

# 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. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

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

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

It is hard to believe that we're halfway through July. I hope the summer has been enjoyable for you. I thought I'd like to bring you up-to-date on what's happening at the parish.

The restoration work continues on the exterior of the building and I thank all who have been so faithful to their pledge payments from the Capital Campaign. The work is progressing with almost the entire east side of the church repointed. The west side is about 80% cut and the repointing and brick replacement should be completely finished by the end of August. After the pointing is completed the work will turn to the church's small roof replacements as well as addressing the stone facade.

Please be aware that the lock on our Tabernacle jammed last Monday morning! The locksmith was called in immediately and thus a mini saga began. The lock itself is custom built and part of the tabernacle had to be disassembled to replace it. As I write this we are still hoping it will be finished by this weekend.

As you know and thanks to the generosity of one donor we have just replaced our aging HandiLift. The installation is complete, but as of Thursday afternoon we are still waiting for the Department of Buildings to come on site and perform one final load-bearing test. We have been told that this should be accomplished in the coming week. Thank you for your patience.

The summer has brought some quiet to the activity of the parish, although I am happy that the Kids in the Game Summer Camp is using our facilities each day. There are still a few more weeks left for the camp and details are available in the Rectory. Otherwise the parish staff is occupied these days with budgets, maintenance projects, scheduling activities for the coming year, and helping to implement various facets of the parish's Pastoral Plan.

Wandering through the city recently I was reminded of some words of Pope Francis, words he spoke here in New York at the Mass he offered in Madison Square Garden. When I arrived home, I re-read the sermon and thought I'd like to share this piece with you.....

**“Living in a big city is not always easy. A multicultural context presents many complex challenges. Yet big cities are a reminder of the hidden riches present in our world: in the diversity of its cultures, traditions and historical experiences. In the variety of its languages, costumes and cuisine. Big cities bring together all the different ways which we human beings have discovered to express the meaning of life, wherever we may be.**

**But big cities also conceal the faces of all those people who don't appear to belong, or are second-class citizens. In big cities, beneath the roar of traffic, beneath “the rapid pace of**

**change”, so many faces pass by unnoticed because they have no “right” to be there, no right to be part of the city. They are the foreigners, the children who go without schooling, those deprived of medical insurance, the homeless, the forgotten elderly. These people stand at the edges of our great avenues, in our streets, in deafening anonymity. They become part of an urban landscape which is more and more taken for granted, in our eyes, and especially in our hearts.**

**Knowing that Jesus still walks our streets, that he is part of the lives of his people, that he is involved with us in one vast history of salvation, fills us with hope. A hope which liberates us from the forces pushing us to isolation and lack of concern for the lives of others, for the life of our city. A hope which frees us from empty “connections”, from abstract analyses, or sensationalist routines. A hope which is unafraid of involvement, which acts as a leaven wherever we happen to live and work. A hope which makes us see, even in the midst of smog, the presence of God as he continues to walk the streets of our city. Because God is in the city.....God is living in our cities. The Church is living in our cities. God and the Church living in our cities want to be like yeast in the dough, to relate to everyone, to stand at everyone's side, proclaiming the marvels of the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Eternal Father, the Prince of Peace.”**

In the coming days, please join me in praying for peace.

Father Duffell

**PASTORAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE**

**WHO WE ARE:** A diverse community of believers in Jesus' love

**WHAT WE BELIEVE:** All are welcome here

**WHERE WE ARE GOING:** A journey of discipleship

**HOW WE GET THERE:** A shared direction of Priorities:

**ENRICH WORSHIP, INVITE AND EVANGELIZE, DEEPEN DISCIPLESHIP AND INSPIRE STEWARDSHIP**

Blessed Sacrament's Pastoral Plan was developed in 2016 as a result of feedback provided by parishioners through a survey and open meetings. A volunteer committee of 40 parishioners has been working since January to implement our Pastoral Plan. A detailed update of the committee's progress including a request for additional volunteers is available at the back of the church. Please pick up a copy.

If you are interested in volunteering, we could use help in the following areas:

- 1) Organizing the Prayers of the Faithful and Offertory Gifts procession
- 2) Organizing Greeters and Ushers
- 3) Evaluating and raising awareness of opportunities for teens
- 4) Coordinating with activities and events in other parishes
- 5) Developing digital and social media communications

To volunteer or for more information, contact Pia at [pferrario2@icloud.com](mailto:pferrario2@icloud.com)

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Parece increíble pero estamos ya a mediados de Julio. Espero que el verano este siendo agradable para todos. Y ahora deseo ponerles al día sobre lo que esta teniendo lugar en nuestra parroquia.

