk differently; but when we enter the Church temple we are united in our worship of Jesus, Son of God, Messiah and our Brother. We can understand this only from the position of kneeling in worship as did the Magi.

The Magi kept the Star within their vision and followed that Bright, Shining Star! Do we follow that Star, Jesus or do we get caught up in our own ideas and preferences? Whose agenda do we prefer? Come to the place where Jesus is and like the Magi prostrate yourself and open your gifts for Jesus. Be a welcoming community of great variety!

Remember St. John, your home away from home!

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