

Church of the **Blessed Sacrament** Manhattan

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CHURCH: 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023 SCHOOL: 147 West 70th Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

MASSES:

SUNDAY Masses: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass) 11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) &5:30PM 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.nvgente.com

FATIMA DEVOTIONS:

Ph: 212-877-3111

Ph: 212-724-7561

The Rosary is said daily after the 12:10 pm Mass. Friday from 6-7 pm there is a holy hour.

Fax: 212-799-6233

Fax: 212-724-0735

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		December 13th
Sunday	5:30 8:30 10:00 11:00 12:30	Sidney Morison + & Roberto Hidalgo + <u>December 14th</u> Olga Peters + Christine Fleischmann + Intention of Peggy & Philip Quast & Family Everett Goodwin +
Monday	5:30 7:30 12:10	John A. Alexander + <u>December 15th</u> For the People of the Parish Joseph Murphy +
Tuesday	5:30 7:30 12:10 5:30 6:30	Intention of Cathy Lord Dietz & Family December 16th Scott McMillan + Africa Gomez San Agustin + Robert Brandon Hyde + Nelie Castillo, Suzanne Leevy +
Wednes	s <u>day</u> 7:30 12:10	and Chrisitiane Noel + <u>December 17th</u> Intention of Denis Donovan Andy Andermanis +
Thursda	5:30 <u>ay</u> 7:30 12:10	Maryann Edwards + <u>December 18th</u> Bernadette M. Philibert + Stephen MacNeil +
<u>Friday</u>	5:30 7:30 12:10	Everett Goodwin + <u>December 19th</u> Andrew Rocca + Eris Zuckerman +
<u>Saturda</u>	5:30 7:30 12:10 5:30	Steven Hubert + December 20th Int. of Michael & Maria Donovan & Family Intention of Antonio Gargarita Giovanni Ianni +



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

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month we have Bereavement Support Groups - General Bereavement at 5:30 p.m. and Perinatal Loss (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) at 6:30 p.m. Both groups will meet in the Rectory on December 19th. For more information, please contact at the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee.

PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Monday, December 15, is a day of reconciliation in all the parishes of the Archdiocese of New York. At Blessed Sacrament, I will be in the confessional from 4:00-6:30pm and Fr. Fred will hear confessions from 6:30-8:00pm.

Pope Francis's recently stressed the sacrament of reconciliation during the lighting of the Vatican Christmas tree;

"When we turn on the lights of the tree, we want the light of Christ to be in us. A Christmas without light isn't Christmas. So let there be light in our souls, in our hearts; let there be our forgiveness for others; and let there not be hatred, for these are darkness. Let there be the light of Jesus, which is so beautiful. This is my wish for all of you.

If you have something dark on your soul, ask the Lord's forgiveness. This is a beautiful chance Christmas gives us – to clean up our souls, eh! Don't be afraid – the priest is merciful, he forgives everything in the name of God, because God forgives everything."

In last Sunday's collection we received an anonymous bank check for \$7,000.00. Thank you, whoever you are!

Pray for peace. Fr. Duffell

RETIRED RELIGIOUS

Today we have a collection for our Retired Religious. Many of the nuns and brothers who taught in our school and worked in our parishes are now retired. What we paid them in those days was very little which made Catholic education very inexpensive. Now they need our help. Please be generous.

Blessed Sacrament Young Adults Group

Our monthly Second Sunday Social will be held today, Sunday, Mass in the Rectory. Parishioners in their 20's ne to come for a get-together with others in the 1 drink. Please join us!

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 before each of the masses this weekend. Coats for a children should be "gently used", just cleaned and condition or better.

<u>The JOYJ Initiative – JESSE TREE</u>

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 the altar), take an ornament or two and bring your item the altar) 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.

<u>COLLECTION</u>:Our collection last Sunday came to \$19,597 In addition, \$1,500 was contributed from those using ParishPay, bringing the total collection to \$21.097. For our Soup Kitchen we collected \$2,014. Thank you for your most generous support.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday Eve December 13th

5:30 L Carolyn McZinc, Charles Weeks, Tom

Caffrey

EM Cabrina Carnevale, Ellen Murphy, Lisa Storms Nancy Kearney/ Ginetta LaBianca Jennifer Lupindeen, Ingrid Leacock

Sunday December 14th

8:30 L Eileen Simpson, Mary Steffany, Ray Riordan

EM John Simpson, Ray Riordan

Anthony Jalandoni

10:00 L Eddie Litton, Jillian MacDonald.