El trabajo de restauración continua en el exterior del edificio y quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a todos los que continúan cumpliendo su promesa a la Campaña del Capital. El progreso es evidente en el trabajo de reemplazo de los ladrillos el cual se espera será completado para finales de agosto y que nos llevara a la reparación del techo así como de nuestra fachada principal.

Les informo que el lunes pasado tuvimos un problema con la cerradura del Tabernáculo! Llamamos al cerrajero inmediatamente y así comenzó una mini-saga. La cerradura fue hecha a la medida así que para reemplazarla, parte del Tabernáculo tuvo que ser desmantelada. Esperamos que esto este resuelto para este fin de semana.

Como ya saben ustedes, pudimos reemplazar nuestro viejo "Handi-Lift" gracias a la generosidad de uno de nuestros feligreses. La instalación ya ha terminado pero aun estamos esperando que el Departamento de Edificios ("Department of Buildings") venga a efectuar la ultima prueba e inspección. Nos han informado que esto tendrá efecto la semana próxima. Les agradezco su paciencia.

El verano ha traído un poco de tranquilidad a la parroquia, aunque estoy muy contento que el campamento de verano "Kids in the Game" este usando nuestras facilidades cada día. El campamento funcionara durante varias semanas mas y detalles sobre sus actividades pueden obtenerse en la Rectoría.

De otra parte, estamos muy ocupados con el presupuesto, proyectos de mantenimiento, programando actividades para el próximo año, y ayudando a implementar las varias facetas de nuestro Plan Pastoral.

Recientemente y caminando por la ciudad recordé unas palabras del Papa Francisco durante la Misa que ofreció en el Madison Square Garden. De regreso en la Rectoría leí el sermón de nuevo y quiero compartir su palabras con ustedes...

**«Vivir en una ciudad es algo bastante complejo: contexto pluricultural con grandes desafíos no fáciles de resolver. Las grandes ciudades son recuerdo de la riqueza que esconde nuestro mundo: la diversidad de culturas, tradiciones e historias. La variedad de lenguas, de vestidos, de alimentos. Las grandes ciudades se vuelven polos que parecen presentar la pluralidad de maneras que los seres humanos hemos encontrado de responder al sentido de la vida en las circunstancias donde nos encontrábamos. A su vez, las grandes ciudades esconden el rostro de tantos que parecen no tener ciudadanía o ser ciudadanos de segunda categoría.**

En las grandes ciudades, bajo el ruido del tránsito, bajo «el ritmo del cambio», quedan silenciados tantos rostros por no tener «derecho» a ciudadanía, no tener derecho a ser parte de la ciudad –los extranjeros, sus hijos (y no solo) que no logran la escolarización, los privados de seguro médico, los sin techo, los ancianos solos–, quedando al borde de nuestras calles, en nuestras veredas, en un anonimato ensordecedor. Y se convierten en parte de un paisaje urbano que lentamente se va naturalizando ante nuestros ojos y especialmente en nuestro corazón.

**Saber que Jesús sigue caminando en nuestras calles, mezclándose vitalmente con su pueblo, implicándose e implicando a las personas en una única historia de salvación, nos llena de esperanza, una esperanza que nos libera de esa fuerza que nos empuja a aislarnos, a desentendernos de la vida de los demás, de la vida de nuestra ciudad. Una esperanza que nos libra de «conexiones» vacías, de los análisis abstractos o de rutinas sensacionalistas. Una esperanza que no tiene miedo a involucrarse actuando como fermento en los rincones donde nos toque vivir y actuar. Una esperanza que nos invita a ver en medio del «smog» la presencia de Dios que sigue caminando en nuestra ciudad. Porque Dios está en la ciudad.**

**¿Cómo es esta luz que transita nuestras calles? ¿Cómo encontrar a Dios que vive con nosotros en medio del «smog» de nuestras ciudades? ¿Cómo encontrarnos con Jesús vivo y actuante en el hoy de nuestras ciudades pluriculturales?**

**El profeta Isaías nos hará de guía en este «aprender a mirar». Habló de la luz, que es Jesús. Y ahora nos presenta a Jesús como «Consejero maravilloso, Dios fuerte, Padre para siempre, Príncipe de la paz»**

Continuemos rezando por la paz.

Padre Duffell.

