

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 PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
SPANISH WEEKDAY MASS: Second Wednesday of the month
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.

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.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

My dear parishioners and friends,

From Pope Francis' Ash Wednesday Homily:

“The breath of God’s life saves us from the asphyxia that dampens our faith, cools our charity and strangles every hope. To experience Lent is to yearn for this breath of life that our Father unceasingly offers us amid the mire of our history.

The breath of God’s life sets us free from the asphyxia that so often we fail to notice, or become so used to that it seems normal, even when its effects are felt. We think it is normal because we have grown so accustomed to breathing air in which hope has dissipated, the air of glumness and resignation, the stifling air of panic and hostility.

Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people’s lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning?”

Friday March 17th is the Feast of St. Patrick, Patron of the Archdiocese of New York. I did call the Chancery to confirm, and the Archbishop has granted us all a dispensation from our observance of abstinence for the feast! Patrick was taken from his homeland and enslaved at a young age, and after his escape years later would providentially return to the land of his captors to preach the Faith.

While March 19th is technically the Feast of St. Joseph, the celebration of the feast has been transferred to the following day, March 20th. St. Joseph is patron of the Universal Church. Very little is said of Joseph, and he says very little. Joseph is such a model for us of openness to God’s unexpected plans and humility to commit and follow through.

As always let us continue to pray for peace.
Father Duffell

ISSUES ON IMMIGRATION

Worried? Curious? Concerned?

We understand there have been increased concerns about immigration issues. Here at Blessed Sacrament we would like to help those who might be affected.

Our goal is to be a good source of information and be useful for those who need it.

Please feel free to pass this along to others.

If you have questions or want to help, please email immigration.blessedsac@gmail.com or leave a message for us through the Parish Rectory at 212 877-3111.

Flyers which have basic information on immigration that everyone should know will be in the back of the church. This flyer is for everyone, whether it relates to you or you just want to know more and help, so please grab one and get a copy for those whom you think could use it too. This flyer can also be found in the Blessed Sacrament website, www.blessedsacramentnyc.org



CRS RICE BOWL: This Lent, our parish community joins nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States to participate in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. For more information, join CRS Rice Bowl’s on-line community at crsricebowl.org.

Place your cardboard Rice Bowl, or a family bowl, in a prominent place to collect the money you save from what you give up for Lent. We will collect Rice Bowls and your donations on Palm Sunday.

Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

De la homilía del miércoles de ceniza del Papa francisco:

El aliento de la vida de Dios nos libera de esa asfixia de la que muchas veces no somos conscientes y que, incluso, nos hemos acostumbrado a «normalizar», aunque sus signos se hacen sentir; y nos parece «normal» porque nos hemos acostumbrado a respirar un aire cargado de falta de esperanza, aire de tristeza y de resignación, aire sofocante de pánico y aversión.

Cuaresma es el tiempo para decir «no». No, a la asfixia del espíritu por la polución que provoca la indiferencia, la negligencia de pensar que la vida del otro no me pertenece por lo que intento banalizar la vida especialmente la de aquellos que cargan en su carne el peso de tanta superficialidad. La cuaresma quiere decir «no» a la polución intoxicante de las palabras vacías y sin sentido, de la crítica burda y rápida, de los análisis simplistas que no logran abrazar la complejidad de los problemas humanos, especialmente los problemas de quienes más sufren. La cuaresma es el tiempo de decir «no»; no, a la asfixia de una oración que nos tranquilice la conciencia, de una limosna que nos deje satisfechos, de un ayuno que nos haga sentir que hemos cumplido. Cuaresma es el tiempo de decir no a la asfixia que nace de intimismos excluyentes que quieren llegar a Dios saltándose las llagas de Cristo presentes en las llagas de sus hermanos: esas espiritualidades que reducen la fe a culturas de gueto y exclusión.

Cuaresma es tiempo de memoria, es el tiempo de pensar y preguntarnos: ¿Qué sería de nosotros si Dios nos hubiese cerrado las puertas? ¿Qué sería de nosotros sin su misericordia que no se ha cansado de perdonarnos y nos dio siempre una oportunidad para volver a empezar? Cuaresma es el tiempo de preguntarnos: ¿Dónde estaríamos sin la ayuda de tantos rostros silenciosos que de mil maneras nos tendieron la mano y con acciones muy concretas nos devolvieron la esperanza y nos ayudaron a volver a empezar?

