

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.

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.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Christians who use this phrase repeatedly could easily lose sight of the powerful mystery it expresses. Today, Trinity Sunday, the Scriptures call for reflection on this central belief of Christianity; the Trinity. One of the greatest gifts of the Christian faith is the dogma of the triune God: God is three in one. Today is one of the moveable “idea feasts”, moveable because its celebration depends on the date of Easter and an “idea feast” because it focuses on a particular doctrine of our faith rather than on a specific moment in the life of Christ, his Blessed Mother, or one of the saints. St. Patrick used the shamrock with its three leaves to teach about the Trinity.

Next weekend is Memorial Day weekend, the unofficial start of the summer season. There is a movement to keep the spirit of Memorial Day by remembering those who died in our military services. Please keep those who died, were injured and their families in your prayers. And, too, remember those around the world who are victims of war.

If you are planning to go away for the summer, I would ask that you please sign up for ParishPay; it will help us keep operating through the summer. Thank you so much. To do so, go to www.parishpay.com.

I want to thank the members of the Parish Planning Committee for all they did last weekend. Surveys are still available in the rectory and online at the parish website. If you haven't done so, please take some time to fill out a survey; your contribution will add much to the process of planning for our future. The surveys will be available until May 31.

Last Sunday, we welcomed Bishop John O'Hara to Blessed Sacrament to celebrate the confirmations of our school and Sunday School youngsters and several adults. It was a beautiful prayer, much enlivened by our school choir under the direction of Laurie Gamache. My thanks to Caroline Sliney, our school principal, Tina Silvestro, our Director of Religious Education, the catechists Megan Andermanis, Shannon Collins, Anita Faherty, Nancy Kearny, Arlene Pereira.

In this Year of Mercy and on this upcoming Memorial Day weekend, pray for peace.

Father Duffell

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
CONFORMADI**



Emmanuel Amoha
Dylan Batista
Beckly Bezinski
Andrew Brush
Grace Burns
Elijah Bou
Joshua Cajigas
Leslie Cazales
Luca Da Silva
Lex Davis
Dylan De La Rosa
Caden Delgado
Dominic Digesu
Paul Martin Enano
Max Fasano
Argentina Fitzpatrick
Aidan Flores
Christopher Francoeur
Diego Grullon
Vincent Hickey
Jayden Huertas
Dylan Hughes
Tom Hughes
Jeanine Jabon
Matthew Kunzmann
Michael Kurtis
Luke Lumaj
Pia Mancini
Christopher J. McCarthy
Isabella Olivella
Lisa Quevedo
Arianna Rava
Marisa Roman
Emma Shen
Jacqueline Soave
Michael Suarez
Ryan Taft
Valentino Tartamella
Tula Tremblay
Luke Woitach
Aki Yamaguchi

ADULTS
Claire Camp
Jarred Small
Raquel Vinciguerra

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos:

En el nombre del Padre, del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo. Cristianos que usan esta frase continuamente podrían no apreciar el poderoso misterio que esta expresa. Hoy, Domingo de la Santísima Trinidad, las Escrituras nos invitan a reflexionar en la creencia central de la Cristiandad: la Trinidad. Uno de los grandes regalos de la fe Cristiana es el dogma del triunvirato del Señor: tres personas en una. Hoy es una fiesta movable, la cual se celebra dependiendo en la fecha de la Pascua y la cual se enfoca en una doctrina particular de nuestra fe y no en un momento específico en la vida de Cristo, la Virgen Madre, o en uno de los santos. San Patricio usaba el trébol con sus tres hojas para explicar el misterio de la Trinidad.

El próximo fin de semana es “Memorial Day”, el principio oficial de la temporada de verano. Existe un movimiento con el fin de mantener el espíritu de este día recordando a aquellos que han muerto en los servicios militares. Recemos por ellos y los heridos así como también por sus familias. Y recordemos también a las víctimas de guerras en todo el mundo.

