The Parish of

# Holy Cross & St. John the Baptist

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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**

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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

**ROSARY 12 PM MON - FRI**
**COMMUNION SERVICE 12 PM MON - FRI**
**CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY 3 PM MON - FRI**

## 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 11:00 PM and 1:00 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.nyc

# September 19, 2021
# Mass Intentions

## Holy Cross Church
**Name/Requested by**

**Sunday, September 19**
**8:30 AM** (D) Laura Catherine Davidson Fowell
**10:00 AM** Edward Nazario & Andrew Doivanni
**11:30 AM** (D) Thomas & Elizabeth Maxwell

**Monday, September 20**
**7:30 AM** (L) Frank Kelly
**12:15 PM** (L) Kean Jennings

**Tuesday, September 22**
**7:30 AM** (L) Kean Jennings
**12:15 PM** (L) Frank Kelly

**Wednesday September 23**
**7:30 AM** All Souls
**12:15 PM** (L) Frank Kelly

**Thursday September 24**
**7:30 AM** (D) Felice Santoro
**12:15 PM** (L) William Salane

**Friday, September 25**
**7:30 AM** (L) William Salane
**12:15 PM** (L) Kathleen Curran

**Saturday, September 26**
**12:15 PM** (L) Kathleen Curran
**4:30 PM** The Holy Father

## St. John the Baptist
**Name/Requested by**

**Sunday, September 19**
**9:30 AM** (L) Paz P. Ramos/ Family
**11:30 AM** (L) Fr. John Riordan OFM Cap
**5:15 PM** (L) Bridget Bunker/ S.J.F.

**Monday, September 20**
**6:45 AM** (L) Vincent McDonnell
**5:15 PM** (D) Maximo & Aguela Cumagun/ Family
**6:30 PM** Padre Pio Novena

**Tuesday, September 21**
**6:45 AM** Living & Deceased Members of the Secular Franciscan Order/ OFS Fraternities of St. John's Church
**5:15 PM** Thanksgiving to Christ the King/ Patria Fausta

**Wednesday, September 22**
**6:45 AM** (D) Josephine Marotta/ Lilia Fransico
**5:15 PM** (D) Efigenia Torres Chua/ Patria Fausto
**6:30 PM** Mother of Perpetual Help Novena

**Thursday, September 23**
**6:45 AM** (L) Br. Sal Patricola OFM Cap/ Lilia Francisco
**5:15 PM** Andrew Francis Hession

**Friday, September 24**
**6:45 AM** (L) Noemi C. Mallonga/ Family
**5:15 PM** (L) Benthilde Ramon Saint

**Saturday, September 25**
**12:15 PM** (D) Miguelita Fronda
**4:00 PM** (D) Eleanor & Louis Brandes/ Barbara Brandes

**OUR FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE**
**September 2021**

**Crossroads Food Pantry**
Saturday 25

**Harvesters Soup Kitchen**
Saturday (Oct. 2)

**Bread of Life Food Pantry**
Wednesday 22 & 29

**There will be a Second Collection**
**September 26, 2021 for**
**St. Joseph's Seminary Appeal**

**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 September 20th by12 PM**

**RCIA classes for anyone wishing to prepare to be baptized or to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation will begin on September 19th. Classes meet every Sunday after the 9:30 Mass at St. John the Baptist Church.**
**For more information contact Sister Mary Perasa at SMPCSJ@aol.com or call 718-435-0799**

OFFICE OF THE CARDINAL
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September 19, 2021
Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary
Year of St. Joseph

Dear friends in the Lord:

Among the many letters I receive from parishioners, none delight me more than when I read how much the faithful love their priests. And as you know, almost all of them were educated and formed at St. Joseph's Seminary, Dunwoodie, which celebrates its 125th anniversary this year.

Our seminarians are not only the future shepherds of our flock, but they will also be spiritual guides and leaders in our wider communities. We must be sure that they are as well prepared as possible to serve the Church in New York. And for the last century and a quarter, Dunwoodie has been that place of formation. Thousands of holy, dedicated and faithful priests have been ordained over these years. It is nationally renowned, held in the highest regard by bishops from around the country. Each year, other dioceses and religious orders send their candidates to our priestly formation program.

As I write to you today, and express my gratitude for last year's contribution of $221,733.85, I ask you to consider in your own prayer, a sacrificial gift to the *Annual Seminary Appeal*. It will be collected on the weekend of September 26, 2021. Your support will provide tuition, room and board, academic training and spiritual formation for our archdiocesan seminarians and the others who are studying there and help prepare these young men to become great priests who will inspire future letters of admiration.

