

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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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SATURDAY

CONFESSION: 3:30 – 4:15 PM
MASSES: 12:15 PM, 4:30 PM (Vigil)

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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SATURDAY

CONFESSION: 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM
MASSES: 12:15 PM, 4:00 PM (Vigil)

SUNDAY MASSES: 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM, &
5:15 PM (CONTEMPORARY FOLK MASS)

WEEKDAY CONFESSION:

7:30 AM – 8:00 AM, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

WEEKDAY MASS: 5:15 PM

ROSARY & COMMUNION SERVICE:
12 PM, MON - FRI

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY: 3 PM, MON-FRI

PADRE PIO DEVOTION:
MONDAYS AFTER THE 5:15 MASS

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION:
WEDNESDAYS AFTER THE 5:15 MASS

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



July 17, 2022 Mass Intentions



Holy Cross Church
Name/Requested by

St. John the Baptist
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Sunday, July 17

8:30 AM All Souls
10:00 AM (D) Raul & Samuel Mejia
11:30 AM (D) Romelia, Mariela & Sergio Norena

Monday, July 18

7:30 AM (D) Kokoe Bell
12:15 PM (D) Modesto Mendieta

Tuesday, July 19

7:30 AM (D) Maddelena & Antonio Porpora
12:15 PM (L) Samuel Dorfman

Wednesday July 20

7:30 AM Souls in Purgatory
12:15 PM (L) Maria Reynolds

Thursday July 21

7:30 AM (L) Luis Perez
12:15 PM (L) Patria Fausto

Friday, July 22

7:30 AM (L) Heidi Elizabeth
12:15 PM (L) Jose Rivera

Saturday, July 23

12:15 PM Souls in Purgatory
4:30 PM (L) Nelson Chicas

Sunday, July 17

9:30 AM (L) Cepida Family/ Indira
11:30 AM (D) Cecilia G. Armesto/ B. C. VidalEsq.
5:15 PM (L) Patria Fausto/ Nancy Chua

Monday, July 18

5:15 PM (L) Corazon Pontejos/ Patria Fausto

Tuesday, July 19

5:15 PM (L) Lorna Lopez Patria Fausto

Wednesday, July 20

5:15 PM (L) Lolita Tabaros/ Patria Fausto

Thursday, July 21

5:15 PM (L) Narcizo Chua/ Patria Fausto

Friday, July 22

5:15 PM (L) Dr. Elizabeth Jewal/ Elena MacLeod

Saturday, July 23

12:15 PM (L) Patria Fausto
4:00 PM (D) Sarah V. Corbett/ Catherine Ahearn

OUR FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE July 2022

Crossroads Food Pantry
Saturday 30

Bread of Life Food Pantry
Wednesday 20 & 27

Harvester's Soup Kitchen
Saturday 23

**THERE WILL BE A
SECOND COLLECTION
AUGUST 7, 2022
FOR
PASTORAL SOLIDARITY
FOR THE
CHURCH IN AFRICA**



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

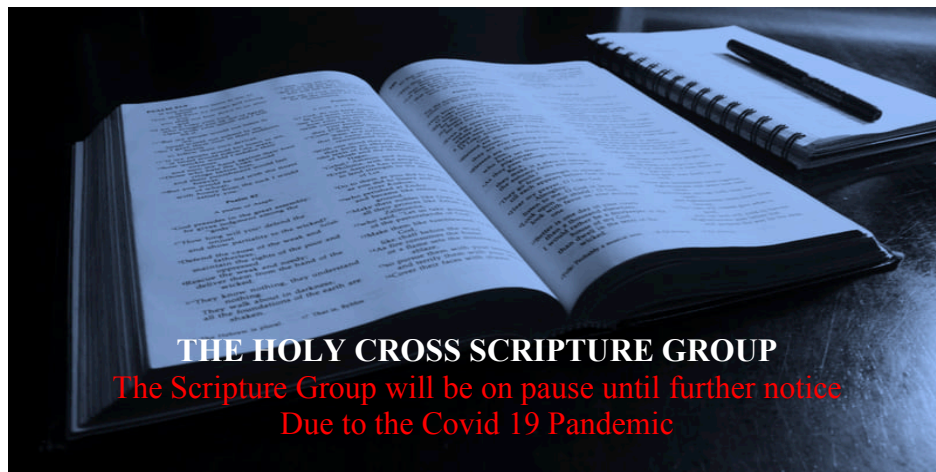
The Capuchin Franciscans are inspired by the life and ideals of St. Francis of Assisi. Living a simple lifestyle together as a community of brothers, they strive to draw closer to the Lord through common and private prayer and serving those in need. If you are interested in becoming a Capuchin Brother 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

Attention

Any material being submitted to the bulletin for print must be done so 2 weeks prior to the requested date of publishing. Please email any material to: t.tracy@christinthecity.nyc

RCIA classes for anyone wishing to prepare to be baptized or to receive the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation. 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



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.

HOSPITALITY

Our schedule for Sundays in July are as follows:
10, 17 & 24

YOUNG ADULT COMMUNITY

To join our young adult community, please visit the homepage of our parish website and fill out the form to be placed on our mailing list. You'll soon receive emails and updates about our upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you at our next event soon!



