

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 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. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Tomorrow, September 11th, we celebrate 16th anniversary of one of the most horrible moments in the history of our city. If at all possible, I urge you to attend the Eucharist here at the parish. Masses will be offered at 7:30 AM 12:10 PM and 5:30 PM. As we remember those who died that day and recall the heroism of so many, together let us pray for peace, for a world where all peoples will respect the dignity and worth of the other as a child of the one true God, and therefore my sister or my brother, regardless of religion or nationality, color or language, gender or sexual orientation.

On Tuesday past, our president, through the attorney general, announced the end of DACA.....a dark day especially for so many young people, some of them members of our parish. I would like to share with you the statement made by our Bishop, Cardinal Dolan on Tuesday:

“Today’s announcement that DACA – Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals – will be rescinded is an ominous development for the 800,000 immigrants who came to our great nation as children and who now face the possibility of losing, through no fault of their own, their right to live, work, and remain with their families here in the United States. This is contrary to the spirit of the Bible and of our country, and a turning away from the ideals upon which our beloved country was founded.

Today in the Catholic Church we celebrate the Feast Day of a woman who was such a familiar and welcome visitor to this City – Mother Teresa, now Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Saint Teresa lived out her missionary activity motivated by one simple fact: we are all children of God, made in His image and likeness, which gives everyone – rich or poor, sick or healthy, Black, White, Latino or Asian, immigrant or native born – an inalienable dignity that no person or government can ever take away. All of the “Dreamers” who now face such uncertainty and fear, please know that the Catholic Church loves you, welcomes you, and will fight to protect your rights and your dignity.

If there is a positive element to today’s announcement, it is that there is now time for Congress to act, to pass humane legislation that will make the provisions of DACA law, and provide a way for these men, women, and children, who are very much a part of the fabric of our country, our neighbors, co-workers, fellow parishioners, and friends, to continue their lives as productive and valued members of our country. We must always remember, as Jesus told us, that laws were made to serve people, people were not made to serve laws. “

Next Sunday after that 5:30 PM Mass in the Church Hall we will be welcoming Father James Martin, the Jesuit author, who comes to speak with us about his new book *Building a Bridge*. The parish’s Gay Fellowship has invited him, and I hope you will come and share the evening with Father Martin.

This Sunday begins a new moment in the life of our parish.....the attempt to begin a children's choir that will sing at the 10 am Family Mass every Sunday.....we are also hopefully that young people who play an instrument will also share the gift of their talent at this Mass.

On Monday evening, September 25th at the Apollo Theatre, Harry Connick, Jr will be performing....a benefit concert to support the Catholic Schools here in Manhattan...I hope you might be able to join me in enjoying this evening and supporting Catholic Education here in Manhattan.

Join me in welcoming Msgr. Michael Crimmins, the retired pastor of the Church of St. Gregory who will be residing here at Blessed Sacrament, you’ll love him.

In these troubled times please pray for peace.

Father Duffell

The Manhattan Catholic School Region is hosting Songs for Students, a benefit concert featuring Harry Connick Jr. at the Apollo Theatre on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in Manhattan. To purchase tickets, please visit www.SongsForStudents.org and use offer code MANHATTAN. For more information, please contact Alyson Vetter at Alyson.Vetter@archny.org / 646-794-3330.



The focus of this year’s Season of Creation is on fossil fuels - to look at the role fossil fuels (coal, oil and natural gas) play in producing the greenhouse gases of CO2 and methane which have increased exponentially in the last decade and are contributing to earth’s climate crisis. We want to look at options for what each of us can do to lessen our carbon impact on the environment.

We can start by looking at how we can reduce our electricity use in our households given that most of our electricity comes from greenhouse gas producing fossil fuels, particularly coal.

During this Season of Creation, **give it a try with one or two new practices**. Here are some ideas:

- **Put** your computer to sleep or turn it off when not in use. TV screens as well.
- **Use** fans and turn the a.c. setting a couple of degrees higher in the summer; use sweaters and turn the heat setting lower in the winter.
- **Try a light fast!** Turn off unnecessary lights, install motion-triggered light fixtures, and replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient cfl or led light bulbs. Turn off outside lights during the day or put them on a timer.
- **Turn off** power strips when not in use or use auto switch power strips that shut off when the primary appliance is turned off.
- **Use** cold water to wash clothes; use a drying rack instead of a dryer; insulate your water heater.
- **Refrain** from buying new electrical gadgets; buy energy efficient appliances.
- **Have** an energy audit done of your home or apartment and invest in some retrofitting.

During this Season of Creation, try one or two new ways to reduce your carbon footprint **as a form of prayer** as we take steps to care for our common home. For prayer resources, including a Catholic section, visit the Season of Creation website www.seasonofcreation.org .

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Mañana 11 de septiembre celebramos el 16 aniversario de uno de los momentos más horribles de la historia de nuestra ciudad. Si es posible, os invito a asistir a la Eucaristía aquí en la parroquia. Las misas serán ofrecidas a las 7:30 AM 12:10 PM y 5:30 PM. Al recordar a los que murieron ese día y el heroísmo de tantos, oremos juntos por la paz, por un mundo donde todos los pueblos respeten la dignidad y el valor del otro como hijo del único Dios verdadero, y por tanto, nuestro/a hermano o hermana, independientemente de su religión, nacionalidad, color, idioma, sexo, u orientación sexual.

