



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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CHURCH: 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

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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.



Saturday Eve	September 5th
5:30	Wayne Dankert +
Sunday	September 6th
8:30	Intentions of Rita McCarthy
10:00	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
11:00	Maria Caridad Armengol +
12:30	Eladia Riggs Bing +
5:30	Luz Cruz Salonga +
Monday	September 7th
7:30	Richard and Mary O'Connor + 75th Wedding Anniversary ("Diamond")
12:10	Carmen Colantino +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	September 8th
7:30	Intentions and Health of Nivene Young
12:10	William Mitreuter +
5:30	Josefa Grillo +
Wednesday	September 9th
7:30	Olga Peters +
12:10	Intentions of Sr. Mary Pio Ferrario
5:30	Daniel Edward Seso +
Thursday	September 10th
7:30	Jean Barbor +
12:10	Anne Doyle +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	September 11th
7:30	Olga Peters +
12:10	Michael Edwards +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	September 12th
7:30	David V. Almeida +
12.10	Sam Locante +
5:30	Melinda Reading +

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

At last, I have heard from the Office of the Papal Visit. Our parish has been allotted 22 tickets to the Mass at Madison Square Garden on Friday, September 25, 2015. I think the fairest way to distribute the tickets is through a lottery. You can sign up for the lottery in the rectory. All names need to be in by this Wednesday, September 9. We'll draw names on Thursday; the names of the attendees need to be submitted to the Archdiocese by Friday the 11th. When putting your name in the lottery please keep in mind that you will be required to be in your seat by 2:00pm for the 6:00pm Mass. You'll have the opportunity to go to confession at this point. You will not be allowed to leave the Garden until after the Mass is over, around 8:30pm.

In lieu of attending the Papal Mass, some have expressed an interest in opening up the church undercroft for a televised version of the Mass. Is there someone out there with the technical expertise to accomplish this? Let me know.

Also, I'm looking for a philatelist, a stamp collector. In the process of cleaning out the school and Taylor Hall, our workers came across several boxes of stamps. I'd like someone to have a look at them and advise me on what to do with them.

Monday is Labor Day. The Mass schedule will be 7:30am, 12:10pm and 5:30pm. The rectory will be closed.

This Friday we remember all the friends and families of those who died on September 11, 2001. If you have time, drop by the church and say a prayer. Prayer works. Pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell.

MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Por fin hemos recibido noticias en referencia a la Misa del Papa. Nuestra parroquia recibirá 22 tickets para la Misa a celebrarse en el Madison Square Garden el viernes 25 de septiembre, 2015. La mejor forma de distribuir estos tickets es a través de una lotería. Pueden registrar su nombre visitando la rectoría los mismos deben ser recibidos hasta el miércoles, 9 de septiembre. La lotería tendrá lugar el día jueves y los nombres submitidos a la arquidiócesis el día viernes, 11 de septiembre. Cuando se registren deben tener en mente que deberán estar en sus asientos a las 2:00pm para la Misa de las 6:00pm. A partir de las 2:00pm tendrán la oportunidad de confesarse. No se les permitirá salir del Garden hasta que termine la Misa alrededor de las 8:30pm.

En lugar de asistir a la Misa, algunos de ustedes han mostrado interés en abrir el área del sótano para una versión televisada. Tendría uno de ustedes la experiencia técnica para ayudar con esto? Déjenme saber.

Estamos buscando una persona con conocimiento de filatelia, alguien que colecciona sellos. En el proceso de limpieza de la escuela y el Taylor Hall encontramos varias cajas con sellos. Quisiera que alguien los viera y me aconseje que hacer con ellos.

El Lunes es "Labor Day". Las Misas serán a las 7:30am, 12:10pm y 5:30pm. La rectoría estará cerrada.

Este viernes recordaremos los familiares y amigos de las víctimas del 11 de septiembre, 2001. Si tienen tiempo, vengan a la iglesia y recen por ellos. También les pido rezar por la paz.

Fr. Duffell



BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meets Sept. 9th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the rectory. We'll be reading "The Moviegoer", winner of the 1961 National Book Award, written by Walker Percy, one of the most significant Catholic Southern writers of the 20th Century. It's a short novel, humorous but at the same time raising important questions about the purpose of life. Do we sometimes treat life like watching a movie, instead of living it? What can we do to find happiness without being sunk in the "everydayness" of life?

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$7,135. \$3,014. was received through ParishPay for a total of \$10,149.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Begin next Sunday, September 13th immediately following our 10:00am Family Mass. Registration is closed for attending on the first day of class **but will reopen on Monday, September 14th** for unfilled classes. Registration forms can be found on the Sunday School website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org or picked up at the parish office. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 for information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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 Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for more information.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



Thinking of becoming a Catholic: Are you Catholic but have not received Communion or Confirmation? Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at the parish office (212-877-3111) to register or seek information

ABC'S OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES...This week: CRS/Nepal.

Over three months after a devastating earthquake Catholic Relief Services continues to provide life saving support in some of the most remote areas of Nepal. Over 20,000 families have been provided shelter materials, water, living supplies and hygiene kits. Long term recovery efforts start in October. For more info visit: www.crs.org.

DIANNE R. CARR

Pianist and musician, Dianne is seeking others to join her in musically enriching the weekday 7:30am Masses at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. Please contact Dianne at: diannercarr@yahoo.com

PAX CHRISTI METRO NEW YORK

Pax Christi Metro New York, September 11th for Peaceful Tomorrows, the Loretto Community, the Curran Center at Fordham University, and Westchester Interfaith Connection invite you to a commemoration of September 11th, 2001 and UN International Peace Day. In honor of these important days we will be showing the film "In our Son's Name" about the transformation that Phyllis and Orlando Rodriguez experienced after their son Greg died in the World Trade Center. This moving portrait of a positive response to violence challenges conventional concepts of healing and justice. Phyllis and Orlando will be with us to facilitate discussion. Join us at 2 PM, Sunday, September 13th, in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph's Greenwich Village Church, Washington Place and Sixth Avenue. Suggested donation: \$5-\$10, more if you have it, less if you don't.

ST. JOSEPH SEMINARY COLLECTION.

This month, *St. Joseph's Seminary* begins its 119th year focused on forming and ordaining holy, faithful and dedicated priests. Please give prayerful consideration to this year's *Annual Seminary Appeal* next weekend **Sept. 12/13**. Our priests have responded to a very special call to serve, guide, and teach so as to share with others the mystery of God's love for all of us. Your support during this time of preparation is deeply appreciated.

REGIS HIGH SCHOOL

An all-scholarship Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Open House for 8th graders and their parents, on Wednesday, October 7th, from 5:30—8:30pm. For more information, please write, e-mail or call: Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions, Regis High School, 55 East 84th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028. **212-288-1100 Ext. 2057, edimichele@regis-nyc.org.**

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.



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

The Baptism preparation class will take place on September 8th at 7:30pm in the rectory. And on Sunday, September 20th we will have the Sacrament of Baptism at 2:00pm