Si están planeado veranear fuera de la ciudad, le pedimos por favor firmar en Parish Pay. Esto ayudaría a nuestro mantenimiento durante el verano. Gracias a todos. Pueden hacerlo aquí: www.parishpay.com.

Nuestro agradecimiento a las miembros del “Parish Planning Committee” por su trabajo el pasado fin de semana. Los formularios para la encuesta están aun disponibles hasta el 31 de mayo en la Rectoría así como en nuestra red parroquial. Si aun no lo han hecho, les pedimos tomar un momento y completar el formulario. Sus repuestas ayudaran al proceso de planeamiento de nuestro futuro.

También el pasado domingo le dimos la bienvenida al Obispo John O’Hara quien vino a Blessed Sacrament a celebrar el Sacramento de la Confirmación a los niños de nuestra escuela, a los participantes en nuestro “Sunday School”, así como a varios adultos. Fue un servicio muy especial amenizado por nuestro coro escolar bajo la dirección de Laurie Gamache y Brandon Magid. Agradecemos la colaboración de Caroline Sliney, Directora de nuestra escuela, Tina Silvestro, nuestra Directora de Enseñanza Religiosa, y a las Catequistas Megan Andermanis, Shannon Collins, Anita Flaherty, Nancy Kearney y Arlene Pereira.

En este Año de la Misericordia y en el “Memorial Day”, recemos por la paz.

Padre Duffell.



Saturday Evening, May 21st

5:30 Gloria Veltri +

Sunday, May 22nd

8:30 Gregoria Santa Ana Suaco +

10:00 John O’ Hara +

11:15 Intentions of Rita Sardos

12:30 Jack Lee +

5:30 Anne M. Duffell +

Monday, May 23rd

7:30 Eduardo and Fernando Pando +

12:10 Adrien Henry +

5:30 Gay Campbell +

Tuesday, May 24th

7:30 Living and Deceased members of the Lord and Hamilton Families

12:10 Adelina Osso +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Wednesday, May 25th

7:30 Margaret Boglia +

12:10 George Hughey +

5:30 Frank and Alice Wandrey +

Thursday, May 26th

7:30 Living and Deceased members of the Smyth Family

12:10 Christina Rusnak Maniotis +

5:30 Carmel Micaleff +

Friday, May 27th

7:30 Fernando Pando +

12:10 Glenn Gari +

5:30 Living and Deceased members of the Lord Family

Saturday, May 28th

7:30 The Decker and Carroll Families +

12:10 Alicia Sacotto Velasquez +

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will meet May 25, 6:30 to 8:00. We will be reading the Pulitzer Prize winning novel "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. It's a novel whose core theme is intergenerational conflict, but also a meditation on how even the simplest life, the small circumstances and events of our lives, can be touched by grace and wonder.

COLLECTION

A word of thanks for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Last Sunday \$9,147 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,859 was received through parish pay.... for a total Sunday offering of \$13,006.

LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 - 8:00 PM in the Church

We are in need of more lectors to minister the Word and Eucharistic ministers. If you have a love for Scripture and would like to serve as a lector or would like to administer Communion to your fellow parishioners as a Eucharistic minister, please come to the training session. All training will be held in the Church. No need to RSVP. Email Kimberley LaMarque Orman (kimberley.lamarque@gmail.com) or Brian Fallon (fallon.brianp@gmail.com) with any questions.

SHARE YOUR VOICE: TAKE OUR PARISH SURVEY

Whether you are a long-standing parishioner or newcomer, you are invited to share your voice and help plan the future direction of our church by participating in a Parish Survey.

All parishioners are encouraged to complete the Parish Survey to assist Blessed Sacrament in its long-term planning. The results will be used to develop a pastoral plan and vision to better serve parishioners and our community.

Beginning May 14, the survey, which consists of multiple-choice and open-ended questions, will be distributed during all Masses in both English and Spanish. Parishioners are encouraged to complete the survey before the end of Mass for collection by Parish volunteers. The survey will also be available online at www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/survey

Please complete the online survey and return paper surveys to the rectory by May 31.

For more information, contact Caitlin Marcoux at caitlin.kelly.marcoux@gmail.com or 412.737.3421.

