



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

My Dear Parishioners and Friends:

It is the 4th Sunday of Advent - how has Advent been? There are still a few more days left - ten minutes a day.

The Christmas Feast is fast approaching. If you are going away to far off places for the Feast, know that our celebration will be less without you. May your journey be special and may you return safely.

For those of us who will be here in the Center of the Earth, New York City, please join us for one of the Christmas liturgies. The celebration begins with the family Mass at 5:30pm, the Noche Bueno (Christmas Mass offered in Spanish) at 7:15, the Solemn High Mass at 11:00pm, preceded by caroling at 10:30pm. On Christmas day itself, there will be a Mass at 8:30am and then the Solemn Mass of Christmas Day at 11:00am. Both Masses will be celebrated in English.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the Christmas collection - the parish has in the past much depended on this collection. In light of the recent Annual report - I must ask you to please be as generous as you can and I thank you for that and for your understanding

As I celebrate my first Christmas as your pastor, you and all those you love will be much in my prayers. May this be for all of us a very merry and blessed Christmas.

I look forward to seeing you on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, and if I am lucky, on both.

Pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT



You're invited! Please join us today for a Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

All families' members are invited!

Saturday Eve	December 20th
5:30	Giovanni Ianni +
Sunday	December 21st
8:30	Ida & Giovanni Bruno +
10:00	For the People of the Parish
11:00	Int. of Sisters & Staff at Mary Manning Home
12:30	Daniel Edward Seso +
5:30	Olga Peters +
Monday	December 22nd
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	Anna & Al Fanning +
5:30	Intention of Fr. Thomas Leonard
Tuesday	December 23rd
7:30	Intention of Eileen Smyth & Family
12:10	Sr. Mary Pierre Tirell +
5:30	Luigi Arlia +
6:30	Alexandrena Augustus + & Souls in Purgatory
Wednesday	December 24th
7:30	Ernest Gadek +
12:10	Robinson Dacpano + & Bruce Montesdeoca +
5:30	Maria & Lorenzo Calderon +
7:15	The Lord Family (Living & Deceased)
11:00	John & Frances Kaufman +
Thursday	December 25th
8:30	The Montalvo Family
11:00	Sydney St. Clare +
Friday	December 26th
7:30	Bernadette M. Philibert +
12:10	Christine Olender +
5:30	Conrad Olender +
Saturday	December 27th
7:30	Intention of Greg & Amy Lord & Family
12:10	Margaret MacNeil +
5:30	Luigi Conforti +



The advent wreath has been offered in memory of *Eleanor Gasdaska*. Please remember her in your prayers throughout this Advent Season.

SEEKERS RETREAT—Friday, Jan. 30—Sunday, Feb. 1

Are you wondering: What's important in my life? What am I looking for? How can I let God in? You're not the only one. Take time in the new year to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God's hopes and dreams for you with a peer-led retreat experience presented by Charis NYC for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY (accessible from Manhattan via MTA Metro-North Trains) \$250 per person. Sign-up before Dec. 16 and take advantage of our early registration discount rate of \$225.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:30 p.m. – Family Mass (English)
 7:15 p.m. Noche Buena (A Mass in Spanish)
 11:00 p.m. – Choral Mass
 (Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 a.m. (English) 11:00 a.m. (English)

NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE

PENANCE/RECONCILIATION

New Year's Eve, December 31st
 4 – 5:30 p.m.

