

# Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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## **MASSES:**

SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM  
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass)  
11:15AM (Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)  
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM  
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM  
SPANISH WKDAY MASS: Every Other Wednesday of the month  
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

## **BAPTISM:**

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

## **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.

## **PARISH BOUNDARIES:**

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

## **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.

## **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.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

## **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. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

*Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)*

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear parishioners and friends,

In October 1958, Cardinal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was elected pope at the age of 77. Ascending to the papacy at such an old age, he was expected to be a mere caretaker. But less than three months into office, in January of 1959, he surprised many by calling for the convening of an ecumenical council. Over two years of formal preparations went into launching the meetings on October 11, 1962.

Many have summarized the core purpose of the council as adapting Roman Catholicism to the modern world. Pope John died midway through the council on June 3, 1963.

Wednesday, October 11th, marks the 55th Anniversary of the Opening of the Council..... and it is the Feast of St. Pope John XXIII, not just the convoker of the Council but the author of two outstanding Encyclicals: "Mater et Magistra" and "Pacem in Terris".....I would urge you to read them..... If possible celebrate the Eucharist on Wednesday...and pray for the Church through the intercession of St. John XXIII.

The horror of the actions of a deranged man in Las Vegas last week once again makes us aware of the fact of the need for legislation to control the availability of guns. Did you realize that the last major gun control legislation was past in 1968, 49 years ago, when President Johnson submitted a bill and fought for its passage. That final piece of legislation did not go as far as he proposed, and nothing of any real consequence has been done since on the national level and so I was moved and challenged by the words of Mark Kelly, the retired astronaut and husband of former Congresswoman Gabby Gifford, when he stated that messages of thoughts and prayers to the families of victims in the Las Vegas shooting, while important, are "not enough."

"What we are hearing today at the Capitol and the White House are thoughts and prayers," Kelly told reporters outside of the Capitol building with his wife at his side. "Your thoughts and prayers aren't going to stop the next shooting. Only action and leadership will do that."

Did you realize that the House of Representatives was scheduled to discuss a bill that would relax restrictions on obtaining gun silencers?

"Imagine how much worse the [Las Vegas] shooting could have been if the gunman had a silencer," Kelly said. "Imagine the gun lobby's version of society — everyone armed, everyone out for themselves, everyone at risk all the time."

Let us pray and act for change.

Unfortunately, Las Vegas moved Puerto Rico out of the spotlight somewhat this past week. Immediately after my ordination I was assigned by Cardinal Cooke to study Spanish at The Catholic University of Puerto Rico in Ponce. Sunday after Sunday, saying Mass all over the Island, I came to know that Puerto Rico is a marvelous place. The picture

on the front page of the NY Times last Sunday of the destroyed bridge into Utado made me so aware of how ill informed we are of the Heberos, the country people, so cut off. Puerto Rico is not just San Juan and the other costal cities...if only our president had traveled through the mountains, to Vega Alto and Vega Baja, to Utado and the so many other beautiful parts of that part of our land.....pray for the people of Puerto Rico, citizens like you and I of the United States of America.

Finally, I would like to share with you some relevant information regarding ParishPay. We have 375 parishioners supporting the parish through this online giving platform, and this is a tremendous help to us as we struggle to make ends meet. Recently, ParishPay was bought over by Liturgical Publication, our Bulletin Company, and will thus be hosting our online donations but under a new platform called WeShare. The transfer is scheduled to take place from October 9-12, and during that time neither the ParishPay nor the WeShare website will be accessible. **It is important to note that anyone already giving through ParishPay does not have to make changes to their account.** The transfer should be seamless. The next time you log into ParishPay you will be redirected to WeShare, or you can look out for the new WeShare address on the parish website after October 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continued generosity.

As always, let us pray for peace,

Father Duffell

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**One mass will be celebrated on  
Columbus Day, October 9th at 12:10pm.  
The rectory will be open from 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**MOM'S NIGHT**

Please join us for our Monthly Moms' Night – The Group meets every second Tuesday of the month at 7pm in the Rectory. The next meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup>. We share refreshments and help each other grow in faith and raise our children as committed Catholics. All details can be found on Meetup: [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/)

**CATHOLIC FAMILIES GROUP**

Please join our Blessed Sacrament Catholic Families Group! We offer a range of events to help each other in raising our children as Catholics and becoming better in our own practice of the faith. We also host a monthly moms' group. Sign up at [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/) - free to join and events are free.

