

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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RECTORY HOURS MON – FRI 7 AM – 3 PM
TEL. 212-246-4732 FAX. 212-307-5033

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

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
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RECTORY HOURS MON – FRI 7 AM – 3 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



December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Mass Intentions



Holy Cross Church
Name/Requested by

St. John the Baptist
Name/Requested by

Sunday, December 6 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

8:30 AM (L) Nicholas Fajardo
10:00 AM All Souls
11:30 AM (D) Jeanne & Gerard Cirone
Victor LaMagna

Monday, December 7

7:30 AM (L) Elizabeth Brennan
12:15 PM (L) Mary O'Sullivan

Tuesday, December 8

7:30 AM (L) Bridgette O'Sullivan
12:15 PM (L) Margaret Rainey

Wednesday December 9

7:30 AM (L) Margaret Rainey
12:15 PM (L) Alysis Yorken

Thursday December 10

7:30 AM (L) Alysis Yorken
12:15 PM (L) Margaret Rainey

Friday, December 11

7:30 AM (L) Margaret Rainey
12:15 PM (L) John A. Yorken

Saturday, December 12

12:15 PM (L) John A. Yorken
4:30 PM (L) Margaret Rainey

Sunday, December 6 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

9:30 AM (L) Leonard Chiapa & Family/
Leonard Chiapa
11:30 AM (L) Angelica Adia (Bday) / Noel Adia
5:15 PM Honor of Immaculate Concepcion/
Edna Deyro

Monday, December 7

6:45 AM (D) Emmett Hopkins Varley/
Bob & Sally Seldon
5:15 PM (L) Concepcion Mallonga/ Corazon
6:30 PM St. Pio Novena

Tuesday, December 8

6:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Secular
Franciscan Order/ OFS Fraternities of St. John's Church
12:15 PM (L) Mary Brogan/ Anne Durkin
5:15 PM (L) Concepcion Mallonga/ Leonida Zuniga

Wednesday, December 9

6:45 AM (D) Jaime Corpuz/ Lopez Family
5:15 PM (D) James Edward Ahearn/ Catherine Ahearn
6:30 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday, December 10

6:45 AM (L) Vincent McDonnell
5:15 PM (L) Geraldine Fitzgibbon/ Virginia Tabaski

Friday, December 11

6:45 AM (L) Janet Loo/ Thomas Loo
5:15 PM (D) Deceased Members of the Mallarico
Family/ Rita & Robert Fox

Saturday, December 12

12:15 PM Fr. Solanus Guild
4:00 PM (D) Juan Francisco/ Lilia Francisco

OUR FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE DECEMBER 2020

Crossroads Food Pantry
Saturday 5 & 19

Harvesters Soup Kitchen
Saturday 12

Bread of Life Food Pantry
Wednesday 9,16,23 & 30

**There will be a Second Collection on
December 13, 2020 for
Retirement Fund for
Religious**



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
December 7th, 12 PM**

Holy Cross-St. John the Baptist Christmas Schedule 2020

Christmas Eve

St. John the Baptist 4 PM
Holy Cross 4:30 PM, 8PM (Spanish)
Festive Choral Preludes will begin
15 minutes prior to the 4 PM &
4:30 PM Vigil Masses

Christmas Day

Holy Cross 10 AM
St. John the Baptist 10:30 AM

**Solemnity of Mary Mother of God/
New Year's**

4 PM Vigil- St. John the Baptist
9 AM - St. John the Baptist
10 AM- Holy Cross

*The schedules and liturgies have been modified
in accordance with Covid-19 safety measures.
Please consult the website for last minute changes
as New York City "stops the spread".*



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



Many of our neighbors have lost their job and have turned to the Crossroads Food Pantry for food so they could survive.

Your donations allowed us to buy the food!

Now we now need your help us make sure that the children will enjoy a Christmas gift.

Santa will not be visiting us this year due to COVID19. We have asked the parents to pick up the toys and the food parcels on Dec 19th

Please take a gift tag from the Gift Tree, with the age, gender of a child in need.

If you prefer, we will buy the gift in your name just drop off your check or cash donation to the Crossroads Pantry Donation Box in the back of the church or in the rectory.

Return the gift UNWRAPPED by December 15th to the rectory, 329 West 42nd St, NYC 10036

We wish you, your family and friends a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

NOTICE

Children, grades 1-8, who wish to attend Religious Education Class must register during September at St. Malachy's Parish at 239 W. 49th Street, west of Broadway. To register call 212-489-1340. Classes begin first week of October.

For more information please contact Br. Salvatore at 212-564-9070.

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 Friary office at St. John the Baptist
212-564-9070



CARDINAL'S APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who pledged in the 2020 Cardinal's Appeal. This year has been an economically stressful time and your generosity is appreciated.

We exceeded our goal of \$51,000.00 and have received a \$16,500.00 rebate for the parish.

