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 PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
SPANISH WEEKDAY MASS: Second Wednesday of the month
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,

Today is the fifth of the Lenten Sundays – we used to call this Passion Sunday – it marks a turning point in our Lenten journey. For as we begin this fifth week of Lent, the emphasis begins to focus more on the Passion of the Lord. Today we find the images covered, for in these final days of Lent our focus must be on the Lord and all that he has done for us. In less than two weeks, we will begin the Sacred Pascal Triduum – the most important moment of prayer in the liturgical year – that for which our Lenten journey prepares us.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – opens Holy Week. The 5:30pm mass on Saturday is the 1st of the Palm Sunday Masses. Please be aware that all of the Masses will begin on 71st Street in front of the Church – where palms will be distributed and blessed – and then together we the Church, the People of God.....will process into our church building (Jerusalem) for the Passion – PLEASE NOTE THE 10AM MASS ON PALM SUNDAY WILL BEGIN AT 9:45AM!

Holy Week....begins next Sunday......how will you make it holy?

On Monday of Holy Week, April 10th, from 3 pm until 9 pm.....one of the priests will be available in the confessional to celebrate the sacrament of penance.

May this fifth Lenten week be for you, one of great grace,

Please pray each day, for peace.

Father Duffell

MARCH CAMPAIGN AND REPAIR UPDATE:

We have reached our $4,000,000 goal!

Since the formal Campaign to solicit funds for the church’s repair ended in January, about thirty more donors have come forward, bringing the new pledge total up about $180,000 to $4,060,561. Because most gifts have been pledged over the next five years, the Parish Finance Council is working to ensure that the Parish will maintain proper cash flow to fund the repair work every step of the way. With the scaffolding almost complete, the restoration work should begin by the last week of March. Thanks to all who are striving to honor their commitment to this necessary project, and if you are interested in helping, please contact the Rectory for more details.

COLLECTION OF CRS RICE BOWLS:

Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl comes to an end on April 9. Next weekend, at all Palm Sunday Masses, members and friends of the Social Action Committee will collect your Rice Bowls at the church entrance. 75% of your donation will go to Catholic Relief Services’ programs serving the poorest of the poor overseas, 25% will go toward NY archdiocesan projects that minister to the poor and vulnerable in our own community.

If you made an on-line donation, please let us know so we can include it in our parish totals. Also, let us know how Rice Bowl enhanced your Lenten journey. Write down your thoughts and include it in your Rice Bowl.

What you give up for Lent changes lives:

“Lent is a time for self-denial; we would do well to ask ourselves what we can give up in order to help and enrich others by our own poverty.”
—Pope Francis

EASTER FLOWERS OFFERING

Should you wish to make an offering for the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, please place your offering in an envelope and on paper within, print clearly the name or names of those in whose memory the offering is made. The names will be listed in all the Easter Mass Programs as well as the Church bulletin. Prayers will be prayed for them throughout the Easter Season.
NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Hoy observamos el 5to Domingo de la Cuaresma - se llamó en algún momento Domingo de la Pasión. Comenzando hoy el énfasis se enfoca en la Pasión el Señor y encontramos en este día que todas las imágenes están cubiertas, pues en los últimos días de la Cuaresma nos concentramos en el Señor y en todo lo que El ha hecho por nosotros. En menos de dos semanas comienza el Triduum Pascual - el periodo mas importante en el año litúrgico para el cual nos hemos preparado.

El próximo domingo es Domingo de Palmas el cual nos lleva a la Semana Santa. La Misa del sábado a las 5:30pm es la primera de todas las Misas de este Domingo. Recuerden que todas las Misas comenzarán en la Calle 71 en frente de la iglesia donde las palmas serán distribuidas y bendecidas - y luego nosotros, los Hijos de Dios, entraremos todos juntos a nuestra iglesia (Jerusalem) para la Pasión. LA MISA DE LAS 10:00AM DEL DOMINGO DE PALMAS COMENZARÁ A LAS 9:45AM!

