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Request for Coverage

HUNDREDS OF CYCLISTS TO ATTEND 24th ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE



Hundreds of cyclists of all religious backgrounds will kick off the biking season at the 24th annual Blessing of the Bicycles celebration on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 30</u>, <u>2022 at 9:00 a.m. inside the Cathedral of</u> St. John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan.

The Blessing of the Bicycles has been a beloved service at the Cathedral for decades, and riders are particularly welcome for this first year back inside after the COVID-19 pandemic. The unique service is open to everyone who gets around town on a bike, scooter, skates, unicycle, or other form of human-powered vehicle. The Reverend Patrick Malloy, Canon for Liturgy and the Arts and Sub Dean at the Cathedral, will officiate the ceremony, during which he will offer a blessing to jumpstart a safe cycling season and sprinkle Holy Water on each bicycle. After the blessing, there will be a moment of silence to remember the cyclists lost in the past year. Everyone will then ring their bicycle bells in celebration of the cycling season to come.

For more information, please visit: https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/42169/24th-annual-blessing-of-the-bicycles

More information on the Cathedral's COVID-19 guidelines can be found here.

DATE: Saturday, April 30, 2022

TIME: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

PLACE: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street)

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