

Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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MASSES:

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass)
11:15AM (Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
SPANISH WKDAY MASS: Every Other 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. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and friends,

Thank you to all who expressed their concern for me after learning that I was in Barcelona the day of the attack last Thursday. Our hotel was at the top of the Ramblas where the attack began, but at the time, both Father Madigan and I were on the other side of the city at the Sagrada Familia. This world is marked by sin, and its manifestation that day was all too real and tragic. Another tragic reality, as we all know, is manifesting itself in our own land...what Bishop Blase Cupich has called our country's original sin, racism. There can be no equivocating...racism is a sin, white supremacy is a sin, Neo-Nazism is a sin. Our God calls us to a life of reconciliation, and may each of us be strengthened for that journey which is both deeply personal and deeply communal.

I remain away from the parish until the end of the month, and I thought I would let Father Richard Rohr share my weekly column space. I found this reflection, **Sin: Symptom of Separation**, thought provoking.....I would appreciate your thoughts.

“The humiliation that you and I carry and that most people refuse to accept is that we humans are a mass of contradictions. We are first of all a blessing, but everyone knows we are also a mixed blessing. Some called this quality of human existence the state of “original sin,” a term and doctrine that many do not like. Maybe original “shame” would have described it better. All I know is that most humans have a sense of being inadequate or even broken. Yet shame is inferiority projected by others. It is never inherent. For most humans, it often feels like there is a tragic flaw somewhere near our core. Greek and Shakespearean drama attest to this, as does Paul in heart-wrenching fashion (see Romans 7:14-25). And who of us have not had days when we feel worthless and miserable? We do all we can to cover it up or overcome it.

Unfortunately, the word “sin” in our vocabulary implies culpability or personal fault. In fact, the precise meaning of original sin is that we are not personally culpable for it, but it was somehow passed on to us and all people share in it. The supposed “doctrine” of original sin was actually meant to be a consolation; because if we know our own self as a mixed blessing, and that each of us is filled with contradictions and is a mystery to self, then we won't pretend that we can totally eliminate or even hide all that we consider unworthy or inferior within. This provides a program for human humility. As Jesus said in the parable of the weeds and the wheat, we can even “let them both grow together until the harvest” (Matthew 13:30). Let God decide what is truly good and what is really bad, because even our judgments are infected with “original sin.”

It seems all God wants are useable instruments who will carry the mystery, the weight of glory and the burden of sin simultaneously, who can bear the darkness and the light, who can hold the paradox of incarnation—flesh and spirit, human and divine, joy and suffering—at the same time, just as Jesus did.

Jesus himself says, “God alone is good” (Mark 10:18), implying all else is merely a partial good. Such a text gives humans an honest, wonderful, but non ego-inflating agenda. There is no appeal to the

ego here, only to our deep, deep need and desire for union—with our own selves and with God. And, remember, union is a very different goal than private perfection.

Just a reminder, there will be only one Mass on Labor Day at 12:10 pm. The church will remain open for personal prayer from 7 am until 6 pm.

Also I would just like to thank you for your patience as we are working to replace the dead spotlights that light our beautiful sanctuary...if you have not noticed the darkness then I apologize for pointing it out! We had three proposals submitted to change out those spot lights to match the LED lighting already in the body of the church, and, we decided to work with the Archdiocese on an efficiency program through ConEdison that caters to houses of worship to provide new lighting at a greatly reduced cost. The replacements will be completed in the coming weeks, and I certainly look forward to a more visible sanctuary.

Let us continue to pray for peace.

Father Duffell



Join us in celebrating the Season of Creation. As Pope Francis said in last year's World Day of Prayer for Creation message, “we should be united in showing mercy to the earth as our common home and cherishing the world in which we live as a place for sharing and communion.”

The Season of Creation runs from Sept. 1, the World Day of Prayer for Creation and continues through Oct. 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Thousands of Christians will be coming together around the world united with one purpose: to pray and care for creation. The World Day of Prayer for Creation was proclaimed by Patriarch Dimitrios I for the Orthodox Church in 1989, then by other major Christian churches, and was embraced by Pope Francis for the Roman Catholic Church in 2015.

This year, participants in the Season of Creation are asked to consider participating in various components: prayer; a personal pledge for action; a group symbolic action and/or event, and advocacy. We invite you to look at the website Season of Creation, www.seasonofcreation.org and listen to the video of Pope Francis inviting us to participate and commit to taking concrete actions to care for our common home. You'll also find an online Taizé prayer service with Catholic, Protestant, Orthodox and Anglican leaders.