La Semana Santa...comienza el próximo domingo...Como se habrán preparado?

El día 10 de abril, Lunes Santo, un sacerdote estará disponible en el confesionario de las 3:00PM a las 9:00PM para celebrar el sacramento de reconciliación.

Que esta 5ta. semana de la Cuaresma sea para ustedes de bendiciones.

Y recemos cada día por la paz.

Padre Duffell.
Flyers which have basic information on immigration that everyone should know will be in the back of the church. This flyer is for everyone, whether it relates to you or you just want to know more and help, so please grab one and get a copy for those whom you think could use it too. This flyer can also be found in the Blessed Sacrament website, www.blessedsacramentnyc.org

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY 2017
Please mark your calendars for Hospitality Sundays 2017
Coffee Hour will be held in the Rectory after the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday will be held in the Church Hall after the evening Mass. This is a great opportunity to spend some time with your fellow parishioners.
April 30; June 4; September 10; October 1; November 5; December 3, 2017.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS
Please join us during any or all of the Tuesdays of Lent: 4/4 and 4/11 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.

NY CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY
The theme for this year is ABLAZE. "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze." St. Catherine of Siena
April 29, 2017 from 9am to 5pm on the grounds of St. Joseph's Seminary, Yonkers.
Join hundreds of youth from around the Archdiocese to celebrate the annual New York Catholic Youth Day (NYCYD)! New York Catholic Youth Day is going to be amazing this year!!!
Registration: $20 per person (includes lunch, bag and t-shirt) ($10 late fee after April 10th) No Walk-ins.
To register visit: www.oymny.org/ny-catholic-youth-day
For more information call 9114-367-8329

Finance Committee Corner
Last Sunday $8,222 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and $4,142.4 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of $12,364.4. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of Catholic Relief Services totaled $2642. Thank you!

Esquina Financiera
La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue $8,222. Recibimos $4,142.4 a través de Parish Pay para un total de $12,364.4. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para el apoyo de Catholic Relief Services totalizo $2642. Gracias.
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)

Children

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

What is Parish Pay?
With ParishPay, it’s simple to make online donations to Blessed Sacrament using a credit or debit card. Simply go online at www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 and--just like your monthly mortgage or other bills--the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament.

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule
Saturday, April 1

5:30 pm 1st Thomas Davis
2nd Elizabeth Hutton
POF Vincent Gardino

EM Steve Whelan, Edward Wiese, Thomas Davis, Mia Yabut Wiese, Elizabeth Hutton

Sunday, April 2

8:30 am 1st Jennie Lynch
2nd John Hunt
POF Damian Begley

EM Louella Prince, Vivian Villaluz, Jennie Lynch, John Hunt, Damian Begley

10:00 am 1st Belinda De La Cruz
2nd CJ Groeschke
POF Jillian Macdonald

EM Shirley Rodrigue, Patricia Caffrey, Belinda De La Cruz, CJ Groeschke, Judy Braun, Andrew Jenkins, Joan Tedeschi

11:15 am 1st Maite Marles
2nd Liliana Sagbaicela
POF Marina Che

EM Lourdes Lopez, Maite Marles, Marina Che

12:30 pm 1st Ed Casey
2nd Anita Pearl
POF Mark Murphy

EM Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Carlos Sosa, Elsa Alvarez, Wendy Pineda, Mark Murphy

5:30 pm 1st Suzy Xiong
2nd Regina Ohashi
POF Kathleen LaMagna

EM Ellen Koneck, Rob Porell, Elisa Dragu, Tiffany Riady, Elizabeth Occipinti, Maria LaMagna, John Gasdaska

All are invited to the Upper West Side Town Hall with City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer. Doors open at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 6th, 2017 at Goddard Riverside Community Center: 539 Columbus Avenue New York, NY 10024.

To RSVP and for more information, please call (212) 669-3916 or email action@comptroller.nyc.gov.