Nicholas Paolino

EM Michael Berrigan, Judith Braun, Peter Diggins,

Andrew Fitzsimmons, Anna-Sophia Leone

James Palazza, Joan Tedeschi

11:00 L Mase Kardel-De Marco

EM Maite Marles, Marina Che, Junior Santiago

12:30 L Loretta Edmonds, Kimberley LaMarque,

Brendan Contant

EM Audrey Strunc, Thomas Alexander

Elsa Alvarez, Theo Corbin, Lidia

Stempien

Raul Garcia-Moncada, Maria Theresa

Grez

5:30 L Mary Bradley, Rebecca Painter, **EM** Mark Murphy, Vivienne Singer, Mia Yiabut,

Patricia Alvarez De Fallo, Thomas C.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS OFFERING

Should you wish to make an offering for the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one (s), please place your offering in an envelope and on the front of the envelope or on paper within, print clearly the name or names of those in whose memory the offering is made. The names will be listed in all the Christmas Mass Programs as well as the bulletin for the Sunday after Christmas. Prayers will be prayed for them at all the Masses throughout the Christmas Season.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, December 24th

5:30 p.m. – Family Mass (English) 7:15 p.m. Noche Buena (A Mass in Spanish) 11:00 p.m. – Choral Mass (Carols begin at 10:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day, December 25th

8:30 a.m. (English) 11:00 a.m. (English)_

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El lunes, 15 de diciembre es un día de reconciliación en todas las parroquias de Nueva York., En Blessed Sacrament estaré en el confesionario de 4:00 a 6:30 pm, y el Padre Fred escuchara sus confesiones de 6:30 a 800 p.m.

El Papa Francisco recientemente enfatizo el Sacramento de la Reconciliación durante la iluminación del árbol de Navidad en el Vaticano.

"Cuando iluminamos el árbol queremos la luz de Cristo en nosotros. Una Navidad sin luz no es Navidad. Que haya luz en nuestras almas y nuestros corazones, que sepamos perdonar y que no haya odio pues el odio es oscuridad. Aceptemos la luz de Jesús que es tan maravillosa. Este es mi deseo para todos Ustedes. Si tienen algo oscuro en su alma, pidan perdón al Señor. Es una linda oportunidad que nos ofrece la Navidad: limpiemos nuestras almas. No le teman al sacerdote, el lo perdona todo en nombre de Dios porque En la colecta del pasado domingo recibimos de un donante anónimo un giro bancario por \$7,000.00. No sabemos su nombre, pero gracia de todo corazón.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

COLECTA PARA LOS RELIGIOSOS JUBILADOS

Este fin de semana habrá una segunda colecta. Hay muchas formas de decir gracias, esta colecta es una de ellas.

Descubriendo el siglo 21

Si deseas aprender sobre la Biblia, leer con La Palabra y sobre todo dar fe de nuestra religión Católica, St. Columba en Chelsea, te invita a sus seminarios GRATIS de 12:15—4 p.m. con el Padre Tomas Del Valle-Reyes. www.descubriendoelsiglo21.com sección de Seminarios para fechas y temas.

<u>COLECTA</u>: La colecta del último Domingo ascendió a la cantidad de \$21,097 También se recibieron \$2,014 para nuestro Soup Kitchen. Damos las gracias a los generosos donantes.

RECOGIDA DE ALIMENTOS PARA FAMILIAS

El próximo Fin de Semana se recogerán alimentos frescos para el Food for Families. La lista de estos alimentos estará visible en

banco de la Iglesia. Ponga su donación en las cajas al los Altares del Sagrado Corazón y de Ntra. Señora. ls gracias a los donantes.

S RETREAT—Friday, Jan. 30—Sunday, Feb. 1

looking for? How can I let God in? You're not the only one. Take time in the new year to reflect on your journey, your desires, and God's hopes and dreams for you with a peer-led retreat experience presented by Charis NYC for young adults in their 20s and 30s. Mariandale Retreat Center in Ossining, NY (accessible from Manhattan via MTA Metro-North Trains) \$250 per person. Sign-up before Dec. 16 and take advantage of our early registration discount rate of \$225.