

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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**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

**BAPTISM:** Arrangements must be made at the Rectorry. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the rectorry.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday afternoons 4:30 to 5:15 pm, and anytime at the Rectorry.

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance at the rectorry 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 Rectorry. 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, after the 12:10 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.

Webpage: [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed)

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

This Wednesday, we enter into the Holy Season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice for Catholics includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolize the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return." Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion.

In the midst of the pandemic, we are taking extra precautions. On Ash Wednesday, the church will be open from 7a.m. to 7p.m. A priest will be in the vestibule of the church to distribute ashes. This is for people who may not feel comfortable coming inside the church. The ashes will be applied silently, so as not to exchange germs. They will be applied by using a fresh cotton swab in order to avoid skin to skin contact. To avoid lines, we will not distribute ashes in the church during our three daily Masses. (7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.). We ask that you receive your ashes on the way in or the way out.

I'm happy to announce that I have received my second vaccination shot and I am looking forward to resuming home and hospital visits.

Father David Nolan

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Este miércoles entramos en el tiempo santo de Cuaresma con el miércoles de ceniza. El Miércoles de Ceniza proviene de la antigua tradición judía de penitencia y ayuno. La práctica para los católicos incluye el uso de cenizas en la cabeza. Las cenizas simbolizan el polvo del que Dios nos hizo. Cuando el sacerdote aplica las cenizas en la frente de una persona, dice las palabras: "Recuerda que eres polvo y al polvo volverás". Las cenizas son un símbolo de la penitencia hecha sacramental por la bendición de la Iglesia y nos ayudan a desarrollar un espíritu de humildad y sacrificio.

La distribución de cenizas proviene de una ceremonia de épocas pasadas. Los cristianos que habían cometido faltas graves realizaron penitencia pública. El Miércoles de Ceniza, el Obispo bendijo las peinetas que debían llevar durante los cuarenta días de penitencia, y roció sobre ellas cenizas de las palmas del año anterior. Luego, mientras los fieles recitaban los Siete Salmos Penitenciales, los penitentes fueron expulsados de la iglesia a causa de sus pecados, así como Adán, el primer hombre, fue expulsado del Paraíso debido a su desobediencia. Los penitentes no volvieron a entrar en la iglesia hasta el Jueves Santo después de haber ganado la reconciliación con el trabajo de cuarenta días de penitencia y absolución sacramental. Más tarde, todos los cristianos, ya sean penitentes públicos o secretos, llegaron a recibir cenizas por devoción.

En medio de la pandemia, estamos tomando precauciones adicionales. El miércoles de ceniza, la iglesia estará abierta a partir de las 7 a.m. a las 7 pm Un sacerdote estará en el vestíbulo de la iglesia para distribuir las cenizas. Esto es para personas que no se sientan cómodas entrando a la iglesia. Las cenizas se aplicarán de forma silenciosa, para no intercambiar gérmenes. Se aplicarán con un hisopo de algodón nuevo para evitar el contacto piel con piel. Para evitar filas, no distribuiremos cenizas en la iglesia durante nuestras tres misas diarias. (7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. y 5:30 p.m.). Le pedimos que reciba sus cenizas al entrar o al salir.

Me complace anunciar que recibí mi segunda inyección de vacuna y espero poder reanudar las visitas al hogar y al hospital.

Padre David Nolan.



This season of Lent, Blessed Sacrament parish will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis' call to end world hunger. CRS Rice Bowl is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. 870 million people suffer from hunger. Of this 98% live in the developing world. This weekend you can pick up Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendars.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

## BLESSED SACRAMENT ZOOM COURSES AND PRAYER GROUPS

The zoom meetings below can be accessed via phone by dialing (408) 638-0968 and following the instructions given by the operator.

The meeting ID is 2601036575. The password is 903184.

Or If joining from a computer or zoom app:

Visit the following link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2601036575>

**Our daily zoom rosary takes place at 11:30am.  
We hope you all can join us in praying the rosary together.**



### History of Catholicism

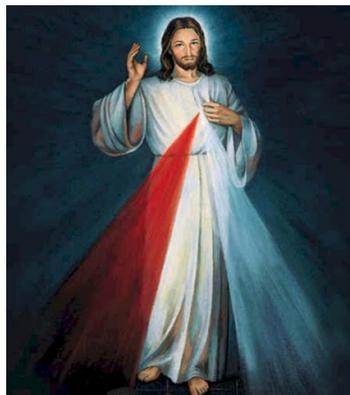
Join Deacon Scott R. Reisinger to survey the history of the Catholic Church from its origins in the time of Christ through Pope Francis. Each week will include a lecture followed by discussion of primary source readings, texts, or music. The class will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30-7:30 pm, and will begin on Thursday, January 28th.

Deacon Scott is a historian, teacher, and Head of Trevor Day School in Manhattan.

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

If you want a spiritual awakening, please join us with Father Luke on Fridays at 3:00 P. M., the day and time Jesus died on the cross, via ZOOM to say The Divine Mercy Chaplet. It only takes 15 minutes, it's extremely easy and is said on Rosary beads.

