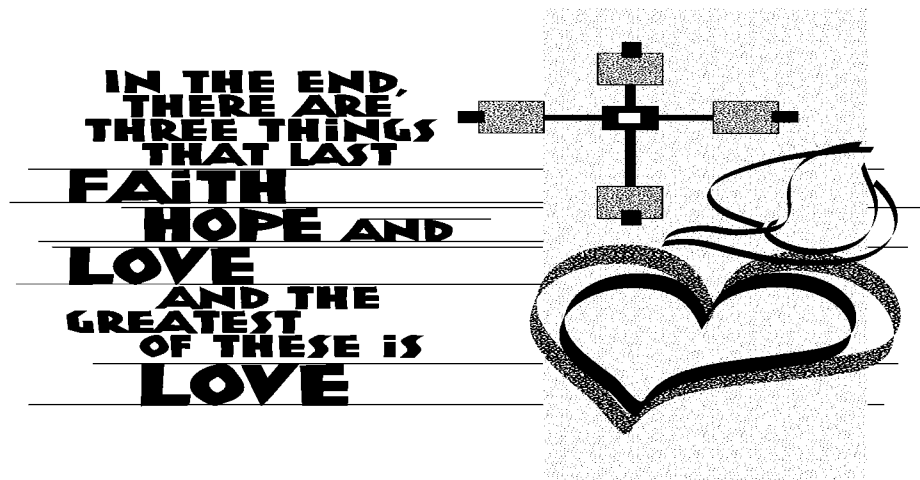


January 31, 2010 - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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</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

9:00 A.M.	<i>(dec.) Frank Chambers</i>
10:30 A.M.	All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
12:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Peggy McKenna</i> <i>req. by Marianne McKenna</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Teresita D. Tanap</i> <i>req. by Vicky Lumanas</i>

JANUARY 31, 2010

MONDAY

6:45 A.M.	<i>(dec.) John M. Dombroski</i> <i>req. by Clarinda Dombroski</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.) Michael Kavanagh</i> <i>req. by Katherine Kavanagh</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Joseph and Angelina Poveromo,</i> <i>and Joseph DeVincent</i> <i>req. by Lena Poveromo</i>

FEBRUARY 1, 2010

TUESDAY

6:45 A.M.	FEBRUARY 2, 2010—CANDLEMAS 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.) Frank and Rhoda Hickey</i> <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>
12:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Carlos Jara, req. by Rosa and José Lara</i>
5:15 P.M.	John Grabec, <i>req. by Marina Marinelli</i>

FEBRUARY 2, 2010—CANDLEMAS

WEDNESDAY

6:45 A.M.	FEBRUARY 3, 2010—ST. BLAISE <i>(dec.) Sister Maria Bernadetta</i> <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</i>
7:45 A.M.	For the intention of James Sullivan <i>req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady</i>
12:15 P.M.	In thanksgiving to St. John the Baptist <i>req. by Joseph MacArthur</i>
5:15 P.M.	In reparation for abortion <i>req. by Russell McCabe</i>
6:30 P.M.	For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

FEBRUARY 3, 2010—ST. BLAISE

THURSDAY

6:45 A.M.	FEBRUARY 4, 2010 Lady Ferrer, <i>req. by Elena MacLeod</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.) Margherita and Gino</i> <i>req. by Giovanna Ambrosino</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Margaret Clune</i> <i>req. by Sr. Mary Clune</i>

FEBRUARY 4, 2010

FRIDAY

6:45 A.M.	FEBRUARY 5, 2010 For the intention of John Piccinich <i>req. by John and Marie Mattesich</i>
7:45 A.M.	For the intention of Phil Hynes <i>req. by James Richardson</i>
12:15 P.M.	In thanksgiving to All Saints <i>req. by Joseph MacArthur</i>
5:15 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Irmina Mendoza</i> <i>req. by Erlinda V. Corpuz</i>

FEBRUARY 5, 2010

SATURDAY

12:15 P.M.	FEBRUARY 6, 2010 <i>(dec.) Cataldo Scavo</i> <i>req. by Nancy Scavo</i>
4:00 P.M.	<i>(dec.) Veronique Oriol</i> <i>req. by Rose Fourreau</i>

FEBRUARY 6, 2010

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

January 30 to February 7, 2010

- Sat 30** > SFO Council meeting, 2:00 P.M., mtg. room
- Sun 31** > St. John's SFO Fraternity, 12:00 noon, church/hall
- Tue 2** **THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS)**
BLESSING OF CANDLES AFTER EACH MASS
> Charismatic Prayer Group, 6:00 P.M., church hall
- Wed 3** **ST. BLAISE**
BLESSING OF THROATS AFTER EACH MASS
> Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall
> Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church
- Sat 6** > Edith Stein Guild, 10:00 A.M., conference room
- Sun 7** > Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity,
12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m., church/hall

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

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.*

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.



CANDLEMAS: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord takes place on Tuesday, February 2. This feast, originating in the fourth century, was celebrated in Rome by the middle of the fifth century under the title "Feast of the Meeting." It has come to be known as Candlemas Day because traditionally candles to be used in church or at home are blessed this day. *On this day, bring your candles to be blessed after each Mass.*

THE BLESSING OF THROATS: On Wednesday, February 3, it is a Catholic tradition for the faithful to be prayed over for good health through the Blessing of the Throats, in memory of St. Blaise. *Throats will be blessed after each Mass on this day.*

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 !

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.*

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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.

The Church of Saint John the Baptist

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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!

There is a saying that we have all heard one time or another: “The grass is greener on the other side.” It is a challenge for us to see the good that surrounds us and we have a tendency to think that others have it better than we do. I think this is a common phenomenon. Or we hear: “Those were the good old days!” The truth is that all we really have is here and now and therefore these are the good days.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is visiting the town of his birth and being a religious, faithful Jew He goes to the Temple; He is asked to read the Scriptures. Rolling up the Sacred Scroll Jesus startles the hearers by saying: “TODAY THIS SCRIPTURE PASSAGE IS FULFILLED IN YOUR HEARING”! Image the men being so startled after waiting so long for a Messiah; He comes and tells them directly. This is hard to handle! So, like humans, they begin to murmur, complain and try to pull Jesus down to their level; they ask, “Isn’t this the son of Joseph?”

Here was a turning point in the long line of the history of the Jewish people and they could not handle it well. What happens? The people avoid the grace of God and turn to gossip; God sends his only Son fulfilling all the promises made to the Chosen People; the Messiah is present and the people could not handle it so they turn away from that graced moment looking at the “other side”, thinking a better Messiah would come.

Today the same challenge is offered to us in the Sacred Word, in the Sacraments and in the community. What is our reaction? Are we imitating the people hearing Jesus, as they avoid the clear notion of God inviting them to his Kingdom? Or do they look for greener pastures? If we look backward or forward we miss the present moment, and Jesus is here at this very moment.

Look for Jesus in your surroundings here and now and today. Jesus is calling out to us in His Sacred Word, in His Sacraments and in His community. Can you discover Jesus?

Remember St.. John as your home away from home.

God bless you all,

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

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*