



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.



Saturday Eve	April 11th
5:30	Soon Hee Park and Sung Joon Park +
Sunday	April 12th
8:30	The Decker and Carroll Families +
10:00	Ken Arch +
11:00	Intention of Thomas Middelhof
12:30	Karl Vitali +
5:30	Margaret Power +
Monday	April 13th
7:30	Ronald L. Bernhard +
12:10	Chuck Arcidiacano +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	April 14th
7:30	Lora Annunziata +
12:10	Intention Thomas Middelhoff
5:30	Luigi Arlia +
Wednesday	April 15th
7:30	Int. of Nelly Desmet and Norbert Norman, Sr
12:10	Lora Annunziata +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	April 16th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	America Hidalgo Rodriguez +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Friday	April 17th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	James Sardos +
5:30	Alice Wandrey +
Saturday	April 18th
7:30	Richard Maline +
12:10	Intention ion Leonor Matz
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff

BOOK CLUB

The next Book Club will meet on April 30th in the rectory at 6:30pm. The book chosen is **“To Kill a Mockingbird,”** what one critic called one of the ,most widely read novels in the 20th Century dealing with race in America.. The book contains important themes other than racial injustice, such as the exploration of the moral nature of human beings, that is, whether the ultimate moral lesson is that the existence of evil is balanced by faith in the essential goodness of mankind as well as the theme of courage and compassion in the context of understanding others. Hope to see many of us there in a discussion which will hopefully prove interesting as well as part of our journey as Christians.

RCS RICE BOWLS

Dear Rice Bowl Partners;I hope you all had a blessed Lent and glorious Easter. Lent was a special time at Blessed Sacrament culminating in a very moving Holy Week, Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday. However or wherever you celebrated, I am sure it was meaningful.

We conluded Rice Bowl on Easter Sunday. We collected Rice Bowls starting Palm Sunday. Thank you all who helped with this. We also counted the donations in the rectory the Mondays after Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday and Good Friday. We took the coins to TD Bank to conveert to bills. We have one more bag to count and Rice Bowls continue to come into the rectory.

Blessed Sacrament had a verysuccessful Rice Bowl. Below are our results and will announce them at Mass, possibly this weekend. We will publish the results and a note of appreciation to our generous parishioners in the bulletin and on the website the weekend of April 18/19 when we have a final number. We also received three notes/ comments from parishioners on how Rice Bowl enhanced their Lenten journey.

Thank you for all your help and support of CRS Rice Bowl. You provided fellow parishioners an opportunity to enhance their Lenten journey through Rice Bowl. Most importantly, thank you for helping to change the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters. God bless you for you r very big hearts. Pia and the Rice Bowl Committee.

RICE BOWL RESULTS

- 1) Distributed 1050 Rice Bowls (last year: 1160)
- 2) Distributed 1500 Rice Bowl Flyers
- 3) Rice Bowl donations:

Cash:	\$7183.00
Checks:	\$1850.00
Direct to CRS:	\$3082.00 on line/checks

Total: \$12,115.64 (last year: \$9329.00—neither year includes 4th Sunday of Lent collection)

4) Three notes/comments about Rice Bowl:

- RB was a wonderful way to share Lent with a young child (toddler). RB allowed these parents to engage their child in almsgiving and helping the poor during Lent.
- First time using RB and helped him stay focused on contributing and helping the poor. He liked the “piggy bank” structure and kept it on his desk so he saw it daily.
- A note included in a RB: “Spend money well. Worked hard to help”.

LIVING WAGES ARE A RIGHT, NOT A PRIVILEGE

Today we are on day 2 of our Fast for \$15 50 days of prayer and abstaining from food as an act of solidarity with our brothers and sisters in the fight for living wages in the Fight for \$15. Fast food and other low wage workers across the country are putting their bodies on the line to ensure that they can earn wages that will allow them the ability to support themselves and their families, a basic right for every individual. We each know the prophetic power of fasting and prayer. We ask that you and your congregation join us in this time of prayer and sacrifice on behalf of the Fight for \$15. Pray for the workers, the protestors, the organizers, and for all those involved in this movement.

How Can you join the Movement? Fast Food Fast: 50 Days of Prayer and Fasting—Beginning Monday, April 6th. Join us for 50 days of prayer and fasting from fast food in solidarity with the Fight for \$15. During these 50 days, pray for fast food workers and abstain from fast food establishments.

Adopt a Fast Food Establishment—Congregational Circle of Protection—Adopting a fast food establishment in your neighborhood as a congregation and be a source of support and refuge as they fight for living wages. Please contact Faith in New York for more information

Fast Food Worker Testimonials—Have a fast food worker share their testimony at your congregation and share their experience in fighting for living wages. Please contact Faith in New York for more information.

Social Media—#FightFor15 #FastFor15 #FaithInNewYork. Spread the word about the Fight For \$15. Tell us why you're standing in solidarity with this nationwide movement.

Join us on **April 15th** as we stand in solidarity for the Fight for \$15. Columbus Circle gathering at 5pm. Enter at 63rd Street and Central Park West. March begins at 6pm. Bus transportation can be provided from your congregation upon request! Please call **718-426-6564** or e-mail crystal@faithinnewyork.org to request a bus for your congregation.

Please register today to join us on April 15th at Columbus Circle to Fight for \$15.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday, April 11th

5:30

1st	Cathie Lenz
2nd	Roscoe Orman
POF	Todd Reppert
EM's	Carolyn McZinc, Cathie Lenz, Ginette LaBianca, Jerry Becker, Ben Ventura, John Gibbons, Kimberley LaMarque Orman

Sunday, April 12th

8:30

1st	Brendan Contant
2nd	Bvrendan Contant
POF	Damian Begley
EMs	John Simpson, Brendan Contant, Damian Begley, Tony Jalandoni, Eileen Simpson

10:00

1st	Shirley Rodriguez
2nd	Anna Piazza
POF	Gabriel Keane
EMs	Peter Diggins, Andrew Jenkins, Nancy Kearney, Joan Tedeschi, Anna-Sophia Leone, Mary Bradley, James Palazza

12:30

1st	Theo Corbin
2nd	Francesca DiPaola
POF	Jack Going
EMs	Thomas Alexander, Theo Corbin, Francesca DiPaola, Christina Elefante, Anne Locke, Lidia Stempian

5:30

1st	Rebecca Painter
2nd	Elizabeth Kubinski
POF	Louise Ulman
EML	Kevin Meskell, Thomas Davis, Tiffany Riady, Rob Porell, Kate Furlong, Louise Ulman, Elisa Dragu.

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.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Come and learn about the Divine Mercy Devotion followed by a Healing prayer with a first class relic of St. John Paul II. **Monday, April 13th from 6:30 to 8:30pm at the Blessed Sacrament rectory.**