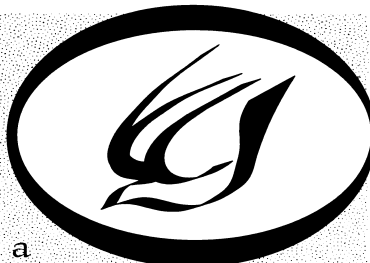


# The Church of Saint John The Baptist

A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS  
WITH SHRINES OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)  
AND MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

When the LORD  
had been baptized,  
the heavens opened  
and the SPIRIT  
came down like a  
dove to rest on him.  
Then the voice of the Father said:  
This is my beloved Son,  
with him I am well pleased.



## 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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Mondays & Tuesdays and Thursdays & Fridays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
Wednesdays from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.  
e-mail: [stjohnbap@aol.com](mailto:stjohnbap@aol.com) web: [www.padrepioshrine.com](http://www.padrepioshrine.com)

**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>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>
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.

**JANUARY 10, 2010**

For the intention of Dorothy Johnson  
 All parishioners and benefactors of  
 St. John's Church  
 (dec.) Margaret Lane Paragon  
*req. by the Paragon family*  
 (dec.) Joan Shanahan Kearney  
*req. by Patrick J. Kearney, Jr.*

12:00 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

**MONDAY**

6:45 A.M.  
 7:45 A.M.

**JANUARY 11, 2010**

Kaniz Hasina, *req. by Elena Mac Leod*  
 (dec.) John, Stella and Jennie Dombroski  
*req. by Clarinda Dombroski*  
 Living and deceased members of  
 Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity  
*req. by the Fraternity*  
 Fr. Philip Fabiano, *req. by Vannia Ettelman*

12:15 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

**TUESDAY**

6:45 A.M.

**JANUARY 12, 2010**

Living and deceased members of  
 the Secular Franciscan Order  
*req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church*  
 (dec.) Frank Lock, *req. by Helen A. Turner*  
 (dec.) James Donovan [anniversary rem.]  
*req. by his family*  
 (dec.) Joseph N. Scaramastro  
*req. by Angelo Torchia*

7:45 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

6:45 A.M.

**JANUARY 13, 2010**

Charlotte La Colla [special intention]  
 (dec.) James Rottner, *req. by Ingrid Jiminez*  
 (dec.) Charles H. Benbrook, *req. by Br. Luke*  
 (dec.) Antonio Mallonga  
*req. by Concepción Mallonga*  
 For those enrolled in the  
 Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

7:45 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

6:30 P.M.

**THURSDAY**

6:45 A.M.

**JANUARY 14, 2010**

Sheila and Joseph Gallagher, and family  
*req. by Kathleen Gallagher*  
 Christina Bongolan, *req. by Elena Mac Leod*  
 (dec.) Marie Borgia, *req. by Angelo Torchia*  
 (dec.) Fortunato Bonacci  
*req. by Angelo Torchia*

7:45 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

**FRIDAY**

6:45 A.M.

**JANUARY 15, 2010**

Louise Graham Niepel and family  
*req. by Kathleen Gallagher*  
 Tommy Houlihan, *req. by Kathleen Gallagher*  
*req. by Maria Doman and Jacob Schwendinger*  
 Living and deceased members of the  
 Sullivan family, *req. by Catherine Chistman*  
 Maureen Gallagher  
*req. by Kathleen Gallagher*

7:45 A.M.

12:15 P.M.

5:15 P.M.

**SATURDAY**

12:15 P.M.

**JANUARY 16, 2010**

(dec.) Enza Filippis, *req. by Joseph Filippis*  
 (dec.) Louis Brandes, *req. by Ruth Müller*

4:00 P.M.



**EVENTS OF THE WEEK**  
**January 9 to 17, 2010**

**Sat 9** > *Father Solanus Guild's Christmas Season meeting*  
10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., meeting room

**Sun 10** **THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**  
> *Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity*  
12:00 noon, church/hall

**Tue 12** > **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 hall

**Wed 13** > *Food Pantry*, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall  
> *Fátima Blue Army*, 5:30 P.M., church

**Sat 16** > **Two Thousand Hail Marys**,  
7:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., church hall/church  
> **Christ in the City Retreat**  
4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., church/meeting room

**Sun 17** > *God the Father Cenacle Devotion*,  
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M., church hall

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**TUESDAY AT THE FRIARY**—an experience of reflection, prayer and sharing—will take place this **January 12**, 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, January 16**, beginning with the 4:00 P.M. mVigil Mass in church and continuing in a meeting room until 10:00 P.M. *The theme for this retreat will be "Finding God in stillness and solitude." 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.*

**37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE:** Join the N.Y. Family Life/Respect Life bus leaving from St. Malachy's Church (239 West 49<sup>th</sup> Street, between Broadway and 8th Avenue) on **Friday, January 22**. Bus departs at 5:00 A.M. *Mass will be offered in Maryland at 10:30 a.m., with Archbishop Timothy Dolan and other pilgrims.*

**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.

**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](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org).*

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

**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 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). *Open houses take place every Wednesday in January, at 12:00 noon and 4:00 P.M.*

**THE CENSUS BUREAU** is currently recruiting ! To be eligible for employment, you must be 18 or older, be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident, and successfully complete a written test. *Registration for the test is required. To register, call 1-347 231-1140. Space is limited.*

For more information on what to bring, visit [www.us-census-jobs.110mb.com](http://www.us-census-jobs.110mb.com)  
*Salaries range from \$14 to \$21 an hour.*



**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. 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](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,

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

Does it seem strange to you that Jesus would present himself to St. John the Baptist to receive Baptism?

John thought the same thing, because he says to Jesus as Jesus approached him: “I am not worthy to loosen the straps of your sandals!” Jesus does not give a verbal answer but comes closer to John to receive the ritual Baptism. Jesus teaches by doing. What Jesus asks of us He, Himself, is willing to do and so He listens to John and comes forward to be baptized. This becomes another form of identity.

We see this Baptism as another clarification of who Jesus is: He is God’s Son, His beloved, with whom the Father is well pleased. This is a fulfillment of the expectation that the people had for a Messiah. Coming out of the water, “THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED UPON HIM AS A DOVE. A VOICE CAME FROM HEAVEN, ‘YOU ARE MY BELOVED SON; WITH YOU I AM WELL PLEASED.’ ”

Jesus addresses the long expectation of the people to have a Redeemer. He identifies himself for His people by the Baptism of John. Saying in a different way: “I AM THE WAY; THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE!”

Our Sacrament of Baptism gives us IDENTITY. It is not simply a ritual but a moment of acceptance of our identity as a son or daughter of God. Each one of us is God’s beloved. God gives us life and emphasizes the IMAGE and LIKENESS OF HIS VERY SELF IN EACH ONE OF US. I like to use the phrase: God’s Original Goodness is renewed in us at Baptism. We receive this at birth but it is renewed at Baptism. The only one who can mar that original goodness in us is—ourselves.

Once Jesus was baptized by John, He began His mission to spread the Good News. Our Baptism also gives us a mission which is to live up to the teachings of the Messiah. Bring the Good News by the way we speak, think, act and treat one another—with dignity and love. In this manner we identify ourselves as followers of the Lord and we fulfill the mission of the Great Commandments of Christ. Our prayer then is that “ALL GLORY AND PRAISE BE GIVEN TO JESUS CHRIST!”

There is a prayer: “Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and forever. Amen.”

Remember St. John as your home away from home.

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

January 10, 2010 — Insert