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## **SUNDAY MASSES:**

Saturday: 4:00 (Vigil)

Sunday: 9:00, 10:30, 12:00, 5:15

On holidays the Mass Schedule is a 10:30 am Mass only

## **WEEKDAY MASSES:**

6:45, 7:45, 12:15, 5:15

Saturdays: 12:15

## **CONFESSIONS - SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Monday through Friday: from 7:15 to 7:45 and 11:45 to 12:15 in the church;  
from 1:00 to 5:00 in the parish office

Saturdays: 11:30 to 12:30 and 3:00 to 4:00 in the church

## **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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**ST. JOHN'S BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY:** *Bags of food are distributed Each Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:45 in the church hall. People must be registered to receive food. Registration during above hours.*

St. John's Bread of Life Food Pantry serves hundreds of needy persons every Wednesday, among them many children. We provide approximately half of the weekly nutrition needs of the poor who come to us, and would give more if we could. ***We continue to need your assistance!*** Call Joe Spicketts at 212-564-9070 ext. 203 for additional information.

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. Every penny counts!

**In this holiday season, St. John's Bread of Life wishes to especially express their gratitude for all who donated canned goods to our ministry. We ask that all canned goods be examined for dents, rust or past expiration dates. Safety is of the utmost importance to the Food Pantry. We are eternally grateful for your generosity!**



**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. HOLIDAY:** Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> is a National Holiday. As a reminder, there will be one Mass celebrated in the Church at 10:30am and the offices will be closed for the day.

**OPERATION HEARTS AND HOME:** Help children who live in third world orphanages by donating your gently used electronics! Operation Hearts and Home ([www.operationheartsandhome.org](http://www.operationheartsandhome.org)) is a registered 501-3C charity dedicated to improving the lives of orphans worldwide through education, medical and humanitarian assistance. Please consider donating your used laptops, cell phones (and batteries), graphing calculators and you will receive a letter for tax purposes (still time for 2011). For information call (631) 659-3468.



**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** "Speak for your servant is listening." Samuel was open to listening to the Lord. Learn to listen to each other and learn God's Desire for your marriage on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next one is February 11/12. Call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 or visit [www.wwmearchny.org](http://www.wwmearchny.org).

**MUSEUM OF BIBLICAL ART:** Located on Broadway at 61<sup>st</sup> Street, MOBIA offers a number of critically acclaimed permanent exhibitions and programs to explore the history and artistic traditions of the biblical lands. In addition, they offer special events throughout the year. On Thursday, January 26, 2012 from 6:30pm to 8:00pm the Gerard Ebery Ensemble will present a free concert of traditional, Middle Eastern Hazzanut and Sacred Song that promises to be a lively performance. Registration is required. Call MOBIA at (212) 408-1251 or visit [www.mobia.org/calendar](http://www.mobia.org/calendar) for more information on this or other programs.

## PASTORAL STAFF & SERVICES

### PARISH PROGRAM COORDINATORS

Carmine Marotta	<i>St. Padre Pio Shrine</i>
Joan Prenty	<i>R.C.I.A.</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 12:30 to 2:45</i>
R.C.I.A.	<i>Sun 9 to 10:45</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 1 to 2</i>
Fatima Blue Army Cell	<i>Wed 5:45</i>
God the Father Cenacle	<i>3rd Sun 1 to 4</i>
Padre Pio Prayer Group	<i>4th Sat 12 to 3:30</i>
Singles for Christ	<i>3rd Sun 5:15 Mass</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/Wed 6 to 7</i> <i>Tue/Thu 12 to 1; 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	<i>4th Sun 1 to 3</i>
Line of Duty Widows	
SMA	<i>Sat 4:30 to 5:30</i>
Sexaholics Anonymous (SA)	<i>Thu/Fri 6 to 7:30</i>

### OTHER ORGANIZATIONS LOCATED AT ST. JOHN'S

Ar-Rahman Foundation	<i>Fri 12:30 to 2:30</i>
Central City Chorus	<i>Thu 6 to 10</i>
Visiting Nursing Service of NY	<i>Mon 1; Tue 2; Fri 9:30</i>



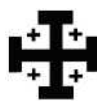
**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Monday, January 23, 2012 join us with hundreds of thousands in Washington, DC to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A Manhattan bus will be leaving from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Mass 6:15am/depart 7:00am sharp (457 West 51<sup>st</sup> Street). The cost for the trip is \$40. For further info contact Sr. Shirley at (212) 361-1011 x3195 or Sr.ShirleyAnn@archny.org.



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**SECULAR FRANCISCANS:** The Third Order of St. Francis (the Secular Franciscan Order) is a Way of Life Seeking Greater Holiness. It is intended for Catholic Men & Women, Married or Single, desiring a communal path to God in imitation of our Holy Father Francis. *For more information call 212-564-9070.*



**HOLY LAND HERITAGE OF FAITH PILGRIMAGE:** Join the Shrine of St. Pio at the Church of St. John the Baptist, with Fr. Tom Franks, OFM Cap., in pilgrimage to the land of our faith. The pilgrimage will take place April 19 to 30, 2012 and visit Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, the Jordan Valley, Tiberius, Haifa & Capernaum. Concludes with a 3-night stop in Rome, Italy. For information and reservation call the Shrine Office at 212-56-9070 ext. 280 or Bove Travel at 718-680-3333.



**THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:** January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup> is traditionally celebrated as a time to join in the prayer of Jesus "that they all may be one." (John 17:21) *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* helps us to become aware of the great diversity of ways of adoring God through our Savior Jesus Christ. May we add to our prayers in the week ahead a special desire that we may all be united more deeply in Christ.



We're introduced this week to an unknown disciple in John's Gospel. Two disciples are followers of John the Baptist. When Jesus walks by, John points him out to them and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God." These two go and follow Jesus and spend the day with him. We find out in today's Gospel that one of the two was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, who then goes and gets Simon Peter and brings him to Jesus as well. So now there are three who will follow Jesus: Peter, Andrew, and this unknown disciple. As we'll discover in John's Gospel during Lent and the Easter season, this third person is the beloved disciple, the Gospel writer's stand-in for every Christian who follows Christ.

John wrote into his Gospel the beloved disciple to highlight the fact that every believer encounters Christ. His presence among us is not some past event. Christ is with us now, and we meet him in the breaking of the bread, in the poor at our door, and in the neighbor we encounter. And Christ is present in the word of God, the Scriptures.

There is a tried-and-true method of biblical prayer that capitalizes on this understanding of the presence of Christ. Take a Gospel story and place yourself in it as one of the characters. Read it and reflect on it as though you were in the setting. For example, with today's Gospel you could imagine that you are Andrew. You are chatting with John the Baptist when he points out Jesus. There is something about that man that immediately attracts you. What is it? Can you imagine that in your prayer? You and your friend go and spend the day with him. Imagine what took place. What entranced you that you had to go and find your brother, Simon, and bring him to Jesus? Let your prayer unfold, and see where it leads you.

As we make the return to Ordinary Time in the liturgical year, there is a tendency to lose some of the excitement, energy and joy of the Christmas Season. However the real gift of this time is that Christ's presence with us, the stories of his ministry and life with the disciples in the weeks ahead, makes this an extraordinary experience. May we use this method and all our prayer to know and love our Savior more deeply in the week ahead.

~ Fr. Thomas Franks, OFM Cap.



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 15, 2012**

9:00 A.M. (dec.) Giuseppe Provenzano,  
req. by the Lake Family  
10:30 A.M. All Parishioner and Benefactors of St. John's  
12:00 P.M. (dec.) Margaret Lane Paragon,  
req. by the Paragon Family  
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Eusta Quio & Socorro Macaraya,  
req. by Gloria Ahmed & Family

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 16, 2012**

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

10:30 A.M. (dec.) Luisa Angelica Torres,  
req. by Angela Sosa

**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 17, 2012**

6:45 A.M. Living & Deceased Members of the S.F.O.,  
req. by the 3 Fraternities of St. John's  
7:45 A.M. (dec.) Robert Durand & Rene Dubois,  
req. by Marilise Dubois  
12:15 P.M. (dec.) John J. Glenn, Sr.,  
req. by Margaret & Ed Donovan  
5:15 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

**JANUARY 18, 2012**

6:45 A.M. (dec.) Helen LoConti,  
req. by Vad Prakash  
7:45 A.M. In Honor of St. Lucy,  
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady  
12:15 P.M. Soul of Nicolas, req. by Nelonie  
5:15 P.M. Georgina Rivera,  
req. by Carmen Volkens  
6:30 P.M. For Those Enrolled in the  
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 19, 2012**

6:45 A.M. Joanne, Stan & Flora Dombroski,  
req. by Clarinda Dombroski  
7:45 A.M. (dec.) Joseph Italiano,  
req. by Carmine Esposito  
12:15 P.M. Special Intention of Nelonie,  
req. by Nelonie  
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Jerome O'Keefe,  
req. by Catherine Nihane

**FRIDAY**

**JANUARY 20, 2012**

6:45 A.M. For Peace Worldwide, req. by Jacqueline  
7:45 A.M. Fr. Tom, req. by Francina  
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Luigi Pioli, req. by Luisa Pioli  
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Joseph Heinlein,  
req. by Mrs. Lydia E. Marales, O.P.

**SATURDAY**

**JANUARY 21, 2012**

12:15 P.M. For Good Health for Victor Mo,  
req. by Victor Mo  
4:00 P.M. For the Intention of Sadie Gallagher,  
req. by Victor Mo

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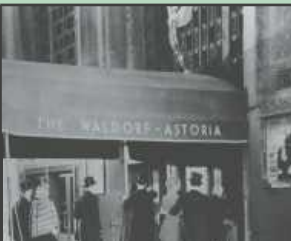
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