

# 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,

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Thought by some to be "the most potent and consequential words in American history," the passage represents a moral standard to which the United States should strive. Abraham Lincoln, considered the Declaration to be the foundation of his political philosophy and argued that it is a statement of principles through which the United States Constitution should be interpreted.

It is the role of the Church to make room in the public argument for the moral dimension....with that in mind I thought I would share these words of Pope Francis, part of his address to the joint session of Congress during his visit to our country.

I would love to hear your thoughts after reflecting on his words and hopefully sharing them with others. Is the Congress faithfully doing its part....and what about the faith community?

“Each son or daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility. Your own responsibility as members of Congress is to enable this country, by your legislative activity, to grow as a nation. You are the face of its people, their representatives. You are called to defend and preserve the dignity of your fellow citizens in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good, for this is the chief aim of all politics. A political society endures when it seeks, as a vocation, to satisfy common needs by stimulating the growth of all its members, especially those in situations of greater vulnerability or risk. Legislative activity is always based on care for the people. To this you have been invited, called and convened by those who elected you.

Yours is a work which makes me reflect in two ways on the figure of Moses. On the one hand, the patriarch and lawgiver of the people of Israel symbolizes the need of peoples to keep alive their sense of unity by means of just legislation. On the other, the figure of Moses leads us directly to God and thus to the transcendent dignity of the human being. Moses provides us with a good synthesis of your work: you are asked to protect, by means of the law, the image and likeness fashioned by God on every human face.”.....

“In this land, the various religious denominations have greatly contributed to building and strengthening society. It is important that today, as in the past, the voice of faith continue to be heard, for it is a voice of fraternity and love, which tries to bring out the best in each person and in each society. Such cooperation is a powerful resource in the battle to eliminate new global forms of slavery, born of grave injustices which can be overcome only through new policies and new forms of social consensus.

Politics is, instead, an expression of our compelling need to live as one, in order to build as one the greatest common good: that of a community which sacrifices particular interests in order to share, in justice and peace, its goods, its interests, its social life. I do not underestimate the difficulty that this involves, but I encourage you in this effort....”

On Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia. Saddened by the immoral state of society, Saint Benedict of Nursia (480 – 557) left the city to live as a hermit at Subiaco. In time, more and more men were attracted to his charismatic personality as well as his way of life. He eventually moved a group of monks to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he completed the final version of his rule, known as *The Rule of Saint Benedict*, laying out the fundamentals of monastic life, including the day to day operation of a

monastery. The rule asserts that the primary occupation of the monk is to pray the Divine Office in tandem with a vowed life of stability, obedience, and conversion of life. The whole of the monastic vocation can be summarized in the opening line of his rule, “Listen carefully.” Saint Benedict is considered the father of Western monasticism.

On Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>, we celebrate the feast of Kateri Tekakwitha, called the Lily of the Mohawks”. She is the first Native American to have been canonized a saint. The daughter of a Mohawk chief and Christian Algonquin, she vowed to live as a virgin, and eventually decided to convert to Christianity after a few encounters with Jesuit missionaries. Her decision to convert was not received well within her community because Christianity was seen as the religion of the oppressors. Blessed Kateri was a pious woman who attended daily Mass, fasted twice a week, taught children and cared for the sick. After she died, a number of miracles and visions were attributed to her intercession.

And on Saturday we honor St. Bonaventure (1221-1274). Bonaventure was a Bishop and Doctor of the Church and a member of the Order of St. Francis. He was an eminent scholar who completed his degree alongside St. Thomas Aquinas. The two were friends and both contributed to the theology of their day. Bonaventure himself was eventually elected Minister General of the Franciscan Order and helped bring peace to the various factions within, who were all trying to make sense of St. Francis’ radical way of Gospel living.

Reminder...Parents wishing to present their children for Baptism are required to attend a preparation program. That program will be held this **Tuesday July 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the rectory.**

As always, let us continue to pray 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;

“Mantenemos que estas verdades son evidentes, que todos los hombres son creados iguales, y que el Señor les ha concedido ciertos Derechos, entre ellos la Vida, la Libertad y el alcanzar la Felicidad.”

Algunos piensan que son “las palabras mas potentes e importantes en la historia de America”. Representa un standard moral por el cual los Estados Unidos deben luchar. Abraham Lincoln consideró que esta Declaración fuera la fundación de su filosofía política y argumentó que esta era una exposición de los principios a través de la cual se interpretara la Constitución de los Estados Unidos.

