

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)

11:15 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30PM

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:

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. 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

PARISH NEWS

I often find Pope Francis' words helpful and even consoling. Given the political landscape of our country in this election season, as well as the difficult state of affairs in so many parts of the world, we might be tempted to forget that each of us also has an individual conscience and moral landscape that we need to take stock of. Freedom, in particular my own freedom, is something that has been on my mind recently. A ten-year old from Singapore had a chance to pose the question to the Holy Father...*Why did God create us, even though He knew we would sin against Him?* Responding, the Pope said that God created us like Himself, and, therefore, free. This is God's greatest gift to us, but it can be an overwhelming and even scary gift because it is not pre-determined "like a machine." Our freedom often places us at a fork in the road...sometimes our choices are as serious as life or death...thank God not always. The mystery of humanity is that our greatest joy can be experienced at times as our greatest burden...we are free, and St. Paul preaches that *for freedom Christ has set us free...*the challenge is to accept this gift and to live it in the light of our faith...to let it be informed by the unconditional love which is its source.

This week the parish will celebrate the grand opening of the Rosalie Macwilliam Memorial Library. Our Principal, Ms. Sliney, and her staff worked hard to create a versatile space that will serve the various needs of our school and parish. First and foremost the new library is a place of study, but it will also serve as a gathering space for lectures and meetings. We should all be encouraged by the school's proactive approach, fostering a vision to meet the needs of our growing student body.

Friday the Church will honor the memory of Pope St. Callistus I, who was martyred in 222. Callistus was known for the merciful stance that he took towards those Christian who had apostatized, or left the faith because of persecution. Rather than being critical of those who found themselves in such a difficult position, he understood the challenges that life sends our way, and responded in the light of faith.

Saturday we honor a great woman of faith, Teresa of Jesus, who began a movement to re-found the Carmelite Order. Her reform of the female branch of the Order eventually spread to the male branch with the help of her friend John of the Cross.

Thanks to those who helped organize the Blessing of Animals for the Feast of St. Francis! Also, the Capital Campaign is off to a good start, and I will share more with you in the coming weeks. Your sacrifice and generosity is so greatly appreciated.

Keep peace in your prayer.

Father Duffell

SUNDAY 12:30 PM CHOIR

The parish is grateful to all those who have so generously volunteered their time and talent to help enrich our worship at the Sunday 12:30 Mass each week by singing in the choir. We would like to see this choir continue its presence and even expand. If you are interested in singing please call the Rectory with your name, phone number, and email.

The church dictates the month of October to Our Lady of the Rosary. So, please join us in the recitation of the Rosary after the 5:30pm Mass from Monday through Friday during the month of October! Also, everyone is invited to remain with us on Fridays for the Fatima Holy Hour in the rectory.



NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

A menudo encuentro las palabras del Papa Francisco de mucha ayuda y consuelo. Dado el panorama político de nuestro país durante esta campaña electoral, así como la situación de muchos países en el mundo, nos olvidamos que cada uno de nosotros tiene una conciencia individual y moral en la cual debemos pensar. La libertad, en particular mi libertad, es algo en lo que he estado pensando recientemente. Un niño de 10 años en Singapore tuvo la oportunidad de preguntarle al Santo Padre...*Por que nos ha creado Dios, sabiendo que pecaríamos en contra de El?* El Papa le respondió que Dios nos había creado en Su imagen y, por tanto, libres. Este es el regalo mas grande de Dios a nosotros, pero también puede ser un regalo abrumador porque no es predeterminado. Nuestra libertad a menudo nos coloca en una bifurcación en nuestro camino...a veces nuestras decisiones pueden ser tan serias como la vida o la muerte...no siempre a Dios gracias. El misterio de la humanidad es que nuestro gran gozo puede ser en algunos momentos experimentado como una gran carga...somos libres, y San Pablo nos recuerda *que Cristo nos ha liberado*...el desafío es aceptar este regalo en la luz de nuestra fe...y que sea informado por el amor incondicional que es su fuente.

Esta semana celebramos la apertura de la "Rosalie Macwilliam Memorial Library." La Directora de nuestra escuela, Caroline Sliney y su grupo han creado un espacio muy versátil que servirá a las necesidades de nuestra escuela y nuestra parroquia. Ante todo, esta nueva biblioteca es un lugar de estudio, pero servirá también como un lugar para reuniones y conferencias. Debemos sentirnos apoyados por el acercamiento pro-activo de la escuela fomentando una vision que responda a las necesidades de nuestro cuerpo estudiantil.

El viernes honramos la memoria del Pontífice San Calixto I, martirizado en el año 222. Fue conocido por su postura misericordiosa hace los Cristianos que habían renunciado a su fe a causa de las persecuciones. Antes que criticar a aquellos que se encontraban en una situación difícil, entendió el desafío al cual se enfrentaban, y les respondió con la luz de la fe.

El sábado honramos a una gran mujer, Santa Teresa de Jesus, quien lidero un movimiento al restablecimiento de la Orden Carmelita. Su reforma de la linea femenina de la Orden se extendió hacia la rama masculina con la ayuda de su amigo San Juan de la Cruz.

Nuestro agradecimiento a los que nos ayudaron a

organizar la Bendición de los Animales el día de San Francisco! También, nuestra Campaña Capital ha comenzado muy bien y les mantendré informados durante las próximas semanas. Su sacrificio y generosidad son muy apreciados.

