

The Parish of
Holy Cross & St. John the Baptist
A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscans in the Archdiocese of New York

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SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 3:30 – 4:15 PM
SATURDAY MASSES 12:15 PM,
VIGIL MASS 4:30 PM

SUNDAY MASSES 8:30 AM, 10 AM Spanish & 11:30 AM
WEEKDAY MASSES 7:30 AM & 12:15 PM

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SATURDAY CONFESSIONS 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS
7:15 AM – 8:00 AM, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
SATURDAY MASS 12:15 PM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 4:00 PM

SUNDAY MASSES 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM &
5:15 PM CONTEMPORARY FOLK MASS
WEEKDAY MASSES 6:45 AM, 5:15 PM

MIDDAY PRAYER 12 PM MON - FRI
DEVOTIONS AND COMMUNION SERVICE
MIDAFTERNOON PRAYER 3 PM MON - FRI
CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AND BENEDICTION

HOLY CROSS – ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FOOD PANTRY

Feeding the Hungry

Our pantries distribute food to those in need every other Saturday between the hours of 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM at Holy Cross and each Wednesday between the hours of 12:30 PM and 2:30 PM at St. John the Baptist. The Harvesters Soup Kitchen at Holy Cross is every other Saturday at 12:00 PM. Everyone receiving food must be registered. Registration occurs only during the above times. If you would like more information on how you can get involved, either via donations or volunteering, please visit our website at www.christinthecity.nvc.



October 4, 2020 Mass Intentions



Holy Cross Church Name/Requested by

St. John the Baptist Name/Requested by

Sunday, October 4

8:30 AM (D) Joseph F. Brennan/ Helen Brennan
10:00 AM All Souls
11:30 AM (D) Maxwell Family

Monday, October 5

7:30 AM (L) Rose Vargas
12:15 PM (D) Franciszek Ludwik Chim

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:15 PM The Geffner House

Wednesday October 7

7:30 AM Thomas & Mildred Tracy
(7th Wedding Anniv.)
12:15 PM (D) James William Frier

Thursday October 8

7:30 AM St. Padre Pio
12:15 PM Parish of HC/SJB

Friday, October 9

7:30 AM All Souls
12:15 PM The Capuchin Order

Saturday, October 10

12:15 PM (D) Diana Rigg
4:30 PM (L) Lourdes St. Preux

Sunday, October 4

9:30 AM (L) Leonard Chiapa & Family/ Leonard Chiapa
11:30 AM (L) Samuel Dorfman & Dorothy Breslin
5:15 PM (L) Fr. John Riordan/ L. Zuniga

Monday, October 5

6:45 AM (D) John & Jean Hegggers/ Steve Nerlfi
5:15 PM (D) Edward Joseph Corbett/ Catherine Ahearn
6:30 PM St. Padre Pio Novena

Tuesday, October 6

6:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Secular Franciscan Order/ OFS Fraternities of St. John's Church
5:15 PM (D) Monerto & Conrado Caungen/ Tina

Wednesday, October 7

6:45 AM (D) Tess Blas/ St. John Fraternity
5:15 PM (L) Alannah Giselle/ Yarnelle LaFluer
6:30 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday, October 8

6:45 AM (L) Vincent McDonnell
5:15 PM (D) Antonia R. Lo/ John Lim

Friday, October 9

6:45 AM (L) Jaya Koddy Family
5:15 PM (D) James Edward Ahearn/ Catherine Ahearn

Saturday, October 10

12:15 PM Fr. Solanus Guild
4:00 PM (L) Ellen Lennon/ Elena MacLeod

OUR FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE OCTOBER 2020

Crossroads Food Pantry
Saturday 10 & 24

Harvesters Soup Kitchen
Saturday 3 & 17

Bread of Life Food Pantry
Wednesday 7, 14, 21 & 28

The Parish Offices will be closed
October 12, 2020
In recognition of Columbus Day

There will be a Second Collection
October 18, 2020 for
World Mission Sunday



Our Mission Statement

The Parish Mission of Holy Cross Church-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. Within our Parish, at either location, individuals can seek peace, holiness and sanctuary, alone or in the community. We are a responsive and evolving community which encourages growth in our relationship with God and one another so that through these relationships, we can find strength, joy and happiness.

