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)
11:15 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) &5:30PM
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:
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.
During Lent the sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated only in an emergency situation.

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. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org
Dear Parishioners and Friends:

My thanks to all those who helped at the Ash Wednesday services. I hope that your Lent will be fruitful. Let me know how your Lent is going, what you are doing, what your thoughts are.

Pope Francis asks us to convert to mercy this Lent. What does this mean, really? Here are the Pope’s own words:

“God’s mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbor and to devote ourselves to what the Church’s tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbors in body and spirit: by feeding, visiting, comforting and instructing them. On such things will we be judged.

For this reason, I expressed my hope that “the Christian people may reflect on the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; this will be a way to reawaken our conscience, too often grown dull in the face of poverty, and to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God’s mercy”. For in the poor, the flesh of Christ “becomes visible in the flesh of the tortured, the crushed, the scourged, the malnourished, and the exiled... to be acknowledged, touched, and cared for by us”. It is the unprecedented and scandalous mystery of the extension in time of the suffering of the Innocent Lamb, the burning bush of gratuitous love. Before this love, we can, like Moses, take off our sandals, especially when the poor are our brothers or sisters in Christ who are suffering for their faith.”

In this Year of Mercy, pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell
NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Mi sincero agradecimiento a todos aquellos que nos ayudaron con los servicios del Miércoles de Cenizas. Que esta sea muy fructífera. Déjenme saber como están pasando la Cuaresma, que están haciendo, y que están pensando.

El Papa Francisco nos pide practicar la misericordia durante esta Cuaresma. Que quiere decir con esto? A continuación sus propias palabras:

“La misericordia de Dios transforma el corazón del hombre haciéndole experimentar un amor fiel, y lo hace a su vez capaz de misericordia. Es siempre un milagro el que la misericordia divina se irradiie en la vida de cada uno de nosotros, impulsándonos a amar al prójimo y animándonos a vivir lo que la tradición de la Iglesia llama las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales. Ellas nos recuerdan que nuestra fe se traduce en gestos concretos y cotidianos, destinados a ayudar a nuestro prójimo en el cuerpo y en el espíritu, y sobre los que seremos juzgados: nutrirlo, visitarlo, consolarlo y educarlo.

Por eso, expresé mi deseo de que «el pueblo cristiano reflexione durante el Jubileo sobre las obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales. Será un modo para despertar nuestra conciencia, muchas veces aletargada ante el drama de la pobreza, y para entrar todavía más en el corazón del Evangelio, donde los pobres son los privilegiados de la misericordia divina. En el pobre, en efecto, la carne de Cristo «se hace de nuevo visible como cuerpo martirizado, llagado, flagelado, desnudito, en fuga... para que nosotros lo reconozcamos, lo toquemos y lo asistamos con cuidado. Misterio inaudito y desconocido la continuación en la historia del sufrimiento del Cordero Inocente, zarza ardiente de amor gratuito ante el cual, como Moisés, sólo podemos quitarnos las sandalias; más aún cuando el pobre es el hermano o la hermana en Cristo que sufren a causa de su fe.”

En este Ano de la Misericordia roguemos por la Paz.

Padre Duffell

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MARTES DURANTE LA CAUARESMA

Empezando el 23 de Febrero a las 6:30pm tendremos misa en español cada martes. Vengan y compartan.

TUESDAYS DURING LENT

Beginning on the 23 of February at 6:30pm we will have Spanish mass each Tuesday. Come and share with us.

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34TH ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI NY WAY OF THE CROSS

Join several hundred people in one of the largest public Christian peace witnesses in New York City. For over thirty years Pax Christi Metro New York has walked The Good Friday Way of the Cross as a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. Pope Francis has declared 2016 as the year of Mercy, join with us as we reflect on Living Lives of Mercy with Care and Compassion.

The Walk will take place from 8:30am to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 25th.

We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th and First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd street between Eight and Ninth Avenues. PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS.

For further information about our work, please contact us at 371 Sixth Ave., New York, NY, 10014; 212-420-0250; info@nypaxchristi.org or www.nypaxchristi.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the growing number of students in our Sunday School program the need for volunteers is also growing. Catechists, assistants, and substitutes are needed. All volunteers who work with children will need to complete a background check form and an abuse awareness and prevention class as provided by the Archdiocese. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

LENTEN VESPERS

Corpus Christi Church – 529 W 121st St

Sundays at 4:00pm – The Mercy of God
February 21, 2016
Preacher: Rabbi Michael Moskowitz
Aish Campus Ministry, Columbia Univ.
Jeremy Rhizor, violin
Academy of Sacred Drama

BEING EVICTED? NEED HOUSING ADVICE?

Please join Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal and Jasa Club 76 at a legal Clinic on Housing Issues
WHEN: Thursday, February 18th, 2016, 6:30 – 8 PM
WHERE: Jasa Club 76
120 West 76th Street, 3rd Floor
(Between Amsterdam & Columbus Avenues)

Organizations Attending (List in formation)
Goddard Riverside SRO Law Project
Housing Conservation Coordinators
MFY Legal Services

For more information or to RSVP, Please contact Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal at (212) 873-6368 or ROSENTHALL@ASSEMBLY.STATE.NY.US
First Sunday of Lent

February 14th, 2016

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 13

5:30 1st Anita Pearl
2nd Jerry Becker
POF Carolyn McZinc
EM Carolyn McZinc, Jerry Becker,
Diana O’Toole, Ginetta LaBianca

Sunday, February 14

8:30 1st Tom Caffrey
2nd Tom Caffrey
POF Mary Steffany
EM James Palazza, Tony Jalandoni, JoDell Shields,
Tom Caffrey, Mary Steffany

