



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)
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM
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:

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.
Website: www.blessedsacramentnyc.org
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

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.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

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.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.



PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Have you been giving 10 minutes everyday to Advent? Many of you have asked for the links to Creighton University and Robert Barron for their Advent reflections. Here they are, and I've added one more, the Notre Dame reflections: <http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/> www.wordonfire.org/faith.nd.edu

Let me know what you think.

An excellent way to remember a loved one at Christmas and to help the parish would be to offer the Christmas flowers in their memory. Should you wish to do so please place your offering in an envelope and on the front of the envelope or on a list enclosed, please print the name or names of those you wish remembered. The names will be remembered especially in all of the Christmas Masses.

In a conversation with a friend about the Ferguson decision, I became aware of the lack of hope that many African Americans have... "this is the way things are." Has our society fallen short? As Catholics we believe that every person is endowed with dignity and deserves to live without fear. I write this in the hope that the conversation will continue. Together we must find ways to end violence of all kinds and to strive for a society of real equality and justice.

Pray for peace.
Fr. Duffell

SOUP KITCHEN

Today we have the collection for our Soup Kitchen. Each Sunday our volunteers prepare lunch for 75 -100 people. Your donations of money and theirs of time and talent make this possible. We are truly grateful as are those who are fed.



Today we will have a Coffee Hour in the Rectory after the **8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Masses.**

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT

You're invited! Please join us today at 4pm for a Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Next Mass is December 21st. All families' members are invited! Please send inquiries to Jackie@snacknyc.com

COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS

The annual collection for the retirement needs of the Religious of the Archdiocese will be taken up in all the parishes on the weekend of December 13/14

The purpose of this annual collection is to augment the retirement funds of the various Religious Congregations in the Archdiocese. At this juncture practically all Congregations have such funds. But hardly any of them are sufficient to meet the future retirement needs of the membership. Please be generous.

Monday, Dec. 8th we celebrate the **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**, a Holy Day of Obligation. **Masses:** 7:30 a.m., 12:10, 1:30 (School Mass), 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Saturday Eve	December 6th
5:30	Dec'd Members of the Locante Family +
Sunday	December 7th
8:30	Teresa Mullan +
10:00	Intention of Victor Brewster
11:00	For the People of the Parish
12:30	Olga Peters +
5:30	Adelina Osso +
Monday	December 8th
7:30	Int. Michael & Mary Clune
12:10	In Honor of Our Lady
5:30	Luigi Arlia +
7:00	Veronica Caguana Torres +
Tuesday	December 9th
7:30	Int. Anselmo Garzon & Catalina Bonola
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Dec'd Members of the Vitale Family +
6:30	Nellie Castillo +, Suzanne Leevy +, and Christine Noel +
Wednesday	December 10th
7:30	Bernadette M. Philibert +
12:10	Guissipina & Francesco Mollano +
5:30	Dec'd Members of the Petrychenko Family +
Thursday	December 11th
7:30	Robert E. Palmer +
12:10	Sidney Morison +
5:30	Frantz Edouard +
Friday	December 12th
7:30	Int. Anselmo Garzon & Catalina Bonola
12:10	Cathryn Arcomano +
5:30	William Keegan +
Saturday	December 13th
7:30	James C. Parkes +
12:10	Veronica MacNeil +
5:30	Sidney Morison & Roberto Hidalgo +



The advent wreath has been offered in memory of *Eleanor Gasdaska*. Please remember her in your prayers throughout this Advent Season.

24th Annual NEW YORK CARES COAT DRIVE!



On behalf of the needy within our local community, members of the Social Action and Young Adults Committees will be accepting used-coat donations at the entrance to the church before each of the masses on the weekend of December 13 and 14th. Coats for adults and children should be "gently used", just cleaned and in fair condition or better.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN GROUP : We host holiday parties, children's playgroups, Moms' support group, babysitting exchanges, and more. Please join online <http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/> where you can also RSVP for events, and get details for our upcoming Christmas Party December 13! We look forward to seeing you.

LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday Eve December 6th

5:30 L Jerry Becker, Tom Caffrey, Ingrid Leacock
 EM Cabrina Carnevale, Nancy Kearney,
 Ginetta LaBianca, Carolyn McZinc,
 Ellen Murphy, Lisa Storms, Reggie Whitehead

Sunday December 7th

8:30 L Brendan Contant, John Hunt, Eileen Simpson
 EM Damian Begley, Jennifer Britz, John Simpson

10:00 L Mary Bradley, Belinda De la Cruz,
 Andrew Fitzsimmons,
 EM James Palazza, Judith Braun, Peter Diggins
 Michael Berrigan, Anna-Sophia Leone,
 Eddie Litton, Jillian MacDonald

