

March 7, 2010 - Third Sunday of Lent

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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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 (BDA) | <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

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| 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

MARCH 7, 2010

9:00 A.M. All deceased priests, family and friends in Haiti, *req. by Louis E. Jacques*
 10:30 A.M. All parishioners and benefactors of St. John's Church
 12:00 P.M. For the intention of Mary Radich
 5:15 P.M. Fr. Valerian D'Silva, *req. by Vannia Ettelman*

MONDAY

MARCH 8, 2010

6:45 A.M. *(dec.) Ruth Fink, req. by Joseph Lubinskas*
 7:45 A.M. Haitian earthquake victims
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 12:15 P.M. Living and deceased members of Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity
 5:15 P.M. *(dec.) Soledad Mallonga*
req. by Concepción C. Mallonga

TUESDAY

MARCH 9, 2010

6:45 A.M. Living and deceased members of the Secular Franciscan Order
req. by the three Fraternities of St. John's church
 7:45 A.M. K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces
req. by Mr. and Mrs. Marty O'Grady
 12:15 P.M.
 5:15 P.M. Connie Ogatis, *req. by Concepción Mallonga*

WEDNESDAY

MARCH 10, 2010

6:45 A.M. *(dec.) Joseph and Angelina Poveromo*, and Joseph DeVincent, *req. by Lena Poveromo*
 7:45 A.M. Kathleen and John McDonnell, and family, *req. by Kathleen Gallagher*
 12:15 P.M. *(dec.) Frank Scavo, req. by Nancy Scavo*
 5:15 P.M. Edward Christman, and living and deceased family, *req. by Catherine Christman*
 6:30 P.M. For those enrolled in the Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

MARCH 11, 2010

6:45 A.M. Mary Biddle, *req. by Kathleen Gallagher*
 7:45 A.M. *(dec.) Luke Coogan, req. by Kathleen Gallagher*
 12:15 P.M. Luke Coogan, Jr., Naomi C. and family
req. by Kathleen Gallagher
 5:15 P.M. Caroline and Richard East, and family
req. by Kathleen Gallagher

FRIDAY

MARCH 12, 2010

6:45 A.M. *(dec.) Joseph Nerlfi, req. by Steven Nerlfi*
 7:45 A.M. Diane McGinley and family
req. by Kathleen Gallagher
 12:15 P.M. Caroline McGinley
req. by Kathleen Gallagher
 5:15 P.M. *(dec.) Carolyn O'Brien*
req. by Michelle Mosco and family

SATURDAY

MARCH 13, 2010

12:15 P.M. *(dec.) Mae and William Finn*
req. by Steven Nerlfi
 4:00 P.M. *(dec.) Louis Brandes, req. by Ruth Müller*



EVENTS OF THE WEEK
March 7 to 14, 2010

- Sun 7 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**
> *Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, 12:00 noon to 4:00 P.M., church/hall*
> **Lenten Vespers, 4:00 P.M., church**
- Mon 8** > *Seminar on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 6:00 P.M.*
- Tue 9** > **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 10** > *Food Pantry, 1:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M., church hall*
> *Fátima Blue Army, 5:30 P.M., church*
- Fri 12** > **Stations of the Cross, 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M., church**
- Sat 13** > *Father Solanus Guild 10:30 A.M. to 11:45 A.M., meeting room*
> **Christ in the City Retreat 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M., church/meeting room**
- Sun 14 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Lætere Sunday)**
> *Sts. Elizabeth and Louis SFO Fraternity 12:00 noon, church/hall*
> **Lenten Vespers, 4:00 P.M., church**

LENTEN VESPERS take place every Sunday of Lent at 4:00 P.M. in church.

TUESDAY AT THE FRIARY—an experience of reflection, prayer and sharing—will take place this **March 9**, 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, March 13**, 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 “Francis of Assisi—Perfect Joy.” 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.*

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. *Help us feed our needy neighbors. Every penny counts!*

There will be a **SEMINAR ON THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Monday, March 8 at 6:00 P.M., with Fr. John Baptist Riordan. This seminar will highlight the spiritual, psychological and theological dimensions of being receptive to the saving graces of the Father through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS take place every Friday of Lent at 11:30 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. in church. *Walk with Jesus on His way to Calvary.*

EASTER NOVENA MASS CARDS are now available at the parish office.

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.*

NO GREATER LOVE—A PASSION PLAY FOR THE SEASON OF LENT— will be presented by the Xavier Company until April 10, performed in the sanctuary of churches. *Admission is free but a free will offering is asked.* For more information, please contact Carol Ferrone at 1-212 627-2100, ext. 217.

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 Archdiocese of New York. *To learn more, log on to www.catholiccharitiesny.org.*

ST. JOHN’S BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY: *Bags of food are distributed each Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m., in the church hall. People must be registered to receive food. Registration during above hours.*

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.