



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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MASSES:

SUNDAY Masses: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass)
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.
Website: www.blessedsacramentnyc.org
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

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.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

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.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

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



PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

My friend, Peggy Steinfeld, former editor at Commonweal magazine, writes in a recent blog post: *The just-adjourned synod has prompted many conversations about the twists and turns of the bishops' remarks and the synodal statements. What will Francis say on these family issues a year from now? Is there a certain irony in his beatifying Paul VI, who in 1968 turned aside the advice of a papal commission and confirmed the church's ban on the use of artificial contraception? That more than many factors lies at the heart of the malaise Francis is trying to heal. So then, is the beatification a signal closing a fissure in the church's history by accepting the sense of the faithful on this issue?*

I believe Peggy may be right about the irony of the Paul VI beatification. Pope Francis on Sunday, as he beatified Pope Paul VI who implemented the Second Vatican Council's vast changes, called on the church to adapt to "changing conditions of society." His remarks took on added meaning as the bishops ended the two-week conference by softening landmark wording that would soften the church's stance toward homosexuality and divorce. "God is not afraid of new things," Francis said during the beatification Mass.

The Church is looking to us for our understanding of these issues. Perhaps we should get together to talk about the final statements; perhaps have a series of conferences. Would you be interested? Let me know.

The Feast of All Souls is next week. If you'd like to memorialize a loved one during the month of November, pick up a list on the tables in the back of the church. Write down the names of those you wish to remember and your own family name. Put the list in an envelope and drop it off at the rectory. A donation would be helpful if your means allow.

FlockNote: If you haven't already, consider signing up for **FlockNote**, an innovative way to keep parishioners informed about what's going on here and in the Archdiocese. To sign up, text BSC to 84576.

Pray for peace.
Fr. Duffell

ALL SAINTS

Friday, Nov. 1st, is the feast of all Saints. It is not a holy day of obligation. "Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy."

ALL SOULS

Saturday, Nov. 2nd, is the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. The masses are 7:30 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. The masses are offered for all our deceased relatives and friends.



Next Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at 2a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends. Time to turn your clocks **back 1 hour!**

There will be a Coffee Hour **next Sunday, November 2nd** after the 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. masses.

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| Saturday Eve | October 25th |
| 5:30 | Gerard Gould + |
| Sunday | October 26th |
| 8:30 | Intention of Victor Brewster |
| 10:00 | Mary & Ernest Ballard + |
| 11:00 | Alfredo Placeres + |
| 12:30 | David O'Shea + |
| 5:30 | For All the Souls in Purgatory |
| Monday | October 27th |
| 7:30 | Marly da Conceicao Raimundo + |
| 12:10 | Luigi Conforti + |
| 5:30 | Lionel & Arthur Domingue + |
| Tuesday | October 28th |
| 7:30 | Bernadette M. Philibert + |
| 12:10 | Intention of Loretta Pinto |
| 5:30 | Sarah Hefelfinger + |
| Wednesday | October 29th |
| 7:30 | Norma Foerderer + |
| 12:10 | Maria Veltri + |
| 5:30 | Andy Andermanis + |
| Thursday | October 30th |
| 7:30 | Bernadette M. Philibert + |
| 12:10 | Africa Gomez San Agustin + |
| 5:30 | Intention of Dorie Lerner |
| Friday | October 31st |
| 7:30 | Gregory Pizzigno + |
| 12:10 | Glenn Terbruggen + |
| 5:30 | Pauline Wandrey Claesson + |
| Saturday | November 1st |
| 7:30 | Franck Bayard + |
| 12:10 | The Locilento Family (Living & Deceased) |
| 5:30 | Giovanni Ianni + |

Meeting Today, Sunday October 26, at 4pm in the rectory for current Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ministers to the Homebound/nursing homes, and anyone desiring to become one. Those who cannot attend this meeting can fill out a form in the rectory and will receive information concerning upcoming development and commissioning. Join us for fellowship and information on serving our parish in these vital and rewarding ministries

COLLECTION: Our collection last Sunday came to \$7,763 plus \$1,500 from those using ParishPay, bringing the total to \$9,263. We also collected \$800 for the Missions. Thank you for your continued support.



LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday Eve October 25th**

5:30 L Ingrid Leacock
 EM Ingrid Leacock
 EM Ginetta LaBianca
 EM Cabrina Carnevale

Sunday October 26th

8:30 L Brendan Contant
 EM Brendan Contant
 EM Eileen Simpson
 EM John Simpson

11:00 L Jose Gonzalez
 EM Maite Marles
 EM Sylvia Clark
 EM Junior Santiago

12:30 L Jose Luis Martell
 EM Jose Luis Martell
 EM Thomas Alexander
 EM Elsa Alvarez

5:30 L Mark Murphy
 EM Mark Murphy
 EM Godfrey Passaro
 EM Vivienne Singer



PARISH COUNCIL Our Parish Council is meeting in the Rectory at **7pm on Wednesday, October 29th**. Please make your concerns known to them. They have a mailbox in the Parish office.

CATHOLIC MOMS SUPPORT GROUP:

We are holding our first meeting on **November 5th** at 7p.m. in the Rectory and all moms are invited. The purpose of this initial meeting is to brain storm, share ideas, get to know each other and get input from everyone. If you are at all interested in being in this group, please join us. Please RSVP to:

blessedsacramentfamilies@gmail.com

THE JOY INITIATIVE – HELPING THE ELDERLY

After a successful surgery and a rehabilitation period in a center on the west side, Josephine will return to her apartment on October 30. She is excited to go home! Thanks to the JOYJ volunteers who have visited her almost daily during rehabilitation. The volunteers have also prepared the apartment for her return with the new bed and furniture. Special thanks to Assembly member Linda B. Rosenthal and her office for the new bed donation and for directly handling all the applications to Medicare and other agencies on behalf of Josephine. Her office has secured all the services that Josephine is entitled to because of her age and economic condition. This has been a heartfelt team effort!!

**SPIRIT SUNDAY, 10/26**

All parishioners are welcome to join us for an informal social gathering today, **Sunday, after the 5:30PM Mass**, in the rectory dining room. We will be having appetizers, "spirits", sodas, and desserts and all are encouraged and welcome to attend.

For more information please call John Gasdaska at #646-345-7350. See you there!

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Una amiga, Peggy Steinfelds antigua editora de la revista "Commonwealth" escribía recientemente en su blog: "El reciente Sínodo ha ocasionado muchas conversaciones sobre las contradicciones entre los Obispos así como la exposición sinodal. Que pensara el Papa Francisco sobre estos temas familiares dentro de un año? Hay una cierta ironía en la beatificación de Pablo VI quien en 1968 ignoró el consejo de formar una comisión papal y confirmo que la Iglesia prohibía el uso de contraceptivos artificiales? Esto más que otra cosa es lo que en el fondo es el mal que Francisco está tratando de curar. Entonces, es la beatificación una señal corrigiendo una falta en la historia de la Iglesia y aceptar el sentir de los feligreses sobre este tema"?

Pienso que Peggy tiene razón sobre la ironía de la beatificación. El domingo, Francisco beatificando a Pablo VI quien implemento todos los cambios requeridos por Vaticano II, exhortó a la Iglesia a adaptarse a "los cambios de nuestra sociedad." Sus comentarios tienen aun más significado cuando los Obispos, al final de la Conferencia adoptaron un lenguaje más suave acerca de la posición de la Iglesia sobre la homosexualidad y el divorcio. Francisco indicó durante la misa de beatificación que "Dios no le tiene miedo a las cosas nuevas."

La Iglesia busca nuestro entendimiento de estos temas. Quizás deberíamos reunirnos para hablar sobre ellos y, tal vez organizar una serie de conferencias. Estarían interesados? Apreciaré recibir sus comentarios,

El Día de las Almas es la próxima semana. Si desean recordar a sus seres queridos durante el mes de noviembre, tomen una lista colocadas en las mesas a la entrada de la Iglesia. Escriban los nombres así como el nombre de familia. Coloquen la lista en un sobre y déjenlo en la Rectoría. Si pueden, apreciaremos una donación.

FlockNote: Si aun no lo han hecho, consideren asociarse a "FlockNote", una nueva forma de mantener a los feligreses informados sobre lo que sucede en nuestra Parroquia y en la Arquidiócesis. Enviennos un "text" a BSC numero 84576.

Roguemos por la paz.

Fr. Duffell

FIESTA DE TODOS LOS SANTOS

El 1st de noviembre la Iglesia celebra la santidad de sus hijos que nos han precedido en la fe y duermen en el sueño de la paz. La Iglesia del cielo. No es un día de guardar.

**DIA DE LOS DIFUNTOS**

Noviembre 2 es el día en el que hacemos memoria de todos los difuntos. El horario de misa es el de costumbre. Todas las misas son ofrecidas por nuestros parroquianos. Por favor colocar el nombre de los seres queridos en los sobres ubicados en la mesa en la parte posterior de la Iglesia o en un papel. Estos serán colocados en el altar durante todo el mes.



We welcome the following children who have been baptized into the Christian family here at Blessed Sacrament in recent weeks:

Liam Fazzolari, Leo Cordeiro Newton, Taylor Jennings, Luke Andrew Florio, Lydia Grant, Liam James Connolly, Jack Grayson & Chase Matthew Leahy, Vivian Golano, Camdien Adam Favors, George William & John Patrick Keegan.

May you be the best of teachers of your children in the ways of Faith by what you say and do.