

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,

As the year gets into full swing, I would like to update you on some parish items. Firstly, the Capital Campaign continues to go well...of our almost 4 Million dollars in pledges, we have already collected about \$1.5 Million dollars and spent almost \$1 Million dollars on the project. The work continues to go well with the sides of the church almost fully complete and work beginning on the façade itself. As the winter months approach the team is strategizing about how to best streamline resources to make the best of the cold weather. During the winter, any of the façade's replacement stones that need to be recreated will be cast and work should also begin on the restoration of the great Rose Window. We just posted some photos of the work's progress on the website...be sure to take a look. Thanks to everyone who is involved in this project from our Architect, Project Manager, Contractors, and of course to all of you who are supporting the work through the Capital Campaign.

Our lovely theatre downstairs has also had a bit of an unexpected facelift this summer. For some time we had been on a donation list for new seats as the old seats were in pretty tough shape. The unexpected call came in August, that a theatre uptown was giving away many seats, and our maintenance team, along with our primary renters, Vital Theatre, worked hard to make sure we could get right on this project. Through the generosity of one donor we were able to lay a brand new carpet and cover the costs of the seat removal and new installation. The renovation is almost complete and the space looks fantastic. The terrible smell that plagued the theatre is also gone and we really do look forward to seeing the theatre continue to come alive in amazing ways. I would like to thank Rosemary Andress-Sanborn for helping to acquire the new seats, the parish staff, especially the maintenance team, Stephen Sunderlin from Vital Theatre, our generous donor, and our parish Theatre Committee for all their hard work making this all just happen. I am edified not so much for the beautiful work that has been done, but even more so by the spirit of collaboration that has guided this project.

On Wednesday the Church celebrates the many Korean martyrs who were persecuted and killed between 1839 and 1867. During that time Korea was ruled by an extremely intolerant dynasty which did everything in its power to destroy the presence of Christ in its land. Andrew Kim- Taegon, a priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, a layman, stand out as leaders of the flock who remained faithful to the Lord unto death. Let us pray for all of our Korean brothers and sisters, and especially for all those in North Korea who have such little chance at coming to know the Gospel.

Thursday we celebrate St. Matthew, Evangelist. Matthew was a tax- collector, despised by many, but not outside the love and mercy of God. Jesus called him to a new way of life, and, in faith, Matthew responded. Matthew's Gospel was most likely written after that of St. Mark, but the Church has always placed it before Mark's because it serves as a bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Matthew begins the genealogy of Jesus not with Adam, as Luke

does, but with Abraham, to show that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Jewish faith.

Saturday we remember Padre Pio, the extraordinary Franciscan priest who died in 1968. Pio was blessed with the stigmata, the physical manifestation of the wounds of Christ, and devoted his life to spiritual and pastoral works.

Please continue to pray for peace

Father Duffell



Did you ever think about where the electricity for your house or your cell phone or your electric car comes from? Most of New York State's energy comes from fossil fuels... principally from coal...which today means not only underground coal mining, but also mountain top removal which is destroying the environment of West Virginia and other states. Though New York banned fracking state-wide, a good portion of our energy comes from fracked natural gas from other states, especially Pennsylvania. Fracking uses enormous amounts of fresh water, which is mixed with toxic chemicals leaving it radiated and too toxic for human consumption. Oil is extracted increasingly in deep sea settings, risking the enormous spills that we have seen. Nuclear is considered by some to be a "cleaner" energy source, given our climate crisis, because it does not offput CO2; but rarely is the damage caused to those who mine the uranium needed for nuclear energy production, taken into account. Nor is the unsolved problem of storing the tons of toxic, radiated waste accumulating throughout the country, not to mention the hazards of nuclear plants that are operating long past their safe operating threshold. All of these sources of energy are contributing to greenhouse gases and environmental destruction.

We are at a crossroads. There is a climate crisis which, if not dealt with on a global scale, will continue to wreak havoc on communities. We are also at the start of a transition from an economy based on fossil fuel energy to one based on clean, safe and renewable energy sources...a transition that is not easy.

Each of us can scale down our use of fossil fuels by eliminating unnecessary use of electricity. **There is one thing we can all do immediately and easily - we can switch our household electricity to sustainably-sourced energy.** In the coming weeks, Blessed Sacrament will host a **Campaign to SWITCH** your household energy source to renewables while still having Con Edison as your delivery provider. **Come to the table at the back of church** for more information. And **come hear the energy expert and theologian, Dr. Erin Lothes**, professor at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ. She will speak to us from a Catholic perspective about the ethical considerations of our personal use of energy, on national energy policies, and the urgent need for the transition.