El viernes 17 de marzo es la fiesta de San Patricio, Patrón de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Llame a la Cancillería para confirmar y el Arzobispo nos ha concedido para este día prescindir de observar la abstinencia! A una edad muy joven Patricio fue sacado de su país y esclavizado. Escapó años mas tarde y regresó a su tierra donde predicó la Fe.

Aunque el 19 de marzo es técnicamente la Fiesta de San Jose, su celebración ha sido transferida al día siguiente, 20 de marzo. San Jose es el Patrón de la Iglesia Universal. Muy poco se ha dicho de Jose, y muy poco ha dicho el. Jose es un modelo de franqueza y humildad que todos debemos imitar.

Como siempre les pido continuar rezando por la paz

Padre Duffell

¿PREGUNTAS SOBRE INMIGRACIÓN?

¿Preocupado?, ¿Intrigado?, ¿Con miedo?

Nosotros entendemos que hay mucha preocupación e interés sobre temas de inmigración. En nuestra parroquia queremos ayudar a quienes podrían estar afectados.

Nuestro objetivo es ser una fuente de información confiable para quienes lo necesiten.

Por favor comparta esta información.

Si tiene más preguntas o quiere ayudarnos, por favor escriba a immigration.blessedsac@gmail.com o déjenos un mensaje en la recepción de la parroquia al 212 877-3111.

Folleto que tienen información básica sobre la inmigración que todos deben saber estarán en la parte posterior de la iglesia. Este folleto es para todos, ya sea que se relacione con usted o simplemente quiere saber más y ayudar, así que por favor agarre uno y obtenga una copia para aquellos que usted piensa lo podría utilizar también. El folleto también se puede encontrar en nuestra pagina web, www.blessedsacramentnyc.org.



MIÉRCOLES DURANTE LA CUARESMA

Empezando el 8 de Marzo a las 7:00pm tendremos misa en español cada miércoles. Vengan y compartan.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Beginning on the 8th of March at 7:00pm we will have Spanish mass each Wednesday. Come and share with us.

The Magnificat Lenten Companion provides a series of original reflections to guide you through every day of Lent. Each book is \$3.00 and can be purchased in the rectory office.

Stations of the Cross (English) will be held Fridays at 11:40am & 6:00

Blessed Sacrament stands in solidarity with the Fourth Universalist Society, located at 160 CPW, who was vandalized by a hate crime on the night of February 27th. Two swastikas and the phrase "race office" were carved into the front doors of their church ("race office" is a reference to Nazi offices that worked to enforce racial purity). While we received late notice of the event, we are happy to report that the Congregation rededicated their church this past Friday evening. Our prayers are with our brothers and sisters at Fourth Universalist as we all work to overcome the divisions of hate, racism, and violence

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Sunday March. 19, 2017, 11am in the Church Rectory. Become more involved in the Mass. We are in need of more Lectors to minister the Word and Eucharistic ministers. If you have a love for Scripture and would like to serve as a lector or would like to administer Communion to your fellow parishioners as a Eucharistic minister, please come to the training session. All training will be held in the Church Rectory. RSVP appreciated but not required. Email Kimberley LaMarque Orman (kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com) or Thomas Davis (tdavisnyc@gmail.com) with any questions.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS

Confirmation Class for adults who are Baptized Catholic will begin on Wednesday March 15 at 6:30pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at the Easter Vigil on April 15 at 8pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 to register or for more information.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY 2017

Please mark your calendars for Hospitality Sundays 2017

Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday will be held in the Church Hall after the evening Mass. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your fellow parishioners.

March 26; April 30; June 4; September 10; October 1; November 5; December 3, 2017.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Tuesdays of Lent: 3/14, 3/21, 3/28 and 4/4 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad...and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one's Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then.

