



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

Saturday Eve	January 24th
5:30	Arthur Barletti +
Sunday	January 25th
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
11:00	San Jorge de la Rivera
12:30	Yvette Arce+ and Shanika Morgan+
5:30	Robert Shields +
Monday	January 26th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Intention of Anne Sponholz
5:30	Maria Pape +
Tuesday	January 27th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	James Ruddy +
5:30	Stephen Longworth +
Wednesday	January 28th
7:30	Intention of Raphael Cruise
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff
5:30	Sandra Colarossi +
Thursday	January 29th
7:30	Intention of Shawee Yohannes
12:10	Rose Mastrangelo +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff
Friday	January 30th
7:30	Mary Guzmich +
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff
Saturday	January 31st
7:30	Ira A. Hughey +
12:10	Int. of Anthony and Pamela Ignoffo & family
5:30	Maria Conforti +

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

Every year, Christians are reminded of Jesus’ prayer for his disciples that “they may be one so that the world may believe” (John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for the Unity of the Church. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services. During this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity pray that God will grace us so that soon the Church will be one.

This year Catholic School Week celebrates what Blessed Sacrament does best: filling students with Faith and Knowledge, while impressing upon them to work in the service of others, The week kicks off with students attending the Family Mass at the Church of Blessed Sacrament at 10:00 a.m. On Tuesday, January 27th we open our doors for Touring Tuesday, Wednesday, January 28th students in grades 5th through 8th will be giving speeches about a famous landmark. The contest will identify the top 3 students in our school, who will compete with other students in Manhattan. On Thursday evening , January 29th the Parents Association will hold a school wide Parents meeting and on Friday, January 30th, students in Early Childhood will have a visit from Schmitty, the Weather Dog.

Tonight after the 5:30 Mass, we will once again host Spirit Sunday in the rectory. Spirit Sunday is a chance for parishioners to get to know one another, share some conviviality and foster fellowship. Please join us.

The JoyJ Group and I would like to thank all the members of this parish who participated in the Jesse Tree Project during the Christmas season. The response was absolutely overwhelming with hundreds of items received including sweatshirts, T shirts, hats, socks, gloves, warmers, toiletries, gift cards, cash and candy. Your generosity will make the winter season a lot more comfortable for those in need.

The Mass for Families with Special Needs is celebrated at 4:00 p.m. every first and third Sunday of the month. Next Sunday, February 1st, is the date: please let people know.

Remember, Baptisms are celebrated in Lent only in case of emergency.

Thank you for all your kind words and generous gifts throughout the Christmas season. The Christmas collection will be closed next week. It increased \$971.00 for a total of \$147,500. Thank you each and every one.

Pray for Peace
Father Duffell

ARCHDIOCESAN - WIDE FOOD CAMPAIGN

This year, Blessed Sacrament Parish will participate in **Feeding Our Neighbors**, an Archdiocesan - Wide Drive to replenish dwindling Food Pantries in our community. From **January 24 through February 1**, you can Feed Our Neighbors by replenishing the Blessed Sacrament pantry for our 15 families, our sister pantry at the Kennedy Center on West 134 St. and pantries across the Archdiocese. It only takes **one small action to feed the hungry**. Together we can change lives.

Three simple ways to participate in the campaign are: (1)Bring non-perishable foods to Saturday and Sunday Masses between January 24th and February 1st (see the food list) (2)Support by donating money during a Mass collection, make an on-line donation at www.catholiccharitiesny.org/feedingourneighbors or make a quick \$10 donation by texting “CCHOPE” to 85944 and (3)Volunteer at a Food Pantry near you.

Members of the parish Social Action Committee and others will be distributing Feeding Our Neighbors information and food lists at the church entrance.

SLAVE LABOR + CONSUMERISM

You are invited to a workshop on Thursday, February 5th, at Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius Loyola, Park Avenue and 84th Street at 7:00 p.m. to learn about the many ways slave labor produces the goods we use in our daily living. RSVP by February 1st to AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com or **212 288-3588**.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

February 13-15 (Friday till Sunday 1pm)

Marianist Family Retreat Center

Cape May Point, NJ 08212

609-884-3829 or www.capemaymarianists.org.

This weekend is for young adults (age 22-35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

BEYOND EXTREMISM: RECLAIMING RELIGION'S PEACEBUILDING CAPACITY IN AN UNSTABLE WORLD

How can religious leaders and foreign policy makers work together to lay the foundations for peace in hotspots around the globe? Join us on Tuesday, January 27th for a forum on the intersection where secular politics and the world's faith traditions meet. Place: Constantino Room/Fordham Law School, 150 West 62nd Street. For more information, visit fordham.edu/crc.

OUR Inheritance: Vatican II at 50. The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.

Monday, March 9, 2015 / 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 / 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

12th floor Lounge—E. Corrigan Conference Center
113 West 60th St.—Fordham University, New York

How will Vatican II continue to shape the church and its engagement with the wider world? What are the emerging horizons in politics, society, and the intellectual life toward which Catholic scholars should orient their attention? An impressive gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Conciliar world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: Fordham.edu/CRC.

RSVP: crcprogram@fordham.edu

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Por lo menos una vez al año a los Cristianos se les recuerda el ruego de Jesús a sus Discípulos “que sean todos uno y en el mundo todos creeran” (Apostol Juan 17.21). Los cristianos nos reunimos para rezar por la unidad. Alrededor del mundo congregaciones y parroquias se unen intercambiando plegarias o convocan celebraciones ecumenicas especiales. Este evento se celebra esta semana: “The Week of Prayers for Christian Unity”. Roguemos por el entendimiento y la tolerancia entre los cristianos.

Este año, la Semana de Escuelas Catolicas celebran lo que Blessed Sacrament hace tan bien: inculcar a los estudiantes la Fe y el Conocimiento y al mismo tiempo enfatizar el trabajar al servicio de los demas. La semana se iniciara con la Misa de Familia a las 10:00 a.m. El martes 27 de enero abriremos nuestras puertas celebrando “Touring Tuesday”; el miercoles 28 de enero estudiantes del 5to al 8vo grado pronunciaran discursos sobre lugares famosos. Este concurso nos ayudara a identificar los mejores 3 estudiantes en nuestra escuela los que competiran con otros estudiantes en Manhattan. El jueves 29 de enero por la noche la Asociacion de Padres tendra una reunion y el viernes 30 de enero los pequenos de “Early Childhood” recibiran la visita de “Schmitt, the Weather Dog.”

La Misa para “Families with Special Needs” se celebra el 1er y 3er domingo del mes a las 4:00 p.m. El domingo, 1ro de febrero celebraremos la proxima.

Recuerden que el Sacramento del Bautismo solo se ofrecera durante la Cuaresma en casos de emergencia.

Gracias a todos por sus palabras y generocidad durante la Navidad. La colecta navidena cierra la semana proxima y durante los ultimos dias recibimos \$971.00 para un total de \$147,500.— A todos, nuestro mas sincero agradecimiento.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell