

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) & 5:30PM
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:

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.
During Lent the sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated only in an emergency situation.

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.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

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.

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

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.

Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Thank you to all who enabled our celebrations of Holy Week, Palm Sunday, the Pascal Triduum (the Liturgy of the Lord’s Last Supper, the Suffering and Dying of the Lord, the Great Easter Vigil). All our Easter Sunday celebrations were so wonderful and alive.

A special word of thanks to Marlon Hosang, the altar server, who was so well prepared and so prayerful, the Lectors who proclaimed the Word with great dignity and the Ministers of the Eucharist who as always offers the Body and Blood of Christ to us with such grace.

Our choir enabled us to better lift our minds to God – thanks to Gregory D’Agostino our music director and the choir he conducts, to Jim Trainor and the 5:30pm Mass choir and the Spanish choir.

Thanks to Thomas Davis for coordinating the decorating of the church.

Our parish maintenance staff truly excelled in keeping the church clean and safe.

My thanks go out to the office staff who laid out and printed and assembled the music program.

Thanks to Junior Santiago for all you do behind the scenes.

Nothing happens in Blessed Sacrament without the involvement of so many people.

Parents who were to present for their child for baptism are reminded of the Baptismal Preparation Conference to be held on Tuesday of this week at 7:30pm.

Month of the Holy Eucharist. During the month of April, we give special honor to the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, the Second Vatican Council taught us, is “the source and summit o the Christian life” (Lumen gentium, 11). What does that mean? It means that our participation in the Eucharist is the source from which we draw our strength to live as Jesus taught and to serve in his name. It is also the summit, the high point of our communal life.

We use the word Eucharist to describe our celebration of the Mass. We use the same word when we speak of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. In this month of the Holy Eucharist, let us participate more fully and actively in the Church’s liturgy, our celebration of the Eucharist. And let us take time, too, for quiet adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, and become more aware of the wondrous way Christ comes to us in the Eucharist.

Divine Mercy Sunday. The Sunday of Divine Mercy is a day established by Pope John Paul II as “a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face with confidence in divine benevolence the difficulties and trials that humankind will experience in years to come” (Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, May 23, 2000). In a way similar to Passion Sunday (Palm Sunday) or the Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday), the Second Sunday of Easter bears the additional title of Sunday of Divine Mercy.

This is not a new solemnity or feast, nor does it celebrate a new or separate mystery of redemption, but rather, it leads into continuing celebration of God’s mercy during Easter Time. As the Octave Day of Easter, the Lectionary readings and prayer texts highlight the mystery of divine compassion that underlies the Church’s Easter faith.

Feast of the Annunciation. Through the angel Gabriel, the Spirit of God comes to Mary in the most unfeasible way, asking the impossible. As a young woman engaged to be married, being found pregnant would have meant her death in the culture at the time. She risks hurting Joseph, bringing shame on their families, and setting herself up for execution, because she is sure of one thing: God calls her mother to the Son of God. Mary is special because her faith is stronger than her fear. She does not see the road ahead but knows that God wills for her to journey it nonetheless. Trusting in God above all, she consents her will, becoming the first and most important vessel of bringing Christ’s presence into the world.

Pray for peace in this Year of Mercy.
Fr. Duffell



Saturday Evening, April 2nd

5:30 Giovanni Ianni +

Sunday, April 3rd

8:30 The Decker & Carroll Families +

9:45 Vincenzo Gardino +

11:15 Bolivar Garcia +

12:30 Michael T. Wallace +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Monday, April 4th

7:30 Juan Brin +

12:10 Lourdes Fernandez +

5:30 Robert J. Ross +

Tuesday, April 5th

7:30 Juan Brin +

12:10 Juanita Coto +

5:30 Wayne Dankert +

Wednesday, April 6th

7:30 Diana Siskind +

12:10 Rustico Cristobal +

5:30 Ana Lucia Hernandez +

Thursday, April 7th

7:30 Marion Muritz +

12:10 Carmen Colantino +

5:30 Mario Discepola +

Friday, April 8th

7:30 Ronald Bernhard +

12:10 Josefa Grillo +

5:30 Lucille Burnham +

Saturday, April 9th

7:30 Florinda Dominguez +

12:10 St. Jude Thaddaeus +

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que contribuyeron a la celebración de la Semana Santa, del Domingo de Ramos, y el Triduum Pascual (Liturgia de la Última Cena, Sufrimiento y Muerte del Señor, Vigilia Pascual).

También agradecemos a Marlon Hosang, Servidor en el Altar, como siempre bien preparado y eficiente, a los Lectores proclamando la Palabra con gran dignidad así como a los Ministros de la Eucaristía ofreciendo el Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo en estado de gracia.

A Gregory D'Agostino, nuestro Director Musical y al coro bajo su mando; a Jim Trainor y al coro de la Misa de la 5:30pm así como al Coro Español. Gracias a todos por su colaboración.

A Thomas Davis por coordinar la decoración de la Iglesia.

Al personal de custodia por su trabajo en mantener nuestra parroquia limpia y segura.

A nuestro personal en la Rectoría quienes prepararon e imprimieron los programas musicales.

A Junior Santiago por todo lo que haces entre bastidores ("behind the scenes").

Nada pasa en Blessed Sacrament sin la ayuda de tanta gente.

Recordamos a los padres que presentaran a sus hijos/as para el Bautismo que la conferencia de preparación para el mismo tendrá lugar este martes a las 7:30pm.

Mes de la Sagrada Eucaristía. Durante el mes de abril honramos especialmente la Sagrada Eucaristía. De acuerdo al Segundo Consejo del Vaticano la Eucaristía es "la fuente y cumbre de la Vida Cristiana" (Lumen pentium, 11). Que significa esto? Pues que nuestra participación en la Eucaristía es la fuente de nuestro deseo de vivir como enseñó Jesús y de servir en su nombre. Y es también la cumbre, el punto mas alto de nuestra vida en común.

Se usa la palabra Eucaristía para describir la celebración de la Misa. También cuando se habla del Sacramento del Cuerpo y Sangre de Cristo. Durante este mes participemos mas activamente en la liturgia de la Iglesia. Y encontremos el momento para adorar tranquilamente en la presencia del Santísimo Sacramento y de estar mas consiente de como Cristo llega a nosotros en la Eucaristía.

Domingo de la Merced Divina. Es una día establecido por el Papa Juan Pablo II como una "invitación permanente al mundo Cristiano para enfrentar con confianza y benevolencia divina las dificultades que experimentara la humanidad en tiempos aun por venir" ("Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments"), May 23, 2000). Algo similar al Domingo de Pasión (Domingo de Palmas) o al 4to Domingo de Pascua (Domingo del Buen Pastor), el Segundo Domingo de Pascua tiene también el nombre de Domingo de la Merced Divina.

No es una nueva solemnidad o fiesta ni tampoco celebra un misterio separado de redención, sino una continua celebración de la gracia de Dios durante el Tiempo Pascual. En este día las Lecturas y plegarias enfatizan el misterio de la compasión divina que refuerza la Fe Pascual de la Iglesia.

Fiesta de la Anunciación. A través del Angel Gabriel el Espíritu Santo llega a María pidiéndole lo imposible. Para una mujer, que prometida en matrimonio llegara a estar en cinta en la cultura de entonces, hubiera significado su muerte. Se arriesgo a humillar a Jose, avergonzar a sus familias y pudiendo ser ejecutada porque estaba segura de algo: el Señor la llama madre del Hijo de Dios. Maria es especial porque su fe es mas fuerte

que su miedo. No ve el camino a seguir pues sabe que Dios la guía. Confiando en Dios sobre todo, consintió en ser el medio mas importante de traer la presencia de Cristo al mundo.

Recemos por la paz.
Padre Duffell.

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. \$47,121 has been received in the Easter collection, \$1,050 for Holy Thursday and \$1,710 for Good Friday. Again, Thank you.

MCGINLEY LECTURE AT FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., the Lawrence J. McGinley professor of Religion and Society at Fordham, will deliver the annual Spring McGinley Lecture, "Making War, Making Peace: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Attitudes," on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016 at 6:00pm on the Lincoln Center Campus in Manhattan. It will be repeated on Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 at 6:00pm on the Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx. The Lecture will be followed by responses from Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz of Fordham University and Professor Mehnaz Afride of Manhattan College. The lecture is free and open to the public. For further information please call 718-817-4745; email: mcgchair@fordham.edu; or check the website www.fordham.edu/mcginleychair.

JOY J

The JoyJ initiative is pleased to announce that its next Homeless Outreach is being held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The packing of the comfort bags will begin at 9:00 A.M. and then all the volunteers will gather at 10:00 A.M. to go out and bring spiritual and physical comfort to our less fortunate Brothers and Sisters who live on the streets of NYC. Please join us in the lower Church down the stairs between the Church and the Rectory. It will do wonders for your soul. See you there!

On Friday, March 18, a group of over 15 Blessed Sacrament Parishioners, led by the Social Action Committee, attended a panel discussion on solitary confinement, hosted by the National Religious Campaign Against Torture.

The discussion not only highlighted the inhumane and horrific practices taking place in prisons around the country, but also underscored the ineffectiveness of solitary confinement, and the danger it poses inside and outside of prison walls. Prisoners can be left for years to serve out their sentences in solitary confinement - cruel and damaging conditions with no access to rehabilitative programs. Upon release, they re-join society as tortured individuals, a safety risk for us all.

The HALT bill, designed to end solitary confinement in New York State, is currently moving through the state legislature. The Blessed Sacrament Social Action Committee firmly believes solitary confinement is torture, and remains committed to following this cause and contributing our efforts to the passage of this bill.

If you would like to get involved in further action around this cause, please contact Annie Burke at anniedonohue@gmail.com or Luke Mayville at lmayvill@gmail.com.



School of the Blessed Sacrament is accepting applications for grades 1 - 8, with financial aide opportunities for qualified families! School of the Blessed Sacrament is a pre-k through eighth grade Catholic elementary school in the heart of the upper west side. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates love of God, self, and others. We integrate technology, the arts, music, and physical education to provide a liberal arts education for the whole child. We seek to develop saints and scholars through innovative, personal learning experiences. Contact us today at 212-724-7561 or www.sblsny.org.

APRIL MOMS' GROUP FEATURING DR. MARY FLANNERY

Join us Wednesday, April 6, in the rectory, as Dr. Flannery, a parishioner, mother, pediatrician and child psychiatrist will be conducting a Q&A session. Please arrive promptly at 7pm as the Q&A will begin soon thereafter. Sign up for more information about our monthly socials for mothers, fathers and families:
<http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/>

MARGARET F. GRACE LECTURE

“Where Do I Find Hope?”
Dorothy Day and the Solution of Love:
A Conversation with Robert Ellsberg, John L. Allen Jr., and Sr. Simone Campbell
April 12, 2016
7pm – Smith Hall
College of Mount Saint Vincent
6301 Riverdale Avenue, Riverdale, New York 10471

For more information and to register, visit: www.mounsaintvincent.edu/grace

“WHAT NEXT?” EXPLORING THE TRANSITIONS THAT DEFINE WHO WE ARE *A Retreat for Young Adults*

April 15-17, 2016
\$260 per person (financial aid and payment plans available)
Mariandale Retreat Center; Ossining, NY (Accessible via MTA/MetroNorth & Amtrak)

Are you starting a new job? Not sure where your relationship is headed? Contemplating a change in your life? You're not alone! Join other 20- and 30-year-olds for a peer-led retreat weekend to explore transitions that define who we are and who we will become, as well as the faith that can carry us through.

For more information or to register today, visit www.Charis.nyc.

Questions? Contact us at CharisRetreatNYC@gmail.com.

NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY

Witness Mercy (Mt. 5:7)
Saturday, April 30th, 2016, 9:00am – 5:00pm
St. Joseph's Seminary – 201 Seminary Ave.
Yonkers, NY 10704

Come join and meet over a thousand Catholic youth from all over the Archdiocese for a day of faith, fun, great music and speakers, and Mass with his Eminence Cardinal Dolan. Register online at www.OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day. Entrance fee is \$20 before April 9th, \$25 after. It includes: T-shirt, backpack and lunch. For more information, call Cynthia Psencik at the office of youth Ministry at 914-367-8329 or email Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org



If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential*

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM

Date _____

Your Name _____

Your Spouses Name _____

(Only if BOTH are Registering)

Address _____

Apt. # _____ **City** _____ **State** _____

Zip _____ **Telephone** _____

Email _____

Your Occupation _____

Your Spouses Occupation _____

How should we address you? (Check One)

Mr. & Mrs. _____ **Mr.** _____ **Mrs.** _____ **Ms.** _____

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?

Yes _____ **No** _____

If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?

Yes _____ **No** _____

PARISH PAY

Parish pay will collect monthly contribution from your checking, savings or credit card account and send it to the parish. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. You may log onto www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

THE EASTER FLOWERS WHICH ADORN THE SANCTUARY HAVE BEEN OFFERED IN MEMORY OF...

Msgr. Richard Albert+	Olga Croce+	Fern Gricus+	Mr. & Mrs. Enrique
Rita & Harry Albert+	Rudolph Croce+	Alison Caso Guerra+	Morente+
Barbara Albert+	Erlinda Cruz+	Mr. & Mrs. John J. Hanley+	Buzz Moschetto+
Bartolome Angeles+	Joe Davi+	Florence Hastings+	Dan Newland+
Gheorghe Badiu+	Marie Davi+	Carolyn Hill+	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph B.
Eugenia & Theodore	Jerry Dawson+	Holly A. Hogrobrooks+	O'Hehir+
Ballard+	Mary O'Malley de	Leon Horowitz+	Winfred Owens+
Marilena Barladeanu+	Jorquera+	Xiyong Huang+	Domingo Pacquing+
Enoch & Viola Barnes+	Bebe de la Cruz+	Pedro Jalandoni+	Cresencia Pacquing+
Raymond Barrau+	James Delaney+	Terri Jordan+	Apostol Pacquing+
Augustus A. Beekman+	Dorothy Delaney+	Humberto Jorquera+	Lillian Padilla+
Margaret & William	Rocco & Eleanor DeRosa+	Nada Justinic+	Allen Padilla+
Berres+	Roz DiCuccio+	Joseph Justinic+	Fermin Pena+
Annie Blom+	James & Margaret Dorsey+	John & Frances Kaufman+	Hans Pennings+
Anton Blom+	Betty Dorsey+	Jeno Kiss+	Fred & Frnces Polistena+
George Blom+	Genia Dowling+	May & George Kunzmann+	The Puchalla Family+
Beverly Borgia+	John & Agnes Dowling+	John Lacher+	Mildred Quinones+
Helen O'Malley Brown+	Kevin Dowling+	Marie Therese Lake	Melinda Reading+
Ben Bruno+	Vivien Duffell+	Barrau+	Dick Reddy+
Rosanna & Richard Burke+	Anne Duffell+	Prospera Fernanda Lake	Maureen & Ted Reinhard+
Jeanne & Philip Caffrey+	John & Alice Duffell+	Lesieux+	Eric, Winifred & Eladia
William C. Calloway+	John P. Duffell, Jr.+	Nadine LeBlanc+	Riggs+
Emmanuel Campbell	Amelia Elefante+	Isidro G. Lee+	Carlos F. Rodriguez+
Family+	Angel Elefante+	Iлона Legradi+	Nanvy Rodriguez+
Caroline Campochiaro+	Manuela Elefante+	Violet & Edward Lennon+	Ana Martinez Rosario+
Joseph Campochiaro+	Sotera Elefante+	Carl Leonard+	Elieen Rosario+
Nunzio Campochiaro+	Demetri Elefante+	John F. Lisse+	Assunta Ruggiero+
Mary Campochiaro+	Francisco Elefante+	John C. Lisse+	James Ruggiero+
Jimmy & Dorothy	Violet & Edwin Fernandez+	Willie B. Love Family+	Carole J. Russo+
Candelozza+	Roshika Fernando+	John Lugano+	Helen Scull+
Geneva Capparell+	Vicente & Demetria	Sean Thomas Lugano+	Anne Shea+
Michael Capparell+	Fesalbon+	John & Sheila Mackesy+	Catherine Louise
Sam Capparell+	Beth Fletcher+	Irene Mackesy+	Simmons+
Sam Capparell+	Gene Fletcher+	Shirley Madison+	Antonio Sison+
Maria Castillo+	Florence Fox+	Mara Mahon Magnozzi+	Artemio & Senying
Eugenio Castillo+	John J. Fox+	Elvey Marinello+	Soriano+
David Chang+	Nancy Fox+	Daniel Marinello+	Mary Ellen Swazlowski+
Dylan Christian+	Dennis Fox+	Mary Marinucci Reddy+	David Travell+
Scott J. Coates+	William Gabrielsen+	Harry, Helen & Renee	Maria Tropiano+
John F. Collins+	Hope Gabrielsen+	McCalla+	James Turner+
John H. Collins+	Angelina Garcia+	Don McCollum+	Regina Turner+
Mary Collins+	William, Eleanor &	Judith B. McPhie+	Gene Vahey+
Sheila Collins+	Maryellen Gasdaska+	Charles Meier+	Emma B. Valeriano+
Margaret Confrey+	Carol Gibson+	Lillian Meier+	Nery Viray+
JP Confrey+	Carmela & John Gibson+	Efrain Mercado+	Pu Wang+
Tom Cooper+	Joyce Golden+	Jenny Miranda+	Kenneth Wright, Sr.+
Marilyn Critelli+	Maria Gonzalez+	Iliia Montalvo+	Liangqing Zhou+
Dr. Joseph Croce+	Alfred & Ernestine Grice+	Samuel Montalvo+	

AND FOR THE INTENTIONS AND GOOD HEALTH OF...

Argentina Amato	Kathleen Harris	Christine Ubando	Angela Zalamea
Fr. Fred Balinong	Natalie Mandel	Sean Torres	Nat (intention)
Brian Clavin	Paul Mandel	Luis E. Torres	Paul (intention)
	The Syrian Refugees	Ulisses Torres	