Dr. Erin Lothes, Theologian
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Church of St. Francis Xavier, Main Church
30 West 16th St. Betw. 5th and 6th Ave,
(55 W. 15th St. has an elevator entrance)

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Estimados Parroquianos y Amigos,

A medida que avanza el año, me gustaría actualizarle sobre el progreso de algunos proyectos de la parroquia. En primer lugar, la Campaña del Capital sigue dando buenos resultados ... de nuestros casi 4 millones de dólares prometidos, ya hemos recaudado alrededor de \$1.5 millones y gastado casi \$1 millón en el proyecto. Las obras continúan; el trabajo de los lados de la iglesia está casi completo; así mismo comienza ya el trabajo en la fachada. A medida que los meses de invierno se aproximan, el equipo está elaborando estrategias sobre cómo optimizar los recursos para aprovechar al máximo el clima frío. Durante el invierno comenzaremos el reemplazo de aquellas piedras de la fachada que necesitan ser recreadas y también comenzará el trabajo de restauración de la gran Ventana Rosa. Acabamos de publicar algunas fotos del progreso del trabajo en nuestro sitio web ... asegúrense de echar un vistazo. Gracias a todos los que están involucrados en este proyecto: nuestro Arquitecto, el Gerente de Proyectos, los Contratistas, y por supuesto a todos ustedes que están apoyando este trabajo a través de la Campaña del Capital.

Nuestro teatro ha recibido este verano un regalo inesperado. Durante algún tiempo hemos estado en lista de espera para la donación de nuevos asientos ya que los anteriores no estaban en muy buenas condiciones. La llamada inesperada que un teatro estaba regalando un número de asientos se produjo en agosto; nuestro equipo de mantenimiento junto con nuestros inquilinos primarios, el Vital Theater, trabajó duro para asegurarse de que podríamos beneficiarnos de este proyecto. A través de la generosidad de un donante pudimos poner una nueva alfombra y cubrir los gastos de remover los viejos asientos y proceder a instalar los nuevos. La renovación está casi completa y el espacio luce fantástico. También, el terrible olor que plagó el teatro ha sido eliminado. Me gustaría agradecer a Rosemary Andress-Sanborn para ayudar a adquirir los nuevos asientos, al personal de la parroquia, especialmente al equipo de mantenimiento, a Stephen Sunderlin de Vital Theatre, a nuestro generoso donante, y a nuestro Comité Parroquial por todo el arduo trabajo que ha permitido que todo esto suceda. Estoy muy agradecido por el espíritu de colaboración que ha guiado este proyecto.

El miércoles la Iglesia conmemora muchos de los mártires coreanos perseguidos y ejecutados entre los años 1839 y 1867. Corea fue gobernada durante esos años por una dinastía extremadamente intolerante que hizo todo lo que estuvo a su alcance para destruir la presencia de Cristo en esas tierras. El sacerdote Andrés Kim-Taegon y el diácono Pablo Chong Hasang son miembros de ese grupo que continuó siendo fiel al Señor hasta el fin. Elevemos una plegaria por todos nuestros hermanos y hermanas coreanos y, especialmente, aquellos residiendo en Corea del Norte quienes no tienen una oportunidad de conocer el Evangelio.

El jueves celebramos a San Mateo, Evangelista. Mateo fue un recaudador de impuestos despreciado por muchos, pero siempre cerca de la misericordia de Dios. Jesús lo encaminó a una nueva vida, y con fe Mateo le respondió. El Evangelio de San Mateo fue escrito probablemente después del de San Marcos, pero la Iglesia siempre lo ha colocado antes de San Marcos porque sirve como puente entre el Viejo y el Nuevo Testamento. San Mateo comienza la genealogía de Jesús no con Adam como hace San Lucas, sino con Abraham mostrando así que Jesús es la realización de la fe Hebrea.

El sábado recordamos a San Pío, el sacerdote Franciscano extraordinario fallecido en 1968. San Pío fue bendecido con la estigma (“stigmata”), la manifestación física de las heridas de Cristo, y dedicó toda su vida a trabajos espirituales y pastorales.

Continuemos rezando por la paz

Padre Duffell

GAY FELLOWSHIP FIRST FALL MEETING

We are both pleased and honored to extend an invitation to the entire parish, as we welcome our special guest speaker, Father James Martin, to our first Gay Fellowship Meeting of the season: Sunday evening September 17, after the 5:30PM Mass. Father Martin is a well-known American Jesuit priest, a writer, and editor-at-large of the Jesuit magazine America. He is also an amazing speaker and has been gracious enough to speak to our parish and to comment and address any questions on his lecture, A Two Way Bridge, as well as to introduce us to his newest book, Building a Bridge. Both focus on bringing together LGBT Catholics and the institutional church. The meeting will be held on the meeting will be held in the social hall below the church beginning at 6:45PM until 8PM. There will also be books for purchase and light refreshments. We hope to see you then to offer Father Martin the warm and welcoming hospitality which makes Blessed Sacrament so very special. For all questions, please contact John Gasdaska at #646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then!

