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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.



Bro. Luke Benbrook	<i>Pastoral Assistant</i>	Rev. John Clermont	<i>Honduras, CA</i>
Rev. Edward Conway	<i>V.A. Hospital Chaplain</i>	Rev. Philip Fabiano	<i>Sabbatical</i>
Rev. Thomas Franks	<i>Pastor & Fraternity Vicar</i>	Rev. Ramón Frías	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
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Rev. John Baptist Riordan	<i>Guardian & Parochial Vicar</i>	Rev. Matthias Wesnofske	<i>SFO Provincial Spiritual Assistant</i>

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!



R.C.I.A.: Please welcome and pray for our adult R.C.I.A. candidate ***Grace Dumalaog***, who is preparing to finish her initiation into the Catholic Church. Grace is studying and praying to prepare for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Easter Vigil.

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) 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: "In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord." See the goodness in your spouse and in your marriage. Learn how on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 11/12. Call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 or visit www.wmearchny.org.

MUSEUM OF BIBLICAL ART: Located on Broadway at 61st 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 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 51st 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.

INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY: Ian MacNiven will speak on "Amanuesis to a Monk": James Laughlin, Thomas Merton & *The Asian Journal*. This presentation of the Corpus Christi Chapter is free to members and \$5 for non-members. It will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2012 from 2:00 to 4:00pm at Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121st Street. For information call (212) 666-9350 or visit the chapter's website at www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/MertonSociety.htm.



For seven seasons the Discovery Channel's highly rated show *Deadliest Catch* has wowed viewers with the real life tales of extreme fishermen in the Bering Sea off the coast of Alaska. They are after crab, with hopes for a big payday if they're successful. But the challenges of weather, luck, and crew can leave a captain without a large enough catch and finally without a job. Viewers can watch from the comfort of their homes, settled back in an easy chair while a crew fights ice, high seas, equipment failure, and frayed nerves. What is entertainment for those watching the television is daily life on the boat for those who work at sea.

In the Gospel today, Jesus meets up with some fishermen. Simon and Andrew, James and John were casting their nets, probably not very far from shore. While the Sea of Galilee cannot compare to the Bering Sea, we know from the Gospels that storms can be violent on that body of water as well. Certainly at the time of Jesus fishing was as dangerous a job as it is today. So when Jesus called the two sets of brothers to follow him, were they looking for a safer job?

Unlikely! Fishing for men and women is a lot more difficult than fishing for fish. The disciples answered the call to follow Jesus. It is a call that he continues to issue today. Whether in the priesthood, the religious life, the married state, or the committed single life, Jesus is asking people to follow him, not in a job, but in a way of life. Just as the crew of a boat on the Bering Sea doesn't punch out after eight hours, the life of a Christian is more than a full-time job. Following Jesus forms the basis for our lives. We do it all day, every day. That is the call he gives.

May we pray for the grace and strength needed in the week ahead to hear and respond to God's call in our particular states of life. No matter how stormy or dangerous the seas of life may seem, we are assured that in this endeavor God will be with us and will help our efforts to bear much fruit.

~ Fr. Thomas Franks, OFM Cap.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SUNDAY

JANUARY 22, 2012

9:00 A.M. (dec.) Frank Gallagher & Matilda Gallagher,
req. by William Flanagan
10:30 A.M. All Parishioner and Benefactors of St. John's
12:00 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of St. John's
Fraternity, req. by the fraternity
5:15 P.M. Fr. Michael Hoyer, req. by Ruth Nolting

MONDAY

JANUARY 23, 2012

6:45 A.M. For the Intention of Shane Cook,
req. by Maureen Kravitz
7:45 A.M. K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Soul of Philomina, req. by Nelonie
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Maura Pontejos,
req. by Corazone Pontejos
6:30 P.M. For Those Enrolled in the
St. Pio of Pietrelcina Novena

TUESDAY

JANUARY 24, 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.) Giancarla,
req. by Gianna Stefano Colombo
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Virginia Walsh, req. by Donna Grusaky
5:15 P.M. Joann Boneski, req. by Maureen Kravitz

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 25, 2012

6:45 A.M. For the Intention of Ruma & Adam Shaikh,
req. by Elena MacLeod
7:45 A.M. (dec.) Tom, Steven & Lynne Horden,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Eduardo & Juanita, req. by Ruth Nolting
5:15 P.M. Josephine Perricone, Vittoria, Cristiano Supa
6:30 P.M. For Those Enrolled in the
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

JANUARY 26, 2012

6:45 A.M. (dec.) Carmela DeStefano, req. by Teresa Marri
7:45 A.M. K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Roy Barrett,
req. by Pat Machado & Family
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Jerome O'Keefe,
req. by Gerald & Eileen Nihan

FRIDAY

JANUARY 27, 2012

6:45 A.M. (dec.) Francesco Santina & Teresa Giordano,
req. by Teresa Marri
7:45 A.M. Antionette & Mattie Cole, req. by Helen Thorton
12:15 P.M. (dec.) Eleanore Miragliotta,
req. by Barbara Brandes
5:15 P.M. (dec.) Members of Michael & Mary Shanley
Family, req. by Kathleen Shanley

SATURDAY

JANUARY 28, 2012

12:15 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of the
St. Padre Pio Prayer Group
4:00 P.M. For all souls with no one to pray for them,
req. by Kathleen Shanley

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