



# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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## **MASSES:**

SUNDAY Masses: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass)  
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM  
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

## **BAPTISM:**

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

## **CONFESSIONS:**

Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectory.

## **MARRIAGES:**

Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectory to ensure the date and the hour desired. The Nuptial Mass is the ordinary form of celebrating Christian marriage, and should be strongly considered when making Wedding plans. Attendance at the Pre-Cana Conferences, or the equivalent, is required by the Archbishop.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.  
Website: [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)  
Spanish Programs Website: [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)  
Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

## **FATIMA DEVOTIONS:**

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

## **BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**

First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm.  
Adoration: All day; Benediction: 5:15 PM.

## **NEW PARISHIONERS:**

We welcome new parishioners, and invite them to register at the Rectory. The registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish. If you move to another Parish, or change your address within the Parish, please notify us.

## **BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS:**

Classes in Religion for Catholic children/teenagers, Pre-kindergarten -High School take place on Sundays. The Family Mass begins at 10:00 a.m. in the Church followed by class instruction in the school. Ongoing religious education is important for the religious development of your children. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

## **PARISH BOUNDARIES:**

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

Mass  for the Intentions  for the Week

<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>November 1st</b>
5:30	Giovanni Ianni +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 2nd</b>
8:30	Villa, Lorenzi, & Aldera Families +
10:00	Fiore Arlia +
11:00	Intention of the Gonzalez Family
12:30	Barbara Brine +
5:30	Billy Wilson + & Kevin Cusack +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 3rd</b>
7:30	For All Souls +
12:10	For All Souls +
5:30	Mary Lumetta +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 4th</b>
7:30	Martin Robert Scanlon +
12:10	For All Souls +
5:30	Laura Harmon +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 5th</b>
7:30	Wayne Dankert +
12:10	Pablo Montalban, Philippo P. Salvio, & Franklin A mado +
5:30	For All Souls +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 6th</b>
7:30	For All Souls +
12:10	Bernadette Philibert +
5:30	Mollie & Rocco Arcomano +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 7th</b>
7:30	For All Souls
12:10	Locilento Family (Living & Deceased)
5:30	Joseph Murphy +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 8th</b>
7:30	For All Souls +
12:10	Betty Brogan +
5:30	Giuseppe & Rosa Ianni +

The flowers decorating the sanctuary have been offered in memory of the *Olcese-Lagomarsino Family*

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month we have **Bereavement Support Groups - General Bereavement at 5:30 p.m.** and **Perinatal Loss** (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) **at 6:30 p.m.** Both groups will meet in the Rectory on November 7th. For more information, please contact at the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee.

**COLLECTION:** Our collection last Sunday came to \$10,345. We also received \$1,500 from those using ParishPay, bringing the total to \$11,845.

**PARISH NOTES**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Last Sunday, New York Times columnist Russ Douthat wrote about the Family Synod in his piece called "The Pope and the Precipice". He makes some thoughtful, even sensitive, arguments about the direction he sees the Church is moving in. The piece is quite good and I urge you to read it. I'm not in agreement with Mr. Douthat; he misses the mark on many points, but I do see the need to keep the conversation going. I've heard from some parishioners that they would like to discuss the synod. Please let me know if you'd like to participate.

You might also want to look at Commonweal writers Mollie Wilson O'Reilly and Peter Steinfels responses to Mr. Douthat's op-ed.

These responses can be found at [www.commonwealmagazine.org/blog](http://www.commonwealmagazine.org/blog). Their thoughts are rather insightful.

We are still seeking lectors and Eucharistic ministers. Brian Fallon will be coordinating the Eucharistic ministers; he can be reached at [fallon.brianp@gmail.com](mailto:fallon.brianp@gmail.com). Kimberley LaMarque will be coordinating the lectors; she can be reached at [kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com](mailto:kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com). My thanks to all for taking part in these ministries.

We call ourselves believers. As believers, we're called to be salt of the earth. We have an obligation as believers to vote. Tuesday is Election Day. Vote!

Pray for peace.

*Fr. Duffell*

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Today we have the collection for our Soup Kitchen. Each Sunday our volunteers prepare lunch for 75 -100 people. Your donations of money and theirs of time and talent make this possible. We are truly grateful as are those who are fed.

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT**



You're invited! Please join us **today at 4p.m.** for a bi-monthly Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Next Mass is November 16th at 4 p.m. All families' members are invited. Please send inquiries to [Jackie@snacknyc.com](mailto:Jackie@snacknyc.com)

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING SESSIONS**

will take place on **Tuesday, November 11 at 7:30 pm** and **Saturday, November 15 at 4 p.m.** If you would like to serve as an EM this year, please attend one of the training sessions. Contact Brian Fallon with any questions at: [fallon.brianp@gmail.com](mailto:fallon.brianp@gmail.com).