Parish Organizations

Charismatic Prayer

2nd Tuesday of the month 6 – 7

Father Solanus Guild

2nd Saturday 10:30 – 11:30 PM

Blessed with the Relic

Following 12:15 Mass

Fatima Blue Army Cell

Wednesday 5:45 PM

Padre Pio Prayer Group

4th Saturday 12 – 3 PM

Blessed with the Relic

Following Mass

Two Thousand Hail Mary's

3rd Saturday 7 – 5 PM

Daily Devotions at

St. John the Baptist

Pray the Rosary **4:45 PM**

Padre Pio Novena

Monday **5:45 PM**

Blessed with the Relic

Mother of Perpetual Help

Novena

Wednesday

5:45 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



1st Saturday Movies at St. John the Baptist

**Spreading the Word Thru Enjoyable Movies
every first Saturday of the Month**

PAX CHRISTI

An examination of conscience is a way to hold ourselves accountable before God and each other for the evil we do and the good we do not do. Some refer to it as an examination of consciousness: scanning our motives, thoughts, and actions to detect our loyalty to or betrayal of the priorities of the reign of God.

The delicate and difficult part in this process involves what we hold as our guide for accountability. For centuries the blueprint for good conduct was the list of Ten Commandments, until Jesus proposed a very different set of guidelines with the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1- 13).

As early as A.D. 150 in a document written by the Shepherd of Hermas, the Beatitudes were accepted as the positive norm of morality for Christians, stressing the ideals of their founder and avoiding the "do nots" of the decalogue.

What follows is an examination of conscience and consciousness based on the Beatitudes. It makes sense only if we truly believe that the teachings of Jesus have practical applicability in the world in which each of us lives and breathes. If we admit that relevance, we will find enough power in our fidelity to these counsels to renew the face of the earth.

1. "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

- Do I fear being poor, in spirit or otherwise, and prefer to be rich in money, brains, or influence?
- Is my desire for poverty of spirit congruent with my lifestyle?
- Do I use the word of God to rationalize my lifestyle, or am I willing to have God's word criticize it?
- Do I cling to my own ideas, opinions and judgments, sometimes to the point of idolatry?
- Do I contribute my time, talent and money to the poor of the world?
- Do I make it my business to examine the causes of poverty in our world and work to eradicate unjust systems?

2. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

- Do I grieve over loneliness, despair, guilt and rejection in the lives of others?
- Am I willing to admit my own despondencies and need for comfort?
- Do I minister consolation and healing, or do I blandly encourage people to "have courage," thereby avoiding the opportunity to mourn with another?
- Am I doing anything to dry the tears of those who mourn over war, poverty, hunger, injustice? **(Continued)**

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

AUGUST 15, 2022, MONDAY

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
A holyday without the obligation to participate in Mass



2022 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 and New Year's Day.

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

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8. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account."

- Do I criticize or ridicule those who suffer for their beliefs?
- Am I embarrassed to step out of the mainstream to stand up for a principle?
- Who are my heroes? Are there any among them who gave their lives without vengeance for what is true?
- Would I do the same?
- Do I worship security and fear costly discipleship?
- Have I called myself Christian without making my life a witness to the teachings of Jesus?
- Have I openly supported those who defend justice and give their lives for peace?

9. "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven."

- Do I live confident of the promises of Jesus?
- Do I surrender to pessimism and anxiety?
- Do I perceive that there is a paradoxical victory in the cross of Jesus that breaks through power structures and conquers in peace and love?
- Have I become cynical rather than hopeful?

3. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth."

- Do I see any value in meekness or nonviolence?
- Do I cringe at the thought of being called meek?
- Do I understand nonviolence as a way to fight evil with good, and do I choose to live that way?
- How much are intimidation and force part of my lifestyle?
- Do I work for nonviolent social change?
- Do I foster a cooperative spirit in my children?

4. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

- Have I kept myself ignorant of important current events that are manifestations of injustice?
- Are my energies and passions focused on Christ, or are they scattered, disordered, divided?
- Am I honestly trying to improve the quality of life around me?
- Am I trying to improve the environment, racial relations, care for the unborn, sexual equality, the lives of the poor and destitute?
- Have I decided that I will not be satisfied until justice is fulfilled in my own life, within my family, my church, my community, my world?
- Have I let fear keep me silent when I should have spoken out against prejudice, injustice and violence?

5. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy."

- Do I operate on a double standard of expecting mercy but not wanting to grant it?
- Do I prefer the strict law and order approach, or that of mercy, tenderness and compassion?
- Are there places in my life where people are suffering because of me and my unforgiving attitude?
- Am I devoid of a merciful spirit toward those I call "enemy"?
- What is my attitude toward capital punishment, ex-convicts?

6. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

- Am I trusting and trustful?
- Do I value living without pretense, or am I constantly fearful that someone will take advantage of me?
- Am I open and honest about who I am and what I do?
- Do I deflect the attention and honor due to God and claim these things for myself?
- Have I been untrue to myself, even a little, for advancement, money or good opinion?
- Have I failed to take time for prayer, solitude, reflection?

7. "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God."

- Am I eager for reconciliation, or do I antagonize and yearn for revenge?
- Do I think apologizing is a sign of weakness?
- Am I willing to be a bridge in family and community arguments?
- Do I support violence in films, television and sports?
- Have I studied peace and taken initiatives to stop violence and war?
- Have I read, and do I support, the many official church statements against the arms race, nuclear weapons, war?
- Do I see the Christian vocation as one of peacemaker?
- Is my presence a source of peace to those around me?

Upcoming Events



August 15, Monday

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
Mary

A holyday without the obligation to participate in Mass

September 20, Tuesday at 5:45

Padre Pio Healing Liturgy
with the Anointing of the Sick

September 23, Friday

Twentieth Anniversary of the Canonization of Padre Pio

St. John's is open all day. Principal celebration at St.
Patrick's Cathedral at 4 PM with H.E. Cardinal Dolan

October 4, Tuesday

Feast of St. Francis