



# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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**CHURCH:** 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

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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.



The Paschal Candle is offered to the glory of God in memory of Wayne Dankert. Please remember him in your prayers

<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>April 4th</b>
	7:30
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 5th</b>
The Easter Masses are offered for those in whose memory and for their intentions the Church has been made beautiful for Easter	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 6th</b>
7:30	Ana Lucia Hernandez +
12:10	Intention of Cathy Lord
5:30	Wayne Dankert
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 7th</b>
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	Raymond White +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 8th</b>
7:30	Josefa Grillo +
12:10	America Hidalgo-Rodriguez+
5:30	Lucille Burntlam +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9th</b>
7:30	Ana Bailous +
12:10	Kathleen Barker +
5:30	Sherry Kreek +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 10th</b>
7:30	Alice Echavarria +
12:10	Tony Acosta +
5:30	Frank Wandrey +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11th</b>
7:30	Margaret Campbell +
12:10	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Happy Easter! May this Easter season bring you great joy and comfort in the sure knowledge that God is ever merciful. Today we enter into a fifty day period of dwelling in the paschal mystery. Fifty days of surrendering in joyful faith and love as the Spirit of God takes possession of our lives. Fifty days of mystagogy, of walking with the newly baptized ever more deeply into the baptismal mysteries of death and resurrection. It is a time of intensified consciousness, finely tuned awareness, awakened memory. The great fifty days of Easter is an invitation to explore more deeply the weather of the heart, to awaken our memory of God's presence and power in our lives, to look more closely at all the rich and varied textures of creation.

I am happy to say that our baldacchino, the canopy above the altar, is repaired. Last Wednesday pieces of the baldacchino came raining down in the sanctuary. We were able to get repairs done the next day. A small truck was driven up the main aisle and a boom lift carried a restoration artist up to the baldacchino where he made the repairs and inspected and cleaned the rest of the structure. It was quite an event. See our website for pictures and videos. This unexpected expense is a worry. Hopefully we won't have many more of these happenings.

Have a wonderful Easter season. Thank you for joining us here at this great feast, the holiest feast on our church calendar. If you are here for the first time, or returning after an absence, know that you are most welcome here. Our prayer is better because you are with us. And I hope to see more of you.

Pray for Easter peace.

Fr. Duffell

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Feliz Domingo de Pascua! Que este dia les traiga mucha alegria y comfort sabiendo que el Senor es todo bondad y compasivo. Hoy comenzamos un periodo de 50 dias durante el cual observamos el misterio pascual. 50 dias durante los cuales el Espiritu de Dios se apodera de nuestras vidas. 50 dias de mistagogia, caminando lentamente con los recién bautizados hacia los misterios del bautismo, la muerte y la resurreccion. Estos dias son una invitacion a despertar en nuestro ser y nuestra memoria la presencia del Senor en nuestras vidas, y observar mas de cerca los metodos de la creacion.

Les informo que la canopia de nuestro altar ya ha sido reparada. El miercoles pasado cayeron algunos pedazos del baldaquin sobre el santuario pero pudo ser arreglado el proximo dia. Un artista especializado en restauraciones fue izado hasta el baldaquin y el tambien se ocupo de evaluar y limpiar el resto de la estructura. Pueden ver este evento visitando nuestro website. Gastos inesperados son nuestra preocupacion. Esperamos esto no suceda muy a menudo.

Gracias por estar aqui con nosotros durante esta celebracion, el dia mas sagrado del calendario de la Iglesia. Si nos visitan por primera vez, o si regresan despues de estar ausentes, sepan que aqui son bienvenidos. Nuestras plegarias son bien recibidas por estar ustedes aqui con nosotros.

Roguemos en este dia por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell



**COLLECTION OF RICE BOWLS**

Our Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl comes to an end on Easter Sunday. Social Action Committee members and fellow parishioners will collect your rice bowls at the church entrance. You can always turn in your Rice Bowl at the rectory. If you made an online donation please let us know so that we can include it in our totals. 75% of your donation will go to Catholic Relief Services programs serving the poorest of the poor overseas. 25% will go towards NY archdiocesan projects that minister to the poor and vulnerable in our own community. We would also like to hear how Rice Bowl enhanced your Lenten journey. Please write down your thoughts and put it in your Rice Bowl.

