

January 17, 2010 - Second 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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Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Sundays: the office is closed.
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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 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</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>
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 17, 2010
9:00 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Margaret Singleton</i> <i>req. by Cathy O'Shea</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Kevin O'Connor</i> <i>req. by Brian Whelan</i>
5:15 P.M.	Maureen and Frank Gallagher, and family, <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
MONDAY	JANUARY 18, 2010
	MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY
10:30 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Anne Jacobs</i> <i>req. by her daughter Barbara Jacobs</i>
TUESDAY	JANUARY 19, 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.) Joseph Italiano</i>
12:15 P.M.	Jo Anne and Stan Flo <i>req. by Clarinda Dombrowski</i>
5:15 P.M.	Agnes McGinley, <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 20, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Anna Mae Mangum</i> <i>req. by Steven Nerlfi</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.	<i>(dec.) Catherine Christman</i> <i>req. by Dan and Peggy McMabon</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Luigi Pioli, req. by his family</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	JANUARY 21, 2010
6:45 A.M.	Ranjan Patel, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Thomas Brady</i> <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Rachel Candela</i> <i>req. by Jeannette Ancona</i>
5:15 P.M.	Patrick Gallagher <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
FRIDAY	JANUARY 22, 2010
6:45 A.M.	Freddy Romero, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	Eileen Luke Coogan and family <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
12:15 P.M.	Christina Gallagher <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
5:15 P.M.	For the intention of Kathleen Gallagher
SATURDAY	JANUARY 23, 2010
12:15 P.M.	Living and deceased members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group <i>req. by the Prayer Group</i>
4:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Michael Gallagher</i> <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>



EVENTS OF THE WEEK
January 16 to 24, 2010

- 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
- Mon 18** **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**
> *One Mass only, at 10:30 A.M.*
> *Offices closed; no meetings*
- Tue 19** > *Finance Council meeting, 3:30 P.M., conf. room*
> *Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall*
- Wed 20** > *Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall*
> *Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church*
- Sat 23** > **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*
> *SFO Council meeting, 2:00 P.M., mtg. room*
- Sun 24** > *St. John's SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/ hall*

CHRIST IN THE CITY RETREAT will take place on **Saturday, January 16**, 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 "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.*

37th ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE: Join the N.Y. Family Life/Respect Life bus leaving from St. Malachy's Church (239 West 49th 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.*

SIDE BY SIDE CELEBRATION IN THE MONTH OF YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: The Capuchin Franciscan Friars invite you to attend a *Side by Side Celebration* in the month of your wedding anniversary. Couples gather at 10:00 A.M. (**this month, on Saturday the 23rd**) for breakfast and reflection, followed by Mass and renewal of vows at 12:15 P.M. *For more information, call Brother Salvatore at 1-212 564-9070, extension 247.*

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.*

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.*

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.*

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

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 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.padrepioshrine.com.

The Church of Saint John the Baptist

210 West 31st Street—New York, N.Y. 10001 (*between 7th and 8th 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!

Having celebrated the Christmas season with all sorts of spiritual preparation, gift giving, tree trimming, and special desserts, we now settle down to “ordinary” time. Even now, we begin in the Gospel reading with an invitation. Jesus, Mary and the disciples are invited to a wedding reception in the town of Cana. Jesus, wanting to be one with us, accepts the invitation to this very human and warm festivity of a wedding, the promise of continuing human life.

This famous wedding reception is well known to all of us. The couple runs out of wine; embarrassed Mary, tender Mother, asks her Son to do something. Jesus, of course, not only does something but in a very significant way (six stone jars each holding 30 gallons of wine filled to the brim.) Not only so much but the best wine (“Everyone serves good wine first ... then an inferior one ...”). Jesus comes to the rescue of the newly married.

Invite Jesus into your life and exceptional things will happen! Jesus never disappoints. We see this frequently in the Gospel passages. Remember when Peter brought Jesus to his home and Jesus healed Peter’s mother-in-law. Remember Jairus, a synagogue leader, who invited Jesus to come to his home and heal his daughter. Another time a Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner at his home; a man with dropsy came and Jesus healed that person. And, of course, we all remember the incident in the home of Martha and Mary when Jesus raised Lazarus from death to life.

INVITATION is the Gospel word for us today. It means that we open ourselves to Jesus and actually invite Him to be a part of our daily activities, no matter what these might be. No activity of our day is too lowly for Jesus to be a part of it. An invitation means that we open our hearts to Jesus and give Jesus our hand so that we walk together; thus we learn to “put on Christ.” Doing this has the making of great things happening to us, for us, around us. We become serious about our faith and then miracles happen.

We—having been invited to be a part of Jesus—now, by our lives, invite others to be invited by us to share that great life of Christ.

Remember St. John, your home away from home.

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