Capuchin Vocations

The Capuchin Franciscans are inspired by the life and ideals of St. Francis of Assisi. Living a simple lifestyle together as a community of brothers, they strive to draw closer to the Lord through common and private prayer and serving those in need. If you are interested in becoming a Capuchin Brother or Priest, please see one of our Friars. It doesn't cost a thing and it may change your life. Go to www.capuchin.org/vocations for more information

NOTICE

**Please submit all
Bulletin and Pulpit
Announcements by
October 5th, 12 PM**



THE FRIAR'S CORNER

In 1979, 41 years ago, Pope John Paul II declared St. Francis the Patron of Ecology.

With climate change, unsustainable agriculture, and rampant deforestation for timber all contributing to habitat loss for wildlife around the world, St Francis'—and currently Pope Francis'—messages on caring for the environment still ring true today. St. Francis cared about the environment and wildlife, and made it his mission to spread awareness through his sermons. Through environmental education, climate activism, and the protection of endangered species around the world, St Francis' message and celebration of earth continues today. (Earth Day Network)

Prayer:

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The All Night Vigil will be cancelled until further notice due to NYC restrictions.

Parish Organizations

Charismatic Prayer
Tuesday 6 – 8

Edith Stein Guild
1st Saturday 10-2 PM

Father Solanus Guild
2nd Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 PM
Veneration of the Relic
Following 12:15 Mass

Fatima Blue Army Cell
Wednesday 5:45 PM

God the Father Cenacle
3rd Sunday 1 – 4 PM

Padre Pio Prayer Group
4th Saturday 12 – 3 PM
Veneration of the Relic
Following Mass

Two Thousand Hail Mary's
3rd Saturday 7 – 5 PM

Most Precious Blood Devotion
3rd Friday 5:15 PM

**Daily Devotions at
St. John the Baptist**

Pray the Rosary **4:45 PM**

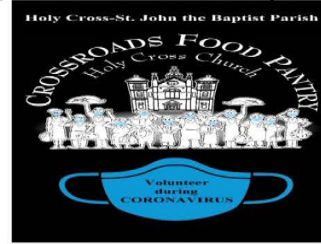
Padre Pio Novena Mass
Monday **6:30 PM**

Mother of Perpetual Help
Novena Mass Wednesday
6:30 PM

**Miraculous Medal Devotion
At Holy Cross**
Following the 7:30 AM
And 12:15 PM Masses
On Mondays

JPIC
Meeting 6-7 PM
Monday

Holy Cross - St. John the Baptist Parish



Thousands were served with love and respect

Financial Report for the fiscal year ended 08-31-20

Revenues:

Donations from Parishioners & Friends	\$ 39,053.25
TEFAP - The Emergency Food Assistance Program - Federal Government	\$ 22,791.00
EFAP - NYC Emergency Food Assistance Program	\$ 35,741.77
HPNAP	\$ 26,296.43
EFSP Phase 21	\$ 10,287.74
Broadway Equity Cares	\$ 27,500.00
St Francis Food Pantry and Shelter	\$ 5,875.00
COVID 19	\$ 5,973.25

Total Revenues **\$ 173,518.44**

Expense:

Food Purchases	\$ 164,423.52
Personal Protection Equipment - PPE - Gloves, Masks, Hand Sanitizer & Cleaning Items	\$ 1,589.77
Donation to Dwelling Place	\$ 1,250.00
Christmas gifts - socks, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and Toys	\$ 2,581.23
Exterminator - monthly	\$ 3,336.00
Purchasing a new computer	\$ 717.98
Supplies - plastic bags - ID Cards	\$ 1,824.64

Total Expenditures **\$ 175,723.14**

Net Surplus (Deficit) **\$ (2,204.70)**

We have been able to stay open due to our dedicated volunteers and your donations!
The number of neighbors who have lost their job has increased since the CORVID19
visited NYC.

The number of homeless in our area has increased forcing us to purchase foods that they
can eat without cooking.

We purchased 167,526 pounds of food for those in need.

Your donations helped us to feed 27,265 neighbors who were hungry!

We need your help especially this Thanksgiving and Christmas!



Protecting our volunteers and clients!

Secular Franciscan Order
Fraternities

Immaculate Heart of Mary
1st Sunday 11:30 AM

Saints Elizabeth and Louis
2nd Sunday 11:30 AM

St. John's Fraternity
4th Sunday 11:30 AM

R.C.I.A.