10:00 1st Kamila Palka
2nd Anna Piazza
POF Jillian Macdonald
EM Anna-Sophia Leone, Belinda Dela Cruz, Judy Braun,
Elisse LoPresti, Anna Piazza, Shirley Rodriguez, Eddie Litton

12:30 1st Francesca DiPaola
2nd Francesca DiPaola
POF Ingrid Leacock
EM Thomas Alexander, Elsa Alvarez, Francesca DiPaola,
Ingrid Leacock, Lidia Stempien

5:30 1st Mark Murphy
2nd Kimberley LaMarque Orman
POF Roscoe Orman

BE THE CHANGE: CLIMATE COMMITMENTS FOR LENT
Lent is an opportune time to evaluate our lifestyles and make conscious decisions that contribute to a happy, healthy planet. Together, we can follow Pope Francis’ lead to choose what is good by adapting our behavior and being better stewards of the earth and her resources. Each week through Easter, we will be providing advice and tips on how to decrease your carbon footprint this Lent. You can begin to incorporate these actions and changes in your daily life, creating a sustainable and more earth-friendly lifestyle.

Second Week: February 14

Thinking of a last-minute Valentine’s Day gift for someone you love? Consider this opportunity to break away from consumerism by thinking of a meaningful note or trying something creative instead of purchasing something.

To be involved in the parish’s Care for Creation efforts, contact Luke Mayville at 208-610-1783.

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SÉ EL CAMBIO: ACCIONES POR EL CLIMA PARA LA CUARESMA
La Cuaresma es un momento oportuno para evaluar nuestro estilo de vida y tomar decisiones conscientes que contribuyen a un planeta feliz y saludable. Juntos, podemos seguir el ejemplo de Papa Francisco para elegir lo que es bueno, adaptando nuestro comportamiento para ser mejores administradores de la tierra y sus recursos. Cada semana hasta Pascua, vamos a ofrecer un consejo o sugestencia sobre la forma de reducir su huella de carbono durante esta Cuaresma. Esperamos que puede comenzar a incorporar estas acciones y cambios en su vida cotidiana, creando un estilo de vida más sostenible para el bien del planeta.

Segunda semana: 14 Febrero
Pensando de último minuto en un regalo de San Valentín para alguien que amas? Considere esto una oportunidad de romper con el consumismo y optar por una nota significativa o intentar de hacer algo creativo en lugar de comprar algo.

Para participar en los esfuerzos de nuestra parroquia para el Cuidado de la Creación, contactar a Luke Mayville al 208-610-1783.

SMACK
Do you need help running errands? Is it difficult for you to grocery shop? Or travel to places in the winter-time? Do you know someone who could use just a little help or a small act of kindness (SMACK)? Contact the rectory for assistance and we'll connect you to one of our parishioner-volunteers. This program is not appropriate for people that need medical assistance or skilled nursing care. (Note: We are no longer accepting volunteers at this time, only people in need of assistance.)

FOOD & FAITH CONNECT!
This spring (for the first time!) parishioners can buy fresh, organic, locally grown vegetables from the Dominican Sisters’ Harmony Farm in Goshen, NY. After all masses on February 27 & 28, March 5 & 6, and March 12 & 13 you can purchase a membership to the Sisters’ farm and receive a box of produce each week from April through November. We'll deliver the food to Blessed Sacrament and you can pick it up on the Church steps! Also included in membership is the opportunity to go on retreat at the farm.
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)*

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 ___

### PARISH PAY

Parish pay will collect monthly contribution from your checking, savings or credit card account and send it to the parish. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. You may log onto www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

School of the Blessed Sacrament is a pre-k through grade eight Catholic elementary school in the heart of the upper west side. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates love of God, self, and others. We integrate technology, the arts, music, and physical education to provide a liberal arts education for the whole child. We seek to develop saints and scholars through innovative, personal learning experiences. Accepting applications now, with financial aid opportunities for qualified families, contact us today at 212-724-7561 or www.sblsnyc.org

### TREAT THE PATIENT, HEAL THE PERSON:

Embracing Spiritual and Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Health Practices.

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 from 8:30am – 5:45pm

Fordham University, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center,
12th Floor Lounge
113 West 60th Street, NYC

Join us for a daylong gathering of leading practitioners and scholars who represent diverse approaches to medicine, culture, and spirituality. We will examine cross-cultural perspectives in well-being, explore best practices, and propose innovative approaches to healthcare delivery.

FREE ADMISSION – RSVP: crcprogram@fordham.edu

### LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Wednesdays of Lent: 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/16 for our Lenten Simple Suppers.

Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad…and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one’s Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350.

We look forward to seeing you then.

### SAVE THE DATE AND PLEASE JOIN US!

A Talk with Fr. Sean

Fr. Sean McDonagh will explore implications for humanity and the earth as presented in his book "Reflections on Laudato Si: On Care for our Common Home".

Saturday 2/27 at 6:45PM at Blessed Sacrament Church

A reception and book signing will follow. (A similar presentation will also be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church, San Damiano Hall, 129 West 31st St. on 2/26 at 6PM.) Please pick up a flyer for more information.

### BLESSED SACRAMENTS WOMENS GROUP

Our next Women's Group Meeting will be February 21st at 6:45 p.m. upstairs in the rectory. We will be discussing spiritual growth during advent, and building relationships with one another over snacks and wine. We hope to see you there!

### THE JOYJ INITIATIVE HOMELESS OUTREACH

The JOYJ Initiative will hold its next homeless outreach on Saturday, February 20th at 10:00 am. (If you wish to help with the packing of the bags, please arrive by 9:30 am). Volunteers will meet in the church hall, located down the stairs between the rectory and the church. If you are interested in volunteering for this outreach, or wish to be on the mailing list for future service, please email joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com, or stop by rectory after the masses this weekend and sign up.