

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 1st 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

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In this parish and in this city there are many young dreamers.....men and women brought here as young children who are leaders and future leaders in our society. They deserve better than the anti-immigrant voices of the present dayso too the non-violent undocumented immigrants who are part of the fabric of this city and this nation. Bishop Mark Seitz, the Bishop of El Paso in Texas, spoke some moving words that I thought I would share with you. Maybe you will share them with others, and together, we can salt better this earth of ours.

After Texas’s attorney general Ken Paxton and nine other state attorneys general recently announced they would sue the Trump administration if it does not rescind Obama-era protections for “Dreamers”—undocumented immigrants brought to the United States as children— Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso, Texas, whose diocese is on the United State-Mexico border, didn’t hold back. I thought I would like to share with you part of Bishop Seitz’s [commentary](#) that attracted national attention, he wrote:

“Are the roles of the scribes and Pharisees being played out again today? Paxton and the nine other attorneys general argue that it’s not enough to exercise our country’s legal prerogatives regarding immigration with the adults who have sought refuge within our borders. Must we go even further and also lay the heavy burden of the law on the children they brought with them? Will we wrench Dreamers from their schools, communities and the only homes they have ever known? Will we send them away because they are not “legal”? Around 220,000 young people in Texas will be out of school and out of productive work: a classic formula to create the desperation that makes drug dealing and other crime appear to be the only option.

The leaders of Jesus’ day thought by fulfilling the minutiae of the law they could be righteous before God and, more importantly for them, appear righteous before human beings. Jesus answered that they should have practiced a higher law, that of justice and mercy and faithfulness.

When I hear this legalistic insistence upon every letter of our broken immigration law being carried out to this cruel degree, I can hear Jesus’ indignant response: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites.”

Last week, Bishop Seitz also released a timely and powerful [pastoral letter](#) on migration that calls for a “moratorium on the deportation of non-violent immigrants” until comprehensive immigration reform is passed. “Building walls, deploying a mass deportation force, and militarizing our border are not long-term solutions to the challenges of

migration,” the bishop wrote.

This week we celebrate two great saints, Alphonsus Liguori (8/1) and John Vianney (8/4), and the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (8/6), when Jesus took Peter, James, and John up the mountain and was transfigured in glory before them. Moses and Elijah appear symbolizing the Law and the Prophets, i.e. the Old Covenant, and the Father’s voice is heard- *This is my beloved Son, listen to Him*...showing Jesus to be the fulfillment of the previous covenants. This Feast shows us that the purpose of our mission, like Christ’s, is to shine with the image of God. The Saints, in their own unique ways, do just that.

Alphonus Liguori (+1787), a lawyer turned priest, dedicated his life to preaching, administering the sacraments, and promoting the devotional life of his people. An important moralist, he reminds us not to shy away from challenging situations, and that every moral question has before it a human face created in God’s beautiful image. Alphonsus also gave us the words to the famous Italian Christmas carol *Tu scendi dalle stelle*- cooler thoughts in these hot summer days!

John Vianney (+1859) is the patron of all parish priests. We may be tempted to look at him and see mere rigor, but only a heart full of love could spend up to sixteen hours each day in the confessional, communicating God’s healing love to his people. John also happened to be a terrible student, and reminds us that we each have a niche somewhere in this world.

My thoughts and prayers remain with each of you and I rely on yours as we move into a new month.

Fr. Duffell

AUGUST CAMPAIGN AND REPAIR UPDATE

We are grateful that the repairs to the exterior of our beautiful church continue to progress. The Eastern wall of the church has been completely racked and repointed and the work on the Western wall is almost complete. We have just received the third invoice in the amount of \$91,620 for the completion of this phase of the work. The architect and contractor are now turning their attention to both of the church’s apse roofs as well as the stone facade. Those roofs will be replaced, and, where damaged, the facade’s heavy cast stones will have to be disassembled before being repaired or replaced. Whatever stones need full replacing will be recast most likely during the winter months. The steel framework of the facade, which holds the stones in place, will also be examined for its structural integrity. The Capital Campaign to support this work remains vital for its completion. Many of you have been faithfully making payments towards your pledges and we thank our over 300 donors for their support.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