Look for our weekly column in the bulletin through the month of September with highlights, and join Catholics around the world in a prayerful Season of Creation.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Gracias a todos los que expresaron su preocupación por mí persona después de saber que yo estaba en Barcelona el día de los atentados del jueves pasado. Nuestro hotel estaba en la cima de las Ramblas donde comenzó el ataque, pero en ese momento, tanto el Padre Madigan como yo estábamos al otro lado de la ciudad en la Sagrada Familia. Este mundo está marcado por el pecado, y su manifestación ese día fue demasiado real y trágica. Otra realidad trágica, como todos sabemos, se está manifestando en nuestra propia tierra ... lo que el Obispo Blase Cupich ha llamado el pecado original de nuestro país, el racismo. No puede haber equivoco: el racismo es un pecado, la supremacía blanca es un pecado, el neonazismo es un pecado. Nuestro Dios nos llama a una vida de reconciliación, y que cada uno de nosotros se fortalezca para ese viaje que es profundamente personal y profundamente comunal.

Permaneceré lejos de la parroquia hasta el final del mes, y pensé que dejaría al padre Richard Rohr compartir mi espacio de columna semanal. Encontré esta reflexión, Pecado: Síntoma de Separación, provocando al pensamiento Apreciaría sus pensamientos.

La humillación que tú y yo llevamos y que la mayoría de la gente rechaza aceptar es que nosotros los humanos somos una masa de contradicciones. En primer lugar, somos una bendición, pero todos sabemos que también somos una bendición mixta. Algunos llamaron a esta cualidad de la existencia humana el estado de "pecado original", término y doctrina que a muchos no les gusta. Tal vez original "vergüenza" lo habría descrito mejor. Todo lo que sé es que la mayoría de los seres humanos tienen una sensación de ser inadecuados o estar incluso rotos. Sin embargo, la vergüenza es inferioridad proyectada por otros. Nunca es inherente.

Pero la mayoría de los humanos a menudo se sienten como si hubiera un trágico defecto en algún lugar cercano a nuestro núcleo.

El drama griego y shakesperiano lo atestiguan, al igual que Pablo, de una manera desgarradora (ver Romanos 7: 14-25). ¿Y quién de nosotros no ha tenido días en que nos sintamos inútiles y miserables? Hacemos todo lo posible para cubrirlo o superarlo.

Desafortunadamente, la palabra "pecado" en nuestro vocabulario implica culpabilidad o culpa personal. De hecho, el significado exacto del pecado original es que no somos personalmente culpables, pero de alguna manera se nos pasó a nosotros y todos lo compartimos. La supuesta "doctrina" del pecado original estaba destinada a ser un consuelo; Porque si conocemos a nuestro propio ser como una bendición mixta y que cada uno de nosotros está lleno de contradicciones lo cual es un misterio para uno mismo, entonces no pretender que podamos eliminar totalmente o incluso ocultar dentro todo lo que consideramos indigno o inferior. Esto proporciona un programa para la humildad humana. Como Jesús dijo en la parábola de las malas hierbas y del trigo, podemos incluso "dejar que crezcan juntos hasta la siega" (Mateo 13:30). Deje que Dios decida lo que es realmente bueno y lo que es realmente malo, porque incluso nuestros juicios están infectados por el "pecado original".

Parece que todo lo que Dios quiere son instrumentos utilizables que lleven simultáneamente el misterio, el peso de la gloria y la carga del pecado, que puedan soportar las tinieblas y la luz, que puedan,

al mismo tiempo, sostener la paradoja de la encarnación -carne y espíritu-, humana y divina, alegría y sufrimiento, tal como lo hizo Jesús.

El mismo Jesús dice: "Sólo Dios es bueno" (Marcos 10:18), lo que implica que todo lo demás es meramente un bien parcial. Tal texto da a los seres humanos una agenda honesta, maravillosa, pero no ego-inflacionaria. No hay apelación al ego aquí, sólo a nuestra profunda, profunda necesidad y deseo de unión con nosotros mismos y con Dios. Y recuerde, la unión es un objetivo muy diferente a la perfección privada.

Quisiera agradecerles su paciencia mientras estamos trabajando para reemplazar los focos muertos que iluminan nuestro hermoso santuario ... si no han notado la oscuridad, entonces me disculpo por señalarla! Nos presentaron tres propuestas para cambiar esos focos para que coincidieran con la iluminación LED ya en la mayor parte de la iglesia, y decidimos trabajar con la Arquidiócesis en un programa de eficiencia a través de Con Edison que abastece a los templos religiosos con nueva iluminación a un costo muy reducido. Los reemplazos se completarán en las próximas semanas, y ciertamente espero un santuario más visible.

Un recordatorio: habrá sólo una misa el Día del Trabajo a las 12:10 pm. La iglesia permanecerá abierta para la oración personal de 7 am a 6 pm.

Continuemos orando por la paz.

Padre Duffell

HAITIAN PRAYER GROUP

The Companions of Jesus are a charismatic Haitian prayer group, and all are welcome to attend. The group meets every Friday in the Rectory from 7-9PM. Prayers are held in French, Creole, and English.



the JoyJ initiative

The JoyJ initiative is pleased to announce that its next Homeless Outreach is being held on Saturday, September 16th, 2017.