OUR CHRISTMAS
Prayer
FOR YOU

May knowing JESUS bring you
PEACE to bless each day,
HOPE for each tomorrow,
and JOY in every season.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.*
LUKE 2:14



**St. John the Baptist
Community Outreach**

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)

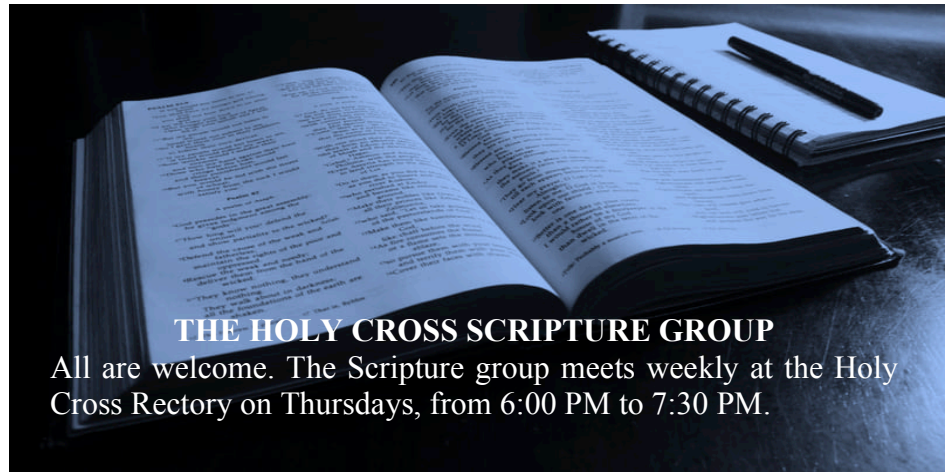
Monday 6-7 PM

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.

THE FRIAR'S CORNER

Rome; October 28, 2020. Br. Leonard Melki and Br. Thomas Saleh: Martyrs and Blesseds.

Promulgated decree recognizing the martyrdom of Br. Leonard Melki and Br. Thomas Saleh, Capuchin friars of the Custody of the Near East (Lebanon and Syria).

In the region of Mesopotamia and throughout the Ottoman Empire there occurred episodes of persecutions and hostility toward Christians, beginning as early as 1893 with massacres organized or prompted by the central government. With the outbreak of the First World War, the persecution against the Church became more widespread, systematic and fierce, revealing a plan of mass deportation and extermination, and thus becoming the "first genocide of the twentieth century" (declaration of St. John Paul II and Kerekin II, September 27, 2001). The killings began during the night between April 23 and 24, 1915 in Constantinople, when the first arrests were carried out among the Armenian elite. In this Medz Yeghern (the "great crime" or the "great evil"), more than one and a half million Christians (Armenians, Syrians, Chaldeans, Assyrians and Greeks) died. With them, many bishops, priests, men and women religious and foreign missionaries were led to their death, without any trial, including the two Servants of God – on two different dates and places, but in similar circumstances.

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 smpcsj@yahoo.com or call 718-435-0799

**THE MASS INTENTION BOOK FOR 2021 IS OPEN
PLEASE COME TO THE RECTORY/FRIARY OFFICE
TO BOOK YOUR MASSES**

Ready or not ... Advent 2020 ... Whose kingdom come?

In the midst of a raging biological menace, roiling social turmoil and turbulence, economic trauma and insecurity, a new season breaks in upon us affording us time to pause, to ponder, to prepare – whether we are ready or not.

Advent

The season of Advent opens for us yet another new liturgical year. An opportunity to join the community of believers gathered to search the scriptures and recline at table with the One whose light no darkness can overpower.

This Advent, our Sunday assemblies welcome the towering figure of Isaiah of Jerusalem, visionary and prophet. He bears a word of hope and transformation for a people profoundly preoccupied in a tense time crowded with competing kingdoms.

Among the preoccupations and anxieties of Isaiah's day one may cite the kingdom of Israel having been carried into captivity (722 B.C.), while the kingdom of Judah suffered doubt and ambivalence, mistaking relative goods for absolute values, falling prey to idolatry. The kingdom of Assyria dominated the Fertile Crescent and posed a major threat to both kingdoms. Additionally, the kingdom of Babylon was gaining power and would soon replace Assyria as the dominant threat.

Amid these pressures, various makeshift alliances among competing kingdoms, arranged in a last gasp effort to outmaneuver these threats, failed spectacularly – Leaving a people groaning in exile and exhaustion.

Whose kingdom come? Enter the prophet Isaiah of Jerusalem.

To this people crowded on every side, Isaiah proclaimed a vision as ambitious as it was improbable – the Day of the Lord:

- Amid deadly warfare: a vision of swords and spears transformed into pruning hooks & ploughshares for the feeding of the hungry.
- Amid limited resources: a vision of a desert bursting forth with vegetation and beauty for the sustenance of all.
- Amid assumptions of bloody rivalry: a vision of lions and kids, wolves and lambs lying down in harmony
- Amid those scarred and maimed by the rivalries of the day: sight for the blind, opened ears for the deaf, restored limbs for the lame.

Such was the message of Isaiah for his people – whether they were ready or not to hear it.

Surely, this daunting promise stretched the limits of belief in Isaiah's day. So does it continue to test the limits of belief in our own day. We are far removed from the kingdoms of Assyria and Babylon, yet we are no strangers to warring kingdoms, aggressive rivalries, and bloody conflicts as well as the deaf, blind and maimed left in their wake.

In 2020, the words of the prophet Isaiah continue to ring out the unique cadence of biblical prophecy. This provocative mix of poetry, politics and preaching is sure to unsettle anyone who bothers to listen – whether ready or not.

For us as Capuchin friars steeped in the heritage of Francis of Assisi, the vision of Isaiah bears deep resonance. In a time of constant warfare, Francis and his brothers and sisters became a people of peace. In a time of self-aggrandizement, a people of humility. In a time of greedy acquisition, a people of simplicity.

Such was their witness to hope at the turn of the 13th century.

Such is our witness to hope today in the year 2020.

Serving as the pastoral staff here in our Parish of Holy Cross—St. John the Baptist, we aspire to allow this Franciscan spirit suffuse the entirety of parish life – our worship of the G-D revealed in Jesus, our witness to the gospel of Jesus as source of our hope and deliverance, our welcome to those most at risk, most overlooked.

Whose kingdom come?

A Light no darkness can overpower.

Ready or not.

Advent.

Come Lord Jesus. Come.