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**My dear parishioners,**

**From July 17 to August 14 I will be on vacation, and looking forward for some rest and relaxation. When I look back at the many months that passed, I am reminded of how special the Church of the Blessed Sacrament is, Father John Duffell, the staff, and all the assistants who attend the Mass. Above all, however, is how appreciative I am of all the parishioners who have opened their hearts to me. I am eternally grateful and humbled by your friendship and hope to continue to serve your religious needs in the future. Thank you...and God bless.**

**Father D'Angelo Jimenez**



**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR SEPTEMBER 2017** will begin 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)

**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.

**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).

**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 25 at 6:30 pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at the parish office (212-877-3111) to register or seek information.

**LOVE & RESPONSIBILITY SERIES**

The Young Adult Outreach Program is excited to announce Love and Responsibility in NYC, returning to Immaculate Conception's Outdoor Garden (414 East 14th Street, New York, NY)! Join world-renowned speakers who are flying in from across the country to discuss all things "relationship". We are hosting a live concert EACH WEEK following the discussion with wine! EVENT IS FREE! For more information, visit our website at [www.catholicnyc.com](http://www.catholicnyc.com)

**July 18** – "The Joy To Be" featuring Damon & Melanie Owens and Vince Scheurman

**July 25** – "Men, Women & the Mystery of Love" featuring Dr. Edward Sri; *concert with Steve Rees*

**August 1** – "It's Complicated: Relationships & Emotional Virtue" featuring Sarah Swafford; *concert with Marie Miller*

**JULY 16<sup>TH</sup> 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, July 15th**

5:30 William Thomas +

**Sunday, July 16th**

8:30 Dorothy Hanlon +

10:00 Jane Hocking +

11:15 Ana Luisa Carrillo +

12:30 Health and Intentions of Matthew & Alyssa Flores

5:30 Marion & Burlin Texier +

**Monday, July 17th**

7:30 Aurora P. Isidro +

12:10 Greg Capri +

5:30 Sister Marianna del Signori & Jim Hughes +

**Tuesday, July 18th**

7:30 Eduardo Pando +

12:10 Michael O' Farrell +

5:30 Sara Amato +

**Wednesday, July 19th**

7:30 Manuel Mirailh +

12:10 Flora Nocon +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

7:00 Santas Animas del Purgatorio

**Thursday, July 20th**

7:30 Milagros & Martin Insausti +

12:10 Chuck King +

5:30 Alma Rosen +

**Friday, July 21st**

7:30 Edward Grenawalt +

12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, July 22nd**

7:30 Fernando Pando +

12:10 Mr. Dobie Borovecki +

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$6,634 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,082 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$9,716. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$6,634. Recibimos \$3,082. a través de ParishPay para un total de \$9,716. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.



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** \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Parish Pay?**

With ParishPay, it's simple to make online donations to Blessed Sacrament using a credit or debit card. Simply go online at [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 and--just like your monthly mortgage or other bills--the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament.

We will be starting a children's choir to sing at the 10:00 family mass for the summer. Beginning July 30, children who would like to sing for part of the mass can meet Rob and Hayden at the piano at 9:30 on Sunday mornings to learn some of the music to sing at the 10:00 Mass. As many of us travel during the summer, this will be an informal "come when you can" group, so feel free to sing any week your family is able. All that's required is a love for singing! Feel free to email Rob ([mcclimans@gmail.com](mailto:mcclimans@gmail.com)) with questions or we will see you on the 30th!

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, July 15**

5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Occhipinti
	2nd	Wende Pineda
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Thomas Davis, Elizabeth Occhipinti, Wende Pineda

**Sunday, July 16**

8:30 am	1st	Ray Riordan
	2nd	Eileen Simpson
	POF	Damian Begley
	EM	Louella Prince, Thomas Caffrey, Ray Riordan, Eileen Simpson, Damian Begley
10:00 am	1st	Mary Bradley
	2nd	Mary Bradley
	POF	Sandy Chippas
	EM	Mary Bradley, Judy Braun, Sandy Chippas, Joan Tedeschi
11:15 am	1st	Maite Marles
	2nd	Glenda Luzuriaga
	POF	Marina Che
	EM	Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Lourdes Lopez
12:30 pm	1st	Loretta Edmonds
	2nd	Jack Going
	POF	Ed Casey
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Jack Going, Lidia Stempien, Carlos Sosa, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Ed Casey
5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth H. Brooke Murray
	2nd	Matthew Sitman
	POF	Adriana Gonzalez
	EM	Matthew Sitman, Helena Maria Lim, Ellen Koneck, Joyce Polistena, Elizabeth H. Brooke Murray, Paula Djabbarah, Adriana Gonzalez

**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.

**HAITIAN PRAYER GROUP**

All are welcome to attend our Charismatic Haitian Prayer Group. The group meets every Friday in the rectory from 7-9pm. Prayers are held in French, Creole and English.