**COLLECTION**

Thank you very much for your generosity for the work of the Church. Last Sunday, a total of \$13,018.- was received, in the collection, \$12,027.- and \$1,891.- through ParishPay..-

**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.

**JOYJ INITIATIVE—Easter Egg Lenten Project**

Donations for the JoyJ Easter Project will be collected on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday, April 12th. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

**In other news**, on April 9th, **Saks Fifth Avenue** will host a charitable event for the **JoyJ Initiative**. Please join us at Saks Fifth Avenue to view the **RAOUL** Spring 2015 Collection. There will be light bites, prosecco, live music, and a fashion show by four models. 10% of the proceeds from sales will go to the JoyJ Initiative. Please join us and help us to make this event a big success! Share this invitation with friends and family who may be interested. A successful first event will open the door to future events. Please RSVP for the event by emailing [RaoulRSVP@saks.com](mailto:RaoulRSVP@saks.com).

**PATH TO THE STILL CENTER**

Come join us every Thursday at 5:30pm in the Rectory. We are following the teachings of **Dom John Main, OSB** and Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The meeting includes a short taped talk, a silent meditation of 30 minutes and a time for questions or another short reading. It ends at 7:00pm.

**NO FEE.** Any other questions, call Mary Orth-Pallavicini at 212-628-1792

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

There is an active Knights of Columbus on the west side, DeSoto Council #327, located at 441 West 49th Street. The Council is active and looking for new members among practicing Catholic men, 18 years of age or older, seeking the spiritual benefits, camaraderie, and community involvement that being a Knight offers.

**Contact: Gerard Hayde, 917-837-9590**  
or [gknight49@hotmail.com](mailto:gknight49@hotmail.com)

**FIGHT FOR \$15**

On April 15th, please join Faith in New York to stand in solidarity with fast food workers. The march will begin in Columbus Circle at 5:pm.

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****Holy Saturday , April 4th****5:30**

1st	Kimberley LaMarque Orman
2nd	Marina Che
3rd	Mark Murphy
Epistle	Loretta Edmonds
POF	Tom Caffrey
EM's	Mia Yabut, Dayana Montesdeoca, Raul Garcia-Moncada Minette Valeriano, Carolyn McZinc, Francesca DiPaola, John Hunt

**Easter Sunday, April 5th****8:30**

1st	Eileen Simpson
2nd	Eileen Simpson
POF	John Hunt
EMs	James Palazza, John Simpson, Damian Begley, Eileen Simpson, John Hunt

**9:45**

1st	Joan Tedeschi
2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
POF	Mark Murphy
EMs	Nancy Kearney, Judy Braun, Eddie Litton, Anna-Sophia Leone, Mary Jebara, Michael Berrigan, Robert Bradley

**12:30**

1st	Adam Llorens
2nd	Jose Luis Martell
POF	Jack Going
EMs	Elsa Alvarez, Jose Luis Martell, Thomas Alexander, Vivienne Singer, Theo Corbin, Anne Locke, Martin Goeller

**5:30**

1st	Thomas Davis
2nd	Elena Mayville
POF	Rebecca Painter
EML	Helena Maria Lim, Elisa Dragu, Elizabeth Heilman Brooke, Louise Ulman, Thomas Davis, Dayana Montesdeoca, Martha Montalvo

**THE PASCHAL CANDLE**

The paschal candle, a symbol of the presence of the risen Christ among the people of God, remains in the sanctuary near the altar from Easter through Pentecost. It is lit for all liturgical functions.

**EL CIRIO PASCUAL**

El Cirio Pascual, simbolo de la presencia de la resurreccion de Cristo , estara en el Santuario cerca del altar desde el Domingo de Pascua hasta el Domingo de Pentecostes.