

The Church of Saint John The Baptist

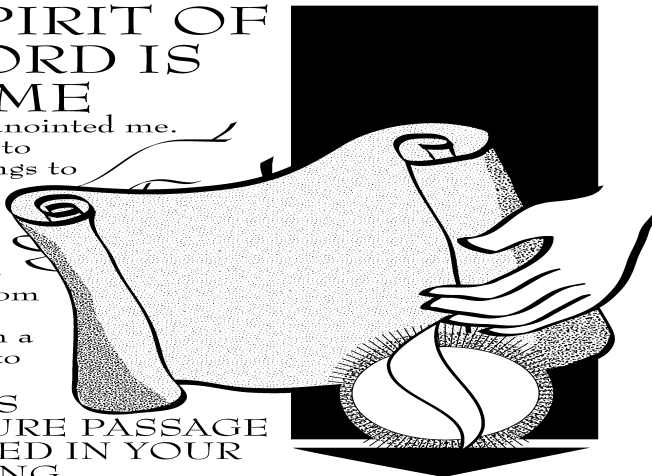
A MINISTRY OF THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS
WITH SHRINES OF SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)
AND MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

THE SPIRIT OF
THE LORD IS
UPON ME

because he has anointed me.

He has sent me to
bring glad tidings to
the poor, to
proclaim liberty
to captives,
recovery of
sight to the
blind and freedom
to the oppressed,
and to proclaim a
year acceptable to
the Lord.

TODAY THIS
SCRIPTURE PASSAGE
IS FULFILLED IN YOUR
HEARING.



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.

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	<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 24, 2010
9:00 A.M.	For the intentions of Agnes and Mark McGinley, and family <i>req. by Kathleen Gallagher</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	Living and deceased members of St. John's Fraternity <i>req. by the Fraternity</i>
5:15 P.M.	For the intention of María Obleanda <i>req. by Clarita Obleanda</i>
MONDAY	JANUARY 25, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Mariantona Tarantino <i>req. by Joseph Filippis</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> John J. Botti, <i>req. by the Botti family</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Marion Condenzio <i>req. by Frank Condenzio</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Michael Connelly <i>req. by Philip Cialdella</i>
TUESDAY	JANUARY 26, 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.)</i> Ida Filippis, <i>req. by Joseph Filippis</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Carmela DeStefano <i>req. by Teresa Marri</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Virginia Walsh, <i>req. by Donna Grusaky</i>
5:15 P.M.	
WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 27, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Vera Boulier <i>req. by Thomas McGaban</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.)</i> Francesco Santino and Teresa Giordano, <i>req. by Teresa Marri</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> John Grabec <i>req. by Marina Marinelli</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena
THURSDAY	JANUARY 28, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Nicola Michael Filippis <i>req. by Joseph Filippis</i>
7:45 A.M.	For the intention of Kathryn M. Zwicharowski, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Jane DeVito <i>req. by Salvatore and Lorraine Congiusta</i>
5:15 P.M.	Marjorie McGregor
FRIDAY	JANUARY 29, 2010
6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Irmina Mendoza <i>req. by Valentina Vega</i>
7:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Thomas and Jane Cleary <i>req. by James Cleary</i>
12:15 P.M.	Ruben Ang, <i>req. by Letty Ang</i>
5:15 P.M.	
SATURDAY	JANUARY 30, 2010
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.)</i> Michael Jackson <i>req. by Florence Lanlenou</i>
4:00 P.M.	For the intention of Francisca Obleanda <i>req. by Clarita Obleanda</i>

EVENTS OF THE WEEK
January 23 to 30, 2010

- 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
- Mon 25** > Parish Board meeting, 6:00 P.M., conference room
- Tue 26** > Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall
- Wed 27** > Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall
> Fatima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church
- Sat 30** > SFO Council meeting, 2:00 P.M., mtg. room

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.

RÉSUMÉ CLINIC: St. Francis of Assis Church is sponsoring a **résumé clinic** for unemployed persons as well as those facing possible layoff or career transition. This **free** clinic will take place on **Thursday, January 28 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.** at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street. Please call 1-212 736-8500 for further information and to register.

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.

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 !

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.

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 Conformation 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.*

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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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!

Remember when we went to school and the principal would call for an assembly? Everyone gathered—teachers, students, aides, staff members—to hear the message, usually of some significance and importance. The faithful of all times, religions, ethnic groups, families—all have some type of ASSEMBLY.

The Assembly or the gathering of believers is a ritual act of some importance; it is a sign of belief that God is present and we worship and adore God as Church. Gathering is a very frequent, human experience for us. No event comes without calling people together—for example a birth, an anniversary, an illness, a visit of family who live afar. Sometimes we do not even need an excuse; we gather to be with one another.

From the Book of Nehemiah in today's Liturgy the people are assembled to hear the teaching of the religious leaders. Notice that it is not an individual teaching but rather the gathering of the faithful, so that all (as they say) "are on the same page." This teaching is further elaborated by St. Paul to the Corinthians and to us. "AS A BODY IS ONE THOUGH IT HAS MANY PARTS, AND ALL THE PARTS OF THE BODY, THOUGH MANY, ARE ONE BODY, SO ALSO CHRIST."

This is an important teaching for us to absorb. While I am (we are) responsible for my personal spirituality I (we) belong to a Church. Each one of us adds to the good of the community, or we act on our own and then it is not for Christ but for our own satisfaction. The imagery that St. Paul offers makes for a wonderful meditation on the Assembly here and now. Someone described this to me by telling me that spirituality has a horizontal direction as well as a vertical direction. Spirituality points us toward God AND it points us also to one another. How we treat one another has a great influence on how we treat God. This is the teaching of Nehemiah and St. Paul in today's scripture lesson. Reach up toward God and reach out to one another.

Being a believer is no easy task! So much depends on how eager we are to work with what God has given us in our personality, our talents, our limitations; this is a life-long process. As we work with our selves we begin to see God more clearly and make ourselves after the image and likeness of God's original goodness in us.

St. Luke in the Gospel speaks of the development of Jesus when he writes: "Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit" and proclaimed: "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO BRING GLAD TIDINGS TO THE POOR ... TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, AND LET THE OPPRESSED GO FREE ..."

Here at St. John this forms one aspect of the foundation of ministry, namely the CONVICTION OF FAITH. As we see it in ourselves we then see it in others, and we form the Assembly; we gather as a Holy People eager for the Word of God and then to minister as Jesus asks us to minister. As this grows, others will see it and have a similar response as Jesus describes: "TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING."

Remember St. John, your home away from home.

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

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