11:00 L Diana Franco
 EM Maite Marles, Sylvia Clark, Junior Santiago

12:30 L Megan Mitchell, Kimberley LaMarque Orman,
 EM Elsa Alvarez, Theo Corbin, Bob Huber
 Thomas Alexander, Raul Garcia-Moneala,
 Maria Teresa Grez, Lidia Stempien

5:30 L Thomas Davis, Mark Murphy, Eliz. Occhipinti,
 EM Patricia Alvarez de Fallon, Rebecca Painter,
 Martha Montalvo, Rob Porell, Tiffany Riady,
 Elisa Dragu,

ADVENT FILM & DISCUSSION SERIES

The Christmas season can be such a busy time, we sometimes have to remind ourselves we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, God's ever-loving gift of salvation and the center of our Catholic faith. Throughout this Advent season, Blessed Sacrament is hosting a series of short films and small group discussions, to examine our Catholic faith. The last of this series is **Dec. 9**. Film will begin at 7:30 following refreshments. RSVP appreciated NK06807@gmail.com.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts is a Catholic group from Bethlehem, the Holy Land. They are going to visit our church **this weekend** to display handmade olive wood religious articles carved by Christian carvers in Bethlehem. What a great gift idea!

THE JOYJ INITIATIVE – JESSE TREE

JoyJ is once again sponsoring a **Jesse Tree** to gather NEW items for their Homeless Outreach. Please visit the tree (to the right as you face the altar), take an ornament or two and bring your item (unwrapped) to either the **5:30 Saturday Mass on December 20th or to any of the Sunday Masses on December 21st**, where it will be collected in the vestibule by the JoyJ Volunteers for distribution. Gifts may also be dropped off at the Rectory anytime.



COLLECTION:

Our collection last Sunday came to \$10,027. In addition, \$1,500 was contributed from those using ParishPay, bringing the total collection to \$11,527..

YOUTH CHOIR: Children (from grade 3 up) and Teenagers are invited to take part in the CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR which sings at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals, that began on Nov. 25th, are on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 for a Parent Permission Form to sign up. Forms can also be found on the Sunday School website under the YOUTH CHOIR tab. (www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Les han dedicado 10 minutos de cada día a reflexionar sobre Adviento? Muchos de ustedes me han pedido el enlace para Creighton University y Robert Barron para leer sus reflexiones sobre Adviento...ambos excelentes y he añadido uno mas, Reflexiones de Notre Dame:

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Advent/www.wordonfire.org>
FaithND.edu

Una forma excelente de recordar a un ser querido y, al mismo tiempo ayudar a la Parroquia, sería ofrecer las flores del altar durante la Navidad en su memoria. Si desean hacerlo pueden colocar su oferta en un sobre y en el mismo o en una lista adjunta escribir el nombre y/o los nombres de las personas que deseen recordar. Los nombres serán incluidos en los programas de las Misas de Navidad y especialmente recordadas en las mismas.

Durante una conversación con un amigo sobre la decisión en Ferguson me he dado cuenta de la falta de esperanza de muchos Afro Americanos: "así son las cosas". Que ha pasado con nuestra sociedad? Como católicos que somos, creemos que cada persona esta dotada de dignidad y que merece vivir sin miedo.

Escribo esto con el ferviente deseo que la conversación continúe. Juntos debemos encontrar la forma de erradicar todo tipo de violencia y luchar por conseguir una sociedad de verdadera igualdad y justicia para todos.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

SOUP KITCHEN

Hoy estaremos realizando esta colecta con la cual sostenemos económicamente este importante programa de ayuda a los mas necesitados.

CAFÉ

Después de la Misa de 11 tendremos café en la rectoría. Todos están cordialmente invitados.

COLECTA PARA DE LAS RELIGIOSAS Y RELIGIOSOS JUBILADOS

La colecta anual para cubrir las necesidades de las Religiosas y Religiosos jubilados de la Arquidiócesis se efectuara en el fin de semana de Diciembre 13,14.

La colecta nunca falla en ofrecer una buena respuesta entre los católicos que han sido ministrados en su mente, cuerpo, y espíritu por los hombres y mujeres religiosos que viven comprometidos al fiel servicio. Los católicos también responden a la colecta porque en su alma ellos se identifican profundamente con el proceso de la vejez. Como las imágenes del Papa Juan Pablo II antes de su fallecimiento, imágenes de Religiosas y Religiosos mayores aumentan las preguntas acerca de la dignidad de la vejez y la inhabilidad de controlar nuestras vidas humanas.

Agradecemos a todas las Religiosas y Religiosos por su servicio a la Iglesia de Nueva York tanto en el pasado como en el presente. Le agradecemos a ustedes por su apoyo y oramos que Dios bendiga abundantemente su ministerio y a las personas que ustedes sirven tan generosamente. Nos suscribimos.