



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.



Saturday Eve	April 18th
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Sunday	April 19th
8:30	Luis DePatto +
10:00	Intention of the Tom Family-Pray for Peace
11:00	Shirley Perkins +
12:30	Jinny Kim Gardino +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	April 20th
7:30	Ernestine Cerice +
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
5:30	James and Phyllis McIver +
Tuesday	April 21st
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	Intention Jane Ellis
5:30	George Kaufmann +
Wednesday	April 22nd
7:30	Fernando Pando
12:10	Intention of Rita Sardos
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	April 23rd
7:30	Felipe Gomez +
12:10	America Hidalgo Rodriguez +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	April 24th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	Carol Theresa Kolb +
5:30	Joan Amoroso +
Saturday	April 25th
7:30	Intention of Andrew Sullivan
12:10	Josefina Agustin
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

On April 11, Pope Francis announced a Jubilee of Mercy that will begin on December 8, 2015. In preparation for this special time, I'd like to spend some time over the next few months reflecting on mercy. I'll do so in this letter and homilies. I'd like, as well, for you to come up with ideas on how best to celebrate the Jubilee of Mercy. Perhaps we could arrange for speakers to come in, or even conduct a seminar on mercy. Certainly as a parish we can work together on the corporal works of mercy. Will you help in planning for this great event? Pray for Peace.
Dr. Duffell

Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father, "rich in mercy" (Eph 2:4), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex 34:6), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (Gal 4:4), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus sees the Father (cf. Jn 14:9). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, his actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.

At times we are called to gaze even more attentively on mercy so that we may become a more effective sign of the Father's action in our lives. For this reason I have proclaimed an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy as a special time for the Church; a time when the witness of believers might grow stronger and more effective. (Misericordiae Vultus: BULL OF INDICATION OF THE EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY—FRANCIS BISHOP OF ROME)

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El 11 de abril el Papa Francisco anuncio un Jubileo de Misericordia que comenzara el dia 8 de diciembre del 2015. En preparacion para ese tiempo tan especial quisiera pasar unos momentos durante los proximos meses reflexionando sobre la misericordia. Haremos esto en este espacio asi como en las homilias. Tambien quisiera que ustedes aportaran ideas sobre como mejor celebrar el Jubileo de la Misericordia. Quizas podriamos traer oradores o tambien organizar un seminario sobre la misericordia. Ciertamente como parroquia podemos trabajar juntos para planear este evento. Puedo contar con ustedes? Roguemos por le Paz.
Fr, Duffell

Jesucristo es el rostro de la misericordia del Padre. El misterio de la fe cristiana parece encontrar su sintesis en esta palabra. Ella se ha vuelto viva, visible y ha alcanzado su culmen en Jesus de Nazaret. El Padre, "rico de misericordia" (Ef2,4), despues de haber revelado su nombre a Moises como "Dios compasivo y misericordioso, lento a la ira, y prodigo en amor y fidelidad" (Ex 34,6) no ha cesado de dar a conocer en varios modos y en tantos momentos de la historia su naturaleza divina. En la "plenitud del tiempo" (Gal4,4), cuando todo estaba dispuesto según su plan de salvacion, El envio a su Hijo nacido de la Virgen Maria para revelarnos de manera definitiva su amor. Quien lo ve a El ve al Padre (cfr Jn 14,9)). Jesus de Nazaret con su palabra, con sus gestos y con toda su persona revela la misericordia de Dios.

Hay momentos en los que de un modo mucho mas intenso estamos llamados a tener la mirada fija en la misericordia para poder ser tambien nosotros mismos signo eficaz del obrar del Padre. Es por esto que he anunciado un Jubileo Extraordinario de la Misericordia como tiempo propicio para la Iglesia, para que haga mas fuerte y eficaz el testimonio de los creyentes. (Misericordiae Vultus: BULA DE CONVOCACION DEL JUBILEO EXTRAORDINARIO DE LA MISERICORDIA—FRANCISCO OBISPO DE ROMA)

COLLECTION

To date, the Easter collection amounts to \$58,421. Our collection last Sunday, April 12th was \$7,967.- We also received \$1,891.- through ParishPay for a total of \$9,858.- We are grateful for your support.

2015 CARDINAL'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

This is Commitment Weekend and at all Masses you will have an opportunity to make your pledge to the Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. Blessed Sacrament Parish has received \$57,760 in pledges and gifts toward the Appeal, from 102 parishioners. Our goal is \$100,500. So that all of you will have an opportunity to support this Archdiocesan Appeal, **please make a pledge, regardless of amount.** Your pledge or gift **supports our neediest parishes, strengthens our religious education programs and ensures our future and retired priests are cared for.** At all Masses this weekend you will have an opportunity to make your pledge to the appeal. **Please prayerfully consider making your Appeal gift before you leave Mass today. Envelopes can be found in your pew.**



SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please join us today at 4pm for a Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Next Mass: Sunday, May 3rd at 4:00pm. All family members are invited!

Please send inquiries to Jackie@snacknyc.com



BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club will meet on April 30th in the rectory at 6:30pm. The book chosen is **"To Kill a Mockingbird,"** what one critic called one of the most widely read novels in the 20th Century dealing with race in America.. The book contains important themes other than racial injustice, such as the exploration of the moral nature of human beings, that is, whether the ultimate moral lesson is that the existence of evil is balanced by faith in the essential goodness of mankind as well as the theme of courage and compassion in the context of understanding others. Hope to see many of us there in a discussion which will hopefully prove interesting as well as part of our journey as Christians.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS

Confirmation Class for adults who are Baptized Catholic will begin on **Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm.** Please contact Tina Silvestro for a full schedule of classes (not all class sessions are held on a Wednesday) and to register: [212-877-3111](tel:212-877-3111) or tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 31st at 2:30pm.**

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday , April 18th

5:30

1st	Cathy Lenz
2nd	Jerry Becker
POF	Tom Caffrey
EM's	Nancy Kearney, John Gibbons, Ginetta La Bianca, Cathie Lenz, Jerry Becker, Tom Caffrey, Diane Brush

Sunday, April 19th

8:30

1st	Mary Steffany
2nd	Mary Steffany
POF	James Palazza
EMs	Ray Riordan, Mary Steffany, James Palazza, Vivian Villaluz, Terry Naglack

10:00

1st	Belinda De La Cruz
2nd	Kamila Palka
POF	Charles Weeks
EMs	Andrew Fitzsimmons, Eddie Little, Judy Braun, Joan Tedeschi, Anna-Sophia Leone, Dayana Montesdeoca, Mary Bradley

12:30

1st	Megan Mitchell
2nd	Adam Lorens
POF	Loretta Edmonds
EMs	Thomas Alexander, Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Adam Llorens, Megan Mitchell, Lidia Stempien

5:30

1st	Mark Murphy
2nd	Mia Yabut
POF	Anne O'Connell
EML	Elisa Dragu, Allison Oliver Miller, Martha Montalvo, John Miller, Mia Yabut, Ann O'Connell, Rob Porell

VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com.-be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.