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**FATHER WILLIAM MENINGER**

Please save the date for October 16th, 7 to 8:30pm. Trappist monk and best-selling author, Fr. William Meninger will present a talk on "The Loving Search for God in an Age of Discontent" at Blessed Sacrament Church

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos,

En octubre de 1958, el cardenal Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli fue elegido Sumo Pontífice a la edad de 77 años. Al ser elegido tan mayor, se esperaba que fuera un Pontífice provisional. Pero con menos de tres meses en el cargo, en enero de 1959 sorprendió a muchos al convocar un consejo ecuménico. Después de más de dos años de preparativos formales las reuniones comenzaron el 11 de octubre de 1962.

Muchos han resumido el propósito central del Concilio como adaptación del catolicismo romano al mundo moderno. El papa Juan murió durante el consejo el 3 de junio de 1963.

El miércoles 11 de octubre se conmemora el 55 aniversario de la inauguración del Concilio ... y es la fiesta de San Juan XIII, no sólo el convocador del Concilio, sino autor de dos importantes encíclicas: "Mater et Magistra "Y" Pacem in Terris "..... les insto a leerlos .....

Si les es posible asistan a la Eucaristía el miércoles ... y oren por la Iglesia y por la intercesión de San Juan XXIII.

El horror de las acciones de un loco en Las Vegas la semana pasada nos hace una vez más conscientes de la necesidad de legislación para el control de las armas. ¿Se han dado cuenta de que la última legislación sobre el control de armas fue pasada hace 49 años en 1968, cuando el Presidente Johnson presentó un proyecto de ley y luchó por su aprobación?. Esa última legislación no fue tan extensa como él propuso, y nada de consecuencia real se ha hecho a nivel nacional; me conmovieron las palabras de Mark Kelly, astronauta retirado y esposo de la ex Congresista Gabby Gifford, cuando declaró que los mensajes y oraciones a las familias de las víctimas en el tiroteo de Las Vegas, aunque importantes, "no son suficientes.

"Lo que estamos escuchando hoy en el Capitolio y en la Casa Blanca es ofrecer pensamientos y oraciones", dijo Kelly a periodistas fuera del edificio del Capitolio con su esposa a su lado. "Pensamientos y oraciones no van a evitar el próximo tiroteo, solo la acción y el liderazgo lo harán".

¿Se dieron cuenta de que la Cámara de Representantes estaba programada a discutir un proyecto de ley que relajaría las restricciones para la obtención de silenciadores de armas?

"Imagínense cuánto peor hubiera sido el tiroteo en Las Vegas si este hombre armado hubiera tenido un silenciador"?, dijo Kelly. "Imagínense la versión del "lobby" de armas... todo el mundo armado, todo el mundo por sí mismo, todo el mundo en riesgo todo el tiempo".

Oremos y actuemos por el cambio.

Lamentablemente, Las Vegas desplazó a Puerto Rico de los frentes editoriales la semana pasada. Inmediatamente después de mi ordenación, el cardenal Cooke me envió a estudiar español en la Universidad Católica de Puerto Rico en Ponce. Cada domingo, diciendo Misa por toda la Isla, pude ver que Puerto Rico es un lugar maravilloso. La foto en la portada del NY Times del pasado domingo del puente destruido en Utado me hizo pensar de lo mal informados que estamos sobre los Heberos, la gente del campo, tan aislada. Puerto Rico no es sólo San Juan y las otras ciudades costeras ... si tan solo nuestro presidente hubiera viajado por las montañas, Vega Alto y Vega Baja, Utado y las tantas otras bellas partes de esa tierra ..... oremos por el pueblo de Puerto Rico, ciudadanos como tu y como yo de los Estados Unidos de America.

Finalmente quisiera compartir con ustedes algo relevante sobre ParishPay. Tenemos 375 feligreses apoyando a la parroquia a través de esta plataforma de donación en línea ("on line"), y esta es una tremenda ayuda para nosotros mientras luchamos para llegar a fin de mes. Recientemente, ParishPay fue comprado por Liturgical Publications, la compañía que imprime nuestros boletines; continuarán recibiendo nuestras donaciones en línea, pero bajo una nueva plataforma llamada WeShare. El cambio está programado del 9 al 12 de octubre, y durante ese tiempo el sitio web no estará accesible. **Es importante tener en cuenta que cualquier persona que ya está donando a través de ParishPay no tiene que hacer cambios en su cuenta.** Lo que sucederá es que la próxima vez que realice cambios o simplemente que acceda a la misma, se le pedirá que la verifique. La nueva información del sitio web de WeShare será publicada en el sitio web de la parroquia a partir de esta semana. Gracias por su continua generosidad

Como siempre les pido orar por la paz.

Padre Duffell.

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS REOPENED.**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR 2017-2018** began on Sunday, September 10. Religious instruction is held in the school from 11:00 - 12:15. Re-registration forms have been emailed to current students and posted on the Sunday School website. Students must register each year. For students who will be new to the program please send your email to: [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org) or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: [blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

**PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL THE COMPLETED FORMS BACK!!!** Please send by postal mail or drop off completed forms with a \$150 check per family at the rectory office.

*The Sunday School Parent meeting will take place in your child's classroom on Sunday, October 1 after the Family Mass. This is an opportunity to meet the Catechist, learn about the Sunday School curriculum, class requirements, and to ask questions.*

**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 or email Tina Silvestro for more information. 212-877-3111 or [tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](mailto:tina@blessedsacramentsundayschool.org) .

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**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

RCIA is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Inquiry discussions for adults will begin on Monday, September 25 at 6:30 pm. If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

*Sponsors are needed for adults who are preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. You must be Baptized, Confirmed, and regularly receive Communion. You will be needed to assist someone as s/he prepares for the Sacraments and present her/him for the Rites of Christian Initiation. Please call or email Tina Silvestro for more information: [212-877-3111](tel:212-877-3111)/[tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:tina.blessedsacramentnyc@yahoo.com)*



During this Season of Creation which concluded on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> with the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the focus was on fossil fuels. We need only look at the catastrophic events of the last month with wild fires, hurricanes and flooding to see the urgency of addressing the issue of fossil fuels. There is now a scientific consensus that our fossil fuel use is driving a rise in global temperatures and with it, the destructive consequences of that warming. Since carbon and methane emissions stay in the atmosphere for decades, things are bound to get worse.

We can take prophetic actions to change the course of events. We can reduce our carbon footprint in our personal lives by:

- 1) Modifying our personal daily habits to use less fuel/electricity
- 2) Making The SWITCH to household **renewable energy** or suggesting that our co-op do that either through Con Ed itself or through a reliable Energy Service Company (an ESCO) that works with ConEd, such as Green Mountain Energy or CleanChoice Energy and
- 3) Checking our personal investments to disinvest from fossil fuel-related industries (natural gas, oil, fracking equipment, pipeline companies etc.) and invest in renewables, which many financial advisors now consider less risky than investing in fossil fuels.

Regarding advocacy, we can push our elected officials to set higher targets for getting off fossil fuels as a city or state. We can push against infrastructure that brings fracked gas from neighboring states into New York, and against the construction of pipelines that bring dirty tarsands oil from Canada. We can advocate for the construction of wind and solar farms and greater tax breaks for those who install solar panels. And we can push our own institutions and the government entities to disinvest in fossil fuels and invest in renewable energy, which is growing at a fast pace.

Our future and that of our children and their children depend on our actions now.

As theologian Erin Lothes put it in her presentation here on the West Side two weeks ago, our sacrifice in making some of these changes is united with Christ's sacrifice in the crucifixion. It is a sacrifice for the greater good of humankind, in keeping with what we are called to do by Catholic Social Teaching.

**HAITIAN PRAYER GROUP**

The Companions of Jesus are a charismatic Haitian prayer group, and all are welcome to attend. The group meets every Friday in the Rectory from 7-9PM. Prayers are held in French, Creole, and English.

**October 8 – Second Collection**

Soup Kitchen. Blessed Sacrament's Soup Kitchen meets every Sunday at 2PM on 70<sup>th</sup> Street. Staffed by many wonderful parish volunteers, the Soup Kitchen prepares delicious meals for locals in need.



