



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	August 29th
5:30	Giovanni Ianni +
Sunday	August 30th
8:30	Josef Galewski +
10:00	Kathleen Collins +
11:00	Virgen de la Puerta +
12:30	Mary Beth Harrington +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	August 31st
7:30	David Soto +
12:10	Patricia Bowen +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	September 1st
7:30	Ellen T. Somerville +
12:10	Ray and Jenny Caropzza +
5:30	Intentions of Angel Gabriel Rodriguez
Wednesday	September 2nd
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Gene Dempsey +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	September 3rd
7:30	Jimmy Anderson +
12:10	Joseph Gonzalez +
5:30	Intentions of Rita Sardos (Happy Birthday)
Friday	September 4th
7:30	Amado Chua +
12:10	Clemencia Padilla +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	September 5th
7:30	
12.10	Int. and Health Godfrey Passato & family
5:30	Wayne Dankert +

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 meet in the Rectory. For more information, please call 212-877-3111. **No registration is required. There is no fee.**

VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com.—be sure to put “Visiting Friends Program” in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.

LET’S BE PROTECTORS OF CREATION

The wonders of the Earth, the beauty of our planet, the gift of natural resources and the human family’s unique role as steward of Creation are all reasons the Church is deeply concerned about the environment. How we misuse natural resources and abuse the natural environment is often a reflection of how we treat each other. Those in poverty and vulnerable communities are on the front lines of the disruptions caused by climate change, like changing weather patterns which affect crops. Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of the environment and each other.

PATH TO THE STILL CENTER

Come join us every Thursday at 5:30pm in the Rectory. We are following the teachings of Dom John Main, OSB and Father Lawrence Freeman, OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The meeting includes a short taped talk, a silent meditation of 30 minutes and a time for questions or another short reading. It ends at 7:00pm. **NO FEE.** For further information please call Mary Orth-Pallavicini at 212-877-3111.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The Baptism preparation class will take place on September 8th at 7:30pm in the rectory. And on Sunday, September 20th we will have the Sacrament of Baptism at 2:00pm.

The richest person is not the one who has the most—but the one who needs the least



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 \$5,903. \$3,102 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$9,005.

**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

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming Friday, September 4th, is the First Friday of the month. We have **exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10pm Mass** and adoration during the afternoon. We close with the **Benediction at 5:15pm**. Please come and spend some time in prayer.

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

Pax Christi Metro New York, September 11th for Peaceful Tomorrows, the Loretto Community, the Curran Center AT Fordham University, and Westchester Interfaith Connection invite you to a commemoration of September 11th, 2001 and UN International Peace Day. In honor of these important days we will be showing the film "In our Son's Name" about the transformation that Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez experienced after their son Greg died in the World Trade Center. This moving portrait of a positive response to violence challenges conventional concepts of healing and justice. Phyllis and Orlando will be with us to facilitate discussion. Join us at 2 PM, Sunday, September 13th, in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph's Greenwich Village Church, Washington Place and Sixth Avenue. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10, more if you have it, less if you don't.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

An all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th graders and their parents, on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30—8:30pm.

For more information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028. **212-288-1100 Ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.**

"War destroys. And we must cry out for peace. Peace sometimes give the idea of stillness, but it is never stillness. It is always an active peace. I think that everyone must be committed in the matter of peace, to do everything that they can, what I can do from here. Peace is the language we must speak."
Pope Francis,