



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:

Today we once again enter this great period of waiting, watching and expecting. This is Advent. What are you waiting for? Who do you expect? Sometimes I think of Advent as continuing education for the heart; a time we spending preparing our hearts for Jesus. What are you doing differently this Advent? I'd like to know, and perhaps share your thoughts throughout this blessed season. To each and every one of you, a most inspiring Advent.

Did you know it's open enrollment time for the Affordable Care Act? Do you need medical insurance, or do you know somebody who does? You have until February 15, 2015 to enroll. Enrolling is easy and fast, in most cases. Maybe you need help understanding the Act, or you need help enrolling. We can help. Drop by the rectory and someone will help you.

My call to high school students – I hope to hear from you. How can Blessed Sacrament better serve you? Would you be willing to meet with me to share your ideas? How about **Monday evening, December 8 at 6:30pm** here in the rectory. We'll have a little pizza and our discussion will be over by 8:00pm. I hope you'll come share your thoughts.

Pray for Advent peace.
Fr. Duffell

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 will be hosting a series of short films and small group discussions, to examine our Catholic faith. Please join us for any of the sessions beginning at **7:15 pm on Dec. 2 & 9**. Films will begin at 7:30 following refreshments. RSVP appreciated NK06807@gmail.com.

PARISH COUNCIL

Our Parish Council will meet this Wed., **Dec. 3rd at 7pm** in the Rectory. We have a very vibrant and enthusiastic Council that is interested in your feedback. They have a mailbox in the Rectory Office.

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.**

Saturday Eve	November 29th
5:30	Jinny Kim Gardino +
Sunday	November 30th
8:30	Phyllis Fleury +
10:00	Int. of Anselmo Garson & Catalina Bonola
11:00	Rafael Granados +
12:30	Sally MacNeil +
5:30	John & Johnny Silvestro +
Monday	December 1st
7:30	Int. of Vivienne Villaluz
12:10	Johann & Maria Stalzer & Family +
5:30	For the People of the Parish
Tuesday	December 2nd
7:30	Bernadette M. Philibert +
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Mary Margaret MacNeil +
6:30	Nellie Castillo & Suzanne Leevy +
Wednesday	December 3rd
7:30	Samuel Montalvo +
12:10	Francesco & Letizia Dora Osso +
5:30	Frantz Edouard +
Thursday	December 4th
7:30	Phyllis Grillo +
12:10	Nicholas Restuccia +
5:30	Margaret MacNeil +
Friday	December 5th
7:30	Int. Mariel & Matthew Benjamin
12:10	Locilento Family (Living & Deceased)
5:30	Wayne Dankert +
Saturday	December 6th
7:30	Int. of Patricia Youngquist
12:10	Locilento Family (Living & Deceased)
5:30	Dec'd Memebers of the Locante Family +



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 5th. For more information, please call the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee.



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday Eve November 29th

5:30 L Ingrid Leacock
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EM Ellen Murphy
EM Tom Caffrey

Sunday November 30th

8:30 L Brendan Contant
EM Brendan Contant
EM Eileen Simpson
EM John Simpson

12:30 L Audrey Strunc
EM Audrey Strunc
EM Jose Luis Martell
EM Thomas Alexander

5:30 L Elizabeth Occhipinti
EM Elizabeth Occhipinti
EM Louise Ulman
EM Rebecca Painter



COLLECTION

Our collection last Sunday came to \$8,815. In addition, those that use ParishPay contributed \$1,500, bringing the total to \$10,315. In addition, we collected \$3,862 for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

Bethlehem Handicrafts is a Catholic group from Bethlehem, the Holy Land. They are going to visit our church the weekend of, **December 6th/7th** to display handmade olivewood 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 in the Church, 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.

HOMELESS OUTREACH UPDATE

On November 22, over 30 volunteers distributed 65 comfort bags and 40 meal gift cards for \$5 and \$10 to the Homeless. Troops 777 of the Boy Scouts participated with a large contingent of children and parents! THANK YOU to the volunteers, Troop 777, and the donors who made this event a great success!

FIRST FRIDAY

This coming **Friday, December 5th**, is the first Friday. We have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament **after the 12:10pm mass and Benediction at 5:15p.m.** The Blessed Sacrament is exposed during the afternoon for your adoration. Please come and spend some time in prayer.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigosñ

Una vez mas estamos esperando. Es Adviento. Que esperan? Cuales son sus deseos? A veces pienso que Adviento es educar nuestros corazones y prepararlos para Jesus. Que haran diferente durante este tiempo? Quisiera saberlo y quizas compartir nuestros pensamientos durante estos dias.

Recuerden que es el momento de registrarse para el "Affordable Care Act.." Necesitan seguro medico o conocen a alguien que lo necesite? Tienen hasta el dia 15 de enero de 2015 para registrarse. Casi siempre es un proceso facil y rapido. Si necesitan ayuda registrandose, podemos ayudarles. Solo deberan pasar por la Rectoria.

A los estudiantesde secundaria: espero saber de ustedes. Como les puede ayudar Blessed Sacrament? Estarian dispuestos a reunirse conmigo y compartir sus ideas? El lunes diciembre 8 a las 6:30 pm en la Rectoria? Tendremos pizza y nuestra reunion terminaria a las 8:00 pm. Espero verlos en esa fecha.

Roguemos por la Paz durante Adviento.

Fr. Duffell

VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM

Blessed Sacrament Church is starting a new and exciting ministry called *The Visiting Friends Program*. If you know of someone in the neighborhood, (relative, friend, or neighbor) who might benefit from and would welcome a visit from a volunteer providing company and social interaction, please contact us by email at the following address: joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com. Be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. Please include your name, address, phone and email address as well as the same information of the person you're referring to us.

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)



BOOKLETS

We are offering you booklets for Advent. *Magnificat* has prayers and readings from the Scripture for each day of Advent. Please take one and use it for your preparation.

THANKSGIVING THANK YOU!

30 families received turkeys, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and nuts (donated by Pioneer Supermarket). Each family packed a bag of groceries from our food pantry from goods donated from our parishioners. We will do this all again for our families before Christmas. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Thanksgiving a brighter and warmer holiday for our families!

