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7:15 AM – 8:00 AM, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

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**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



March 21, 2021
4th Sunday of Lent
Mass Intentions



Holy Cross Church
Name/Requested by

St. John the Baptist
Name/Requested by

Sunday, March 21

8:30 AM (D) Members of the Benevidas Family
10:00 AM All Souls
11:30 AM Joseph Castricum

Monday, March 22

7:30 AM Healing Mass/ Jadwiga Baranowska
12:15 PM (L) Maria Bissex

Tuesday, March 23

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:15 PM (L) Joseph Bissex

Wednesday March 24

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:15 PM (L) Patrick Bissex

Thursday March 25

7:30 AM (D) Kasprzyk Kazimele
12:15 PM (L) Fr. Michael Bissex

Friday, March 26

7:30 AM (D) Piotr Stazynski
12:15 PM (L) Marcia Cormack

Saturday, March 27

12:15 PM (D) Thomas & Elizabeth Mawell
4:30 PM Parishioners of HC/SJB

Sunday, March 21

9:30 AM (L) Sandra Davila/ Elena MacLeod
11:30 AM In honor of Padre Pio/ Marie Gabre
5:15 PM (D) Francisca Morales/ Asuncion Candellara

Monday, March 22

6:45 AM (L) Vincent McDonnell
5:15 PM (L) Mary Rafferty/ Mary O'Sullivan
6:30 PM Padre Pio Novena

Tuesday, March 23

6:45 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Secular Franciscan Order/ OFS Fraternities of St. John's Church
5:15 PM (L) Mory Pisani/ Vincent Pisani

Wednesday, March 24

6:45 AM (L) Vincent McDonnell
5:15 PM (L) Corazon Pontejos
6:30 PM Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

Thursday, March 25

6:45 AM (L) Patria Fausto/ Concepcion & Erlinda
5:15 PM (D) Reynaldo Francisco/ Lilia Francisco

Friday, March 26

6:45 AM (L) Jon T. Balles/ Tita & Lolita
5:15 PM (L) Helen T. Rabara/ Lolita

Saturday, March 27

12:15 PM Living & Deceased Members of the Padre Pio Prayer Group
4:00 PM (L) Astro Marceau/ Elena MacLeod

OUR FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE
March 2021

Crossroads Food Pantry
 Saturday 27

Harvesters Soup Kitchen
 Saturday (April 3 & 17)

Bread of Life Food Pantry
 Wednesday 24 & 31

Intention for Evangelization-
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

THERE WILL BE A
SECOND COLLECTION
April 2, 2021

FOR
PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY for the HOLY LAND



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.

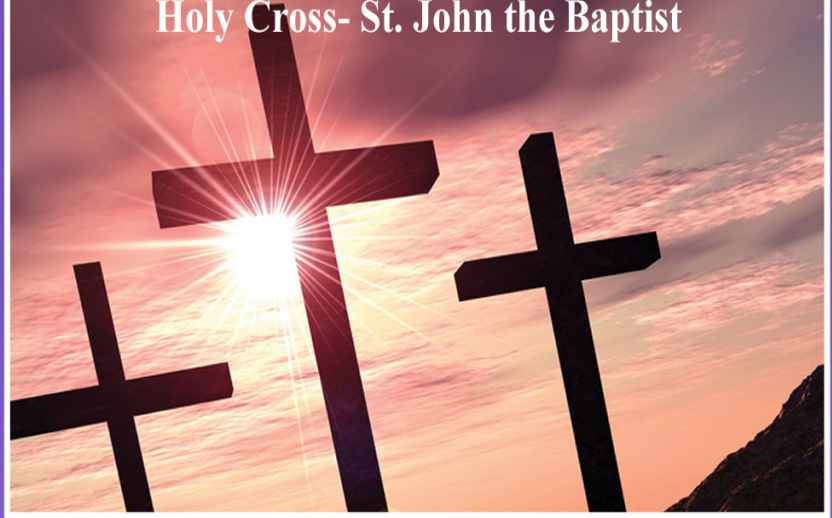
Capuchin Vocations

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
March 22nd, 12 PM**

The Parish of Holy Cross- St. John the Baptist



HOLY WEEK, EASTER SUNDAY & EASTER MONDAY SCHEDULE 2021

	HOLY CROSS	ST. JOHN the BAPTIST
Holy Thursday April 1, 2021	7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper. (Bilingual)	5:15 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper.
Church Closes	Holy hour after Mass	Adoration till 10:00 PM
Good Friday April 2, 2021	Noon – Confessions Noon - Stations of the Cross 3 PM – Service	Noon – Stations of the Cross 2 – 3 – Confessions 3 PM – Service
	5:30 PM Service (Spanish)	
	Followed by Confessions (Spanish)	
Church Closes	After Confessions	5 PM
Holy Saturday April 3, 2021	Church Closed	Confessions from 3:00 – 3:45. Vigil at 4 PM
Church Open/ Close		end of vigil
Easter Sunday Masses April 4, 2021	8:30 10:00 (Spanish) 11:30	10:30
Easter Monday April 5, 2021	Church opens at 8:00 AM. Mass at 12:15 PM. Office is open	Church opens at 8 AM. 12:00 PM Service, 5:15 Mass and 6:30 Mass. Office is open

Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross

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

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



ST. JOHN'S BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY

Our Pantry serves hundreds of individuals in need every Wednesday in the Church Hall between 11:00 AM and 1:00 PM. No one requiring assistance is ever turned away. Financial contributions or non-perishable items such as rice, pasta, cereal and canned goods that are unexpired (dent and rust free) can be left at the reception desk. We are also accepting new and unworn clothing with tags on the garment as well as toys and children's games since the current pandemic has expanded our mission beyond providing groceries. Financial contributions can also be mailed to our address: St. John's Bread of Life Pantry, 213 West 30th Street, New York, NY 10001. Our need for assistance remains constant and we gratefully thank all who have contributed in the past. *Please call Vincent Pisani 212-564-9070, ext. 215, for information.*



2021 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Mass Schedule on holidays is 9:30AM at St. John the Baptist and 10:00AM at Holy Cross. Holidays include Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day.

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



A DAILY PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH...
AND A CHALLENGE

In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, "Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds (Morning Prayer)' he has "recited a prayer St. Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus & Mary." This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to St. Joseph," on account of its closing words: "My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus & Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power."

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St. Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
To you God entrusted his only Son;
In you Mary placed her trust;
With you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
Show yourself a father and us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
And defend us from every evil.*

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

The Scripture group will be paused until further notice.

SPIRIT IN ACTION

Spirit in Action is a group sponsored by the church of St. John the Baptist in New York City. It is a club for mature Catholics over 50 years of age who are interested in getting together for spiritual, cultural and social activities. Members receive newsletters concerning upcoming events. If you are interested in joining, please call our Hotline: 212-560-2366 and leave a message after the beep.

SEXUAL ABUSE

To report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York may contact the victims assistance coordinator at 646-794-2949 or victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

THE STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

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Palm Sunday

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WHY DOES LENT LAST FORTY DAYS?

The duration of the season of Lent is based on the ancient church custom of requiring catechumens to undergo a forty-day period doctrinal instruction and fasting before being baptized on the evening before Easter. This probationary period was called the *quarantine* (from the Latin word for forty). The number forty occurs frequently in both testaments of the Bible. It signifies the time that is required for discipline, testing, and separation prior to achieving a goal or new beginning.

In the Old Testament we read that it rained forty days and nights during the Great Flood (*Genesis 7:12*), Moses communed with God on Mount Sinai for forty days before receiving the Ten Commandments (*Exodus 24:18*), the people of Israel were forced to wander in the wilderness for forty years (*Numbers 14:33-34*), Elijah journeyed for forty days before he reached the cave at Horeb and had a vision of God (*1 Kings 19:8-9*), and the inhabitants of Nineveh fasted and repented for forty days in response to the preaching of Jonah (*Jonah 3:4-5*).

Outstanding instances of the number forty in the New Testament are the account of Christ's ordeal in the desert fasting, praying, and being tempted by the devil (*Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; and Luke 4:1-13*) and his various appearances to the apostles and others between his resurrection and ascension during which he strengthened their faith and prepared them for the coming of the Holy Spirit (*Acts 1:3*).



the CARDINAL'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Sharing God's Gifts

The 2021 Cardinal's Appeal has begun! At its core, the Appeal exists to fund the vast educational, charitable, and pastoral outreach of our archdiocese, all of which serve to make Christ known in the world. Learn more here: <https://cardinalsappeal.org/areas-of-support>.

This is a defining moment for our generation, where we are called to be more, to give more of ourselves out of love for one another. Prayerfully consider supporting the mission of the Church to make Christ known in the world with a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Every gift counts!

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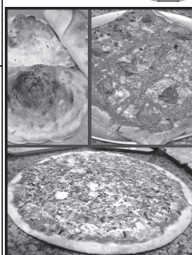
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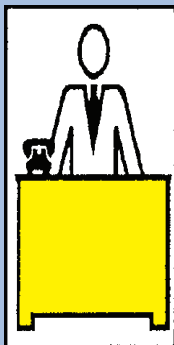
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