



# 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](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)*  
*Spanish Programs Website: [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)*  
*Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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.



<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>February 14th</b>
5:30	Intention Lord-Jagadeson
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 15th</b>
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Thomas Farrell +
11:00	Esteban Palomino+ and Paulina Garay+
12:30	Eugenia C. Ballard+
4:00	People of the Parish
5:30	Intention of Joseph Kavanau
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 16th</b>
7:30	Constantine and Janina Surazynski +
12:10	Jocelyn Rose Pascucci +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 17th</b>
7:30	Frances B. Kaufman +
12:10	Luigi Arlia +
5:30	Leonore Marino +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 18th</b>
7:30	Constantine and Janina Surazynski
12:10	Domenico Pate +
5:30	Phyllis McIver +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 19th</b>
7:30	Intention of Leslie Rhodes
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Kim DeNunzio +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 20th</b>
7:30	For All Souls
12:10	John O'Brien +
5:30	Leonard De Carlo +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 14th</b>
7:30	The Decker and Carroll Families +
12:10	Margaret Fox +
5:30	George Kaufmann +

**FLOCKNOTE**

La Arquidiocesis nos ha proporcionados un nuevo metodo llamado "FlockNote" el cual nos permitira estar en contacto con nuestros feligreses de una manera mas eficiente.

"FlockNote" colocara a la Arquidiocesis de Nueva York entre las mas innovativas y mejor conectadas en el mundo". Asi se ha expresado el Cardenal Dolan. Este método nos permitirá conectar con y movilizar nuestros feligreses con boletines y otras informaciones a través de email y mensajes de texto permitiendo a los lideres de nuestras parroquias obtener respuestas a la mayor brevedad. Con este método la Arquidiocesis y nuestra parroquia tendrán la base de datos mas completa para contactar nuestros feligreses en todo el mundo.

El Cardenal nos asegura que tendremos la habilidad de compartir informacion y respuestas mas efectivamente.

Pueden visitar nuestra web: [flocknote.com/BSC](http://flocknote.com/BSC).

O enviarnos un text a: BSC to 84576.

**PARISH NOTES**

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

February 18th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during all the Masses at 7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (in Spanish). Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting means having only one full meal to maintain one's strength. Two smaller, meatless and penitential meals are permitted according to one's needs, but they should no together equal one full meal.

Make Lent real this year. The three pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and the giving of alms. Be creative: maybe try the ancient prayer of the church, the Liturgy of the Hours. Maybe Lent is the time to get a little more serious about that diet; fasting is never easy but it has its health and spiritual benefits. I think one of the best ways to give alms is through Operation Rice Bowl. Look in the bulletin for more information.

Have you visited our school's On-Line Auction? I just visited the site. I'm just stunned with the range of goods and services up for auction: more than 250. I'm going to make more than a few bids; won't you join me? The link is found in the bulletin.

Have you received a pledge form for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal? I hope that every member of this parish will be able to do what they can to support the Appeal.

Pray for peace as part of your Lenten practice.  
Fr. Duffell

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*The flowers for the Altar were offered in  
Memory of Wayne Dankert*

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**CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015**



This season of Lent, Blessed Sacrament parish will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis' call to end world hunger.

Celebrating its 40th year, **CRS Rice Bowl** is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **870 million people suffer from hunger.** Of this 98% live in the developing world.

**This weekend at all Masses**, a prayer will be said over the Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendars and they will be distributed after each Mass. Please pick up a flyer for more information.

**What you give up for Lent changes lives.**

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

**THE JOY J INITIATIVE—HOMELESS OUTREACH**

On January 24th, 74 volunteers from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus distributed 120 comfort bags to the Homeless in Manhattan. It was a great and inspiring event! The bags were filled with high quality clothing and other items generously donated by Blessed Sacrament Parishioners by taking ornaments from the Jesse Tree last December. We are moved for the caring and generosity of our parish! Many thanks also to the volunteers of Blessed Sacrament who coordinated the event with the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on West 51st Street. They will create their own local chapter so more people in need will receive help. If you are interested in participating in future homeless outreaches, please send an email to [mail@joyj.org](mailto:mail@joyj.org).

