



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
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: 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.



PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I hope you've been keeping up with the Catholic Bishops meeting. There has been a good deal of penetrating coverage in the blogs. I'd like to hear what you think.

I was once told that we don't have any teenagers in the parish, but when I look out from the pulpit on Sunday mornings I see many. And I suspect there are many who aren't making it to church. There are things we, as a parish, could be doing to engage youngsters. I'd like to talk with teenagers, I'd like to get your ideas on what Blessed Sacrament should, could be doing for you.

Do you sometimes think peace is just a figment of the imagination? I do, but I don't give in to despair. Pray for peace. We'll get there!

Fr. Duffell

FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION



This weekend is our non-perishable grocery collection for FOOD FOR FAMILIES. Shopping lists can be found on the table behind the last pew in the Church. Please put your donations in the boxes in front of the side altars.

Please be especially generous as many families will be depending on food for this Thanksgiving. Many thanks from our parish community!

(In order to provide the highest quality service to those who seek our help, we may only accept freshly bought, unopened non-perishable items. If this is not convenient, we also accept monetary donations)

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



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

Next Mass is December 7th. at 4 p.m. All families' members are invited! Please send inquiries to

Jackie@snacknyc.com

Next weekend's **COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)** needs your support. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection.

ADVENT FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES

The Christmas season can be such a busy time, we sometimes have to remind ourselves we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's ever-loving gift of salvation and the center of our Catholic faith. Throughout this Advent season, Blessed Sacrament will be hosting a series of short films and small group discussions, to examine our Catholic faith. Please join us for any of the sessions beginning at **7:15pm on NOV. 25, Dec. 2 & 9.** Films will begin at 7:30 following adult refreshments. RSVP appreciated 212-877-3111.

Saturday Eve	November 15th
5:30	Clemente & Carmela Veltri +
Sunday	November 16th
8:30	James & Margaret Gilheany +
10:00	Priests, Staff & Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Church
11:00	Enrique Gonzalez +
12:30	Lawrence Andrew Mastorelli +
5:30	Sebastian Jose Ornella +
Monday	November 17th
7:30	Dec'd Members of the Yohannes Family +
12:10	James Sardos +
5:30	Samuel Montalvo +
Tuesday	November 18th
7:30	Vincent and Rose Rosati +
12:10	Dec'd Members of the Yohannes Family +
5:30	Ted Disalvo +
Wednesday	November 19th
7:30	Dec'd Members of the Yohannes Family +
12:10	Francesco & Letizia Dora Osso +
5:30	Anna Keegan +
Thursday	November 20th
7:30	All Souls
12:10	Cathryn Arcomano +
5:30	Angela Arlia +
Friday	November 21st
7:30	Bernadette M. Philibert +
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Miriam Luciano +
Saturday	November 22nd
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	Anne McDermott +
5:30	Bonaventura & Salvatore Ianni +

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On the 1st and 3rd 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 21st.

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 \$9,696. We also received \$1,500 from those using ParishPay, bringing the total to \$11,196.

The richest person is not the one who has the most—but the one who needs the least.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday Eve November 15th**

5:30 L Ingrid Leacock
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EM Ginetta LaBianca
EM Ellen Murphy

Sunday November 16th

8:30 L Ray Riordan
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EM Esther Widjaja
EM Dedy Sutjiawan

11:00 L Joe Gonzalez
EM Sylvia Clark
EM Maite Marles
EM Marina Che

12:30 L Theo Corbin
EM Theo Corbin
EM Audrey Strunc
EM Lidia Stempfen

5:30 L Louise Ulman
EM Louise Ulman
EM Rebecca Painter

**THE JOYJ INITIATIVE – JESSE TREE**

JoyJ is once again sponsoring a **Jesse Tree** to gather NEW items for their Homeless Outreach beginning November 29th in the Church. Please visit the tree; take an ornament or two and bring your item (unwrapped) to either the 5:30 Saturday Mass on December 20th or to any of the Sunday Masses on December 21st, where it will be collected in the vestibule by the

JoyJ Volunteers for distribution. Gifts may also be dropped off at the Rectory anytime.

God bless you for your participation in Jesus' work to comfort our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters especially during the Christmas Season.

**SCHOOL NEWS****THANKSGIVING BAKE SALE & HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**—Saturday November 22 & Sunday November 23

Following the *Saturday 5:30 Mass* and the *Sunday 10, 11 and 12:30 Masses*, the Parent Association will hold its annual bake sale, while supplies last.

They will also be collecting new, unwrapped toys for children ages 4-12. *Proceeds from both sales to benefit the Coalition for the Homeless.*

OPEN HOUSE Lower School—Pre-K3, Pre-K4 & Kindergarten
Nov. 18 & 19 9 a.m.—11 a.m.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council will meet next on **December 3rd at 7pm** in the Rectory. We have a very vibrant and enthusiastic Council that is interested in your feedback. They have a mailbox in the Rectory Office.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Espero se hayan mantenido al día sobre las reuniones convocadas por los Obispos Católicos. Los diferentes blogs se han ocupado mucho sobre este tema. Quisiera saber sus opiniones.

Una vez alguien me dijo que no habían suficientes adolescentes en nuestra Parroquia, pero los domingos desde el pulpito veo a muchos. Y sospecho que hay otros que no asisten a las Misas. Hay cosas que, nosotros los feligreses podríamos estar haciendo para convencer a nuestros jóvenes. Me gustaría hablar con ellos y exponerles ideas sobre lo que Blessed Sacrament puede ofrecerles.

Piensan a veces que la Paz es un pigmento de nuestra imaginación? Yo lo pienso, pero no me desespere. Roguemos por ella. Algún día la alcanzaremos.

Fr. Duffell.

RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS PARA FAMILIAS

El próximo Fin de Semana se recogerán alimentos frescos para el Food for Families. La lista de estos alimentos estará visible en el último banco de la Iglesia. Ponga su donación en las cajas al frente de los Altares del Sagrado Corazón y de Ntra. Señora. Damos las gracias a los donantes. (No se admiten contenedores abiertos, ni alimentos pasados en tiempo)

La próxima semana, la **COLECTA PARA LA CAMPAÑA CATÓLICA PARA EL DESARROLLO HUMANO (CCHD)** necesita su apoyo. CCHD fue fundada con el fin de erradicar el ciclo de pobreza en Estados Unidos al financiar a organizaciones que ayudan a las personas a ayudarse a si mismas. Continuando con su tradición de mejorar la educación, la situación de la vivienda y el desarrollo económico, CCHD tiene un impacto positivo en las comunidades de la nación. Luche contra la pobreza en América. Defienda la dignidad humana. Contribuya a la Colecta de CCHD:

COLECTA

Nuestra Colecta del último Domingo ascendió a la cantidad de \$11,196. Damos las gracias a los generosos donantes.

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Children (from grade 3 up) and Teenagers are invited to take part in the CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR which sings at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm beginning Nov. 25. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 for a Parent Permission Form to sign up. Forms can also be found on the Sunday School website under the YOUTH CHOIR tab. (www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)