

FROM: The Cathedral of St. John the Divine

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Request for Coverage

**HUNDREDS OF CYCLISTS TO ATTEND
25th 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 25th annual Blessing of the Bicycles celebration on **Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. inside the Cathedral of 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, with this year marking its 25th anniversary. 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 Very Reverend Patrick Malloy, Dean of 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. The service ends with a festive lap around the Cathedral's majestic interior, now fully revealed after months of architectural restoration and cleaning.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.stjohndivine.org/calendar/44798/blessing-of-the-bicycles>

DATE: Saturday, May 6, 2023

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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