El pasado martes, nuestro presidente, a través del Fiscal General, anunció el fin de DACA un día oscuro especialmente para muchos jóvenes, algunos de ellos miembros de nuestra parroquia. Quisiera compartir con ustedes la declaración de nuestro Obispo, el Cardenal Dolan, el martes pasado:

"El anuncio de hoy de que DACA - Acción Diferida por La Llegada de Menores - será rescindida es un desarrollo siniestro para los 800,000 inmigrantes que llegaron a nuestra gran nación como niños y que ahora enfrentan la posibilidad de perder, sin culpa alguna, su derecho a vivir, trabajar y permanecer con sus familias aquí en Estados Unidos. Esto es contrario al espíritu de la Biblia y de nuestro país, y un alejamiento de los ideales sobre los cuales se fundó nuestro amado país.

Hoy en la Iglesia Católica celebramos la Fiesta de una mujer que fue una visitante familiar y bienvenida a esta Ciudad - Madre Teresa, ahora Santa Teresa de Calcuta. Santa Teresa vivió su actividad misionera motivada por un simple hecho: todos somos hijos de Dios, hechos a Su imagen y semejanza, que da a todos - ricos o pobres, enfermos o sanos, negros, blancos, latinos o asiáticos, inmigrantes o nativos, una dignidad inalienable que ninguna persona o gobierno puede arrebatar. Que sepan todos los "Soñadores" que ahora se enfrentan a tanta incertidumbre y miedo, que la Iglesia Católica los ama, les da la bienvenida y luchará para proteger sus derechos y su dignidad.

Si hay un elemento positivo en el anuncio de hoy, es que ahora hay tiempo para que el Congreso actúe, apruebe una legislación humanitaria que haga las provisiones para la ley DACA, y provea una manera para estos hombres, mujeres y niños que son parte del tejido de nuestro país, nuestros vecinos, compañeros de trabajo, feligreses y amigos, para que continúen viviendo como miembros productivos y valiosos de nuestro país. Debemos recordar siempre, como Jesús nos dijo, que las leyes fueron hechas para servir a la gente, no la gente hecha para servir a las leyes. "

El próximo domingo después de la Misa de las 5:30 PM en el Salón de la Iglesia estaremos dando la bienvenida al Padre James Martin, autor jesuita, quien viene a hablar con nosotros sobre su nuevo libro "Building a Bridge." La Asociación "Gay Fellowship" de la parroquia lo ha invitado, y espero vengan a compartir la velada con el Padre Martin.

Este domingo comienza un nuevo momento en la vida de nuestra parroquia el intento de organizar un coro de niños y niñas que cantará en la Misa de Familia de las 10 am celebrada los domingos

..... también esperamos que los jóvenes que toquen un instrumento compartirán con nosotros en esta misa el don de su talento.

El lunes por la noche, el 25 de septiembre en el Teatro Apollo, Harry Connick, Jr presentará una función un concierto benéfico en apoyo a las Escuelas Católicas de Manhattan ... Espero puedan asistir y disfrutar de esta noche.

Les pido uniros y dar la bienvenida a Msgr. Michael Crimmins, el pastor jubilado de la Iglesia de San Gregorio quien residirá aquí en nuestra Rectoría.

En estos tiempos difíciles oren por la paz.
Padre Duffell.

Aunque las palabras de Jesús, recogidas por Mateo, son de gran importancia para la vida de las comunidades cristianas, pocas veces atraen la atención de comentaristas y predicadores. Esta es la promesa de Jesús: "Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos".

Jesús no está pensando en celebraciones masivas como las de la Plaza de San Pedro en Roma. Aunque solo sean dos o tres, allí está él en medio de ellos. No es necesario que esté presente la jerarquía; no hace falta que sean muchos los reunidos.

Lo importante es que "estén reunidos", no dispersos, ni enfrentados: que no vivan descalificándose unos a otros. Lo decisivo es que se reúnan "en su nombre": que escuchen su llamada, que vivan identificados con su proyecto del reino de Dios. Que Jesús sea el centro de su pequeño grupo.

Los cristianos no podemos reunirnos hoy en nuestros grupos y comunidades de cualquier manera: por costumbre, por inercia o para cumplir unas obligaciones religiosas. Seremos muchos o, tal vez, pocos. Pero lo importante es que nos reunamos en su nombre, atraídos por su persona y por su proyecto de hacer un mundo más humano.

El futuro de la fe cristiana dependerá en buena parte de lo que hagamos los cristianos en nuestras comunidades concretas las próximas décadas. No basta lo que pueda hacer el Papa Francisco en el Vaticano. No podemos tampoco poner nuestra esperanza en Mateo, son de gran importancia para la vida de las comunidades cristianas, pocas veces atraen la atención de comentaristas y predicadores. Esta es la promesa de Jesús: "Donde dos o tres están reunidos en mi nombre, allí estoy yo en medio de ellos".

