



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)
11:15 (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	September 12th
5:30	Melinda Reading +
Sunday	September 13th
8:30	Tom Ferrie +
10:00	Bryan Canetti +
11:00	Jose Maria Apolo Aguirre +
12:30	Bridget Coen +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff Josephine Dedis +
Monday	September 14th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Nunzio and Maria Vitale and Family +
5:30	Olga Peters +
Tuesday	September 15th
7:30	John Frances Kaufman
12:10	Nunzio and Maria Vitale and Family +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	September 16th
7:30	Camilla Gardino+ and Carla Bonzano +
12:10	Intentions of Shawee Yohannes
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Thursday	September 17th
7:30	Ada McNamara +
12:10	Olga Peters +
5:30	Intentions of Gidget-Hope Montalvo
Friday	September 18th
7:30	Intentions of Shawee Yohannes
12:10	Rafael Guillen +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	September 19th
7:30	Theresa McConnell +
12.10	Intention of Eddy Henry
5:30	Asunta Amato +

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

This week I'd like to bring you up to date on all the many construction and repair projects going on in the parish.

The plans for our largest project, the repair of the façade, are before the Landmarks Commission and should be approved shortly and we'll begin as soon as possible. We won't know the extent of the problems until we have the scaffolding up and engineers have a look. I'll keep you posted.

We've also undertaken the renovation and repair of the theater and the church undercroft. I'm told we should have an Assembly Permit soon. Both spaces will be splendid when finished. The bathrooms have been cleaned

and fixed, the back hall cleared of all debris. As I write, new exit doors are being installed, and old doors are being repaired and refurbished. The floors are gleaming and soon our team will skim coat the walls and put on a coat of primer.

In the course of working on the undercroft, we became aware of a corroded and damaged pipe that allowed water to pour in through a window onto the floor of the undercroft, causing significant damage to the wooden floor over the years. To fix the problem, our beautiful courtyard had to be torn up and new piping put down.

Since we are responsible for the general upkeep of the school building, we were notified by the city that our two huge water tanks needed to be drained, cleaned and inspected. This has taken place and we passed our inspection.

I know there are other things that I'm forgetting, but suffice to say, a lot of work has been accomplished this summer, and a lot of work will continue on through the colder months. Thanks for your patience.

Pray for Peace.
Fr. Duffell

MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Esta semana quiero informarles sobre los proyectos de construcción que se están llevando a cabo en nuestra parroquia.

Los planos para el proyecto mas grande, reparar la fachada, están siendo revisados por el "Landmarks Commission". Esperamos sean aprobados en cualquier momento y el trabajo comenzara inmediatamente. Al momento no sabemos exactamente la magnitud de los problemas hasta que el andamio sea instalado y los ingenieros puedan evaluarlos. Les mantendré informados.

Igualmente se esta efectuando la renovación y reparación del teatro y del sótano. Nos han informado que recibiremos pronto el permiso para reuniones. Se están instalando puertas nuevas de salida ("exit") el piso está brillante y nuestro equipo pintara las paredes en unos días.

Mientras se hacían estas reparaciones descubrimos que unas tuberías estaban oxidadas causando que el agua entrara al sótano lo cual causo considerable daño al piso a través de l tiempo. Para arreglar este problema el patio tuvo que ser excavado y nueva tubería instalada.

Y como somos responsables del mantenimiento de la escuela, la ciudad nos informo que los tanques de agua necesitaban ser vaciados, limpiados e inspeccionados. Ya se ha hecho y hemos pasado la inspección.

Se que me he olvidados de otras cosas, pero si les puedo decir que mucho trabajo ha tenido lugar este verano y que el trabajo continuara a través de los meses mas fríos.

Roguemos por la Paz.
Fr. Duffell

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$6,235. \$3,014. was received through ParishPay for a total of \$9,249. Also, thank you for your donations of \$1,680. for our Soup Kitchen.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Begin this weekend, September 13th. Our Family Mass is at 10:00am.

Classes take place in the school right after Mass. You cannot register the first day of class. Registration is now closed but will reopen **on Monday, September 14th.. Registration forms can be found** on the **Sunday School website** : www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org or picked up at the parish office. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 for information.

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. Please call Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for more information.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

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

PREPARE THE WAY FOR POPE FRANCIS: MASS AND HOLY HOUR

Come together in prayer for the historic visit of our Holy Father! On Thursday, September 17, 2015 at St. Patrick's Cathedral (5th Avenue at 50th Street) we will have our regularly scheduled Mass at 5:30pm, followed by a Holy Hour and Eucharistic Procession in honor of Our Holy Father's visit. We will conclude with Benediction at around 7:00pm. For more information please visit: info@CSPYA.org



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

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

PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

Pax Christi Metro New York, September 11th for Peaceful Tomorrows, the Loretto Community, the Curran Center at Fordham University, and Westchester Interfaith Connection invite you to a commemoration of September 11th, 2001 and UN International Peace Day. In honor of these important days we will be showing the film "In our Son's Name" about the transformation that Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez experienced after their son Greg died in the World Trade Center. This moving portrait of a positive response to violence challenges conventional concepts of healing and justice. Phyllis and Orlando will be with us to facilitate discussion. Join us at 2 PM, Sunday, September 13th, in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph's Greenwich Village Church, Washington Place and Sixth Avenue. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10, more if you have it, less if you don't.

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY COLLECTION.

This month, *St. Joseph's Seminary* begins its 119th year focused on forming and ordaining holy, faithful and dedicated priests. Please give prayerful consideration to this year's *Annual Seminary Appeal this. weekend* Our priests have responded to a very special call to serve, guide, and teach so as to share with others the mystery of God's love for all of us. Your support during this time of preparation is deeply appreciated.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

An all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th graders and their parents, on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30—8:30pm.

For more information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028. **212-288-1100 Ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.**

