



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)
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM
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:

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.
Website: www.blessedsacramentnyc.org
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

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.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

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.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

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



Saturday Eve	March 14th
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Sunday	March 15th
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	The Borgia and Ventura Families +
11:00	Carlos Erazo +
12:30	Raffaella Rae +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	March 16th
7:30	Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Tuesday	March 17th
7:30	Patrick O'Connor +
12:10	Barabara Lord and Family
5:30	Stock Corcoran and Rudden Families +
Wednesday	March 18th
7:30	Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Passerat
12:10	James Locilento +
5:30	Intention of Donna de Solis
Thursday	March 19th
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	America Hidalgo Rodriguez +
5:30	Suzanne Bombar
Friday	March 20th
7:30	Josefa Grillo +
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff +
Saturday	March 21st
7:30	Jimmy O'Donnell +
12:10	Massimo Bevacquat +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

Pax Christi Metro New York invites you to its 33rd consecutive Good Friday Way of the Cross as a way to shine God's light on a sometimes dark and sinful city and world. Commemorating Jesus' suffering in His own life and in the lives of people throughout the world today, hundreds process together, praying for changes in ourselves and in society. Concluding with a 15th station, we are reminded that we are a Resurrection people in a Good Friday world. The walk begins at 8:30am on April 3rd at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues, proceeds along 42nd Street and ends on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro NY at 212-420-0250 or info@nypaxchristi.org.

PARISH NOTES

My Dear Parishioners ;

This weekend we celebrate The Fourth Week of Lent—how has Lent been? Prayer? Fasting? Almsgiving?

Tuesday of this week is St. Patrick's Day—the patronal feast of the Archdiocese of New York. Pray for the work of the Church here in New York.. Masses on St. Patrick's Day will be at 7:30am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm.

Thursday is the Feast of St. Joseph, the patron of the universal church. Masses again will be at 7:30am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm. Let's us pray on that day for the work of the Church throughout the world..

Have you had a chance to look at our parish website blessedsacramentnyc.org? What do you think of it? How can we improve it? It is **our** website, remember.

I would encourage you to arrange your schedule for Holy Week—the Sacred Triduum is the holiest time of the year and I urge you to be part of it. It begins on Holy Thursday night at 7:30 pm and continues on Good Friday at 3:00pm in Spanish and at 5:30pm in English and concludes at 7:30pm on Holy Saturday—one celebration in 3 parts. Hopefully you will plan to take part.

Did you hear the President's speech in Selma? I would urge you to listen . Here is the link: <http://www.thestranger.com/blogs/slog/2015/03/09/21851440/president-obamas-speech-in-Selma>.

Just a reminder on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday: the 10:00am Mass will begin at 9:45am. This change is only for those two days. The crowds are normally great, so plan to be there early.

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

Fr. GERARD DiSENZO

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Gerard DiSenzo, a retired priest of the New York Archdiocese, for two evenings of discussions about the English Jesuit Poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. The discussion will take place in the Rectory on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm. See you there.



CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015

This season of Lent, **Blessed Sacrament parish is participating in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl** as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis' call to end world hunger. **CRS Rice Bowl** invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **870 million people suffer from hunger.** Of this 98% live in the developing world.

If you don't have a Rice Bowl pick one up at the back of the church and take a flyer for more information.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday, March 28th, we will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 12:10pm Mass. All who feel the need for God's healing power in their lives are invited to take part.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday in Lent we have Stations of the cross after the 12:10pm and 5:30pm Masses

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

The Spirit Sunday and Young Adults groups are pleased to co-sponsor this year's Lenten Simple Suppers. Please join us during the 5 Wednesdays during lent: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25, for prayer, meditation, and a supper of soup, salad, and bread. The evenings are 7PM-8:15PM in the rectory dining room and are a wonderful way to enrich your Lenten experience. For all questions, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We hope to see you there.

COLLECTION

Our collection for March 8th was \$10,338.— And through ParishPay: \$1,891.— for a total of \$12,229.— We are grateful for your support.

VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com.—be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me (Mt 25:40).

Today we are reminded of the gospel message to love all our brothers and sisters around the world and treat them with respect. The Catholic Relief Services Collection sees Jesus in victims of human trafficking, those who see to change unjust laws, and those who need pastoral care and humanitarian assistance across the globe **How will you help Jesus in disguise?**

Please be generous in today's Collection.



JOYJ INITIATIVE—Easter Egg Lenten Project

JoyJ is once again sponsoring an Easter Egg Lenten Project. On March 28th a basket of eggs will be placed on the Blessed Mother's altar on the right side of the church. Inside each egg are requests for t-shirts, toothpaste, gift cards, socks, wipes, protein fruit bars, etc. We ask that gift cards not exceed \$10.00 per card. Donations will be collected on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday, April 12th. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Mis Queridos Feligreses;

Este fin de semana celebramos el 4to Domingo de la Cuaresma. Como la estan observando? Con plegarias? Ayuno? Limosnas?

El martes celebramos la Fiesta de San Patricio, la fiesta patronal de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. Roguemos por el trabajo de la Iglesia en nuestra ciudad. Las Misas ese día serán a las 7:30am, 12:10pm y 5:30pm.

El jueves celebramos la fiesta de San Jose, el patron de la Iglesia universal. Las Misas ese día serán a las 7:30am, 12:10pm y 5:30pm En ese día roguemos también por el trabajo de la Iglesia en todo el mundo.

Han visitado el "website" de nuestra parroquia www.blessedsacramentny.org? Dejenme saber su opinion; podemos mejorarla? Recuerden, **es nuestra** "website".

Les recomendaria organizar su programa para la Semana Santa. La celebracion del "Holy Triduum" es el tiempo mas sagrado e importante de nuestra Iglesia y les pediria ser parte de esta liturgia. Comienza el Jueves Santo a las 7:30pm, continua el Viernes Santo a las 3:00pm en espanol y a las 5:30 en ingles, y concluye el Sabado Santo a las 7:30pm.

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Les recuerdo que el Domingo de Palmas y el Domingo de Resurreccion la Misa de las 10:00am comenzara a las 9:45am. Este cambio afecta solo a estos dos días. Siempre viene mucha gente, así es que vengan temprano!

Roguemos por la Paz

Fr. Duffell



FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION

JUST A REMINDER: NEXT WEEKEND is our monthly non-perishable grocery collection for FOOD FOR FAMILIES.

(In order to provide the highest quality service to those who seek our help, we may only accept freshly bought, unopened non-perishable items. If this is not convenient, we also accept monetary donations.)

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

You are invited! Please join us today, Sunday, March 15th for a monthly Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors. All family members are invited!

Please send inquiries to Jackie@snacknyc.com

LA LEGION DE MARIA

Es una organización a nivel mundial, de hombres y mujeres, casados y solteros, que bajo la dirección de Maria, la Madre de Dios, llenos del Espíritu Santo, desarrollan una santidad personal y ayudan a los sacerdotes en su trabajo parroquial. Miembros de esta organización se reunirán los martes a la 7:00 en nuestra rectoria.