

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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## **MASSES:**

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass)  
11:15AM (Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)  
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
SPANISH WKDAY MASS: Every Other 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

*Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)*

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear parishioners and friends,

Wednesday of this week, October 4<sup>th</sup>, is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On that day the Church offers a special blessing for animals. Should you wish your Pet to receive the blessing it will be offered at 6:15 PM in front of the church on Wednesday evening. James Palazza, Mr. Hospitality, here at Blessed Sacrament, informs me that there will be special treats for the guests of honor, your pets, and even a special treat or two for you.

I hope you and your pet can join us for us for the blessing and after party. And as always, thank you James.

On Monday of this week, we celebrate the feast of the Guardian Angels, a feast that honors the countless unnamed angels assigned to guide, guard, and protect us throughout our lives. The belief in angels is supported by their mention in the Psalms and the books of the Old Testament, as well as the Gospel passage read for the feast, Matthew 18:10.

And of course, Wednesday, the feast of St. Francis...as the son of a wealthy Assisi merchant, Francis was destined for grand homes, exquisite clothing and fine food. After a conversion experience he relinquished the trappings of this world to minister to lepers and to preach to the spiritually hungry. His home was the earth; his clothing, humility,; and his identity, that of a beggar seeking God. Many young men joined in this new way of life joined St Francis in this new way of life, leading to the foundation of the *frati minori* ("lesser brothers"), which eventually became known as the Friars Minor. He is perhaps one of the most popular saints in Church history, due to his love of creation as exemplified in his famous "Canticle of the Sun". Our parish is blessed this year to have a son of St. Francis, residing with us while he studies at Fordham University, Father Santo Cricchio, OFM Conv. Happy feast day Fr. Santo.

I hope you have put these dates in your iPhone!..... **October 6th**, this Friday at 8pm....The Gala Opening Concert and Launch of "The Arts at Blessed Sacrament" ...and as well, October 16th, Monday, 7 to 8:30 pm, when Father William Meninger, a Trappist monk, a great spiritual writer will join us and speak with us...his topic "The Loving Search for God in An Age of Discontent".

On Wednesday this past week, I received an action notice from Oxfam America and was shocked to learn that the Trump administration had just announced that our country, the United States of America, would only welcome 45,000 refugees in the next 12 months..... the lowest refugee admission cap in the history of the US refugee resettlement program.

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has again and again expressed concern for the needs of refugees...the following is part of statement the Pope issued on August 15th: "Throughout the first years of my pontificate, I have repeatedly expressed my particular concern for the lamentable situation of many migrants and refugees fleeing from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. This situation is undoubtedly a "sign of the times" which I have tried to interpret, with the help of the Holy Spirit Every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus

Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age (Matthew 25:35-43). The Lord entrusts to the Church's motherly love every person forced to leave their homeland in search of a better future.<sup>[1]</sup> In this regard, I wish to reaffirm that "our shared response may be articulated by four verbs: to welcome, to protect, to promote and to integrate"

Whether they are fleeing ongoing conflict in Syria, food insecurity and violence in South Sudan, or civil war in Somalia, **all refugees deserve the chance to rebuild their lives in safety.** And that is only possible if countries like our own, the United States of America, do our part to welcome refugees to our communities. Given the almost unbelievable present day refugee crisis, I question myself...Are we really doing our part? when only 45,000 refugees will be welcomed over the next 12 months; the lowest refugee admission cap in the history of the United States Refugee Resettlement program. Your thoughts?

As always, let us pray for peace,

Father Duffell



As this Season of Creation comes to a close with the Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, let's ask ourselves how we are doing.

- Have I taken the time to deepen my appreciation of the gifts of creation and to see God in all things?
- Did I give thanks for all of creation?
- Have I responded to the urging of Pope Francis in the **Laudato Si' Pledge** to:
  - a) pray for and with creation
  - b) live more simply, and
  - c) advocate to protect our common home?
- In reviewing the Season, did I decide what actions I would take to live out my pledge?
- Have I thought about what measures I will take to protect our common home by reducing my carbon footprint?
- If I fell short, can I ask God's help in the days to come?

