



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

Saturday Eve	February 28th
5:30	Thanksgiving for Helen Maria Lim
Sunday	March 1
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Connie, Theresa and Maureen Brennan +
11:00	Reverenda Madre San Luis +
12:30	Servidio Buenaventura
5:30	Marion O'Farrell +
Monday	March 2nd
7:30	Joseph F. Garrison +
12:10	AmericaHidalgo-Rodriguez+
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	March 3rd
7:30	Connie O'Riordan +
12:10	Reverenda Madre San Luis +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	March 4th
7:30	Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:10	Connie O'Riordan +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	March 5th
7:30	Lina Gardino +
12:10	Connie O'Riordan +
5:30	Wayne Dankert +
Friday	March 6th
7:30	Intention of Donna de Solis
12:10	Jim Ferguson and Kitty Ferguson +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	March 7th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	+Benito Chua +
5:30	Bettina Kramer +

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

Since 1990, Blessed Sacrament has served as host for a transitional residence for HIV+ men. The residence, founded and directed by pastoral associate Theo Corbin, has helped more than 600 men in its 25 year history. With the development of new drugs and therapies, the critical need for housing for this group has lessened to such a point that, at present, none of the residents of the shelter are HIV+.

The Parish Council has been consulted and I have decided that, given the change in need and use of the residence, the residence should be closed and the space be converted back into a parish hall. The whole parish is grateful to Theo for his years of service to the HIV+ community. With the help of social workers, all current residents will be placed in permanent housing before the residence ceases operations.

Sharing the space with the residence is the Arlight Theater. We have been advised by the NYC Fire Department that, because the parish does not have a valid Permit of Assembly, the theater cannot continue operations. At present, the Buildings and Grounds committee of the parish is actively seeking a Permit of Assembly for the space. I will keep you advised on the progress.

I hope that you are prayerfully considering your donation to the Annual Archdiocese Appeal, the Cardinal's Campaign. The campaign seeks the funds necessary to enable the life of the Church here in New York. It is my hope that every member of the parish will make a contribution to this Campaign.

How is your Lent coming? Have you picked up your Rice Bowl at the entrance of the church? The Lenten calendar that comes with the Rice Bowl is quite useful and informative. Keep me posted on your Lenten journey. Pray for Peace. Fr. Duffell

Fr. Gerard DiSenso

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Gerard DiSenso, a retired priest of the New York Archdiocese, for two evenings of discussions about the English Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. The discussion will take place in the rectory on Thursday, March 12th at 7:00 pm. See you there.

CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015



This season of Lent, Blessed Sacrament parish is participating 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 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.

If you don't have a Rice Bowl pick one up at the back of the church and take a flyer for more information.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.



BOOK CLUB

"The Last Monk of Tibhirine", a True Story of Martyrdom, Faith and Survival by Freddy Derwahl. An account of Brother

Jean-Pierre Schumacher, the last survivor of the seven Trappist monks of Tibhirine who were massacred in 1996 during the Algerian Civil War. The popular movie "Of Gods and Men" was based on the monks deaths.

Join us on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory...for a discussion of this great work.

MAKING ALL THINGS NEW

Cardinal Dolan has asked us to implement his directives which grew out of the Making All Things New planning process. His expectation is that all parishes will work with their cluster to implement the plans for collaboration developed last year and his directive to merge certain parishes. Our cluster now includes Blessed Sacrament, St. Paul's, St. Malachy's, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Holy Cross and St. John the Baptist parishes. Holy Cross and St. John the Baptist have been directed by the Cardinal to merge.

OUR Inheritance: Vatican II at 50. The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.

Monday, March 9, 2015 / 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 / 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

12th floor Lounge—E. Corrigan Conference Center
113 West 60th St.—Fordham University, New York

How will Vatican II continue to shape the church and its engagement with the wider world? What are the emerging horizons in politics, society, and the intellectual life toward which Catholic scholars should orient their attention? An impressive gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Council world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: Fordham.edu/CRC.

RSVP: creprogram@fordham.edu

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LET'S BE PROTECTORS OF CREATION

The wonders of the Earth, the beauty of our planet, the gift of natural resources and the human family's unique role as steward of Creation are all reasons the Church is deeply concerned about the environment.

How we misuse natural resources and abuse the natural environment is often a reflection of how we treat each other. Those in poverty and vulnerable communities are on the front lines of the disruptions caused by climate change, like changing weather patterns which affect crops. Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of the environment and each other.

COLLECTION

Our collection for February 22nd was \$11,996.— And through ParishPay: 2,039.— for a total of \$14,035. We are grateful for your support

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

The Spirit Sunday and Young Adults groups are pleased to co-sponsor this year's Lenten Simple Suppers. Please join us during the 5 Wednesdays during lent: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25, for prayer, meditation, and a supper of soup, salad, and bread. The evenings are 7PM-8:15PM in the rectory dining room and are a wonderful way to enrich your Lenten experience. For all questions, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We hope to see you there

March 1st—Coffee Hours

Please join us today for a Coffee Hour in the Rectory. This will take place after the 8:30am, 10:00am, 11:00am and 12:30pm Masses. As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day during the month of March, the Dining Room will be decorated in his honor.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Desde 1990, Blessed Sacrament ha servido como anfitrión a una residencia transicional para hombres con HIV+. La residencia, fundada y dirigida por nuestro asociado pastoral Theo Corbin ha ayudado a más de 600 hombres durante sus 25 años de historia. Con el desarrollo de nuevas drogas y terapias, la necesidad crítica de albergar a este grupo ha llegado a tal punto que, en estos momentos ninguno de los residentes de este albergue son HIV+.

He consultado con el Consejo Parroquial y decidido que dado el cambio de la necesidad y el uso de la residencia, esta será cerrada y el espacio convertido de nuevo en un espacio para el uso de nuestra comunidad. Y a Theo, nuestra sincera gratitud por todos sus años de servicio a la comunidad aquejada con HIV+. Con la ayuda de trabajadores sociales los residentes de esta residencia serán colocados en hogares permanentes antes que la misma cese sus operaciones.

Compartiendo el espacio está el Arclight Theater. El Cuerpo de Bomberos de la ciudad de Nueva York nos ha informado que al no tener la parroquia un Permiso de Reuniones válido, el teatro no puede continuar operando. En este momento nuestro "Buildings and Grounds Committee" está activamente solicitando dicho permiso.

Espero estén considerando su donación a la Campana del Cardenal. La Campana busca los fondos necesarios para apoyar la vida de la Iglesia en New York. Tengo la esperanza que cada miembro de esta parroquia contribuirán a la misma.

Como están observando La Cuaresma? Ya se han llevado uno de los "Rice Bowls" colocados a la entrada de la iglesia? El calendario que lo acompaña es muy informativo. Les pido mantenerme al día sobre como están observando la Cuaresma.

Roguemos por la paz.

Fr. Duffell

LA LEGION DE MARIA

Es una organización a nivel mundial, de hombres y mujeres, casados y solteros, que bajo la dirección de María, la Madre de Dios, llenos del Espíritu Santo, desarrollan una santidad personal y ayudan a los sacerdotes en su trabajo parroquial. Miembros de esta organización se reunirán por primera vez en nuestra Rectoría el próximo martes, 3 de marzo a las 7:00 pm. Y, hasta nuevo aviso, continuarán reuniéndose aquí cada martes a la misma hora.

Visiting Friends Program

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com. —be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.