



# 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)

11:15 (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.



<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>November 21st</b>
5:30	Giovanni, Bonaventura and Salvatore Ianni +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 22nd</b>
8:30	Fernando Pando +
10:00	Christopher Augustine Anthony Martin +
11:00	Gregorio de la Rivera +
12:30	In Gratitude to St. Anthony and Jesus
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 23rd</b>
7:30	John Moyles +
12:10	Adelina Osso +
5:30	Intentions of Denise Martens
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 24th</b>
7:30	The McCalley Family +
12:10	Evelyn Runco +
5:30	Lin Cho Tom +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 25th</b>
7:30	All Souls
12:10	Nial Kenney-McFarland and families +
+ 5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 26th</b>
10:00	Mary C. O'Donnell +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 27th</b>
7:30	Milagros and Martin Insauste +
12:10	Christopher Visconti +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 28th</b>
7:30	Intentions of Edward Prekelezag
12.10	Malcolm MacNeil +
5:30	Jinny Kim Gardino +

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

I wish to restate my invitation to a reception honoring Fr. Fred for his many years of service at Blessed Sacrament. He will be leaving the Parish at the beginning of December. Fr. Fred will celebrate the 5:30pm Mass on November 29th. The reception will follow. Please join us.

As you noticed, there is a copy of the Parish Annual Report in the bulletin. Please take time to read it. The Finance Council will be available for questions. Again, I'd like to thank the Finance Council for their dedication and hard work.

On Thanksgiving Eve there will be an Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at St. Paul and St. Andrew. See the bulletin for details

The baptismal catechesis for December will be on Tuesday Dec. 1. Call the Rectory for details.

Thanksgiving is celebrated this Thursday. Here in the Parish, we'll celebrate Mass at 10:00am. It is to God that we must offer thanks. I would ask that everyone, from the youngest to the oldest, bring in a canned good; at the offertory, I'll invite everyone to bring up their canned good and place it in the sanctuary. I look forward to seeing you.

Next Sunday marks the beginning of the Church's liturgical year—the First Sunday of Advent.

Today is the feast of Christ the King, celebrating the kinship of Jesus. We are challenged to live as the Lord directs. Have I, have we, really struggled to be faithful to Jesus and his way?

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Deseo reiterarles mi invitacion a la recepcion en honor de Fr Fred agradeciendole sus anos de servicio en nuestra parroquia. Fr. Fred estara con nosotros hasta el principio de diciembre y celebrara su ultima misa el 29 de noviembre. A continuacion celebraremos la recepcion.

Como habran notado hemos incluido una copia del Reporte Financiero Anual de nuestra parroquia. Le pedimos leerlo. El Consejo Financiero estara disponible para contestar sus preguntas. Gracias a sus miembros por su labor ydedicacion.

La Vispera de Thanksgiving se celebra un servicio especial de Accion de Gracias en la Iglesia de St. Paul y St. Andrew. Detalles en el boletin.

La clase preparatoria para el Bautismo tendra lugar el martes 1 de diciembre a las 7:30pm. Llamen a la Rectoria para mas detalles.

Este jueves celebramos el dia de Accion de Gracias. Solo habra una Misa a las 10:00am. Pediria a cada uno desde el el mas joven hasta el adulto traer un producto en lata; durante el ofertorio los invitare a traerlos y coilocarlos en el santuario. Espero verlos a tods.

El proximo domingo comienza la era liturgica de la Iglesia—el primer Domingo de Adviento.

Hoy se celebra la fiesta de Cristo Rey. Enfrentamos el desafio de vivir como nos manda el Senor. En realidad, yo, ustedes: hemos tratado de de ser fieles a Jesus?

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell.

**INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE**

Our congregations will once again gather together (as we have for the past 40 years!) on the evening before Thanksgiving to sing and pray together. This year's Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will be here at St. Paul and St. Andrrw/B'nai Jeshurun, on Wednesday, November 25th, 7:00pm. We are at the corner of 86th and West End Avenue.