Of course our actions to care for creation do not end with this Season of Creation. Let us pray that we have the fortitude to make them part of our daily lives.

We will officially close the Season with Blessed Sacrament's celebration of the **Blessing of the Animals** to take place during the Feast of St. Francis on Wednesday October 4th.

Thank you for responding to the call of Pope Francis' to care for creation. Wishing you blessings and a sense of fulfillment in our mutual struggle to protect the beauty of creation and our common home, Earth.

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El miércoles de esta semana el 4 de octubre es la fiesta de San Francisco de Asís. Ese día la Iglesia ofrece una bendición especial para los animales. Si desea que su Mascota reciba la bendición, esta se ofrecerá a las 6:15 PM en frente de la iglesia el miércoles por la noche. James Palazza me ha informado que habrán golosinas especiales para los invitados de honor, sus mascotas, e incluso un regalo especial o dos para usted.

Espero que usted y su mascota puedan unirse a nosotros para esta bendición y la fiesta. Y como siempre, gracias James.

El lunes de esta semana, celebramos la fiesta de los Ángeles Guardianes, una fiesta que honra a los innumerables ángeles anónimos asignados para guiar, proteger y protegernos a lo largo de nuestras vidas. La creencia en los ángeles es apoyada por su mención en los Salmos y los libros del Antiguo Testamento, así como el pasaje del Evangelio leído para la Fiesta, Mateo 18:10.

Y el miércoles, la fiesta de San Francisco ... como hijo de un rico comerciante de Asís, Francisco estaba destinado a vivir en grandes casas, usar la mejor ropa y disfrutar de buenas comidas. Después de experimentar una conversión renunció a los adornos de este mundo para ministrar a los leprosos y para predicar a los espiritualmente hambrientos. Su hogar era la tierra; su ropa, su humildad y su identidad la de un mendigo que busca a Dios. Muchos jóvenes se unieron a esta nueva forma de vida de San Francisco, lo cual llevo a la fundación de los *frati minori* ("hermanos menores"), que eventualmente se conoció como los Frailes Menores. Él es quizás uno de los santos más populares en la historia de la Iglesia debido a su amor por la creación como se ejemplifica en su famoso "Cántico del Sol". Nuestra parroquia es bendecida este año por tener un hijo de San Francisco, que reside con nosotros mientras estudia en la Universidad Fordham, Padre Santo Cricchio, OFM Conv. Feliz día de fiesta, Santo.

¡Espero que hayan puesto estas fechas en sus iPhones! ..... 6 de octubre, este viernes a las 8 pm .... El Concierto de Apertura de Gala y el lanzamiento de "Las Artes en Blessed Sacrament" .... y también, el lunes 16 de octubre, de 7 a 8:30 pm, cuando el Padre William Meninger, un monje trapista, y gran escritor espiritual estará con nosotros para compartir su tema... "La Búsqueda Amorosa de Dios en una Era de Descontento."

El miércoles de esta semana, recibí un aviso de Oxfam America y me sorprendió la noticia que el gobierno de Trump acababa de anunciar que nuestro país, Estados Unidos de América, sólo daría la bienvenida a 45.000 refugiados en los próximos 12 meses ... la admisión mas baja en la historia del programa de reasentamiento de refugiados en los Estados Unidos.