En esta parroquia y en esta ciudad hay muchos jóvenes soñadores...hombres y mujeres traídos aquí siendo niños pequeños...que son líderes y futuros líderes en nuestra sociedad. Se merecen mejor que las voces anti-inmigrantes de la actualidad...así como también los inmigrantes indocumentados no violentos que son parte del tejido de esta ciudad y de esta nación. El Obispo Mark Seitz, Obispo de El Paso, Texas, habló algunas palabras conmovedoras que pensé compartir con ustedes,,,tal vez las compartas con otras personas y juntos podemos mejorar esta nuestra tierra.

Después que el procurador general de Texas, Ken Paxton, y otros nueve procuradores generales del estado anunciaran recientemente que demandarían al gobierno de Trump si no rescinden las protecciones de la época de Obama para los “soñadores” -inmigrantes indocumentados traídos a los Estados Unidos siendo niños- el Obispo Mark Seitz de El Paso, Texas, cuya diócesis esta en la frontera entre Estados Unidos y Mexico, no se detuvo. Me gustaría compartir con ustedes parte de su comentario el cual atrajo la atención nacional:

Se hacen hoy de nuevo realidad los papeles de los escribas y fariseos? Paxton y los otros procuradores generales sostienen que no basta con ejercer las prerrogativas legales de nuestro país con respecto a la inmigración con los adultos que han buscado refugio dentro de nuestras fronteras. Debemos ir aun mas lejos y también poner la carga pesada de la ley sobre los niños que trajeron con ellos? Despojaremos a los “soñadores” de sus escuelas, comunidades y los únicos hogares que han conocido? Los sacaremos de aquí porque no son “legales”? Alrededor de 220,000 jóvenes en Texas estarán fuera de la escuela y sin trabajo productivo; una formula clásica para crear la desesperación que hace que el trafico de drogas y otros delitos parezcan ser la única opción.

Los líderes del tiempo de Jesus pensaron que al cumplir las minucias de la ley ellos podrían ser justos antes Dios, y lo que es mas importante para ellos, parecer justos ante los seres humanos. Jesus respondió que debían haber practicado una ley superior, la de la justicia, misericordia y fidelidad. Cuando oigo esta insistencia legalista sobre cada letra de nuestras leyes de inmigración que se lleva a cabo hasta este grado tan cruel, puedo escuchar la respuesta indignada de Jesus: “Ay de vosotros , escribas y fariseos hipócritas!”

La semana pasada el Obispo Seitz también publicó una oportuna y poderosa carta pastoral sobre la migración que pide una “moratoria sobre la deportación de inmigrantes no violentos” hasta que se apruebe una reforma migratoria integral. Escribió el Obispo: “Construir muros, desplegar una fuerza de deportación masiva y militarizar nuestra frontera

no son soluciones a largo plazo para los desafíos de la migración.”

Esta semana celebramos dos grandes Santos, Alfonso Liguori y Juan Vianney. También la Fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor cuando Jesus llevó a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a la montaña transfigurándose en su gloria frente a ellos. Moises y Elijah aparecen simbolizando la Ley y los Profetas, e.g., El Viejo Pacto (“The Old Covenant”), y se oye la voz del Padre - Este es mi Amado Hijo, Escuchen su palabra...enseñándonos que Jesus es el resultado de los viejos pactos. Esta Fiesta también nos enseña que el propósito de nuestra misión, como la de Cristo, es brillar con la imagen de Dios.

El Martes día 1 celebramos la Fiesta de San Alfonso Liguori (+1787), abogado convertido en sacerdote, quien dedicó su vida a predicar, a administrar los sacramentos y a promover la vida devocional de sus seguidores. Moralista muy importante nos aconseja no alejarnos de situaciones desafiantes y que cada cuestión moral tiene en si una cara humana creada en la bella imagen de Dios. San Alfonso es también el autor de las palabras del famoso villancico italiano Tu scendi dalle stelle - pensamientos frescos en estos días calurosos del verano!

