



# 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](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)  
*Spanish Programs Website:* [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)  
*Sunday School Website:* [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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 NEWS**

Dear Parishuioners and Friends;

This week I received an email from a young man inquiring about starting a young fathers group in the parish. We already have a young moms group that is flourishing. And we have other groups and ministries, like the young adults, over 55's and so on. This young man's request brought to mind Pope Benedict's call for New Evangelization, because joining together for fellowship, prayer and faith-building is what New Evangelization is all about.

The New Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. In a special way, the New Evangelization is focused on "re-proposing" the Gospel to those who have experienced a crisis of faith. Pope Benedict called for the re-proposing of the Gospel "to those regions awaiting the first evangelization and to those regions where the roots of Christianity are deep but who have experienced a serious crisis of faith due to secularization." The New Evangelization invites each Catholic to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ and his Church.

There is also a social justice piece to the New Evangelization. I'm happy and proud to say that parishioners of Blessed Sacrament offered over \$13,000 in the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl program. That is social justice and that is the New Evangelization.

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Esta semana recibí un email de un joven sugiriendo formar un grupo de padres jóvenes en nuestra parroquia. Tenemos ya un grupo de madres jóvenes que está floreciendo, y tenemos otros grupos, como el de los jóvenes adultos, el de los adultos de 55+, etc. La petición de este joven me recordó la llamada del Papa Benedicto hacia una Nueva Evangelización, porque cuando nos juntamos con un espíritu de compañerismo, plegarias y fe, tenemos ya los cimientos de la Nueva Evangelización.

La Nueva Evangelización nos exhorta a profundizar en nuestra fe, a creer en el mensaje del Evangelio e ir hacia delante proclamándolo. En una manera especial, la Nueva Evangelización se enfoca en "re-proponer" el Evangelio a aquellos sufriendo una crisis en su fe y a "aquellas regiones esperando la primera evangelización así como donde las raíces del Cristianismo son hondas pero que han experimentado una crisis debido a la secularización." La Nueva Evangelización invita a cada Católico a renovar su fe en Jesucristo y su Iglesia.

Existe también un elemento de justicia en la Nueva Evangelización. Tengo a bien informarles que los feligreses de Blessed Sacrament contribuyeron más de \$13,000 en el programa del Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl. Esto es justicia social y esto es la Nueva Evangelización.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>April 25th</b>
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 26th</b>
8:30	People of the Parish
10:00	Albeert and Marret Doorfee +
11:00	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:30	Mass of Thanksgiving
5:30	Catherine White +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 27th</b>
7:30	Intention of Gladys Baez Tull
12:10	John Keegan +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 28th</b>
7:30	Jeffrey Ryan +
12:10	Michelangelo V. Cruz +
5:30	Luigi Arlia +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 29th</b>
7:30	Vera Castro +
12:10	Jack W. Impellizeri +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 30th</b>
7:30	Diana Ramirez de Arellano +
12:10	Celestian, Joy and Hope Uva + (children)
5:30	Butler Family +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 1st</b>
7:30	Souls in Purgatory
12:10	Celestian, Joy and Hope Uva + (children)
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2nd</b>
7:30	Richmond Cameron +
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
5:30	Giovanni Ianni +



**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.

COLLECTION

To date, the Easter collection amounts to \$.59,311.- Our collection last Sunday, April 19th was \$7,445.- We also received \$2,179.- through ParishPay for a total of \$9,624.- We are grateful for your support.

SPIRIT SUNDAY AFTER 5:30PM MASS—APRIL 26

Please join us after this Sunday’s 5:30pm Mass for our monthly Spirit Sunday. It is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and share fellowship and fun. Snacks, appetizers, drinks and spirits served! Join us on the 2nd floor of the rectory immediately after Mass. We look forward to meeting you! For more information contact JohnGaskaska at 646-345-7350.

POPE FRANCIS AND THE VOCATION OF THE LAWYER—Wednesday, April 29, 2015—6:30-8:30pm

Fordham Law School, Bateman Room 2-01B,  
150 West 62nd Street, New York, N.Y.

Panel:

**Lucia Silecchia**, Professor of Law, The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law  
**Michael P. Moreland**, Vice Dean and Professor of Law, Villanova University School of Law  
**Richard J. Sullivan**, United States District Judge, Southern District of New York

Pope Francis has spoken about the obligation of those whose work involves the law, administration of justice, and the setting of public policy. He recently mentioned, at a meeting with Filipino authorities, “...the challenge of building on solid foundations a modern society—a society respectful of authentic human values, protective of our God-given human dignity and rights, and ready to confront new and complex political and ethical questions.”

And on a letter to the participants of the 19th International Conference of the International Association of Penal Law, he wrote: “...the Church recommends a justice that is humanizing, genuinely reconciling,...that lead the offenders, through an educational way and through inspiring penance, to complete their rehabilitation and reintegration into the community.”

This panel will explore how Pope Francis and the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church impact the practice of law and the lives of lawyers.

**RSVP by April 27th—212-636-7699**

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS

Confirmation Class for adults who are Baptized Catholic will begin on **Wednesday, April 22nd at 6:30pm**. Please contact Tina Silvestro for a full schedule of classes (not all class sessions are held on a Wednesday) and to register: [212-877-3111](tel:212-877-3111) or [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org).

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 31st at 2:30pm**.

CRS RICE BOWL

Thank you all for your involvement and donations to CRS Rice Bowl during Lent. Although we continue to receive Rice Bowls, we have received donations of \$13,705.04. Your Lenten sacrifices and generosity will help to change the lives of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. God bless you for your very big hearts

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Saturday , April 25th

5:30

1st Tom Caffrey  
2nd Rebecca Painter  
POF Kimberley LaMarque Orman  
EM’s John Gibbons, Ginetta LaBianca, Tom Caffrey, Kimberley LaMarque Orman, Rebecca Painter, Diane Brush

Sunday, April 26th

8:30

1st Damian Begley  
2nd Damian Begley  
POF John Hunt  
EMs Brendan Contant, Damian Begley, John Hunt, Angelika Morton, Louella White

10:00

1st Jullian MacDonald  
2nd Shirley Rodriguez  
POF Anna Piazza  
EMs Eddie Litton, Andrew Jenkins, Andrew Fitzsimmons, Nancy Kearney, Dayana Montesdeoca, Elisse Lo Presti, Judy Braun

12:30

1st Jack Going  
2nd Jack Going  
POF Theo Corbin  
EMs Elsa Alvarez, Theo Corbin, Christina Elefante, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Anne Locke, Lidia Stempien

5:30

1st John Gaskaska,  
2nd Elizabeth Heilman Brooke Murray  
POF Elizabeth Occhipinti  
EML Patricia Alvarez de Fallon, Elizabeth Occhipinti, Kevin Meskell, Kate Furlong, Elizabeth Heilman Brooke Murray, Brian Fallon, Rob Porell

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](mailto: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.