



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
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	August 15th
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Sunday	August 16th
8:30	Robert Moroski +
10:00	Ann Hayden +
11:00	Teresa Valentin +
12:30	People of the Parish
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	August 17th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Aida Segovia +
5:30	Intentions of Rita Sardos
Tuesday	August 18th
7:30	Cruz Maria Creque +
12:10	Gerardo Betchaver +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	August 19th
7:30	
12:10	America Hidalgo- Rodriguez +
5:30	William Janetschek, Sr. +
Thursday	August 20th
7:30	Said Halaka +
12:10	Nicholas Restuccia +
5:30	Sam Locante +
Friday	August 21st
7:30	
12:10	Cecilia Arcomano +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	August 22nd
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	Margaret F. Camin +
5:30	George Kaufmann +

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners and Friends;

There are a number of things to discuss this week.

I have included in the bulletin this week the letter that I received from the Cardinal. It is self-explanatory—I am not sure that I agree with his reasoning, but I accept the decision.

Parish priests in this diocese must resign from administrative responsibility at the age of 75. After that time, they are named administrators. Msgr. O'Connor, for example, was the administrator of Blessed Sacrament for his last 8 years here. I guess I could possibly beat him out for I might hold the title for 10 years. Like Msgr. O'Connor, I will consider myself the pastor of Blessed Sacrament and will serve you, the people of God, and I will continue the struggle to be a faithful shepherd in whatever number of years I have. If you want to call me pastor, do so, if administrator feels better for you, that's okay. I will just attempt to be your parish priest.

This week we welcome Father Honoratus Mwageni—a missionary from the Diocese of Butare in Rwanda, Africa. Remember that great but upsetting movie “Hotel Rwanda”? Rwanda is a Christian country; 60% of the country's population is Catholic. The Diocese of Butare has limited resources to be able to build more Catholic schools and continue their mission of making the love of Christ known and felt among the people of Rwanda. Please be as generous as your means allow in the second collection.

Fr. Antony, who has been with us since February, is moving off to more southern climes. He will be living and assisting at the Church of Stella Maris while doing research at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston. Why is he leaving us? While here and working at Mt. Sinai, Fr. Antony would leave the Rectory at 8:30am and return at about 8:00 or 9:00pm every weekday. He had no time to read and reflect. He really hoped to spend more time in the parish and in parish life, which he will be able to do in South Carolina where his research will be limited to four hours a day. Fr. Antony, thank you for your contributions here to the life of Blessed Sacrament.

I will be out of the parish for two weeks. During that time, a good and long time friend, Fr. Thomas Caswell from the far off world of Spokane will be with us. I hope you will welcome him, I know you will enjoy him.

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

MENSAJE DEL PASTOR

Mis Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Debemos hablar de varias cosas esta semana:

He incluido en el boletín una carta que recibí del Cardenal. Se explica por sí sola. No creo estar de acuerdo con su razonamiento, pero acepto su decisión.

Los párrocos de esta diócesis deben renunciar a sus actividades administrativas a los 75. En ese momento son nombrados administradores. Msgr. O'Connor, por ejemplo, fue el administrador de Blessed Sacrament durante los últimos 8 años que estuvo aquí. Creo poder hacerlo mejor y pasar 10 años? Como él, me considerare Pastor de Blessed Sacrament y continuare mi lucha de ser su fiel Pastor el tiempo que me sea posible. Si desean llamarme Pastor, hacedlo, si se sienten mejor llamándome administrador, pues que así sea. Simplemente tratare de ser su párroco.

Esta semana le damos la bienvenida al Padre Honoratus Mwageni, misionario de la Diócesis de Butare en Rwanda, África. Recuerdan la película “Hotel Rwanda”? Rwanda es un país Cristiano: 60% de sus habitantes son Católicos. La Diócesis de Butare cuenta con recursos limitados con los cuales construir escuelas Católicas y continuar su misión con la gente de Rwanda. Les pido ser generosos en la segunda colecta.