The priesthood is a life of sacrifice and service. As you know, we do not have as many men making the commitment to serve as priests as we did years ago, and I am so grateful to those who accept the Lord's call. I ask you to pray for priestly vocations, and help me in providing for our seminarians who will hand on the life and traditions of the Church one day. To learn more, visit *www.dunwoodie.edu*.

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude to you and your families, I am,

Faithfully in Christ,

†Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

**Parish Organizations**

**Charismatic Prayer**
Tuesday 6 – 8

**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

## 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 message from Pope Francis concerning Covid vaccination

"In a brotherly spirit, I join in this message of hope for a brighter future. Thanks to God and to the work of many, we now have vaccines to protect us from COVID-19. They grant us the hope of ending the pandemic, but only if they are available to all and if we work together. Being immunized with vaccines authorized by the competent authorities is an act of love. And contributing to ensure the majority of people are vaccinated is an act of love. Love for oneself, love for one's family and friends, love for all people. Love is also social and political, there is social love and political love; it is universal, always overflowing with small gestures of personal charity capable of transforming and improving societies (cf. Laudato si', no. 231, cf. Fratelli tutti, 184). Vaccination is a simple but profound way of promoting the common good and caring for each other, especially the most vulnerable. I pray to God that everyone may contribute their own small grain of sand, their own small gesture of love; no matter how small, love is always great. Contribute with these small gestures for a better future. God bless you, and thank you."

**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

We will resume our Hospitality starting Sunday, 9/19/21 after 11:30 Mass. It will be every 2 weeks. Anyone can participate. Masks are required for everyone. Duration is about 30min.

We will share God's blessings, and pray together, with some coffee, chocolate drinks, and some pastries.

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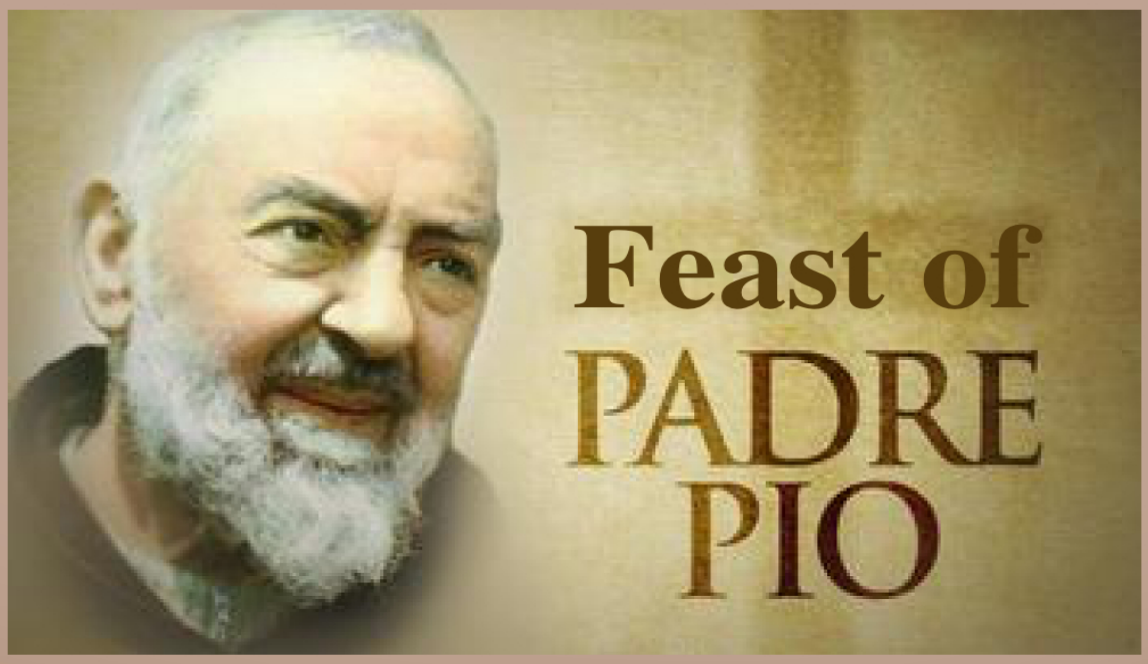


# September 2021
# St. John the Baptist

**Monday, Sept. 20- Novena Mass 6:30 PM**

**Tuesday, Sept. 21- Healing Mass 6:30 PM**

**Wednesday, Sept. 22- Mass 5:15 PM/ Relics**

**Thursday, Sept. 23- Mass 5:15 PM**

**Relics will be available for veneration all day Thursday, September 23**

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