



# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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**CHURCH:** 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

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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](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)  
*Spanish Programs Website:* [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)  
*Sunday School Website:* [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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.



<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>August 8th</b>
5:30	Josefa Grillo +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 9th</b>
8:30	Holy Souls
10:00	Tone Luke Kolaj +
11:00	People of the Parish
12:30	Eladia Riggs Bing +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 10th</b>
7:30	John Famalary +
12:10	Donna de Solis +
5:30	Caesar Colasuonno +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 11th</b>
7:30	Fay Powers +
12:10	Andrew Gerard Hickey +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>August 12th</b>
7:30	Raymond O'Brien +
12:10	Ann Giglio +
5:30	Donna de Solis +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>August 13th</b>
7:30	Philip Lord and family (living and deceased)
12:10	Gerardo Betchaver +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>August 14th</b>
7:30	The Donovan Family (living and deceased)
12:10	Gene Dempsey +
5:30	Intentions of Rita Sardos
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 15th</b>
7:30	Hana Donovan +
12:10	Ida E. Giovanni Bruno +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

The flowers decorating the sanctuary have  
been offered in loving memory of  
*The Riggs Family*  
Eric, Winifred, Eric, Jr. and Eladia

**A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Saturday of this week is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, normally a Holyday of Obligation. The obligation is lifted this year because the Feast falls on a Saturday, but it is still a special day for us—if possible try to attend Mass for the Feast of the Assumption. The Masses

here at Blessed Sacrament will be offered on Friday evening at 5:30pm and Saturday at 7:30am and 12:10pm. The evening Mass celebrated on Saturday will be the liturgy for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

There is a real and urgent need for housing here in New York. A bipartisan group of 133 state Assembly members is urging Gov. Cuomo to develop 35,000 units of supportive housing across the state to combat homelessness. The Group sent a letter to the governor asking him to commit to develop the new housing—including 23,350 new units for adults, 10,150 units for families and 1,500 units for youth—by 2025. At present, there are 60,000 homeless people living in New York City, 23,000 of whom are children. Please give some thought to supporting the Assembly’s move on homelessness and contact the governor’s office to show your support.

Age-friendly Neighborhoods: The New York City Council and the New York Academy of Medicine Age-friendly Neighborhoods team are working to identify improvements that will make everyday living for older adults easier and more enjoyable. 17% of New Yorkers are considered older (over 60). If you are older, or know someone who is, Age-friendly Neighborhoods gathers resources for older New Yorkers. Visit the website at:

<http://www.agefriendlyneighborhoods.nyc/resources/>.

I hope you find some time this summer to relax. And Pray for Peace.  
Fr. Duffell.

**MENSAJE DEL PASTOR**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos:

El próximo sábado es la Fiesta de la Asunción de la Virgen, usualmente un día de Obligación, pero no esta vez ya que la Fiesta es un sábado. Aun así, es un día muy especial y, de ser posible, asistan a Misa este día. Las Misas en Blessed Sacrament se ofrecerán el viernes a las 5:30pm, y el sábado a las 7:30am y 12:10pm. La Misa del sábado en la tarde observara la liturgia de Decimo Noveno Domingo en Tiempo Ordinario.

Existe en Nueva York una necesidad real y urgente de viviendas adicionales. Un grupo bipartito de 133 miembros de la Asamblea estatal esta pidiendo al Gov. Cuomo la construcción de mas viviendas a través del estado para combatir el problema de los que no tienen un hogar. El grupo ha enviado una carta al gobernador pidiéndole la construcción al 2025 de 23,500 unidades para adultos, 10,500 para familias y 1,500 para jóvenes. Hay 60,000 personas sin hogar en Nueva York, 23,000 de los cuales son menores. Le pedimos escribir a la oficina del Gobernador mostrando su apoyo a este proyecto.

Vecindarios Amigables para las Personas Mayores (Age-friendly Neighborhoods): El Consejo de la Ciudad de Nueva York y el “New York Academy of Medicine” están trabajando para buscar formas de hacer mas llevadero y agradable las vidas de aquellas personas ya mayores. El 17% de los residentes de Nueva York son considerados mayores (sobre la edad de 60). Si es usted mayor, o conoce a alguien que los sea, “Age-friendly Neighborhoods” ofrece recursos para personas mayores. Visiten su website; <http://www.agefriendlyneighborhoods.nyc/resources/>

Espero estén disfrutando del verano. Y recuerden rezar por la paz.  
Fr. Duffell



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

Will begin on Sunday September 13 with the 10:00 am Family Mass in the Church. Religious instruction is held in the school after the Family Mass until 12:15. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE WAS JULY 27. SOME CLASSES ARE FILLED.** We will accept late registrations for unfilled classes until Sept. 1. **YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FROM SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13. REGISTRATION WILL REOPEN ON SEPTEMBER 14.** Re-registration forms have been mailed to current students. Forms for new students can be picked up at the parish office or found on the Sunday School website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org).

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 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. A special ministry –perhaps God is calling you– to be a Sunday School teacher or an assistant. Please call Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for more information.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (The RCIA)**



Thinking of becoming a Catholic: Are you Catholic but have not received Communion and/or Confirmation? Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm. Would you be willing to be part of the RCIA Team? Please call Tina Silvestro at the parish office (212-877-3111) to register or seek information.

**COLLECTION**

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday gathered at Mass amounted to \$6,760. \$2,571 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$9,331. Again, thank you! And thank you too for the amount of \$2,092 offered in support of the Work of the Church in Latin America and the Home Missions.

**DIANNE R. CARR**

Pianist and musician, Dianne is seeking others to join her in musically enriching the weekday 7:30am Masses at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Dianne at: [diannercarr@yahoo.com](mailto:diannercarr@yahoo.com)



**BOOK CLUB**

Our next book club meets Sept. 9th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the rectory. We’ll be reading “The Moviegoer”, winner of the 1961 National Book Award, written by Walker Percy, one of the most significant Catholic Southern writers of the 20th Century. It’s a short novel, humorous but at the same time raising important questions about the purpose of life. Do we sometimes treat life like watching a movie, instead of living it? What can we do to find happiness without being sunk in the “everydayness” of life?

**ABC’s OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: THIS WEEK—CRS JERUSALEM**

Representation of American Catholics in Jerusalem, by CRS, dates back to the 1940’s and was formally established in 1961. Victims of all the hostilities, major and minor, since then have been helped. Today the focus is on peace building, encouraging civic participation, and providing humanitarian assistance to the thousands who flee sectarian violence in the area. Next wee: CRS/North Korea. For more info visit: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

**FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR**

Should you wish to offer the flowers that decorate the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please call or drop into the rectory office (212) 877-3111. Business hours: Monday-Friday 9:00am-9:00pm, Saturday and Sunday 9:00am-7:00pm. The donation is \$150.00. It is a beautiful way to remember a loved one.

**THE SOUP KITCHEN**

Every second Sunday of the month we seek support for the Parish Soup Kitchen and other social missions of the Parish. Each Sunday our volunteers prepare lunch for 75-100 people. Your donation of money and theirs of time and talent make this possible. We are truly grateful as are those who are fed.



On Sunday, August 16th we will have the Sacrament of Baptism at 2:00pm.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

On the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month we have **Bereavement Support Groups - General Bereavement at 5:30 p.m.** and **Perinatal Loss** (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) **at 6:30 p.m.** Both groups will meet in the Rectory on September 5th. For more information, please contact at the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee.