

# 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,

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching the end of September. So much is happening here in the parish- our Pastoral Council has been reconstituted, and I thank Luke Mayville, this year's chair, and Pia Ferrario, who has headed the parish's Pastoral Planning over these past years. The parish council is a wonderful representation of those who came forward to help with that process of discerning where God might be leading us as a parish community. This past week's meeting was truly a wonderful experience as the members shared their experience and efforts, hopes and challenges of helping to form and now be guided by the Pastoral Plan. That plan has four main focuses: Enrich Worship, Invite and Evangelize, Deepen Discipleship, Inspire Stewardship. Thank you to all who come here to worship and experience God's love, and to all who are dedicating so much of their time, talent, and treasure to Blessed Sacrament.

This week I would like to share with you part of a reflection given in Colombia by Pope Francis:

We must "place the mission of Jesus at the heart of the Church, making it the criterion for measuring the effectiveness of her structures, the results of her labors, the fruitfulness of her ministers and the joy they awaken. For without joy, we attract no one...

When God speaks to us in Jesus, he does not nod vaguely to us as if we were strangers, or deliver an impersonal summons like a solicitor, or lay down rules to be followed like certain functionaries of the sacred. God speaks with the unmistakable voice of the Father to his children. Our great challenge as a Church is to speak to men and women about this closeness of God, who considers us his sons and daughters, even when we reject his fatherhood. For him, we are always children to be encountered anew.

The Gospel cannot be reduced to a programme at the service of a trendy gnosticism, a project of social improvement or the Church conceived as a comfortable bureaucracy, any more than she can be reduced to an organization run according to modern business models by a clerical caste. The Church is the community of Jesus' disciples.

Closeness and encounter are the means used by God, who in Christ has drawn near to us to continually meet us. The mystery of the Church is to be the sacrament of this divine intimacy and the perennial place of this encounter."

Next Sunday I am looking forward to Hospitality Sunday with Coffee Hour and Spirit Sunday as well as stopping by the Block Party on 70th Street.

Please continue to pray for peace

Father Duffell

*Please remember in your prayers our former and long-time parishioner, Kathleen Quinn. She passed away last weekend in Lake Placid, New York, where she retired to be near her family. Kathleen was a tireless volunteer. She was a Eucharistic Minister (at mass and to the homebound). She cooked and baked for the Health Fair, Food for Families, Coffee Hour and the Easter Vigil party.  
Rest in Peace.*



Both the Season of Creation and Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'* (Praise Be to God) were inspired by St. Francis of Assisi, and his gentle way of seeing the grace of God in all living things. His oft-cited prayer, "The Canticle of Creation" was written in three sections: praise of God for the physical elements of our world (sun, moon, stars, wind, water, fire, and earth which sustain us); praise for those who forgive; and praise for sister death. The Canticle was written shortly before his death when he was filled with gratitude for all of God's creative acts that bring forth and sustain life itself. Also well-known is the St. Francis prayer "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" which we sing in our liturgies. We rarely hear about the part of St. Francis' life where during the period of warfare between the Christian and Muslim world, he risked his life to meet with the leader of the Muslim world, Sultan Malik Al Kamil, to try to forge peace. As we celebrate this Season of Creation, let us remember that St. Francis cared not only for the birds and flowers, but for people and peace.

When we see the images of a polar bear stranded on a chunk of ice, or see a sea turtle with a piece of plastic rings from a 6-pack of canned sodas caught around its neck, let us mourn our sins against nature and ask forgiveness for those sins. And let us acknowledge that ultimately our sins against nature and creation affect our brother and sister human beings.

Our collective sins of not caring more for our common home and the world our grandchildren will inherit are already affecting island nations and shore communities by forcing them to relocate. Right now our actions that create greenhouse gases are affecting the amount of moisture in the atmosphere which is bringing about unprecedented rain deluges and flooding, and at the same time is also resulting in increased surface heat that is creating drought in large areas where farming is essential to people's survival.

We are creating climate refugees among communities of people least able to deal with the impact of our collective indifference.

Let us remember, "Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." Let us be inspired by both of St. Francis' prayers and by *Laudato Si'* to do what each of us can to change some of our practices to better care for our common home, for all of God's creatures, and for our brothers and sisters.

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Estimados Parroquianos y Amigos,

Es difícil creer que ya estamos llegando a finales de septiembre. Hay muchas actividades en la parroquia - nuestro Consejo Pastoral ha sido reorganizado, y quiero expresar mi agradecimiento a Luke Mayville, quien lo ha presidido este año, así como a Pia Ferrario, quien lo ha encabezado durante estos últimos años. El consejo parroquial representa a aquellos que se acercaron para ayudar con ese proceso de discernir a dónde Dios podría estar guiándonos como comunidad parroquial. La reunión de la semana pasada fue realmente una gran experiencia en la cual los miembros compartieron sus experiencias, esfuerzos, esperanzas y retos que nos conducirán a seguir el Plan Pastoral. Este plan tiene cuatro ejes principales: Enriquecer el culto, invitar y evangelizar, profundizar el alumnado, e inspirar la gerencia. Nuestro agradecimiento a todos los que vienen a nuestra parroquia a adorar y experimentar el amor de Dios y a todos los que dedican tanto tiempo y su talento al Santísimo Sacramento.

Esta semana quisiera compartir con ustedes parte de una reflexión hecha en Colombia por el Papa Francisco:

“Debemos colocar la misión de Jesús en el corazón de la Iglesia, transformándola en criterio para medir la eficacia de las estructuras, los resultados de su trabajo, la fecundidad de sus ministros y la alegría que ellos son capaces de suscitar. Porque sin alegría no se atrae a nadie...”

Dios, al hablar en Jesús al hombre, no lo hace con un vago reclamo como a un forastero, ni con una convocación impersonal como lo haría un notario, ni con una declaración de preceptos a cumplir como lo hace cualquier funcionario de lo sacro. Dios habla con la inconfundible voz del Padre al hijo. Nuestro mayor desafío como Iglesia es hablar al hombre como portavoz de esta intimidad de Dios, que lo considera hijo, aun cuando reniegue de esa paternidad, porque para Él somos siempre hijos encontrados.

No se puede, por tanto, reducir el Evangelio a un programa al servicio de un gnosticismo de moda, a un proyecto de ascenso social o a una concepción de la Iglesia como una burocracia que se autobeneficia, como tampoco esta se puede reducir a una organización dirigida, con modernos criterios empresariales, por una casta clerical. La Iglesia es la comunidad de los discípulos de Jesús.

Cercanía y encuentro son los instrumentos de Dios que, en Cristo, se ha acercado y nos ha encontrado siempre. El misterio de la Iglesia es realizarse como sacramento de esta divina cercanía y como lugar permanente de este encuentro”.

El próximo domingo tendremos el “Hospitality Sunday” con la Hora del Café (“Coffee Hour”) y el “Spirit Sunday” así como el “Block Party” en la Calle 70.

Les pido como siempre orar por la paz.

Padre Duffell.

**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.

**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**

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.

**The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Gala**

Many of you know the Dominican Sisters of Amityville through our ministry in schools, health facilities, parish affiliations, etc. This year, we celebrate and honor those whose daily dedication and hard work foster the creation of a caring community.

The Dominican Gala will be held on October 26th, at the Crest Hollow Country Club, to benefit the ministries of our Sisters. Our 2017 Veritas Award Recipient is 1010 Wins Reporter, Juliet Papa. Our St. Catherine of Siena Award Recipients are: Maureen Chase, OP, Maureen Coyne, OP, Jean Agnes Geraghty, OP, Elizabeth Gnam, OP, Denise Haviland, OP, Rosemary Jermusyk, OP, Madeline Queck, OP, and Catherine Thornton, OP.

For further information about our 50/50 raffle or a listing in the 2017 Dominican Gala Journal, please contact Mary Fuchs, Director of Advancement, at (631) 842-6000 x 241. Print deadline - October 10, 2017.

The Manhattan Catholic School Region is hosting Songs for Students, a benefit concert featuring Harry Connick Jr. at the Apollo Theatre on Monday, September 25 at 7:00 pm. Proceeds will support Catholic schools in Manhattan.

To purchase tickets, please visit [www.SongsForStudents.org](http://www.SongsForStudents.org) and use offer code MANHATTAN. For more information, please contact Alyson Vetter at [Alyson.Vetter@archny.org](mailto:Alyson.Vetter@archny.org) / 646-794-3330.

**DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY**

A native of Perth, Australia, Alessandro Pittorino recently graduated from The Juilliard School, where he was the first Australian organist to be accepted. Alessandro has performed at distinguished venues from Philadelphia's Longwood Gardens to the great Cathedrals of St. John the Divine and St. Patrick's in New York City, and recently was a prize-winner in both the 2017 New York Chapter, and Regional American Guild of Organists Competitions. Next weekend we will formally welcome Alessandro at Mass, and we look forward to his many talents being put to good use here. We especially welcome his efforts at building up a choir for the 12:30 Mass as well as his concert series and other initiatives through the *Arts at Blessed Sacrament*.

**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.

The Widows support group that met every first Wednesday from 6PM-7:30PM in the Rectory will not resume this year. Dawn, the moderator, has asked that anyone interested or in need to visit her website at [www.wconnection.org](http://www.wconnection.org) or to contact the Rectory staff for more information.

**THOMAS MERTON & DAVID JONES: CELTIC VISIONARIES FOR OUR TIME**

The NYC Corpus Christi Chapter of the International Thomas Merton Society invites you to attend their season opening as Dr. Michael Higgins explores the key ideas that linked Merton with Celtic poet David Jones in their shared dread and abhorrence of violence. In a time of national foreboding and menace, the liberating insights of these two kindred spirits--particularly the need to create a culture of peace grounded in the witness of the Prince of Peace--has never been more timely.

Dr. Michael W. Higgins is an author, scholar, Vatican Affairs Specialist for The Globe and Mail, Papal Commentator for the CTV Network, educator, CBC Radio documentarian, columnist, and currently Distinguished Professor of Catholic Thought at Sacred Heart University.

Saturday, Sept 30, 2:00-4:00pm. \$20; free for students & members of Thomas Merton NYC. New location: 3041 Bway @ W 121st St., Rm 207. #1 subway to 116th Street; M4 or M104 buses. [thomasmertonny.org/events](http://thomasmertonny.org/events).

**October 1 – Second Collection**

St. Joseph's Seminary. Founded in Yonkers as the Archdiocesan Seminary in 1896, since 2011, St. Joseph's now serves as the regional major seminary for the Archdiocese of New York as well as the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. "Rooted in the apostolic community fathered around Jesus Christ, St. Joseph's Seminary seeks to form future priests who will hand on the life and tradition of the Church's faith in the context of the new evangelization of the twenty-first century. To accomplish this, St. Joseph's Seminary offers a program of human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation that is faithful to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church." (St. Joseph's Website)



**Saturday Evening, September 23th**

5:30 Ronald Gecizk +

**Sunday, September 24th**

8:30 Bernice Lum Wong +, John Simpson +  
 10:00 Intentions of Kristopher Banks on his Birthday  
 11:15 Claire Pappas Michalos +  
 12:30 Sara Pena +  
 4:00 (Special Needs Mass)  
 5:30 John Keegan & Anna Keegan +

**Monday, September 25th**

7:30 Donna de Solis +  
 12:10 Intentions of Augustine Waters  
 5:30 Frank & Alice Wandrey +

**Tuesday, September 26th**

7:30 Rudolph Croce +  
 12:10 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Wednesday, September 27th**

7:30 Gorge Stetts +  
 12:10 Sandra Edwards +  
 5:30 Intentions of Andreas Holder  
 7:00 Julia y Maria Vevga +

**Thursday, September 28th**

7:30 People of the Parish  
 12:10 Robert Ulman +  
 5:30 Norma Foerderer +

**Friday, September 29th**

7:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff  
 12:10  
 5:30

**Saturday, September 30th**

7:30 Anthony G. Mazzella +  
 12:10 Ronald Gecizk +

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$9,398 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,451 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$14,849. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of our Soup Kitchen totaled \$2,882. Thank you!

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$9,398. Recibimos \$5,451 a través de ParishPay para un total de \$14,849. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para nuestro Comedor Popular totalizo \$2,882. ¡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.

**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](mailto:JEGoing@AOL.com) (or leave contact information at the Rectory) for further information and application procedures. Thank you!

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**

**Saturday, Sept. 23**

5:30 pm	1st	Julie Grega
	2nd	Elizabeth Hutton
	POF	Maria LaMagna
	EM	Steve Whelan, Elizabeth Hutton, Maria LaMagna, Kathleen LaMagna, Julie Grega

**Sunday, Sept. 24**

8:30 am	1st	Damian Begley
	2nd	Tom Caffrey
	POF	James Palazza
	EM	Hugh Regan, Vivian Villaluz, Damian Begley, Tom Caffrey, James Palazza
10:00 am	1st	Shirley Rodriguez
	2nd	Joan Tedeschi
	POF	Kamila Palka
	EM	Mary Bradley, Patricia Caffrey, Joan Tedesch, Shirley Rodriguez, Judy Braun, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce
11:15 am	1st	Maite Marles
	2nd	Cindy Ochoa
	POF	Lucytania Bruno
	EM	Junior Santiago, Lourdes Lopez
12:30 pm	1st	Anita Pearl
	2nd	Loretta Edmonds
	POF	Charlene Morris
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Lidia Stempien, Wendy Pineda, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Christina Elefante, Mark Murphy
5:30 pm	1st	Regina Ohashi
	2nd	Elizabeth Brooke Murray
	POF	Elizabeth Kubinski
	EM	Deacon Scott, Regina Ohashi, Helena Maria Lim, Rob Porell, Joyce Polistena, Elizabeth Brooke Murray, John Gasdaska

**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.*