



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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CHURCH: 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

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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	July 4th
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff Randy Valli +
Sunday	July 5th
8:30	Hildegard Pfeiffer +
10:00	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
11:00	People of the Parish
12:30	Bruno Ballarini+—Joseph Drogheo+
5:30	Wayne Dankert+ Donald Williams+ - First Anniversary
Monday	July 6th
7:30	Annette Klabin +
12:10	Norah O'Brien +s
5:30	Kevin James Coleman +
Tuesday	July 7th
7:30	Octavio Rendon +
12:10	Carmen Colantino +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	July 8th
7:30	Rosemary Adams +
12:10	America Hidalgo-Rodriguez +
5:30	Josefa Grillo +
Thursday	July 9th
7:30	Jack Alesi +
12:10	Intentions of Jacques Henry
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	July 10th
7:30	Intentions of William Garcia
12:10	James Satorius
5:30	Jeanette Gigante +
Saturday	July 11th
7:30	The McCauley Family +
12:10	Intentions of Emilia Lord
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

On Thursday, June 25, Donna DeSolis, our long time parish secretary, slipped into the embrace of God. What can I say about Donna? Donna loved her job. She was funny, hard working, she was irreverent. More than anything else, however, Donna was a listener. She really ministered to those who came to her. That was her particular ministry at Blessed Sacrament. At any given time, Donna could be found listening to the bereaved, the lonely, the sick, the just plain tired. Donna had time for everyone.

Please keep Donna in your prayers. Also pray for her husband Tony and son Bryan who so cared for Donna in her struggle with cancer.

The funeral liturgy will be prayed for Donna on Wednesday, July 15 at 6:30pm. Afterward, I'd like to invite all of you to the rectory for a reception. Please come and share your stories about Donna. May she rest in peace.

Pray for peace
Fr. Duffell

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos

El jueves, 25 de junio nuestra fiel secretaria Donna DeSolis se durmió en el seno del Señor. Que puedo decir sobre Donna? Le gustaba su trabajo, tenia sentido del humor, era trabajadora e irreverente. Pero mas que nada, Donna sabia escuchar. Siempre amable con aquellos que venían a verla y su tarea principal en Blessed Sacrament. Se le podía encontrar escuchando al enfermo, al amigo, al que se sintiera solo o simplemente, que estuviera cansado. Donna tenia tiempo para todos.

Rueguen por ella así como por su esposo Tony y su hijo Bryan quienes la atendieron tan bien en su lucha contra el cáncer..

La liturgia del funeral tendrá lugar el miércoles 15 de julio a las 6:30pm. Una vez terminado el servicio, les invito a una recepción en la rectoría. Vengan y compartan sus historias sobre Dona. Que descanse en paz.

Roguemos por la Paz.
Fr. Duffell



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**The flowers decorating the sanctuary are
 offered in memory of
 Donald Williams
 on the first anniversary of his death.
 Remember him in your prayers.**
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SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Will begin on Sunday September 13 with the 10:00 am Family Mass in the Church. Religious instruction is held in the school after the Family Mass until 12:15. REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 27. SOME CLASSES WILL FILL UP. WE MAY HAVE TO PLACE YOUR CHILD ON A WAITING LIST AFTER JULY 27. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS.

Re-registration forms and information have been mailed to current students. Information and forms for new students can be picked up at the parish office or found on the Sunday School website:

www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org.

Sunday School teachers and Assistants are needed to serve in this important Parish Ministry. Volunteers who work with children follow a screening process as required by the Archdiocese. Please call Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Thinking of becoming a Catholic: Are you Catholic but have not received Communion or Confirmation? Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at the parish office (212-877-3111) to register or seek information.

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$5,729. \$2,571 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$8,300.

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

The Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa supports pastoral projects that support the growth of the Church in Africa. These projects include teaching catechism classes, building new churches, and offering retreats to weary church personnel in conflict areas. This collection is a way for us to express solidarity with our African brothers and sisters and to work for their spiritual and material development. Please be generous in this collection today.

COMMENTS FROM ARCHBISHOPS BLASE CUPICH AND WILTON GREGORY ON THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON GAY MARRIAGE

+Cupich: *"...In the second decision., the United States Supreme Court has ruled that two persons of the same sex have a constitutional right to marry each other. In doing so, the Court has re-defined civil marriage. The proposed reason for the ruling is the protection of equal rights for all citizens, including those who identify themselves as gay. The rapid social changes signaled by the Court ruling call us to mature and serene reflections as we move forward together. In that process, the Catholic Church will stand ready to offer a wisdom rooted in faith and a wide range of human experience."*

+Gregory: *This judgment...does not absolve either those who may approve or disapprove of this decision from the obligations of civility toward one another. Neither is it a license for more venomous language or vile behavior against those whose opinions continue to differ from our own. It is a decision that confers a civil entitlement to some people who could not claim it before. It does not resolve the moral debate that preceded it and will most certainly continue in its wake.*

PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

Sunday's readings make it clear. It isn't easy being a follower of Jesus. It isn't even easy being Jesus. St. Paul certainly knew that, as did the prophets before and since him. If you want a job where people are likely to reject you and your message, answer God's call: "Hard of face and obstinate of heart are they to whom I am sending you." Nevertheless, that is not just the call of ancient times, but our call, too. Whether it's Pope Francis addressing those who put profit over people and the Earth, our local bishops calling for immigration reform, or you advocating for greater gun control in a gun-loving nation, be prepared to be ignored, refuted, or rebuked. But most of all, be prepared to stand strong in your faithfulness to the One who sends you.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month we have Bereavement Support Groups—**General Bereavement at 5:30pm** and **Perinatal Loss** (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) **at 6:30pm**. Both groups meet in the Rectory. No registration or fee is required.