MASSES

5:30 p.m. (English) 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

New Year's Day, January 1st

8:30 a.m.(English), 11 a.m. (English) & 5:30 p.m. (English)

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday Eve December 20th	
5:30	L: I. Leacock, C. McZinc, L. Edmonds EM: T. Caffrey, H. Pesola, C. Carnevale, N. Kearney, G. LaBianca, C. Lenz E. Murphy
Sunday December 21st	
8:30	L: B. De La Cruz, J. Becker, B. Contant EM: J. Hunt, M. Steffany, D. Begley
10:00	L: S. Rodriguez, J. Tedeschi, C. Weeks EM: A. Leone, E. Litton, A. Fitzsimmons, J. Palazza, L. Storms, J. Braun,
11:00	L: Edith Ramirez EM: Maite Marles, Junior Santiago
12:30	L: J. MacDonald, M. Mitchell, J. MacDonald EM: E. Simpson, J. Simpson, A. Strunc, T. Alexander, T. Corbin, M. Grez, L. Stempien,
5:30	L: L. Ulman, M. Murphy, R. Painter EM: M. Montalvo, R. Porell, T. Riady, V. Singer, M. Yabut, T. Davis, E., Dragu

JOIN A CHURCH SOCIAL GROUP
The Young Adults, The Forties, The 55+ Group, etc.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION

Feed the Hungry This weekend (and the 3rd weekend of every month) 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. 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)

THE JOYJ INITIATIVE



2014 has been a year of extraordinary growth for the JoyJ Initiative. To date, 324 volunteers have participated in activities “on the field”, distributing bags to the Homeless and caring for the spiritual needs of the elderly and the sick. In addition, many others have donated time and money to support the work for the neediest.

During this special season, we want to say THANK YOU to the volunteers, the donors, and the local groups and businesses (The Boy Scouts Troop 777, Bistro Citron, Tarallucci e Vino, and Grays Papaya) that have worked very hard during the year. We are very fortunate to be part of such great a parish and neighborhood!

JESSE TREE: This weekend is the collection of the items at the back of the Church at all Masses. THANK YOU for your generous donations and for making the winter more bearable for our less fortunate brothers and sisters who live on the street.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Es el 4to domingo de Adviento; como han celebrado este periodo del cual aun nos quedan varios días - 10 minutos al día?

La Fiesta de la Natividad se acerca rápidamente. Si van a lugares lejanos sepan que nuestra celebración no será lo mismo sin su presencia. Les deseo un viaje muy especial y que todos regresen bien.

Para aquellos que nos quedamos en el Centro del Universo, la ciudad de Nueva York, les pido asistir a una de nuestras liturgias navideñas. Nuestra celebración comienza con la Misa de Familia a las 5:30 pm y continúa con la Misa de Noche Buena en español a las 7:15 pm. A las 11:00 pm la Misa de la Natividad precedida por villancicos a las 10:30 pm. El día de Navidad la primera Misa será a las 8:30 am y luego la solemne Misa de este día será a las 11:00 am. Ambas Misas serán celebradas en ingles.

No puedo continuar sin hacer referencia a nuestra colecta de Navidad - en el pasado nuestra Parroquia ha dependido de esta colecta Como indica el Reporte Anual debo pedirles ser lo mas generoso posible y desde ya les doy las gracias por su generosidad.

Al celebrar mi primera Navidad como su Pastor, ustedes así como sus seres queridos estarán en mis plegarias y deseo que para todos sea una mi Feliz y Bendita Navidad.

Espero verlos en Noche Buena o el día de Navidad y, si tengo suerte, en ambos días.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

HORARIO DE NAVIDAD

VESPERAS DE NAVIDAD

7:15 p.m. Noche Buena
 10:30pm. Cantos de navidad; 11:00pm. Misa

DIA AÑO NUEVO

Horario de misas:
 31 de Diciembre — 7:00 p.m. Misa



The Parish will hold a **MONTHLY BOOK DISCUSSION** in 2015. The first discussion will be held on Thursday, January 8, beginning at 6:30 PM and ending at 8 PM in the rectory. The first book we will read is "*Against the Tide: The Radical Leadership of Pope Francis*," by John Allen, who has covered the Vatican for CNN and several newspapers for many years. It's a short book, a little over fifty pages. In the book Allen reveals a pope who has fixed his sight on reform, on accountability, on the Social Gospel, on shaking up a complacent hierarchy, as well as showing how his leadership, while beginning a new era, has roots that stretch back 2000 years.

Books will be available for purchase in the rectory.