AMORIS LAETITIA COURSE

The Pope's latest document is groundbreaking, and indeed, controversial. The print version will be available the first week of May. Fr. Michael Holleran will be offering a Saturday morning course to explain, interpret and discuss the document.

When: May 28th, and June 4th, from 10:30am to noon,
Where: The Merton Center of Notre Dame's Church (405 W 114th Street, NY, NY)

The evening will include distinguished panelists from the **Franciscan Action Network, the Global Catholic Climate Movement, ROAR – Religious Organizations Along the River, and the Justice & Peace Office of the Archdiocese of NY.**

BLESSED SACRAMENT GAY FELLOWSHIP

Please join us for a formational meeting of Blessed Sacrament's Gay Fellowship on Sunday, May 22, after the 5:30PM mass in the rectory dining room. The meeting will be from 6:45PM-8PM to meet one another and to discuss the future direction of the Group. Refreshments will be served.

Should you have any questions, please call John Gasdaska #646-345-7350 or James Palazza #646-456-8878. See you then!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY DAY

This Sunday, May 22 is Family Day for our Sunday School program. It is also the last class for the school year. The schedule for Family Day is: Family Mass at 10am, 11am - 11:45 class session with family members, closing celebration 11:45 - 12:30. Progress Reports will be distributed during class time.

A big THANK YOU to parents, students, Catechists, and Team Volunteers for making this year of Sunday School a huge success!

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER 2016

Registration dates for Sunday School will be published in the bulletin and online in late June.

Reregistration packets for current students will be mailed by the end of June, posted on the Sunday School website (www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org), and available at the Church Office. Parents who would like to register new students can call the office and give us your address for postal mailing, stop by the office for the packet, or check online in late June.

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY –
SERVE AS A MENTOR TO A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**

Student Sponsor Partners has been serving low-income students in New York City for 30 years by providing them with a scholarship to a supportive high school (22 of SSP's partners are Catholic high schools, and a mentor to provide personalized support and encouragement. Studies show that at-risk students with mentors are 55% more likely to enroll in college and 130% more likely to hold leadership positions. Annually, 85% of SSP students graduate from high school, compared to 64% in all of NYC and 56% of Black and Latino students.

The Social Action Committee invites Blessed Sacrament parishioners to take advantage of this opportunity to serve as a mentor, which is associated with a commitment to meet 4-6 times per year in person and communicate monthly via phone, email or text. If interested, we encourage you to sign up online at: sspny.org/sponsors-mentors/become-a-sponsormentor/. For more information, contact Caitlin Marcoux (Caitlin.kelly.marcoux@gmail.com).



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 accepting applications for grades 1 - 8, with financial aide opportunities for qualified families! School of the Blessed Sacrament is a pre-k through eighth grade 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. Contact us today at 212-724-7561 or www.sblsnyc.org.

FINAL CRS RICE BOWL RESULT:

We concluded our Rice Bowl Lenten Journey with a beautiful Easter celebration. Many of you continued to drop off your Rice Bowls at the Rectory through April. 75% of your donations went to Catholic Relief Services' programs serving the poorest of the poor overseas, 25% toward NY archdiocesan projects that minister to the poor and vulnerable in our own community. Your sacrifices amounted to donations of \$9713.88 (\$6813.88 collected through Rice Bowls and \$2900.00 donated on-line). To all of you, THANK YOU for your generosity and prayers for our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world.

2ND ANNUAL PARISHIONER APPRECIATION COOK OUT

On June 5th, we will have our 2nd Annual Parishioner Appreciation Cook Out. Please come and enjoy hot dogs and other good food, along with Sangria punch and cold drinks. This is our way of saying "Thank You" for your support and prayers. Stop by and share fellowship, good food and meet other Parishioners.

When: June 5th after the 10, 11:15 and 12:30 Masses

Where: Outside in the Parish garden
(coffee and pastries served after the 8:30 Mass)

Hosted by: Blessed Sacrament Hospitality Committee and Friends

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