Es el papel de la Iglesia hacer sitio en el argumento publico para la dimensión moral...pensando en esto quiero compartir con ustedes estas palabras del Papa Francisco durante su intervención en el Congreso durante su visita a nuestro país.

Quiero escuchar su opiniones después que reflexionen sobre estas palabras y que las compartan con otras personas.

Esta el Congreso haciendo lo que debería hacer? Y que hace nuestra Comunidad?

“Cada hijo o hija de un país tiene una misión, una responsabilidad personal y social. La de ustedes como Miembros del Congreso, por medio de la actividad legislativa, consiste en hacer que este País crezca como Nación. Ustedes son el rostro de su pueblo, sus representantes. Y están llamados a defender y custodiar la dignidad de sus conciudadanos en la búsqueda constante y exigente del bien común, pues éste es el principal desvelo de la política. La sociedad política perdura si se plantea, como vocación, satisfacer las necesidades comunes favoreciendo el crecimiento de todos sus miembros, especialmente de los que están en situación de mayor vulnerabilidad o riesgo. La actividad legislativa siempre está basada en la atención al pueblo. A eso han sido invitados, llamados, convocados por las urnas.

Se trata de una tarea que me recuerda la figura de Moisés en una doble perspectiva. Por un lado, el Patriarca y legislador del Pueblo de Israel simboliza la necesidad que tienen los pueblos de mantener la conciencia de unidad por medio de una legislación justa. Por otra parte, la figura de Moisés nos remite directamente a Dios y por lo tanto a la dignidad trascendente del ser humano. Moisés nos ofrece una buena síntesis de su labor: ustedes están invitados a proteger, por medio de la ley, la imagen y semejanza plasmada por Dios en cada rostro.

En estas tierras, las diversas comunidades religiosas han ofrecido una gran ayuda para construir y reforzar la sociedad. Es importante, hoy como en el pasado, que la voz de la fe, que es una voz de fraternidad y de amor, que busca sacar lo mejor de cada persona y de cada sociedad, pueda seguir siendo escuchada. Tal cooperación es un potente instrumento en la lucha por erradicar las nuevas formas mundiales de esclavitud, que son fruto de grandes injusticias que pueden ser superadas sólo con nuevas políticas y consensos sociales.

La política responde a la necesidad imperiosa de convivir para construir juntos el bien común posible, el de una comunidad que resigna intereses particulares para poder compartir, con justicia y paz, sus bienes, sus intereses, su vida social. No subestimo la dificultad que esto conlleva, pero los aliento en este esfuerzo.”

El lunes 10 de julio celebramos la Fiesta de San Benito de Nursia (480-557). Entristecido por el estado inmoral de la sociedad, San Benito dejo la ciudad para vivir como un hermitano en Subiaco. Al pasar el tiempo, atrajo a más y más personas con su personalidad carismática y su forma de vida. Eventualmente el y un grupo de monjes se trasladaron a Monte

Cassino, cerca de Nápoles, donde completo la versión final de “La Regla de San Benito” describiendo la base de la vida monástica y la operación diaria del Monasterio. indica que la ocupación mas importante del monje es orar y al mismo tiempo vivir una vida estable y de obediencia. La vocación monástica se resume en la primera linea de la Regla: “Escuchar con Atención.” San Benito es considerado como el padre de la vida monástica occidental.

El jueves día 13 celebramos la Fiesta de Kateri Tekakwitha, llamada el Lirio de los Mohicanos (“The Lily of the Mohawks”). Fue la primera India (“Native American”) en ser canonizada. Hija de un jefe Mohicano, juro vivir virgen y se convirtió al Catolicismo luego de varios encuentros con misioneros. Su decisión de convertirse no fue bien vista en su comunidad porque veían al Cristianismo como la religión de los opresores. Asistia a misa diariamente y ayunaba dos veces a la semana, fue maestra y cuidó de los enfermos. Después de su muerte se le atribuyeron varios milagros y visiones.

Y el sábado honramos a San Buenaventura (1221-1274). Obispo y Doctor de la Iglesia y miembro de la Orden de San Francisco. Un eminente escolar quien completó su título junto a San Tomas Aquino. Fueron buenos amigos y ambos contribuyeron a la teología de su tiempo. San Buenaventura fue elegido Ministro General de la Orden Franciscana y ayudó a traer la paz entre los varios grupos queriendo entender la forma radical del evangelio practicado por San Francisco.

