

# 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,

Our minds and hearts are fixed on Houston and go out to those who have lost lives, loved ones, homes and their way of life. There is need for immediate assistance, and united in faith, hope, and love, we as a Church must struggle to help in whatever ways we can. There is need for our prayers for all those who have died, for those who are suffering such great loss, the need to pray for our elected officials that they will be able to provide for so many needs. There is also an immediate need for material assistance to help alleviate such suffering and provide for those left with nothing.

This weekend we have replaced our second collection for the Soup Kitchen with an emergency collection that will be sent directly to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston for the victims of the hurricane. I think here of a line from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians... *Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.* In this Letter Paul is concerned with the inclusivity of Christ's love...in the same way that Paul argued that new Gentile converts to the Faith did not need to fulfill the Jewish law before being received by Christ and the Church, so too we are called, in difficult moments like this, to see no differences in our brothers and sisters who stand in need, to put no obstacles in their way. They are simply our brothers and sisters in need, and may each of us help them carry these heavy burdens as much as we possibly can.

I have just returned from my time away and am happy to once again be with you gathered in prayer and challenged by God's Word. In particular I look forward to the beginning of the School and Parish year and how we will grow together as followers of Jesus. Also, I look forward to welcoming Msgr. Michael Crimmins and really the parish family of St. Gregory's, who, in their own very real way, are dealing with the loss of their parish. We will welcome them on Sunday September 10 at the 5:30 Mass and with Spirit Sunday to follow in the Hall.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend...join us for Mass on Labor Day at 12:10 or please stop into church for some personal prayer, and as always, let us continue to pray for peace.

Father Duffell



September 1<sup>st</sup> was World Day of Prayer for Creation, celebrated by the Orthodox, Protestant, and Catholic traditions to draw our attention to the beauty and awe of God's complex creation, but also to the need for our prayer, concern, and action to care for God's gifts. It marks the start of the Season of Creation in Christian churches around the world.

As we see that climate changes are affecting people in some areas of the U.S. and the world and hear that each year is warmer than the one before, we may feel discouraged and feel that our own individual efforts in caring for God's creation will have little impact.

As we honor God's creation this week and month, let's start by taking some moments to sit and be present to the gifts of nature and abundant life around us, to find a "green space" or a place with natural beauty to sit in quiet silence, to take time to reflect on the goodness of every living creature - on the beauty of a butterfly or the integrity of a little insect, to listen to the sound of water, to think about the dignity of every living person, especially those living the crushing pain of poverty, to thank God for all the gifts of creation, to pledge to protect them, to be generous of heart and to remember that our small steps can become a collective leap. Take the time.....

Even if you viewed it last week, look at the updates this week: [www.seasonofcreation.org](http://www.seasonofcreation.org) View the 1 ½ min. video of Pope Francis' invitation to participate in the Season of Creation. And say yes to the invitation.

## **HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

September 10th Coffee Hour after the morning Masses. Anyone interested in baking please email James Palazza at [jamespalazza@yahoo.com](mailto:jamespalazza@yahoo.com). Spirit Sunday will resume that evening after the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to attend.

## **NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Nuestras mentes y corazones están con Houston y pensamos en aquellos que han perdido la vida, a sus seres queridos, sus hogares así como su forma de vida. Hay necesidad de ayuda inmediata y unidos en la fe, la esperanza y el amor, nosotros como Iglesia, debemos luchar para ayudar de la mejor manera en lo que nos sea posible. Hay necesidad de nuestras oraciones por todos los fallecidos, por los que están sufriendo una pérdida tan grande; asimismo, la necesidad de orar por nuestros funcionarios electos para que les sea posible satisfacer tantas necesidades. También hay necesidad inmediata de asistencia material para ayudar a aliviar ese sufrimiento y proveer asistencia a los que se han quedado sin nada.

Este fin de semana hemos reemplazado nuestra segunda colecta para el Comedor Social ("Soup Kitchen") con una colecta de emergencia la cual será enviada directamente a las Caridades Católicas ("Catholic Charities") de la Diócesis de Galveston-Houston para las víctimas del huracán. Pienso aquí en una línea de la Carta de San Pablo a los Gálataos ... *Llevad las cargas del otro, y de esta manera cumpliréis la ley de Cristo.* En esta Carta, Pablo se preocupa por la inclusión del amor de Cristo ... de la misma manera que Pablo argumentó que los nuevos gentiles convertidos a la Fe no necesitaban cumplir la ley judía antes de ser recibidos por Cristo y por la Iglesia, en momentos difíciles como éste, no debemos ver diferencias en nuestros hermanos y hermanas que están en necesidad, y no poner obstáculos en su camino. Son simplemente nuestros hermanos y hermanas, y cada uno de nosotros debemos ayudarles a llevar estas pesadas cargas en la manera que nos sea posible.