Nuestro Santo Padre, el Papa Francisco ha expresado una y otra vez su preocupación por las necesidades de los refugiados ... lo siguiente es parte de la declaración del Papa emitida el 15 de agosto: "Durante los primeros años de mi pontificado he expresado repetidamente mi preocupación particular por la lamentable situación de muchos migrantes y refugiados que huyen de la guerra, la persecución, los desastres naturales y la pobreza. Esta situación es indudablemente un "signo de los tiempos" que he tratado de interpretar, con la ayuda del Espíritu Santo. Todo extraño que llama a nuestra puerta es una oportunidad para un encuentro con Jesucristo, que se identifica con los extraños rechazados de todas las edades (Mateo 25: 35-43). El Señor

confía al amor materno de la Iglesia a toda persona obligada a abandonar su patria en busca de un futuro mejor. En este sentido, deseo reafirmar que "nuestra respuesta compartida puede articularse mediante cuatro verbos: dar la bienvenida, proteger, promover e integrar.

Si están huyendo del conflicto en Siria, la inseguridad alimentaria y la violencia en Sudán del Sur, o la guerra civil en Somalia, **todos los refugiados merecen la oportunidad de reconstruir sus vidas en la seguridad.** Y eso sólo es posible si países como el nuestro, los Estados Unidos de América, ponen de su parte para dar a los refugiados la bienvenida a nuestras comunidades. Dada la increíble crisis actual de los refugiados, me pregunto ... ¿Realmente estamos haciendo nuestra parte cuando sólo 45.000 refugiados serán recibidos en los próximos 12 meses?... la cifra más baja de admisión en la historia del programa de reasentamiento de refugiados de los Estados Unidos. ¿Tus pensamientos?

Como siempre, oremos por la paz,

Padre Duffell

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS REOPENED.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2017-2018** began on Sunday, September 10. Religious instruction is held in the school from 11:00 - 12:15. Re-registration forms have been emailed to current students and posted on the Sunday School website. Students must register each year. For students who will be new to the program please send your email to: [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org) or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: [blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)  
PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORMS BACK!!! Please send by postal mail or drop off completed forms with a \$150 check per family at the rectory office.

*The Sunday School Parent meeting will take place in your child's classroom on Sunday, October 1 after the Family Mass. This is an opportunity to meet the Catechist, learn about the Sunday School curriculum, class requirements, and to ask questions.*

**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 or email Tina Silvestro for more information. 212-877-3111 or [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org).

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

*Sponsors are needed for adults who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. You must be Baptized, Confirmed, and regularly receive Communion. You will be needed to assist someone as s/he prepares for the Sacraments and present her/him for the Rites of Christian Initiation. Please call or email Tina Silvestro for more information: [212-877-3111/tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:212-877-3111/tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com)*

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

To commemorate the feast of St. Francis, on Wednesday, October 4th at 6:15 PM we will celebrate the traditional blessing of the animals. Please join us at the 5:30PM Mass or immediately after on the front steps of church.

**MOM'S NIGHT**

Please join us for our Monthly Moms' Night – The Group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Rectory. The next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. We share refreshments and help each other grow in faith and raise our children as committed Catholics. All details can be found on Meetup: [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/)

**CATHOLIC FAMILIES GROUP**

Please join our Blessed Sacrament Catholic Families Group! We offer a range of events to help each other in raising our children as Catholics and becoming better in our own practice of the faith. We also host a monthly moms' group. Sign up at [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/) - free to join and events are free.

**FATHER WILLIAM MENINGER**

Please save the date for October 16, 7 to 8:30: Trappist monk and best-selling author, Fr. William Meninger will present a talk on "The Loving Search for God in an Age of Discontent" at Blessed Sacrament Church.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

This Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, all are invited to Coffee Hour and Spirit Sunday! Coffee Hour will take place in the Rectory after all the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday will take place in the Hall after the 5:30PM Mass.

**HAITIAN PRAYER GROUP**

The Companions of Jesus are a charismatic Haitian prayer group, and all are welcome to attend. The group meets every Friday in the Rectory from 7-9PM. Prayers are held in French, Creole, and English.