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El único capaz de engendrar una fe nueva en estos tiempos de incredulidad. La renovación de las instancias centrales de la Iglesia es urgente. Los decretos de reformas, necesarios. Pero nada tan decisivo como el volver con radicalidad a Jesucristo

Tomado de A Pagola

Rev Dangelo J.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ON SEPTEMBER 11 FOR UNFILLED CLASSES! IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED, YOU CAN NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD UNTIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2017-2018 will begin 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 or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

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. Since registration is now closed, forms will not be accepted until September 11.

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.



the JoyJ initiative

The JoyJ initiative is pleased to announce that its next Homeless Outreach is being held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017.

The packing of the comfort bags will begin at 9:15am. From 10:00 - 10:15am Group location assignments, group photo, and prayer and from 10:15 - 10:30am McDonald's Gift Cards are dispersed and the groups go on their way.

If you want to participate, please send a message to info@joyj.org or leave your name at the Rectory.

September 10

For the Church in Latin America and the Home Missions. In the Archdiocese of New York, this is a combined Second Collection to support pastoral programs (evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, youth ministry and catechesis) throughout Latin America and the Caribbean as well as mission parishes in the United States in both Latin and Eastern Rite Dioceses.



Saturday Evening, September 9th

5:30 Daniel Seso +

Sunday, September 10th

8:30 John Simpson +
10:00 Cresencia Toy, Vicente & Jesus Santa Ana +
11:15 Esteban Palomino & Paulina Garay +
12:30 Richard & Joan Schilling +
5:30 Tomas & Visitacion Baquiran +

Monday, September 11th

7:30 Franco Lalama +
12:10 Michael Edwards +
5:30 Intentions of Winifred O'Dowd on her 100th Birthday

Tuesday, September 12th

7:30 People of the Parish
12:10 Myrna Montalvo Aiello +

Wednesday, September 13th

7:30 Dr. Joseph Croce +
12:10 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
5:30 Susan Gonzalez & Dora Vega

Thursday, September 14th

7:30 Intentions of Benjamin Eliopoulos on his Birthday
12:10
5:30

Friday, September 15th

7:30 Intentions of Shawee Yohannes
12:10
5:30

Saturday, September 15th

7:30 Cipriana Hurtado +
12:10 Carla Bonzano +

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$5,916 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$6,534 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$12,450. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

The second collection in support of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston to aid those devastated by Hurricane Harvey totaled \$3,633. Thank you.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$5,916. Recibimos \$6,534 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$12,450. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.

La segunda colecta en apoyo de las Caridades Católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston para ayudar a los devastados por el Huracán Harvey totalizo a \$3,633. 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.

LECTOR/EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING--

September 17, 2017 1:45pm in the Church
 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. RSVP appreciated but not required. Email Kimberley LaMarque Orman (kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com) or Thomas Davis (tdavisnyc@gmail.com) with any questions.

GAY FELLOWSHIP FIRST FALL MEETING

We are both pleased and honored to extend an invitation to the entire parish, as we welcome our special guest speaker, Father James Martin, to our first Gay Fellowship Meeting of the season: Sunday evening September 17, after the 5:30PM Mass. Father Martin is a well-known American Jesuit priest, a writer, and editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine America. He is also an amazing speaker and has been gracious enough to speak to our parish and to comment and address any questions on his lecture, A Two Way Bridge, as well as to introduce us to his newest book, Building a Bridge. Both focus on bringing together LGBT Catholics and the institutional church. The meeting will be held on the meeting will be held in the social hall below the church beginning at 6:45PM until 8PM. There will also be books for purchase and light refreshments. We hope to see you then to offer Father Martin the warm and welcoming hospitality which makes Blessed Sacrament so very special. For all questions, please contact John Gasdaska at #646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

This Sunday we resume our monthly parish 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. If you are interested in helping bake for the monthly coffee hour please email James Palazza at jamespalazza@yahoo.com. Coffee Hour after the 8:30AM Mass this week will be in memory and celebration of John Simpson who recently died and who, along with his wife Eileen, often attended the early Mass each Sunday.

FAMILY MINISTRY

We are launching a Family Ministry at Blessed Sacrament this year. The Family Ministry's mission is to strengthen our faith community through participation in the sacraments, prayer, and service. All of our service projects are fulfilled as a family. By strengthening the connections between our home, our faith, and society, these bonds of fellowship and friendship form the foundation of who we are as a faith community. Our Ministry is organized through a committee of parents that represents the diversity of our parish.

FAMILY MASS

As part of the Pastoral Plan, the Family Ministry has implemented some enhancements to help engage the congregation to actively participate during Mass.

A worship aid will make it easier for parishioners and newcomers to follow mass and sing along. The Music Ministry is forming a children's choir and inviting musicians in the congregation to join the instrumental ensemble. Children of varying ages will have an opportunity to actively serve in Liturgical and Hospitality roles.

Please join our mailing list or for more information on the Family Ministry or Mass, please contact the Family Ministry Coordinator, Mrs. Thu Nguyen at familyministry@blessedsacramentnyc.org.

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.

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/ - free to join and events are free.