Recuerdo...Los padres que quieren presentar a sus hijos para el Sacramento del Bautismo deberán asistir al programa de preparación...La preparación se llevará a cabo este martes **11 de julio a las 7:30 pm en la rectoría.**

Continuemos rezando por la paz.  
Padre Duffell.



**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.



the JoyJ initiative

The JoyJ initiative is pleased to announce that its next Homeless Outreach is being held on Saturday, July 15th, 2017.

The packing of the comfort bags will begin at 9:15am. From 10:00 - 10:15am Group location assignments, group photo, and prayer and from 10:15 - 10:30am McDonald's Gift Cards are dispersed and the groups go on their way.

If you want to participate, please send a message to [info@joyj.org](mailto:info@joyj.org) or leave your name at the Rectory.

**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.

**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 Scheuerman

**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*

**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.

**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 8th**

5:30 Josefa Grillo +

**Sunday, July 9th**

8:30 Nora Dolan +

10:00 Brian O'Donovan +

11:15 Maria Arlia +

12:30 Intentions of Jacques Henry

5:30 Health and Intentions of Grace & Manny Flores

**Monday, July 10th**

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Georgina Takoishian +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Tuesday, July 11th**

7:30 Intentions of Lisa Garcia

12:10 Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +

5:30 Mirta Santiago +

**Wednesday, July 12th**

7:30 Intentions of Nora May McNamara

12:10 Intentions of James & Mary Devitt

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Thursday, July 13th**

7:30 Lina Gardino +

12:10 Orlando Perez +

5:30 Michael J. Ryan +

7:00 Devotos de la Rosa Mistica

**Friday, July 14th**

7:30 John C. Miller +

12:10 John C. Miller +

5:30 John C. Miller +

**Saturday, July 15th**

7:30 Becky Hughey +

12:10 America Beltran +, Jose Gosdenovich +, Candido Torres+

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$5,679 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$6,931.40 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$12,610.40. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of the Church in Africa totaled \$1,814. Thank you!

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$5,679. Recibimos \$6,931.40 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$12,610.40. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para la Iglesia en Africa totalizo \$1,814. 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

*Cualquier persona que necesite reportar algún incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diácono, religioso/a, laico sirviendo en la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al 212-371-1000 x 2949 o Deacon George Coppola al 917-861-1762. Ambos también pueden ser contactados via correo electrónico: [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Para mas información pueden visitar la pagina en la red de la Arquidiócesis: [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiócesis repito al abuso sexual de menores, esta información se provee para asegurar que nuestros niños permanezcan seguros*

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, July 8**

5:30 pm	1st	Julie Grega
	2nd	Kimberley Orman
	POF	Roscoe Orman
	EM	Edward Wiese, Tiffany Riady, Julie Grega, Roscoe Orman, Kimberley Orman

**Sunday, July 9**

8:30 am	1st	Damian Begley
	2nd	Brendan Contant
	POF	James Palazza
	EM	Terry Naglack, JoDell Sheilds, Damian Begley, Brendan Contant, James Palazza
10:00 am	1st	Belinda de la Cruz
	2nd	Belinda de la Cruz
	POF	Mary Bradley
	EM	Belinda de la Cruz, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Patricia Caffrey, Judy Braun, Mary Bradley
11:15 am	1st	Ruth Yumbra
	2nd	Liliana Sagbaicela
	POF	Lucyrania Bruno
	EM	Junior Santiago, Celia Navarro, Lourdes Lopez
12:30 pm	1st	Ingrid Leacock
	2nd	Regina Ohashi
	POF	Carlos Sosa
	EM	Ingrid Leacock, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Carlos Sosa, Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Elsa Alvarez, Regina Ohashi
5:30 pm	1st	John Fox
	2nd	Suzy Xiong
	POF	Elizabeth Kubinski
	EM	Deacon Scott, Maria LaMagna, Helena Maria Lim, Ellen Koneck, Rob Porell, Jayce Polistena, Suzy Xiong

**Archdiocesan Safe Environment Office**

The Archdiocese of New York is committed to doing all that it can to protect children and young people from sexual abuse. As part of that effort the Archdiocese asks that each parish make their communities aware whom they may contact and what steps they can take if they have suffered abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church.

*Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at [victimassistance@archny.org](mailto:victimassistance@archny.org). Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, [www.archny.org](http://www.archny.org). In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.*