**October 1 – Second Collection this weekend**

St. Joseph's Seminary. Founded in Yonkers as the Archdiocesan Seminary in 1896, since 2011, St. Joseph's now serves as the regional major seminary for the Archdiocese of New York as well as the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. "Rooted in the apostolic community fathered around Jesus Christ, St. Joseph's Seminary seeks to form future priests who will hand on the life and tradition of the Church's faith in the context of the new evangelization of the twenty-first century. To accomplish this, St. Joseph's Seminary offers a program of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation that is faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church." (St. Joseph's Website)



**Saturday Evening, September 30th**

5:30 Charles Musone +

**Sunday, October 1st**

8:30 Intentions of Judith Durham

10:00 Intentions of Jacqueline Dinella

11:15 Joseph E. Caceres III +

12:30 Oscar Molina +

4:00 (Special Needs Mass)

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Monday, October 2nd**

7:30

12:10

5:30 Virginia Tracy +

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

7:30

12:10

5:30 Joseph E. Caceres III + (One year anniversary)

**Wednesday, October 4th**

7:30 Jang's Ancestors

12:10 Intentions of Marissa Montfort

5:30 Marion & Burlin Texier +

**Thursday, October 5th**

7:30

12:10

5:30 People of the Parish

**Friday, October 6th**

7:30 The Pando Family

12:10 All the Souls in Purgatory

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, October 7th**

7:30 Thanksgiving and Reparations for Sinners

12:10 Reuben Tupas +

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$8,054 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,140 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$13,194. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection helping assist those devastated by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes totaled \$5,950. Thank you!

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$8,054. Recibimos \$5,140 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$13,194. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta ayudando a los devastados por los recientes huracanes y terremotos \$5,950 ¡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](http://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.

**THEATRE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SEEKS STAGE TECHNICIANS**

The Theatre at Blessed Sacrament is seeking stage technicians to assist with rental projects. Applicants must have a background and experience in technical theatre, especially lighting and sound. These are hourly paid positions; work is part-time and occasional, and can often fit into varying schedules. If interested, contact Jack Going, JEGoing@AOL.com (or leave contact information at the Rectory) for further information and application procedures. Thank you!

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Sept. 30**

5:30 pm	1st	Suzy Xiong
	2nd	Elizabeth Hutton
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Roscor Orman, Vincent Gardino, Mary Mandel, Ben Ventura, Joseph Tessitore, Roscoe Orman, Ginetta LaBlanca

**Sunday, Oct. 1**

8:30 am	1st	Eileen Simpson
	2nd	Ray Riordan
	POF	Damian Begley
	EM	Terry Naglack, Vivian Villaluz, Eileen Simpson, Ray Riordan, Damian Begley
10:00 am	1st	Sandy Chippas
	2nd	Joan Tedeschi
	POF	Kamila Palka
	EM	Joan Tedeschi, Andrew Jenkins, Judy Braun, Patricia Caffrey, Julie Tom, Sandy Chippas, Nellie Gonzalez
11:15 am	1st	Herminio Vargas
	2nd	Lucymania Bruno
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Lucymania Br
12:30 pm	1st	Jack Going
	2nd	Anita Pearl
	POF	Ed Casey
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Elsa Alvarez, Jack Going, Ed Casey, Sheila Pender
	5:30 pm	1st
	2nd	Elizabeth Occhipinti
	POF	Rebecca Painter
	EM	Helena Maria Lim, Rob Porell, Joyce Polistena, Kathleen LaMagna, Elizabeth Occhipinti, Thomas Davis

**ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE COMPLETE SCREENING OF CLASSIC DEKALOG FILM SERIES**

This acclaimed film series raises the great moral questions embedded in real life, often lived out in difficult circumstances. In his ten hour-long films, the late and legendary director and co-writer Krzysztof Kieslowski explores the theme and challenge of each Commandment through characters living in a typical Soviet-era housing complex.

Come join us starting October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm – 9:00pm for this thought provoking series and for a discussion after each film.

**PRESENTED BY: REBECCA M. PAINTER**

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*Visit our website for complete schedule.*