**OUR Inheritance: Vatican II at 50. The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.**

Monday, March 9, 2015 / 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 / 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

12th floor Lounge—E. Corrigan Conference Center  
113 West 60th St.—Fordham University, New York

How will Vatican II continue to shape the church and its engagement with the wider world? What are the emerging horizons in politics, society, and the intellectual life toward which Catholic scholars should orient their attention? An impressive gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Council world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: [Fordham.edu/CRC](http://Fordham.edu/CRC).

RSVP: [rcprogram@fordham.edu](mailto:rcprogram@fordham.edu)

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**LET'S BE PROTECTORS OF CREATION**

The wonders of the Earth, the beauty of our planet, the gift of natural resources and the human family's unique role as steward of Creation are all reasons the Church is deeply concerned about the environment.

How we misuse natural resources and abuse the natural environment is often a reflection of how we treat each other. Those in poverty and vulnerable communities are on the front lines of the disruptions caused by climate change, like changing weather patterns which affect crops. Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of the environment and each other.

**COLLECTION**

Our collection for February 8th was \$8,687.— Through ParisPay we received \$2,039.— for a total of \$10,726.— We are grateful for your support.

**“War destroys. And we must cry out for peace. . Peace sometimes give the idea of stillness, but it is never stillness. It is always an active peace. I think that everyone must be committed in the matter of peace, to do everything that they can, what I can do from here. Peace is the language we must speak.”**

*Pope Francis*

El 18 de febrero es Miércoles de Cenizas. Las cenizas serán distribuidas durante las Misas de la 7:30 am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm y 7:00 pm (Español). Este es un día de ayuno y abstinencia. Ayunar significa consumir solo una comida completa para mantener nuestras fuerzas. Dos comidas más pequeñas sin carne son permitidas de acuerdo a las necesidades de cada cual, pero no deben equivaler al contenido de una comida completa.

Hagamos de la Cuaresma algo real este año. Los 3 pilares de la Cuaresma son: rezar, ayunar y el dar limosnas. Seamos creativos: tal vez tratando el rezo antiguo de la Iglesia, La Liturgia de las Horas. Quizás la Cuaresma sea el mejor tiempo para tomar en serio nuestra dieta: el ayuno no es fácil pero de él obtenemos beneficios tanto de salud como espirituales. Pienso que la mejor forma de dar sus limosnas es a través de “**Operation Rice Bowl**.” En este boletín les ofrecemos más información.

Han visitado la Subasta Online de nuestra escuela? La he visto y estoy sorprendido con la cantidad de artículos y servicios que se van a subastar: más de 250. Trataré algunos de los artículos y espero que ustedes también. Encontrarán más información en nuestro boletín.

Han recibido ya el formulario de la Campana de Corresponsabilidad del Cardenal? Tengo la esperanza que cada miembro de esta parroquia hará lo que pueda para apoyar esta campaña.

Durante sus prácticas de Cuarema, rezen por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

**School of the Blessed Sacrament  
TOTALLY 80s ONLINE AUCTION**

The third annual School of the Blessed Sacrament **Online Auction is LIVE!** With over 250 items such as: kids summer camps & classes, fitness sessions, restaurant gift cards, spa services, tickets to sporting events, there is something for everyone. Check it out and be sure to send the link to family and friends. Bid early and bid often. New items are being added daily. Online Auction link:

**(<http://www.auctionsbs.com/online-auction>)**

**POVERTY QUIZ**

I took this quiz about poverty, but I won't tell you my score. I urge you too take the quiz. You may be very surprised. Here is the link:

**<http://www.povertyusa.org/poverty-resources/quiz/>**