Do you or someone you know need to complete the Sacraments of Initiation of Baptism, Communion and Eucharist in the Catholic Church? Please consider joining our Rite of Christian Initiation Program at St. John the Baptist. This journey will deepen your relationship with God and Church. Instructions will begin in the fall. To inquire or enroll, please contact Sr. Mary via email at smpcsj@yahoo.com



Don't forget to "like" our Christ in the City facebook page! This will be a great way to keep up to date on our calendar and events within our Parish. Feel free to share prayer intentions, reviews or photos. Please go to: www.facebook.com/christinthecitynyc

Holy Cross Outreach

Morning prayer & Holy Rosary
M-F after 7:30 AM Mass

Christian Fellowship

Thursdays, 10:15-11:15 AM

Evangelization Outreach

Thursdays, Holy Hour
w/Exposition 1-2 PM, Street
Evangelization 2-3 PM

Scripture Group

Thursdays, 6-7:30 PM

The Bread of Life Food Pantry

We are looking for volunteers to help
On Wednesdays from 12 until 2 PM.

Please contact our rectory office at St. John the Baptist

212-564-9070

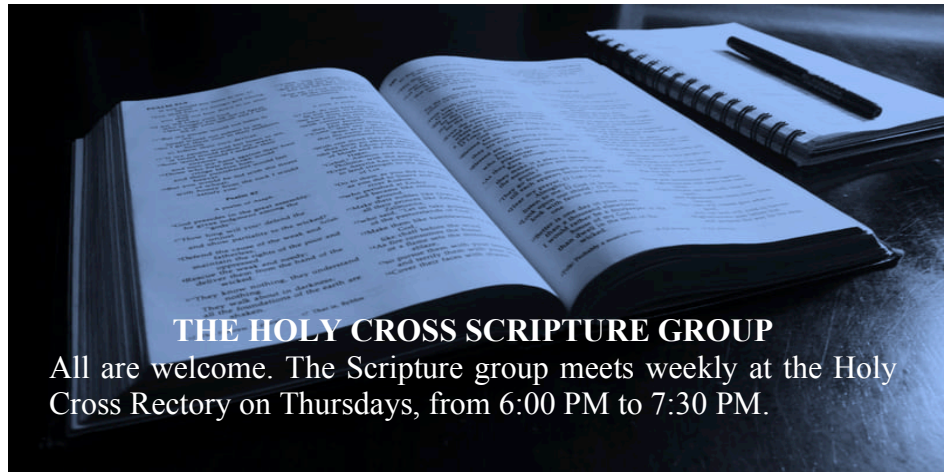


In this time of need, Archbishop Gomez invites all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana. Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen."

**St. John the Baptist
Community Outreach**

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)
Monday 6-7 PM
Tuesday & Thursday 12-1 PM
Saturday 4-5 PM

**Catholic Council of
Electrical Workers**
3rd Friday 4-8 PM



THE HOLY CROSS SCRIPTURE GROUP

All are welcome. The Scripture group meets weekly at the Holy Cross Rectory on Thursdays, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM.

Prayer for Peace

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light;
Where there is sadness, joy.
Grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled, as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
It is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

~ St. Francis of Assisi

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Do you know someone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith or who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Baptism or Confirmation? RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection and study for adults to learn and grow more in faith. RCIA classes will be held every Sunday following the 9:30 Mass at Saint John the Baptist Church beginning on September 13th. For information contact Sister Mary Perasa at smpesj@yahoo.com or call 718-435-0799

FROM THE FRIARS DESK

The Season of Creation spans five weeks between the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (September 1) and the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4). This "time for creation" offers, in the words of Pope Francis, "individual believers and communities a fitting opportunity to reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live."

For more information, visit this website:

<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and>

NEWS

Pope Francis will travel to Assisi Oct. 3 to sign an encyclical on the social, political and economic obligations that flow from a belief that all people are children of God and therefore brothers and sisters to one another.

The Vatican press office, confirming the pope's trip, said the document will be titled "Fratelli Tutti" in Italian or "Brothers and Sisters All."

Conventual Franciscan Fr. Mauro Gambetti, custodian of the Assisi convent, said the document "will indicate to the world a style for the future and will give the church and people of goodwill the responsibility for building it together."

"The pope is clearly inspired by Francis of Assisi who, in following Jesus, recognized in fraternity, lived under the sign of mutual and loving service, the horizon of a fulfilled and happy humanity," Gambetti added.

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