**INTERFAITH MARRIAGE**

A Concern for Jews, Christians & Muslims: Lecture on **Tues., Nov. 11 @6p.m.** (12th Fl. Lounge/113 W. 60th St./Lincoln Center Campus of Fordham U.) Free and open to the public. For more info, please call 718-817-4745 or email: [mogchair@fordham.edu](mailto:mogchair@fordham.edu).

**LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Saturday Eve November 1st**

**5:30** L Jerry Becker  
EM Jerry Becker  
EM Ginetta LaBianca  
EM Ellen Murphy

**Sunday November 2nd**

**8:30** L Damian Begley  
EM Damian Begley  
EM Tony Jalandoni  
EM Vivian Villaluz

**11:00** L Mase Kardel-de Marco  
EM Marina Che  
EM Gonzalo Paez  
EM Maite Marles

**12:30** L Michael Murphy  
EM Micahel Murphy  
EM Theo Corbin  
EM Bob Huber

**5:30** L Rebecca Painter  
EM Rebecca Painter  
EM Elizabeth Occhipinti  
EM Louise Ulman

**CATHOLIC MOMS SUPPORT GROUP:**

We are holding our first meeting on **November 5th** at **7p.m.** in the Rectory and all moms are invited. The purpose of this initial meeting is to brainstorm, share ideas, get to know each other and get input from everyone. If you are at all interested in being in this group, please join us. Please RSVP to:

[blessedsacramentfamilies@gmail.com](mailto:blessedsacramentfamilies@gmail.com)

**VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM**

Blessed Sacrament Church is starting a new and exciting ministry called The Visiting Friends Program. Volunteers will visit the homebound (the elderly, disabled, ill) in the neighborhood to provide the comfort of company and social interaction. To start, we'll be visiting only people confined to their homes rather than those in nursing homes. If you know of someone (relative, friend, neighbor) who might benefit from and would welcome such a service, please contact us by email at the following address: [joyj.blessedsacrament@aol.com](mailto:joyj.blessedsacrament@aol.com). Be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. Please include your name, address, phone and email address as well as the same information of the person you're referring to us. If you prefer, you can leave this information at the Rectory, noting it's intended for the Visiting Friends Program. Referrals need not necessarily be parishioners, but we request that they live within the geographic confines of our parish. This program is provided with the assistance of JoyJ members.

**FIRST FRIDAY**

This Friday is the first Friday of November. We have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10 p.m. Mass** and adoration during the afternoon. We close with **Benediction at 5:15 p.m.** Please come and spend some time in prayer.

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El domingo pasado el columnista del "New York Times" Russ Douthat escribió sobre el Sínodo bajo el título de "El Papa y el Precipicio". Es un artículo muy interesante con argumentos de mucho sentido sobre la dirección hacia donde va la Iglesia. Les recomendaría leerlo. No estoy de acuerdo con el Sr. Douthat; se equivoca en algunos puntos pero entiendo la necesidad de continuar conversando. Varios feligreses me han comentado que les gustaría conducir un diálogo sobre el Sínodo. Déjenme saber si están interesados en participar.

También pueden leer en "Commonwealth" la respuesta de Mollie Wilson O'Reilly así como la de Peter Steinfeld al Sr. Douthat. Estas aparecen en: <http://www.commonwealthmagazine.or/blog>.

Estamos aun buscando Lectores (L) así como Ministros de la Eucaristía (EM). Brian Fallon esta coordinando los ME's y puede ser contactado en [falcon18@gmail.com](mailto:falcon18@gmail.com). Kimberley Lamarque coordinara la búsqueda de Lectores. Pueden comunicarse con ella en [kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com](mailto:kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com). Gracias a todos por participar.

Nos consideramos creyentes. De serlos, estamos llamados a ser lo mejor. Como creyentes tenemos la obligación de votar. El martes 4 de noviembre es día de Elecciones. Les pido que voten.

Roguemos por la paz.

*Fr. Duffell*

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Hoy estaremos realizando esta colecta con la cual sostenemos económicamente este importante programa de ayuda a los mas necesitados.

**PRIMER VIERNES**

El día 7th de Noviembre expondremos solemnemente al Santísimo Sacramento después de la misa de 12:10pm. Haremos la bendición a las 5:15pm. Recuerda Dios satisfice el alma.

**PARISH PAY**

If you sign up for this program, **Parish Pay** will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card account and then send it to the parish. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. You may log on to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or you can call 1-866-727-4741 ext. 1.

**IN SECULARISM WE TRUST?****The Fate of Religion in the 21st Century**

Tuesday, Nov. 18 at 6p.m. at Fordham University, (113 W. 60th St.) 12th fl. Lounge, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center.



Secularism is alternately decried as a threat to the nation's moral core and hailed as indispensable to democratic values.

But what exactly is "secularism"? And how will it continue to shape the future of faith as a matter of both personal commitment and public engagement?

This lecture is free and open to the public. RSVP: [crcevent@fordham.edu](mailto:crcevent@fordham.edu) or call 212-636-7347.