Estoy ya de vuelta con ustedes y feliz de estar una vez más reunidos en la oración y desafiados por la Palabra de Dios. En particular, espero con ansias el comienzo del Año Escolar y el Año Parroquial con la esperanza de crecer juntos como seguidores de Jesús. Además, daremos la bienvenida a Msgr. Michael Crimmins así como a la familia de la parroquia de San Gregorio cerrada recientemente. Los recibiremos el domingo 10 de septiembre en la Misa de las 5:30 y a continuación en el "Spirit Sunday" en el Hall de nuestra parroquia.

Les deseo un buen fin de semana... únanse a nosotros en la Misa el Día del Trabajo a las 12:10 pm o de no poder asistir pasen por la iglesia para una oración personal; y como siempre, continuemos orando por la paz.

Padre Duffell

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We will be starting a children's choir to sing at the 10:00 family mass for the summer. Children who would like to sing for part of the mass can meet Rob and Hayden at the piano at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to learn some of the music to sing at the 10:00 Mass. As many of us travel during the summer, this will be an informal "come when you can" group, so feel free to sing any week your family is able. All that's required is a love for singing! Feel free to email Rob ([mcclimans@gmail.com](mailto:mcclimans@gmail.com)) with questions or we will see you on the 30th!

### **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.

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### **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.



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](mailto:info@joyj.org) or leave your name at the Rectory.



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](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org) or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: [blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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. It is open to adults who:

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or First Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

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.

**UPDATE - Second Collection THIS WEEK**

This week's second collection for the parish Soup Kitchen will be moved to September 17th and replaced with an emergency collection for those devastated by Hurricane Harvey. The monies collected here will be sent directly to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. Thank you for your generosity and let us continue to pray for all those affected. If you would like to donate online, please follow the link on the parish's webpage.



**Saturday Evening, September 2nd**

5:30 Sonia Godwin +

**Sunday, September 3rd**

8:30 Patricia Loughlin +

10:00 Intentions of Nicholas Ferrario

11:15 Enrique Bello Ramirez +

12:30 Intentions of Anne Jason on her Birthday and St. Gregory

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Monday, September 4th – Labor Day**

12:10 People of the Parish

**Tuesday, September 5th**

7:30 Jesus Gonzalez +

12:10 Rocco Arcomano +

5:30 Peter Michalos +

**Wednesday, September 6th**

7:30 Intentions of Luisa Lombera

12:10 Nora McElligott +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Thursday, September 7th**

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters & Miraculous Medal

5:30 Tomas & Visitacion Baquiran +

**Friday, September 8th**

7:30

Intentions of the Bog Family

12:10

Josefa Grillo +

5:30

**Saturday, September 9th**

7:30

In Thanksgiving

12:10

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$6,989 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$4,461 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$11,450. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$6,989. Recibimos \$4,461 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$11,450 Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.



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.

**LABOR DAY**

Just a reminder, there will be only one Mass on Labor Day at 12:10 pm. The church will remain open for personal prayer from 7 am until 6 pm.

**DÍA DEL TRABAJO**

Un recordatorio: habrá sólo una misa el Día del Trabajo a las 12:10 pm. La iglesia permanecerá abierta para la oración personal de 7 am a 6 pm.

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Sept. 2**

5:30 pm	1st	Kimberly Orman
	2nd	Julie Grega
	POF	Roscoe Orman
	EM	Joe Tessitore, Kimberley Orman, Roscoe Orman, Amy Kathuria, Ginetta LaBlanca

**Sunday, Sept. 3**

8:30 am	1st	Mary Steffany
	2nd	Ray Riordan
	POF	Tom Caffrey
	EM	Louella Prince, Vivian Villaluz, Mary Steffany, Ray Riordan, Tom Caffrey
10:00 am	1st	Kamila Palka
	2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
	POF	Joan Tedeschi
	EM	Joan Tedeschi, Judy Braun, Julie Tom, Shirley Rodriguez
11:15 am	1st	Glenda Luzuriaga
	2nd	Herminio Vargas
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Marina Che, Glenda Luzuriaga, Celia Navarr
12:30 pm	1st	Jack Going
	2nd	Ingrid Leacock
	POF	Ed Casey
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Elsa Alvarez, Jack Going, Ed Casey, Ingrid Leacock
5:30 pm	1st	Adriana Gonzalez
	2nd	Matthew Sitman
	POF	Paula Djabbarah
	EM	Regina Ohashi, Adrianna Gonzalez, Matthew Sitman, Helena Maria Lim, Paula Djabbarah, Jennie Lynch, Louise Ulman

**SAINT PADRE PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK**

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, in this first US tour to celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his canonization.

Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – (7AM to 8PM)  
 Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – (7AM to 8PM)

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:15AM a mass will be celebrated in Honor of Saint Padre Pio by H.E. Timothy Dolan.

For more information about the public veneration, please call 646-537-7830 ext. 828 or email [SylviaRivas@sainpatrickscathedral.org](mailto:SylviaRivas@sainpatrickscathedral.org).