The packing of the comfort bags will begin at 9:15am. From 10:00 - 10:15am Group location assignments, group photo, and prayer and from 10:15 - 10:30am McDonald's Gift Cards are dispersed and the groups go on their way.

If you want to participate, please send a message to info@joyj.org or leave your name at the Rectory.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS NOW CLOSED AND WILL REOPEN ON SEPTEMBER 11 FOR UNFILLED CLASSES! IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED, YOU CAN NOT REGISTER YOUR CHILD UNTIL MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2017-2018 will begin on Sunday, September 10. Religious instruction is held in the school from 11:00 -12:15.

Re-registration forms have been emailed to current students and posted on the Sunday School website. Students must register each year. For students who will be new to the program please send your email to: tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

DO NOT EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORMS BACK!!! Please send by postal mail or drop off completed forms with a \$150 check per family at the rectory office. Since registration is now closed, forms will not be accepted until September 11.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. It is open to adults who:

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or First Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

CATHOLIC FAMILIES GROUP

Please join our Blessed Sacrament Catholic Families Group! We offer a range of events to help each other in raising our children as Catholics and becoming better in our own practice of the faith. We also host a monthly moms' group. Sign up at www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/ - free to join and events are free.

SEPTEMBER 3 SECOND COLLECTION

Soup Kitchen. Blessed Sacrament's Soup Kitchen meets every Sunday at 2PM on 70th Street. Staffed by many wonderful parish volunteers, the Soup Kitchen prepares delicious meals for locals in need.



Saturday Evening, August 26th

5:30 Juan Manuel Sucre +

Sunday, August 27th

8:30 John Simpson +

10:00 Beba Carles +

11:15 Nora Rojas +

12:30 Thomas Kevin Dillon +

5:30 Pilar Alvarez – Estrada +

Monday, August 28th

7:30

12:10 Kyeng June Thomas Ahn +

5:30 Frank Wandrey +

Tuesday, August 29th

7:30 Juan B. Rivera +

12:10 Attilio Veltri +

5:30 Myrna Montalvo Aiello +

Wednesday, August 30th

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Melinda Olorga & Amparo Jago +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

7:00 Santas Animas del Purgatorio

Thursday, August 31st

7:30

12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Friday, September 1st

7:30

12:10 All The Souls in Purgatory

5:30

Saturday, September 2nd

7:30

12:10 In Thanksgiving and Reparation for Sinners

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$5,543 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,586 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$11,129. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$5,543. Recibimos \$5,586 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$11,129 Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.



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.

We will be starting a children's choir to sing at the 10:00 family mass for the summer. Children who would like to sing for part of the mass can meet Rob and Hayden at the piano at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to learn some of the music to sing at the 10:00 Mass. As many of us travel during the summer, this will be an informal "come when you can" group, so feel free to sing any week your family is able. All that's required is a love for singing! Feel free to email Rob (mcclimans@gmail.com) with questions or we will see you on the 30th!

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, August 26

5:30 pm	1st	Suzy Xiong
	2nd	Elizabeth Hutton
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Suzy Xiong, Elizabeth Hutton, Amy Kathuria

Sunday, August 27

8:30 am	1st	Tom Caffrey
	2nd	Eileen Simpson
	POF	Damian Begley
	EM	Hugh Regan, Vivian Villaluz, Tom Caffrey, Eileen Simpson, Damian Begley
10:00 am	1st	Shirley Rodriguez
	2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
	POF	Eddie Litton
	EM	Deacon Scott, Eddie Litton, Judy Braun, Shirley Rodriguez
11:15 am	1st	Maite Marles
	2nd	Cindy Ochoa
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Lourdes Lopez, Celia Navarro, Herminio Varga
12:30 pm	1st	Anita Pearl
	2nd	Mark Murphy
	POF	Mark Murphy
	EM	Deacon Scott, Lidia Stempien, Wendy Pineda, Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Mark Murhpy, Thomas Alexander
5:30 pm	1st	Kimberley Orman
	2nd	Rebecca Painter
	POF	Roscoe Orman
	EM	Tiffany Rlady, Helen Maria Lim, Joyce Polistena, Ellen Koneck, Maria LaMagna, Rebecca Painter, Kathleen LaMagna

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

September 10th Coffee Hour after the morning Masses. Anyone interested in baking please email James Palazza at jamespalazza@yahoo.com. Spirit Sunday will resume that evening after the 5:30 PM Sunday Mass in the Church Hall. All are most welcome to attend.

The Manhattan Catholic School Region is hosting Songs for Students, a benefit concert featuring Harry Connick Jr. at the Apollo Theatre on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in Manhattan. To purchase tickets, please visit www.SongsForStudents.org and use offer code MANHATTAN. For more information, please contact Alyson Vetter at Alyson.Vetter@archny.org / 646-794-3330.