También celebramos el viernes día 4 la Fiesta de San Juan Vianney (+1859), Patrón de los sacerdotes. Podríamos verlo como alguien muy severo , pero solo una persona con un gran corazón podría pasar 16 horas cada día en el confesionario comunicándoles a sus feligreses el poder sanador del Señor. No fue un buen estudiante lo cual nos recuerda que hay un nicho para cada uno de nosotros en este mundo.

Mis pensamientos y plegarias están siempre con Ustedes. Roguemos por la paz.

Padre Duffell.

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/ - free to join and events are free.

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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 1 !

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 or pick up a packet at the rectory or go to the Sunday school website: 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.

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

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

CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOL CONFERENCE – JULY 28 & 29

The IHM New York Homeschool Conference will be held at Ramapo College – Student Center, 505 Ramapo Valley Road, in Mahwah, New Jersey, on Friday, July 28th (12:00pm – 6:00pm) and on Saturday, July 29th (9:30am – 3:30pm). This is the perfect event for those who are curious and want to discover more about Catholic homeschooling.

Admission is free and pre-registration is not required. For more information, please visit www.ihmconference.org or email: info@ihmconference.org.



Saturday Evening, July 29th

5:30 Nicholas Mormando +

Sunday, July 30th

8:30 Lena & Enrico Squeri +

10:00 Charlie & Parker Lillo +

11:15 Juana Paula Brito +

12:30 Fernando Ruiz +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Monday, July 31st

7:30 Olga Albizu +

12:10 Anne Doyle +

5:30 AJ Barr +

Tuesday, August 1st

7:30 Intentions of Gordon Carmody

12:10 People of the Parish

5:30 Mollie Arcomano +

Wednesday, August 2nd

7:30 Olivier de Berranger +

12:10 Intentions of Rose Rinaldi

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Thursday, August 3rd

7:30

12:10 Kyeng June Ahn +

5:30 Anthony Lombardi +

Friday, August 4th

7:30 Mary Boulanger +

12:10 All the Souls in Purgatory

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Saturday, August 5th

7:30 Mary Boulanger +

12:10 In Thanksgiving and Reparation for Sinners

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$6,536 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,387 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$11,923. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$6,536. Recibimos \$5,387 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$11,923. 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 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 this weekend, 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) with questions or we will see you on the 30th!

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 29

5:30 pm	1st	Rebecca Painter
	2nd	Jennie Lynch
	POF	Vincent Gardino
	EM	Ben BV, Rebecca Painter, Jennie Lynch, Joe Tessitore, Julie Grega

Sunday, July 30

8:30 am	1st	Brendan Contant
	2nd	James Palazza
	POF	Eileen Simpson
	EM	Anthony Jalandoni, Terry Naglack, Brendan Contant, James Palazza, Eileen Simpson
10:00 am	1st	Shirley Rodriguez
	2nd	Sandy Chippas
	POF	Mary Bradley
	EM	Deacon Scott, Judy Braun, Patricia Caffrey, Shirley Rodriguez, Sandy Chippas
11:15 am	1st	Liliana Sagbaicela
	2nd	Glenda Luzuriaga
	POF	Lucytania Bruno
	EM	Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Lourdes Lopez
12:30 pm	1st	Ingrid Leacock
	2nd	Anita Pearl
	POF	Wendy Pineda
	EM	Ingrid Leacock, Ed Casey, Lidia Stempien, Wendy Pineda, Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada
5:30 pm	1st	Anita Faherty
	2nd	Elizabeth Occhipinti
	POF	John Gasdaska
	EM	Ellen Koneck, Helena Maria Lim, Maria Maria LaMagna, Mary Flannery, Rob Porell, Joyce Polistena, Adriana Gonzalez

THEATRE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT SEEKS STAGE TECHNICIANS

The Theatre at Blessed Sacrament is seeking stage technicians to assist with rental projects. Applicants must have a background and experience in technical theatre, especially lighting and sound. These are hourly paid positions; work is part-time and occasional, and can often fit into varying schedules. If interested, contact Jack Going, JEGoing@AOL.com (or leave contact information at the Rectory) for further information and application procedures. Thank you!