

FROM: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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Request for Coverage

**DOZENS OF CYCLISTS TO ATTEND
23rd ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE BICYCLES
ON STEPS OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

The unique service celebrating cycling will return to its in-person format after being held virtually in 2020.



Dozens of cyclists of all religious backgrounds will kick off the biking season at the 23rd annual Blessing of the Bicycles celebration on **Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. outside on the steps of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, located at 1047 Amsterdam Avenue (at 112th Street), Manhattan.**

This unique service returns to its in-person format after being held virtually due to pandemic health guidelines last year. Masked and socially distanced, it 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, and to pay tribute to NYC delivery people, whose hard work has kept the city going during the pandemic. Everyone will then ring their bicycle bells in celebration of the cycling season to come and are invited to loop around the Cathedral grounds.

For more information, please visit <https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/38518/blessing-of-the-bicycles>

DATE: Saturday, May 1, 2021

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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