SPRING MCGINLEY LECTURE

Rev. Patrick J. Ryan, S.J., the Laurence J. McGinley Professor of Religion and Society at Fordham, will deliver the annual Spring McGinley Lecture, "Judging Justly: Judgment in Jewish, Christian and Muslim Traditions." The lecture will be followed by a Jewish response from Professor Sarit Kattan Gribetz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology at Fordham, and a Muslim response Professor Ebru Turan, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of History at Fordham.

Tuesday, March 28 – 6 pm
12th Floor Lounge, Corrigan Conference Center,
113 West 60th Street Lincoln Center Campus.
mcgchair@fordham.edu or 718-817-4745 for more information



Saturday Evening, March 11th

5:30 Luis Mora +

Sunday, March 12th

8:30 Robert S. Crothers +
10:00 Kelina Refalo +
11:15 Joseph E. Caceres III +
12:30 Alberto Munoz +
4:00 People of the Parish
5:30 Intentions of Liz Young +

Monday, March 13th

7:30 Peggy Murphy ++
12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters, Marilyn Waters +
5:30 Intentions of Gene Rivas

Tuesday, March 14th

7:30 Lance C. Bolton +
12:10 Georgeanne Beresnyak +
5:30 Tirry De Barrios +

Wednesday, March 15th

7:30 Pascuale (Pat) Tarallo
12:10 Intentions of Eileen Smythe & Family
5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
7:00 Bolivar Garcia +

Thursday, March 16th

7:30 Intentions of The Smyth Family
12:10 Intentions of The O'Donovan – Gavin Families
5:30 Christine Lord & Family

Friday, March 17th

7:30 Intentions of Flora Jang
12:10 Intentions of The Egar Family
5:30 Msgr. William J. Bradley +

Saturday, March 18th

7:30 Maria Farina +
12:10 Intentions of Barbara Jadagesan & Family

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$9,198 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$6,232.4 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$15,430.4. Our average weekly operating budget is \$15,000. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of our Soup Kitchen totaled \$2550. The collection during Ash Wednesday totaled \$3342. Thank you.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$9,198. Recibimos \$6,232.4 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$15,430.4. Nuestro presupuesto de operación semanal promedio es \$15,000. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para ayudar nuestro comedor popular totalizo \$2550. La colecta durante el miércoles de ceniza totalizo \$3342. Gracias.



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)

Children _____

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** _____

What is Parish Pay?

With ParishPay, it's simple to make online donations to Blessed Sacrament using a credit or debit card. Simply go online at www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 and--just like your monthly mortgage or other bills--the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament.

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule
Saturday, Mar. 11**

5:30 pm 1st Kimberley LaMarque
 2nd Roscoe LaMarque
 POF Suzy Xiong
 EM Elizabeth Hutton, Suzy Xiong, Joe Tessitore, Kimberley LaMarque, Roscoe LaMarque

Sunday, Mar. 12

8:30 am 1st Mary Steffany
 2nd Ray Riordan
 POF James Palazza
 EM Louella Prince, Terry Naglack, Mary Steffany, Ray Riordan, James Palazza

10:00 am 1st Sandy Chippas
 2nd Kamila Palka
 POF Jillian MacDonald
 EM Mary Bradley, Sandy Chippas, Shirley Rodriguez, Judy Braun, Patricia Caffrey, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Andrew Fitzsimmon

11:15 am 1st Nicole Rohrmann
 2nd Maite Marles
 POF Marina Che
 EM Junior Santiago, Maite Marles, Kepler Vian

12:30 pm 1st Mark Murphy
 2nd Mark Murphy
 POF Ingrid Leacock
 EM Ingrid Leacock, Mark Murphy, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Carlos Sosa, Elsa Alvarez

5:30 pm 1st Julie Grega
 2nd John Gasdaska
 POF Elizabeth H Brooke Murray
 EM Rob Porell, John Gasdaska, Ellen Koneck, Tiffany Riady, Joe McKenna, Julie Grega, Elizabeth H Brooke Murray

SPECIAL NEEDS MASSES

This weekend March 12th, 2017, at 4:00pm we will celebrate our Special Needs Mass. Your children are especially welcome at this warm, family celebration.

The following Special Needs Masses are March 26, April 9 & 23, May 21, June 11. Please join us.

This Sunday, March 12, at 2 a.m., remember to advance your clocks ahead one hour to daylight-saving time.