**Saturday Evening, October 7th**

5:30 Intention of Nick Arcomano

**Sunday, October 8th**

8:30 John Simpson +  
 10:00 Carmen Nieves +  
 11:15 Animas del Purgatorio  
 12:30 Coca Badiu +  
 5:30 Josefa Grillo +

**Monday, October 9<sup>th</sup> – Columbus Day**

12:10 Paul Young Keating +

**Tuesday, October 10th**

7:30  
 12:10 Abelando Sales +  
 5:30 Felix Agustin +

**Wednesday, October 11th**

7:30 Francine Stern +  
 12:10 Francine Stern +  
 5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff  
 7:00 Victor, Ricardo, Monserrat +

**Thursday, October 12th**

7:30  
 12:10  
 5:30 Albino Biasutti +

**Friday, October 13th**

7:30 Matthew Murphy +  
 12:10 Sean O'Mahoney +  
 5:30 Carmen Pagan +

**Saturday, October 14th**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 12:10 Ronald Gecizk +

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$10,506 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$7,465 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$17,971. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of St. Joseph's Seminary totaled \$2,466. Thank you!

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$10,506. Recibimos \$7,465 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$13,194. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta ayudando al Seminario de St. Joseph totalizo \$2,466. ¡Gracias!



If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential.*

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if BOTH are Registering)*

**Children** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt. #** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**How should we address you? (Check One)**

**Mr. & Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ms.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your participation in ParishPay. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Please note that ParishPay has recently been bought over by Liturgical Publications and that beginning October 9th the ParishPay online giving platform will be transferred to Liturgical Publication's WeShare platform.*

*The next time you log into your account, whether through the ParishPay website or the new WeShare website, which will be posted at the end of the week on the parish site, you will be asked to review your contact information, address, payment method, and current giving for accuracy.*

*The WeShare website will be inaccessible from October 9<sup>th</sup> until about October 12<sup>th</sup> while the transfer is taking place. If you run into any issues accessing your account after the 12<sup>th</sup>, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-950-9952, Option One.*

*Thank you again for your help and for your commitment to our parish. We appreciate everything that you do for our community.*

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Oct. 7**

5:30 pm 1st Anita Pearl  
 2nd Anita Pearl  
 POF Vincent Gardino  
 Joe Tessitore, Amy Landini  
 EM

**Sunday, Oct. 8**

8:30 am 1st Mary Steffany  
 2nd Clare Bush  
 POF Ray Riordan  
 Hugh Regan, James Palazza, Mary Steffany, Clare Bush, Hugh Regan  
 EM

10:00 am 1st Kamila Palka  
 2nd Kamila Palka  
 POF Shirley Rodriguez  
 Deacon Scott, Peter Diggins, Julie Tom, Andrew Jenkins, Shirley Rodriguez, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce  
 EM

11:15 am 1st Mase Kerdel-DeMarco  
 2nd Liliana Sagbaicela  
 POF Ruth Yumbala  
 EM Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Marina Che

12:30 pm 1st Mark Murphy  
 2nd Vevienne Singer  
 POF Ingrid Leacock  
 EM Vivienne Singer, Ingrid Leacock, Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Elsa Alvarez, Mark Murphy, Christina Elefante

5:30 pm 1st Elizabeth Kubinski  
 2nd Anita Faherty  
 POF Kathleen LaMagna  
 EM Rob Porell, Tiffany Riady, Regina Ohashi, Kathleen LaMagna, Elizabeth Brooke Murray, Matthew Sitman, Maria LaMagna

**ALL ARE WELCOME! FREE COMPLETE SCREENING OF CLASSIC DEKALOG FILM SERIES**

This acclaimed film series raises the great moral questions embedded in real life, often lived out in difficult circumstances. In his ten hour-long films, the late and legendary director and co-writer Krzysztof Kieslowski explores the theme and challenge of each Commandment through characters living in a typical Soviet-era housing complex.

Come join us starting October 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm – 9:00pm for this thought provoking series and for a discussion after each film.

**PRESENTED BY: REBECCA M. PAINTER**

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*Visit our website for complete schedule.*