

The Church of Saint John The Baptist

**A MINISTRY OF THE
CAPUCHIN FRANCISCANS
WITH SHRINES OF
SAINT PIO OF PIETRELCINA
AND OUR MOTHER OF
PERPETUAL HELP**

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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
Rev. Edward Conway
Rev. Thomas Franks
Rev. Francis Gasparik
Rev. Gerard Mulvey
Rev. John Baptist Riordan

Pastoral Assistant
V.A. Hospital Chaplain
Pastor & Fraternity Vicar
Provincial Minister
Parochial Vicar
Guardian & Parochial Vicar

Rev. John Clermont
Rev. Philip Fabiano
Rev. Ramón Frías
Rev. Leonard Glavin
Bro. George McCloskey

Rev. Matthias Wesnofske

Honduras, CA
Sabbatical
Parochial Assistant
Parochial Assistant
Comm. And Public
Relations
SFO Provincial
Spiritual Assistant

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!

OPERATION HEARTS AND HOME: Help children who live in third world orphanages by donating your electronics! (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 17th to 26th 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.



PETER'S PENCE: This weekend, February 11th & 12th, we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters and others in need of emergency assistance. Pope Benedict XVI has said, "It is necessary above all that every person be motivated by the authentic spirit of peace" (Homily, January 1, 2011). Cast the peace of Christ upon the world--please be generous in today's Collection.



ADOPT A CAT: *A senior woman with Stage Four Terminal Cancer needs your Help!* Her last request is adoptions for her cats and kittens so they will not be killed. These devoted animals have been vet checked, spayed and neutered, and vaccinated. Donations and foster care would also be useful. Please call (917) 557-7816 or email lorny18@aol.com if you can help.



R.C.I.A.: Please continue to pray for and welcome our adult R.C.I.A. candidate ***Grace Dumalaog***, who is preparing to finish her initiation into the Catholic Church. Join us for the 10:30am Mass on Sunday, March 4th as she celebrates the Rite of Sending to join with candidates and catechumen from throughout the Archdiocese at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Contact Joan Prenty, our R.C.I.A. director, if you or someone you know are considering full initiation in the Catholic Church.

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>



ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 22, 2012:

Ashes will be distributed during the scheduled Masses (6:45a, 7:45a, 12:15p, 5:15p, 6:30p) after the homily. Ashes will also be distributed in services every hour from 9a to 4p except during Mass. ***Ashes will only be distributed in the Church and only at these times.*** Also, as we begin this penitential season, the Archdiocese reminds us of a few definitions:

- **“FASTING”** requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.
- **“ABSTINENCE”** prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

ASH WEDNESDAY and **GOOD FRIDAY** are days of fast and abstinence. **FRIDAYS** in Lent are days of abstinence.



JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT:

Opportunities are available throughout the Lenten Season to help us reflect and pray together as the community of St. John's. Sung Vespers, with reflections offered by Fr. Jim Gavin, OFM Cap., will be held in the Church each Sunday of Lent at 4:00pm. We will also pray the Stations of the Cross together each Friday at 6:00pm!



PRESIDENTS DAY:

Originally celebrating Washington's birthday in D.C. on February 22, 1880, this holiday eventually extended to all federal employees to honor the work and dedication of all the presidents on the third Monday in February. Monday, February 20th we join in commemorating this national holiday. There will be one Mass at 10:30am and the parish offices are closed.



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.



A friend of mine had been out of work for over a year. He spent a good deal of time each week contacting businesses, sending out résumés, and filling out applications. In the first few months he was pretty hopeful, but then after a while I could start to see how the lack of securing a new position was beginning to weigh on him. As a household, they had come to rely solely on his wife's income. When the unemployment ran out and they began to dip into savings, my friend's confidence was shaken. Finally though, when he landed a new job, my friend was overjoyed. Even though it was not as prestigious as his previous employment, my friend couldn't wait to tell others about his good fortune.

In some ways there is a parallel between my friend and the leper in the Gospel today. They both lost what they once had. In my friend's case it was a job; for the leper it was his health. They both ended up in a situation that made them feel isolated, cut off from ordinary life. Despite that, neither of them gave up. My friend kept looking for work; the leper took the initiative to seek out Jesus. And both of them ended up with something they were looking for and they had to tell others.

Often when we have good news, we like to share it, especially if it impacts how others might view us. For the leper, bragging about his cure meant that he would be welcomed back into society. For my friend, sharing the good news about his new job helped to validate his self-worth at a time he was struggling.

Being saved by Jesus is the best thing that has happened to any of us. We don't have to go around telling that story every minute of every day. But it's not a story we should keep secret either. May we pray for the grace of God in this coming week to recognize the precious gift of guidance and salvation that God gives us each day. Is there someone with whom you can share the good news?

~ Fr. Thomas Franks, OFM Cap.



**Mass Intentions
for the Week**

SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 12, 2012

9:00 A.M. *(dec.) Cecilia Lam Po Chui, req. by her family*
10:30 A.M. All Parishioner and Benefactors of St. John's
12:00 P.M. Living & Deceased Members of St. Elizabeth &
St. Louis Fraternity
5:15 P.M. For the Intention of Raymond & Helen Rabara,
req. by Lolita Tabares

MONDAY

FEBRUARY 13, 2012

6:45 A.M. In Thanksgiving,
req. by Leonard Chiapa & Family
7:45 A.M. K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. *(dec.) Gunther Nolting, req. by Ruth Nolting*
5:15 P.M. *(dec.) Stephen Karczmariski,*
req. by Frank Karczmariski
6:30 P.M. For Those Enrolled in the
St. Pio of Pietrelcina Novena

TUESDAY

FEBRUARY 14, 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. Special Intention,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. Michael P. Stoltz, *req. by Elena MacLeod*
5:15 P.M. *(dec.) Aida LaBorde Burgos,*
req. by Peter DeArmas

WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 15, 2012

6:45 A.M. Americo Botti, *req. by Patricia Botti*
7:45 A.M. K.I.A. U.S. Military Forces,
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. Anna Tracey (Birthday),
req. by Margaret & Edward Donovan
5:15 P.M. *(dec.) Margaret & Mary Lynch,*
req. by Jack Lynch
6:30 P.M. For Those Enrolled in the
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

THURSDAY

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

6:45 A.M. Memunaktu Christine Kamara,
req. by Elena MacLeod
7:45 A.M. *(dec.) Frank & Rhoda Hickey,*
req. by Mr. & Mrs. Marty O'Grady
12:15 P.M. Nessa Fuentes, *req. by the Boyle Family*
5:15 P.M. For the Intention of Jack Lynch

FRIDAY

FEBRUARY 17, 2012

6:45 A.M. Delfina Botti, *req. by Patricia Botti*
7:45 A.M. Nerino Botti, *req. by Patricia Botti*
12:15 P.M. Luigi Filiberti, Sr., *req. by Patricia Botti*
5:15 P.M. Giacomina Vallini, *req. by Patricia Botti*

SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 18, 2012

12:15 P.M. *(dec.) Rosa Scavo,*
req. by Nancy Scavo & Family
4:00 P.M. Luis & Edith Russo,
req. by Clarinda Dombroski