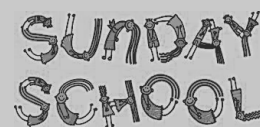
Rezemos por la paz.

Padre Duffell



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 at Blessed Sacrament begin on Monday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in the rectory. If anyone is seeking more information or wishes to register, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES began on Sunday, September 11. Registration has reopened for unfilled classes.

Registration packets are available at the rectory or on the Sunday School website www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org. Please drop off forms at the rectory by Wednesday to be on the class list for Sunday.

Substitute teachers are needed for our Sunday school program please call Tina at 212-877-3111 for more info or to volunteer.

A PILGRIMAGE OF MERCY

Join Cardinal Dolan for a Pilgrimage of Mercy to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington DC, on Saturday October 15th. Register online : www.archny.org/mercy

UN PEREGRINAJE DE MISERICORDIA

Únase con el Cardinal Dolan para un peregrinaje de misericordia a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción, Washington DC, el Sábado, 15 de octubre.

Regístrese en la pagina: www.archny.org/mercy

Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$8,960 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,389 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$12,349. However, the weekly operating costs to run our parish, such as salaries, benefits, utilities, office and program expenses, etc., are approximately \$20,000. This means **we had an operating deficit of \$7,651 this week.** The second collection in support of our Soup Kitchen totaled \$2,548.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$8,960. Recibimos \$3,389 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$12,349. Sin embargo, los costos de operación semanal en nuestra parroquia tales como salarios, beneficios, servicios ("utilities"), la oficina, etc., son aproximadamente \$20,000. **Esto significa que tuvimos esta semana un déficit operacional de \$7,651.**

La segunda colecta para nuestro Comedor Popular "Soup Kitchen" totalizo \$2,548.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee, in partnership with Bread for the World, is collecting letters encouraging our state's representatives and candidates to take action on criminal justice reform and maternal and child nutrition. After each mass the weekend of 10/15 and 10/16, representatives from the Social Action Committee will be at the back of the church, where you're welcome to sign a pre-printed letter or write your own. They hope you'll take part in this important effort.

OCTOBER GAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Please join us after the 5:30PM Mass on Sunday evening October 23rd for the first Fall meeting of the Gay Fellowship. The meeting will be held on the 2nd floor of the rectory from 6:45PM-8:15PM. Refreshments served. The group is a safe and comfortable place to share and meet other LGBT Catholics. All are welcome. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350.

THE ITALIAN APOSTOLATE OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK invites you to save the date for 2016 Columbus day mass and parade.

Where: St. Patrick's Cathedral
When: Monday, October 10, 2016
Time: 9:30am

To register early visit <http://archny2016columbus.eventbrite.com>

Email columbusday@archny.org with any questions



Saturday Evening, October 8th

5:30 Josefa Grillo +

Sunday, October 9th

8:30 Greg Sheehan +

10:00

11:15 Rosaria D'Arcy +

12:30 Marie Bunney +

5:30 Marianne Tibbals +

Monday, October 10th

7:30 Guenet Zewdineh +

12:10 Adelina Osso +

5:30 Felix Agustin +

Tuesday, October 11th

7:30 Diamantina Rodriguez +

12:10 Guenet Zewdineh +

5:30 Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

Wednesday, October 12th

7:30 People of the Parish

12:10 Francine Stern +

5:30 Chris Mauger +

Thursday, October 13th

7:30 Maria Pape +

12:10 Carmen Pagan +

5:30 Jose Luis Ortiz +

Friday, October 14th

7:30 Intention of Michael Doyle

12:10 Juan G. Frivaldo Jr + First Anniversary of Death

5:30 Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

Saturday, October 15th

7:30 Thanksgiving for Family and Friends

12:10 55th Anniversary of the Graduating Class of Blessed Sacrament High School

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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)

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.

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule Saturday, Oct. 8

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| 5:30 pm | 1st | Elizabeth Hutton |
| | 2nd | Kimberley Orman |
| | POF | Vincent Gardino |
| | EM | Edward Wiese, John Gibbons, Joe Tessitore, Mia Wiese, Manuela Marino |

Sunday, Oct. 9

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| 8:30 am | 1st | Ray Riordan |
| | 2nd | Ray Riordan |
| | POF | Mary Steffany |
| | EM | Jo Dell Sheilds, James Palazza, Terry Naglack, Ray Riordan, Mary Steffany |
| 10:00 am | 1st | Jillian MacDonald |
| | 2nd | Mary Bradley |
| | POF | Shirley Rodriguez |
| | EM | Mary Bradley, Judy Braun, Shirley Rodriguez, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Joan Tedeschi, Anna-Sophia Leone, Lidia Stempian |
| 12:30 pm | 1st | Ingrid Leacock |
| | 2nd | Ingrid Leacock |
| | POF | Loretta Edmonds |
| | EM | Elsa Alvarez, Thomas Alexander, Ingrid Leacock, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Carlos Sosa |
| 5:30 pm | 1st | John Miller |
| | 2nd | Anita Faherty |
| | POF | Elizabeth Occhipinti |
| | EM | Rob Porell, Allison Miller, John Miller, Helena Maria Lim, Adriana Gonzalez, Louise Ulman, Matthew Sitman |

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

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| Saturday, October 15th | 5:30pm | Father Duffell |
| Sunday, October 16th | 8:30am | Father Ernest |
| | 10:00am | Father Duffell |
| | 11:15am | Father Jimenez |
| | 12:30 | Father O'Shea |
| | 5:30pm | Father Duffell |

