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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 &amp; Fraternity Vicar</i>	Rev. Ramón Frías	<i>Parochial Assistant</i>
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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!**



**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](http://www.operationheartsandhome.org)) is a registered 501-3C charity dedicated to improving the lives of orphans worldwide through education, medical and humanitarian assistance. Operation Hearts and Home is headed to Ethiopia February 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> to work with a group of volunteers from New York. They will assist both older and younger orphans. 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:** "If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." Open your hearts to each other on the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. It will take place this coming February 11/12. Call toll free: 877-NYS-WWME ext. 3 or visit [www.wwmearchny.org](http://www.wwmearchny.org).

**CHILD PROTECTION:** Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. They may be e-mailed at: [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

## 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>1<sup>st</sup> Sat 10 to 12</i>
Father Solanus Guild	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sat 1 to 2</i>
Fatima Blue Army Cell	<i>Wed 5:45</i>
God the Father Cenacle	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 1 to 4</i>
Padre Pio Prayer Group	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sat 12 to 3:30</i>
Singles for Christ	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 5:15 Mass</i>
Two Thousand Hail Marys	<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 7 to 5</i>

### SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER – FRATERNITIES

Immaculate Heart of Mary	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Sun 12 noon</i>
Sts. Elizabeth and Louis	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun 12 noon</i>
St. John's Fraternity	<i>4<sup>th</sup> 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>3<sup>rd</sup> Fri 4 to 8</i>
Debtors Anonymous (BDA)	<i>Tue 5:30 to 7; Wed 5</i>
Japanese Bible & Prayer Study	<i>4<sup>th</sup> Sun 4 to 7</i>
Police & Fire	<i>4<sup>th</sup> 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>

**FINANCIAL WRONGDOING HOTLINE:** The Archdiocese of New York takes the stewardship of your donations and its resources seriously. If you have knowledge of financial misconduct or suspect that it might be occurring, please report your concerns via a toll free hotline, at 877-820-0541, or on the internet, <http://www.reportlineweb.com/ADNY>. Both are available 24 hours per day. Thank you.



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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 121<sup>st</sup> Street. For information call (212) 666-9350 or visit the chapter's website at [www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/MertonSociety.htm](http://www.corpus-christi-nyc.org/MertonSociety.htm).



As we now approach the coming Super Bowl with excitement and anticipation that a hometown team will participate, there is much discussion about various athletes and their models of preparation. Athletes put hours into practice. It is not enough just to play the game. In practice a person learns the moves, discovers how muscles respond, trains all aspects of his or her body, and over time becomes so proficient at the selected sport that she or he can intuitively react during play. Practice in sports helps the athlete develop self-confidence. The same holds true for the musician, the salesperson, the new teacher. When an individual takes up something new he or she may initially be a bit shaky at it. Over time, we develop the skills so that something becomes second nature. A confident team takes to the field or the court with the belief that they will win.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is the confident, self-assured teacher. Yes, he works a miracle. But before we get caught up in that, we should look at how Mark portrays him. Right at the beginning of the Gospel, Jesus enters the synagogue in Capernaum and starts to teach. Unlike the scribes who would appeal to the words of Jewish teachers to support their teaching, Jesus comes across as confident in his own authority. He has no need to reference what others have handed on. Instead, his teaching commands respect because he shows its truth through his deeds.

Like the athlete who is confident in his game, we can become confident in our faith by practicing it. As we see in the Gospel from the very first chapter of Mark, Jesus was confident in both word and deed. We can do the same. By reading the Scriptures regularly we become attuned to Christ's teaching. We absorb the knowledge, just as any good athlete memorizes all the plays. And by acting on Christ's teaching through our worship of God and love of neighbor we are performing the deeds of faith. The skills become second nature as we put into practice what we have been taught by Christ. May we use the coming week to develop, hone, and share the skills of our faith nurtured through our celebration of the Eucharist

*~ Fr. Thomas Franks, OFM Cap.*



**Mass Intentions  
for the Week**

**SUNDAY**

**JANUARY 29, 2012**

9:00 A.M.

*(dec.)* Bernard Pascal,  
*req. by* Joan Prenty & Mark Torkelson

10:30 A.M.

All Parishioner and Benefactors of St. John's

12:00 P.M.

Rosario Jan, *req. by* Jesus Jan

5:15 P.M.

Erlinda V. Corpuz, *req. by* Concepcion

**MONDAY**

**JANUARY 30, 2012**

6:45 A.M.

Gerald & Deborah DiMauro,  
*req. by* Elena MacLeod

7:45 A.M.

Frank Lavin, *req. by* Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady

12:15 P.M.

For the Intention of Cresencia Tabares,  
*req. by* Lolita Tabares

5:15 P.M.

Colette Marie-Jacques (60<sup>th</sup> Birthday)

6:30 P.M.

For Those Enrolled in the  
St. Pio of Pietrelcina Novena

**TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 31, 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.

K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces,  
*req. by* Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady

12:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Peggy McKenna,  
*req. by* Marianne McKenna

5:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Antonio & Soledad Mallonga,  
*req. by* Concepcion & Noemi

**WEDNESDAY**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

6:45 A.M.

Fr. Felice (Birthday), *req. by* Françoise Sanon

7:45 A.M.

John M. Dombroski, Jr.,  
*req. by* Clarinda Dombroski

12:15 P.M.

Charles Scalzo, *req. by* Lynda Balnick

5:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Lito Aclo, *req. by* Pat & Lucy McManus

6:30 P.M.

For Those Enrolled in the  
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

**THURSDAY**

**FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

6:45 A.M.

*(dec.)* Members of Wasik & Bielecki Families,  
*req. by* Emily Gasiakowski

7:45 A.M.

*(dec.)* Charles Bruno,  
*req. by* Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady

12:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Joan S. Kearney, *req. by* her family

5:15 P.M.

For the Intention of Gregoria A. Guzman

**FRIDAY**

**FEBRUARY 3, 2012**

6:45 A.M.

For the Intention of Sr. Carole Gurdak,  
*req. by* Elena MacLeod

7:45 A.M.

*(dec.)* Michael & Mary Lynch, *req. by* Jack Lynch

12:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* William Logan, *req. by* Donna Grusaky

5:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Members of the Pacifico Family,  
*req. by* Bernadette Pacifico

**SATURDAY**

**FEBRUARY 4, 2012**

12:15 P.M.

*(dec.)* Michael Kavanagh,  
*req. by* Katherine Kavanagh

4:00 P.M.

*(dec.)* Gino & Margherita,  
*req. by* Gianna Ambrosino

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