Just listen in and you will be amazed.



The School of the Blessed Sacrament is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Serving students from Pre- Kindergarten 3 through Eighth Grade, we celebrate diversity and encourage the love of God, self, and others. For more information and to register for a tour, please contact our director of admissions, Julie Park: [jpark@sblsnyc.org](mailto:jpark@sblsnyc.org)  
Upcoming tour dates: March 2nd

**Please pray for our brothers and sisters that are ill, especially  
Tim Vetrero, Jim Delaney, Bill McNulty, William Tulko, Jose Ortiz, Danielle and Richard Remp, Bella Manalo,  
Judith Zizmor, Neil Sussman, Jaqueline Gierlach, Milagros Blas, , and all those who are suffering the  
consequences of the current pandemic.**

**Let us pray too for all those who have passed away especially, Marisol Gonzalez**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Evening, February 13th

5:30 Virginia Turner +

### Sunday, February 14th

8:30 Maria Flores +  
10:00 Stephen Marchewka +  
11:15 Jose Diaz +  
12:30 Intentions of Shawee Yohannes  
5:30 Intentions of Bellosirio Family

### Monday, February 15th

7:30 Justa Quioto +  
12:10 John Spiess +  
5:30 In memory of the Father of Sra. Delgado Ordonez +

### Tuesday, February 16th

7:30 Eugenia C. Balland +  
12:10 Rocco Spango +  
5:30 Intentions of Tara Fullham

### Wednesday, February 17th

7:30 Frances & John Kaufman +  
12:10 Charley & Sylvia and their relative Souls +  
5:30 Lawrence Borio +

### Thursday, February 18th

7:30 Intentions of Violet on her Birthday  
12:10 Intentions of Mary Lindsey on her Birthday  
5:30 Francisco & Nery Virai +

### Friday, February 19th

7:30  
12:30 Intentions of William Tulko  
5:30

### Saturday, February 20th

7:30 Intentions of Jacob  
12:10 Intentions of Cristina Sison and Loved Ones

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

Last Sunday \$3,389 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,498 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$8,887  
Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

#### ESQUINA FINANCIERA

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$3,389. Recibimos \$5,498 a través de WeShare para un total de \$8,887.  
Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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 Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if Both are Registering)*

Children \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apt # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Your Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Your Spouse's Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

How should we address you? (Check one)

Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up for WE SHARE: We Share is an easy way to support Blessed Sacrament parish throughout the year - even when you are unable to attend your parish Mass. With We Share, never miss a Mass collection or donation. There is no need to carry a check book or cash for the collection - and no need for envelopes. You can make on-line donations using a credit card, debit card or electronic check. With a We Share account, you can manage your weekly, monthly or one time donations, as well as your personal information.

We Share ensures the highest security standards available are adhered to. You have access to your on-line donations for tax purposes. Easy to print offertory slips are available if you would like to place one in the collection basket representing your on-line donation. We Share provides customer support by phone or email.

Go to [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org) and click on the ONLINE GIVING icon at the top left of the home page.

# SUPPORT THE PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL

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I pray this letter finds you safe and healthy. This year has been challenging for every member of our parish and I want to thank all of you for the many sacrifices you have made to support Blessed Sacrament. As 2020 comes to a close, it is time for our annual update regarding the parish's finances. It will come as no surprise to anyone that the parish's finances are a bit stretched. With no Masses for four months and current Mass attendance at 1/3 what we normally would have, our weekly donations are down 15%. Our tenants in the convent, The Benincasa Community, have left the city leaving a gaping hole in our budget. Despite our best efforts to continue to cut cost cuts we are struggling financially. We are preparing our Annual Parish Appeal. We conduct The Annual Appeal every year to bridge the gap between the weekly collection and parish expenses. A total of \$328,000 has been collected toward our 2020 goal of \$400,000. Here are a few of the parish's needs:

Operating deficit	\$68,734
Loss of tenant in convent	\$77,000
Added cost of Façade Project	\$200,000
Shortfall from Renew + Rebuild pledges	\$54,266
TOTAL APPEAL	\$400,000

No surprise, the Facade project was much more expensive than we had originally anticipated. The age of the stones made the project quite complex, causing it to run about two years longer than expected. We are hopeful that this will finally be finished in spring and we may remove the scaffolding unveiling our beautiful newly renovated church. We assure you that, 100% of your donation will be put directly to work here in Blessed Sacrament. I look forward to welcoming more of you back to weekly Mass on Sundays. Thank you for your prayers, your good will and continuing support of our beautiful Blessed Sacrament.

Your Pastor,

David Nolan

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#### HOW TO SUPPORT:

- CHECK MADE OUT TO BLESSED SACRAMENT  
*(please note Parish Appeal in the Memo section)*
- WE SHARE ON-LINE GIVING

<https://blessedsacramentnyc.churchgiving.com/parishappeal>  
or scan the QR Code

