



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) & 5:30PM

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.

CONFESIONS:

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	August 22nd
5:30	George Kaufmann +
Sunday	August 23rd
8:30	Aida Segovia +
10:00	Intentions of Emilia Lord
11:00	Juana Tellado Rivera +
12:30	James Wallace+
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	August 24th
7:30	Intentions of Pia Ferrario
12:10	Lord Jagadesan Family
5:30	Intentions and Health Beatrice Locilento
Tuesday	August 25th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Margarita Rey +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	August 26th
7:30	Domingo and Pipina Noriega +
12:10	Intentions of Pia Ferrario
5:30	Juan Manuel Sucre +
Thursday	August 27th
7:30	Intentions of Ana Bonelli
12:10	Intentions of Timothy Twomey
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	August 28th
7:30	Gualberto Capinpin +
12:10	Pina Muscella +
5:30	Frank Wandrey +
Saturday	August 29th
7:30	John Lindloff +
12:10	Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +
5:30	Giovanni Ianni +

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

As you know, this summer a lot of activity has been going on in the theater and parish hall (some want to call it the “undercroft”). The work has been primarily limited to demolition, cleaning and repairs. We’re now at a crossroads, where we as a parish need to assess the future uses of the theater and parish hall. To that end, the Buildings and Grounds Committee and I have been looking into architectural services to develop a master plan for the space. At a minimum, we’ve got to consider the following:

1. Analysis of existing theater and performance space.
2. Warming pantry for catering and daily use.
3. New ADA compliant bathrooms.
4. New ADA compliant elevator.

5. Restoration of ceiling murals
6. Mechanical, air conditioning, plumbing, electrical upgrades
7. Sprinklers and fire alarms
8. Lighting improvements
9. Waterproofing and review of existing conditions

I’ve included in the bulletin a list of questions to consider. I’d like to get everyone’s thoughts on what we could do and should do in the church undercroft. Give me your ideas, no idea is too crazy; be creative. Let’s come up with a master plan that will reflect the smartest and best use of the space. And then as a parish we’ll decide what is possible, Your thoughts matter—please let me know what you think.

I’ll be in and out for the next week while I take a few days for vacation.

Pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell

MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Como habrán notado, últimamente ha habido mucha actividad en el teatro y en el sótano. El trabajo se ha limitado parcialmente a demoler, limpiar y reparar el área. Estamos ahora en una encrucijada, donde como parroquia necesitamos evaluar el uso futuro de estos espacios. Hacia ese fin, el “Building and Ground Committee” y yo hemos consultado con firmas de arquitectura para desarrollar un plan maestro para esta área. Como mínimo, debemos considerar lo siguiente:

1. Análisis del teatro y área de interpretación
2. Despensa (“pantry”) para uso diario y de hospitalidad (“catering”).
3. Nuevos servicios de aseo de acuerdo a las especificaciones del ADA.
4. Un nuevo ascensor de acuerdo a las especificaciones del ADA.
5. Restauración de los murales del techo.
6. Actualización de los sistemas mecánicos, aire acondicionado, plomería y eléctricos.
7. Rociadores contra incendios y alarmas de fuego.
8. Mejoras al sistema de iluminación.
9. Impermeabilizar (“waterproofing”) y revisión de las presentes condiciones.

Quisiera recibir de todos ustedes ideas sobre lo que deberíamos hacer en el sótano de la iglesia. Cualquier idea es válida, sean creativos. Pensemos en un plan maestro que refleje la mejor manera de utilizar el espacio. Y luego, como parroquia, decidiremos lo que será mejor.

Estaré (entrando y saliendo) por unos días de vacaciones.

Rueguen por la Paz

Fr. Duffell



BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meets Sept. 9th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the rectory. We'll be reading "The Moviegoer", winner of the 1961 National Book Award, written by Walker Percy, one of the most significant Catholic Southern writers of the 20th Century. It's a short novel, humorous but at the same time raising important questions about the purpose of life. Do we sometimes treat life like watching a movie, instead of living it? What can we do to find happiness without being sunk in the "everydayness" of life?

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$6,188.. \$2,266 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$8,454. Thank you too for the \$3,713 you offered in support of the Diocese of Butare.



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 WAS JULY 27... SOME CLASSES ARE FILLED.. We will accept late registrations for unfilled classes until Sept. 1. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FROM SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13. REGISTRATION WILL REOPEN ON SEPTEMBER 14.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 more information.



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

ABC's OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: THIS WEEK—Lebanon

Millions of Syrians have fled their country in the wake of the violent civil war that began in 2011. Thousands are now in Lebanon. CRS represents American Catholics in Lebanon and responds with food, shelter, living supplies and education and counseling for children. 700,000 people in the region are being helped by CRS and its supporters

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPEAKER—BSC

Rectory—August 26, 2015 at 7:00pm

Meet Raina Clark-Gaun, CRS Tanzania, as she shares her stories and experiences and how CRS supports the poorest of the poor in this African country. An interesting evening is promised

FREE IMMIGRATION CLINIC

Saturday , August 29th from 10:00am to 4:00pm. At the San Damiano Hall of the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, 135 West 31st Street. To register please call: 212-736-8500, ext. 305/377.

DIANNE R. CARR

Pianist and musician, Dianne is seeking others to join her in musically enriching the weekday 7:30am Masses at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Dianne at: diannercarr@yahoo.com

PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

There seems to be some rumblings of discontent in Sunday's readings. Why else bring up the choice of remaining faithful to God in the first reading or to Jesus in the Gospel? Clearly, some people are wavering in their loyalty. But then there are those who hold firm, willing to serve God and stick with Jesus. Before we dismiss those who stray and identify with those who stay, let's give the former group some respect. At least they recognize that to serve God, to follow Jesus is hard. And they are admitting that they're not so sure they want to engage in the struggle. What about us? Do we acknowledge that to be a Christian is to be counter-cultural, that it's difficult, and that we fail at least now and then? Love your enemy. Forgive 70 x 7 times. Give not of your excess, but of your essentials. Yes, let's choose Christ, but let's be sure we know what we're getting into.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The Baptism preparation class will take place on September 8th at 7:30pm in the rectory.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month we have Bereavement Support Groups - General Bereavement at 5:30 p.m. and Perinatal Loss (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) at 6:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Rectory on January 2nd. For more information, please contact at the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee.