El Padre Antony, aquí desde Febrero, se muda a South Carolina. Vivirá y asistirá en la Iglesia de Stella Maris mientras hace investigaciones en el “Medical University of South Carolina”. Por que nos deja? Mientras estuvo aquí y trabajando en el Mt. Sinai, salía a las 8:30am y no regresaba hasta las 8:00-9:00pm. No tenia tiempo de leer y reflexionar y esperaba poder pasar mas tiempo en nuestra parroquia lo cual podrá hacer en South Carolina ya que el periodo de investigación se limitara a 4 horas al día. Gracias Padre Antony por su contribución a la vida de Blessed Sacrament.

Estaré fuera de la parroquia por 2 semanas. Durante esos días, un buen amigo, el Padre Thomas Caswell de la Diócesis de Spokane, estará aquí con ustedes. Espero le den la bienvenida y que disfrutaran su estadía.
Rueguen por la paz.
Fr. Duffell



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Will begin on Sunday September 13 with the 10:00 am Family Mass in the Church. Religious instruction is held in the school after the Family Mass until 12:15. REGISTRATION DEADLINE WAS JULY 27. SOME CLASSES ARE FILLED. We will accept late registrations for unfilled classes until Sept. 1. YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FROM SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 13. REGISTRATION WILL REOPEN ON SEPTEMBER 14. Re-registration forms have been mailed to current students. Forms for new students can be picked up at the parish office or found on the Sunday School website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday School teachers and Assistants are needed to serve in this important Parish Ministry. Volunteers who work with children follow a screening process as required by the Archdiocese. Please call Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for more information.



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Thinking of becoming a Catholic: Are you Catholic but have not received Communion or Confirmation? Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 28 at 6:30pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at the parish office (212-877-3111) to register or seek information.

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$8,959. \$2,266 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$11,225. Thank you too for the \$1,345 you offered in support of the Soup Kitchen..

BOOK CLUB

Our next book club meets Sept. 9th from 6:30 to 8:00pm in the rectory. We'll be reading "The Moviegoer", winner of the 1961 National Book Award, written by Walker Percy, one of the most significant Catholic Southern writers of the 20th Century. It's a short novel, humorous but at the same time raising important questions about the purpose of life. Do we sometimes treat life like watching a movie, instead of living it? What can we do to find happiness without being sunk in the "everydayness" of life?

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES SPEAKER—BSC Rectory—August 26, 2015 at 7:00pm

Meet Raina Clark-Gaun, CRS Tanzania, as she shares her stories and experiences and how CRS supports the poorest of the poor in this African country. An interesting evening is promised

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS



Saturday, August 15th

5:30
1st Anita Pearl
2nd Mary Moore
POF Eileen Mancera
EM's Nancy Kearney, Mary Moore, Ellen Murphy, Ginetta LaBianca, Vinnie-Carla Agnello

Sunday, August 16th

8:30
1st Brendan Contant
2nd Brendan Contant
POF James Palazza
EMs Ray Riordan, Terry Naglack, Vivian Villaluz, Brendan Contant, James Palazza

10:00

1st Mary Bradley
2nd Shirley Rodriguez
POF James Palazza
EMs Peter Diggins, Judy Braun, Eddie Litton, Mia Yabut, Mary Bradley

12:30

1st Megan Mitchell
2nd Megan Mitchell
POF Delores Gabertis
EMs Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Christina Elefante, Megan Mitchell

5:30

1st Elizabeth Kubinski
2nd Kathleen LaMagna
POF Richelle Kjeira Go
EMs Joe McKenna, Mia Yabut, Robert Porrell, Elizabeth Occhipinti

PAULINE BOOK FAIR—August 22nd/23rd after all the Masses

The Daughters of St. Paul, Catholic Sisters missioned at the Pauline Book & Media Center at 64 West 38th Street, will hold a book fair August 22nd and 23rd after all the Masses at the Church of Blessed Sacrament. The Sisters will have a selection of religious books, music CD's and DVD's. The selection will include Bibles, lives of saints, prayer books, and reading materials for all ages. This will be a good opportunity to obtain spiritual materials for yourself and your family to deepen your knowledge of the Catholic faith. If you have any special requests, please call the Pauline Book & Media Center at 212-754-1110.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY

Should you wish to offer the flowers in the sanctuary in memory of a loved one, please call the rectory office at 212-877-3111