**COLLECTION**

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$11,049. \$3,353 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$14,402..



**FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION**

**THIS WEEKEND** is our monthly non-perishable grocery collection for FOOD FOR FAMILIES. **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.)*

**ADVENT SIMPLE SUPPERS**

Please join us during the 4 Wednesdays during Advent: December 2, December 9, December 16 and December 23 for Prayer and Meditation followed by a light dinner of soup, salad, and bread. Prayers begin promptly at 7PM in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Rectory. It's a wonderful and contemplative way to prepare for Christmas. We hope to see you there. For more information please call/email Chris Williams (Tel. No. 304-337-1252; Email: jcw.arts@gmail.com) or Christina Russo (Tel.201-248-7244; Email: christinarusso3@gmail).

**THE COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)**

provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. In the last five years, over 36% of CCHD's grants have gone to improving housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us to continue to defend human dignity and take poverty off the map. Give generously to the CCHD. ***The collection will be taken up this week at all masses.***

**JOYJ INITIATIVE HOMELESS OUTREACH**

On Saturday, December 12, 2015 at 10:00am from the Hall of the Lower Church of Blessed Sacrament. Members of the JoyJ Initiative have spoke at all of your Masses giving detailed information concerning this Outreach and how it impacts our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters who live on the streets of our City, as well as how this Outreach will fill your souls with the joy o Jesus. The comfort bags will already be prepared for you and experienced leaders will be assigned to groups going out to the various locations. We look forward to seeing you on December 12th at 10:00am for coffee and doughnuts before we head out. For more information please go to [joyj.org](http://joyj.org) and God Bless you.

**THINKING AND PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS**

Workshop—**Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis (Ch 3 Laudato Si**

Tuesday Dec. 1st, 7-9pm—doors will open at 6:30pm offering some networking time.

Church of the Holy Name, Lower Church (96th St. bet. Broadway and Amsterdam)

**Recommended reading: Chapter 3 Laudato Si.**

**Participation in previous workshops not necessary!**

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**Saturday, November 21st**

**5:30**

1st	Todd Reppert
2nd	Carolyn McZinc
POF	Jerry Becker
EM's	Jerry Becker, Steve Whelan, Diana O'Toole, Ben Ventura, Carolyn McZinc



**Sunday, November 22nd**

**8:30**

1st	Eileen Simpson
2nd	Eileen Simpson
POF	Tom Caffrey
EMs	John Simpson, Tony Jalandoni, Tom Caffrey, Vivian Villaluz, Eileen Siimpson

**10:00**

1st	Jillian MacDonald
2nd	Charles Weeks
POF	Anna Piazza
EMs	Andrew Jenkins, Belinda De la Cruz, Lidia Stempien, Anna-Sophia Leone, Eddie Litton, Andrew Fitzsimmons, Philippa Cooper, Joan Tedeschi

**12:30**

1st	Jack Going
2nd	Jack Going
POF	Diana Lote
EMs	Thomas Alexander, Elsa Alvarez, Christina Elefante, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Lidia Stempien

**5:30**

1st	Elizabeth Kubinski
2nd	Elizabeth Heilman Brooke Murray
POF	Mark Murphy
Ems	Elisa Dragu, Brian Fallon, Rob Porell, Helena Maria Lim, Patricia Alvarez de Fallon, Mark Murphy, Joyce Polistena

**Advent & St. Nicholas Celebration for Children**

Please join our NYC Catholic Families Group in the undercroft of the church on Saturday, December 5th, 3:30-5:00pm. The message of waiting that Advent teaches us as Catholics is an especially important one to pass on to our sometimes impatient children. We will gather to do some Advent-related crafts and songs and to mark the Feast Day of St. Nicholas (12/6), on whom Santa Claus is based. Please join our Meetup group and RSVP at: <http://meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/>.