THOMAS MERTON & DAVID JONES: CELTIC VISIONARIES FOR OUR TIME

The NYC Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society invites you to attend their season opening as Dr. Michael Higgins explores the key ideas that linked Merton with Celtic poet David Jones in their shared dread and abhorrence of violence. In a time of national foreboding and menace, the liberating insights of these two kindred spirits--particularly the need to create a culture of peace grounded in the witness of the Prince of Peace--has never been more timely.

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is an author, scholar, Vatican Affairs Specialist for The Globe and Mail, Papal Commentator for the CTV Network, educator, CBC Radio documentarian, columnist, and currently Distinguished Professor of Catholic Thought at Sacred Heart University.

Saturday, Sept 30, 2:00-4:00pm. \$20; free for students & members of Thomas Merton NYC. New location: 3041 Bway @ W 121st St., Rm 207. #1 subway to 116th Street; M4 or M104 buses. thomasmertonnyc.org/events.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS REOPENED.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2017-2018 began 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

PLEASE 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.

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 or email Tina Silvestro for more information. 212-877-3111 or tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org.

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.

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.

FAMILY MINISTRY

We are launching a Family Ministry at Blessed Sacrament this year. The Family Ministry's mission is to strengthen our faith community through participation in the sacraments, prayer, and service. All of our service projects are fulfilled as a family. By strengthening the connections between our home, our faith, and society, these bonds of fellowship and friendship form the foundation of who we are as a faith community. Our Ministry is organized through a committee of parents that represents the diversity of our parish.

FAMILY MASS

A worship aid will make it easier for parishioners and newcomers to follow mass and sing along. The Music Ministry is forming a children's choir and inviting musicians in the congregation to join the instrumental ensemble. Children of varying ages will have an opportunity to actively serve in Liturgical and Hospitality roles.

Please join our mailing list or for more information on the Family Ministry or Mass, please contact the Family Ministry Coordinator, Mrs. Thu Nguyen at familyministry@blessedsacramentnyc.org.

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 17

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, September 16th

5:30 Camilla Gardino +

Sunday, September 17th

8:30 John Simpson +

10:00

11:15 Intenciones de Julio y Rosario D'Arcy

12:30 Patricia Denis +

5:30 Intentions of Gidget-Hope Montalvo

Monday, September 18th

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Olga Croce +

5:30 Ruth Kabel +

Tuesday, September 19th

7:30 Gabriel Paul Hayes III +

12:10 Intentions of Eddy Henry

5:30 Margaret Muinch +

Wednesday, September 20th

7:30 Gabriel Paul Hayes III +

12:10

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Thursday, September 21st

7:30 Mary Beth English +

12:10 Nestor H. Del Pilar +

5:30 Corazon S. Baquiran +

Friday, September 22nd

7:30 Fernando Pando +

12:10 Mollie Arcomano +

5:30 Alice Wandrey +

7:00

Saturday, September 23rd

7:30 Fernando Gueits +

12:10 Ronald Geczik +

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$9,479 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$4,661 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$14,164. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of the Church in Latin America totaled \$2,773. Thank you!

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$9,479. Recibimos \$4,661 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$14,164 Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La colecta para la Iglesia en America Latina totalizo \$2,773. ¡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.

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.

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, Sept. 16

5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Hutton
	2nd	Kathleen LaMagna
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Maria LaMagna, Edward Wiese, Kathleen LaMagna, Mia Yabut Wiese, Elizabeth Hutton

Sunday, Sept. 17

8:30 am	1st	Brendan Contant
	2nd	James Palazza
	POF	John Hunt
	EM	Terry Naglack, Anthony Jalandoni, Brendan Contant, James Palazza, John Hunt
10:00 am	1st	Mary Bradley
	2nd	Kamila Palka
	POF	Joan Tedeschi
	EM	Shirley Rodriguez, Judy Braun, Peter Diggins, Mary Bradley, Joan Tedeschi, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce
11:15 am	1st	Cindy Ochoa
	2nd	Oscar Henk
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Junior Santiago, Lourdes Lopez, Celia Navarr
12:30 pm	1st	Ingrid Leacock
	2nd	Anita Pearl
	POF	Jack Going
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Jack Going, Lidia Stempien, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Ed Casey, Ingrid Leacock, Elsa Alvarez
5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Kubinski
	2nd	John Gasdaska
	POF	Elizabeth Occhipinti
	EM	Rob Porell, Helena Maria Lim, Mary Flannery, John Gasdaska, Tiffany Riady, Adriana Gonzalez, Elizabeth Occhipinti

ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE COMPLETE SCREENING OF CLASSIC DEKALOG FILM SERIES

This acclaimed film series raises the great moral questions embedded in real life, often lived out in difficult circumstances. In his ten hour-long films, the late and legendary director and co-writer Krzysztof Kieslowski explores the theme and challenge of each Commandment through characters living in a typical Soviet-era housing complex.

Come join us starting October 11th from 7:30pm – 9:00pm for this thought provoking series and for a discussion after each film.

PRESENTED BY: REBECCA M. PAINTER
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Visit our website for complete schedule.