

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

## CONFESIONS:

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.

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Two weeks ago marked the official end of the Church's Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy, in which the Holy Father called our attention to this most profound calling. The Scriptures reveal to us various attributes of God, any of which Pope Francis could have called to our attention. God is holy, love, just, merciful...but it was mercy that he asked us to reflect upon and embrace more deeply. In his letter to close the Jubilee Year, Misericordia et Misera (Mercy and Misery), the Pope holds up to us the encounter between the woman caught in adultery and Jesus. The misery of her situation encounters the mercy of Jesus, and in that, hope and new life are renewed. The law would have required this woman to be stoned, but Jesus, as we know, ushers in a new law, the law of love, which always places hope and new life as its focus. Whether or not we all respond to that new law, it is still what the Lord offers each of us...He cared so deeply for it- for you and I and that woman- that it carried Him to the Cross. The law is present to help order society, and justice is a virtue, but Christ asks us to open ourselves to something more transformative, and to carry that to others...mercy. How are we to be merciful? When does mercy lose its challenging character and deface an authentic sense of justice? These are the difficult questions each of us grapple with on a daily basis, and, I would ask, that we not be afraid to speak about with one another as Christian disciples. These questions are relevant for us here at Blessed Sacrament as we strive to serve the needs of so many and such a diverse community, those blessed with safety and warmth and those without. These are not easy questions to answer, and, again, I would ask each of us to be open to a discussion about how we ,as a community, live this Christian ideal with integrity.

This Sunday we welcome at the 12:30 Mass the Candidates and Catechumens preparing to receive the Sacraments at Easter. Also this Sunday from 11-5 we come together as a parish family to celebrate in a more festive fashion our regular parish Coffee Hour as well as host Spirit Sunday after the 5:30 Mass. If you can join us for any of these opportunities to spend time together, please do.

I would like to call your attention to two items in the news. First, and a special thanks to Vincent Gardino for his efforts, our capital campaign has been featured in the local newspaper, The Spirit. The Campaign continues to go well, and thank you again for your generosity to preserve our magnificent church. Also, you might have noticed last week that the JoyJ Initiative was featured on the front cover of the Catholic New York. JoyJ is a wonderful part of our community who does so much for those in need. JoyJ is so respected that students from Juilliard have come together to offer a benefit concert for their many needs, which will be held on Saturday, December 10 at 7PM. Please make an effort to support this wonderful initiative, especially during this difficult time of the year for so many.

We move through Advent with our minds and hearts contemplating the Prince of Peace, and, as always, let us continue to pray for peace.

Father Duffell



**ST. NICHOLAS FEST!**

December 6th is the Feast of St. Nicholas. This **Sunday December 4th**, our regular Coffee Hour will be a bit more festive to help prepare us for the coming days of Christmas. Coffee and muffins will be served after the 8:30am mass, but from 11:00 to 5:00pm we would love if you could join us to share each other's company and enjoy some wonderful food donated by some of our local businesses. We would like to thank James Palazza and Pam Cravens who have organized this Sunday's St. Nicholas Fest. Also, thanks to our local businesses that generously donated food for this occasion: *Joanne Trattoria, Francesco's Pizza, Amber, and Chris Vitale*, and those that donated prizes for our Raffle to help raise money for our Christmas music: Stefani Germanotta (Lady Gaga), Joe Germanotta, *Caffe Tallulah, Polpette 71, Madame Paulette, and Saks Fifth Avenue. And don't forget Spirit Sunday will take place this Sunday after the 5:30pm mass.*

**SPIRIT SUNDAY**

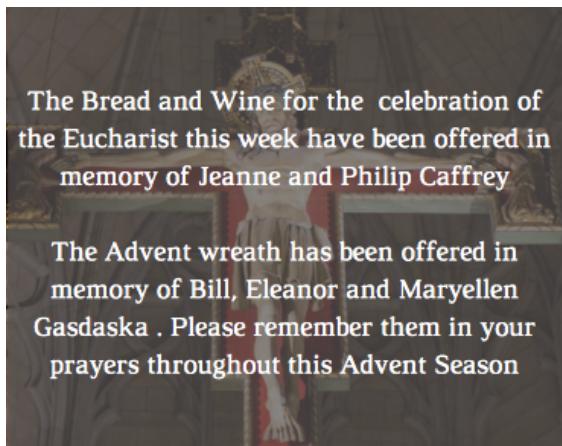
Please join us 12/4 following the 5:30PM Mass (in the parish hall below the church) for the first Fall Spirit Sunday. Appetizers, drinks, and a whole lot of Spirit will be served! Join us for a drink, a bite, and some friendly fellowship. If you have any questions or would like to be part of the planning for Spirit Sunday, please contact John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350.

**MAGNIFICAT**

Magnificat Advent Companions will be on sale in the back of Church after Masses on this weekend for \$3.00 each. This little book of prayers and spiritual readings is a perfect way to better enter into the richness of the Advent Season.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL**

Applications are currently being accepted for the School of the Blessed Sacrament Early Childhood Program. Interested families should visit our website [www.sblsnyc.org](http://www.sblsnyc.org) or contact Julie Park by phone ([646-998-3037](tel:646-998-3037)) or email ([jpark@sblsnyc.org](mailto:jpark@sblsnyc.org)). The next opportunity to visit our school will be on Tuesday, December 6th at our Touring Tuesday.



## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Hace dos semanas finalizó el Año Extraordinario del Jubileo de la Misericordia durante el cual el Santo Padre nos exhortó a prestar atención a esta profunda vocación. Las Escrituras nos revelan los varios atributos de Dios. Dios es santo, amoroso, justo, misericordioso...pero fue la misericordia sobre la cual nos pidió reflexionar y abrazar profundamente. En su carta cerrando el Jubileo Misericordia et Misera (Misericordia y Miseria), el Santo Padre menciona el encuentro entre la mujer adultera y Jesus. La miseria de su situación encuentra la misericordia de Jesus y se renueva la esperanza y una nueva vida. La ley requería que esta mujer fuera apedreada, pero Jesus trajo consigo una nueva ley, la ley del amor, la cual siempre se enfoca en la esperanza y una vida nueva. Responder o no a esa nueva ley es nuestra decisión, pero es lo que el Señor nos ofrece...Tanto le importó -por ti, por mi y por esa mujer- que Lo llevó a la cruz. Esta ley esta presente ordenando la sociedad, y la justicia es una virtud, pero Cristo nos pide estar abiertos a algo mas transformativo, y llevarlo a otros...misericordia. Como podemos ser mas misericordiosos? Cuando pierde la misericordia su carácter desafiante y daña el sentido autentico de la justicia? Estas son preguntas difíciles a las cuales nos enfrentamos cada día y les pediría no tener miedo y discutirlo con otros discípulos Cristianos. Son cuestiones relevantes aquí en Blessed Sacrament cuando tratamos de servir las necesidades de tantos en una comunidad tan diversa, aquellos bendecidos con seguridad y calor, y los que no lo tienen. No son preguntas fáciles de contestar y otra vez les pido pensar como en comunidad podríamos vivir este ideal Cristiano con integridad.

Este domingo damos la bienvenida durante la Misa de las 12:30pm a los Candidatos y Catecumenos que se preparan a recibir los Sacramentos durante la Pascua de Resurrección. También este domingo de 11:00am a 5:00pm nos reuniremos como familia para celebrar en forma mas festiva nuestra Hora de Café ("Coffee Hour") regular así como el "Spirit Sunday" después de la Misa de la 5:30pm.

También quiero mencionar otros asuntos importantes. Ante todo, nuestro agradecimiento a Vincent Gardino por su ayuda a nuestra Campaña Capital sobre la cual se publicó un articulo en el periódico local, The Spirit. La Campaña va muy bien; y gracias a todos por su generosidad para preservar nuestra magnifica iglesia. Habrán también visto que la semana pasada "Catholic New York" publicó un reportaje en primera plana sobre el "JoyJ Initiative". JoyJ es una gran parte de nuestra comunidad haciendo mucho por aquellos mas necesitados. Comanda tal respeto que varios estudiantes de Juilliard se han reunido y ofrecerán un concierto benéfico en nuestra iglesia el sábado 10 de diciembre a la 7:00pm. Les pido hace un esfuerzo apoyando esta iniciativa, especialmente durante estos días tan difíciles para muchas personas.

Durante Adviento nuestras mentes y corazones contemplan al Príncipe de la Paz y, como siempre, continuemos rezando por la paz.

Padre Duffell.

## **Una Comunidad de Católicos Romanos de Discípulos de Cristo Nosotros Acogemos. Nosotros Adoramos. Nosotros Anunciamos.**

En muchos años, nuestra Comunidad Hispana ha acogido a gente y familias de muchos poblados de New York para celebrar el regalo más preciado que tenemos: La Eucaristía, compartiendo el Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo. Desde este regalo, estamos atentos a la Santa Palabra de Dios y como testigos anunciamos su poderosa salvación.

Nuestra comunidad de fe consiste en gente de más de siete (7) naciones de Latinoamérica. Estamos agradecidos con Dios, y expresamos nuestra gratitud sirviéndonos unos a otros con amor. Muchos de ellos quienes sirven en nuestra comunidad participando en la Santa Eucaristía como Monaguillos, Lectores, Ministros de la Santa Comunión, Cantando en el Coro y dando la bienvenida como ministros de hospitalidad.

### **Los Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana**

En nuestra comunidad ofrecemos en español la formación y celebración de los Sacramentos de Bautismo y Matrimonio.

Para los Sacramentos de Reconciliación contacte a **Padre Dangelo Jimenez** [mensajeroec@yahoo.com](mailto:mensajeroec@yahoo.com) Si desea tener mayor información.

Para información acerca de la Comunidad Hispana, saber de cómo unirse a nuestra Iglesia o si está interesado en la preparación de nuestras actividades Pastorales favor comunicarse al mismo email.

**Misa en Español – Segundo y Cuarto Miércoles del Mes a las 7:00pm, Domingo a las 11:15am**

**Talleres de formación en sacramentos – Segundo y Cuarto miércoles a las 8:00pm en la rectoría.**

**La próxima misa será el dia 30 de noviembre.**

### **BENEFIT CONCERT**

Join us Saturday, December 10th from 7-8 PM for a benefit concert entitled 'Giving Back on the Upper West Side,' featuring musicians from the Juilliard School! All are welcome! Donations will be collected for the JoyJ Initiative, a ministry of Blessed Sacrament, in hopes of creating more care packages than ever for those in need in our city.

### **CHRISTMAS WREATHS OF THE GREEN MOUNTAIN MONASTERY**

Consider ordering a fresh wreath from the Green Mountain Monastery to support the work of the sisters in Greensboro, Vt and the Global Catholic Climate Movement. Please see the flyers on the back table for more information.

### **GAY FELLOWSHIP MASS AND CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Please join us for Mass on Tuesday evening, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30PM, followed by dinner at Joanne's Trattoria, 70 West 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Dinner will be \$25 per person and RSVP's are required by Tuesday, December 6. You may RSVP to either John Gasdaska, [jgp1008@gmail.com](mailto:jgp1008@gmail.com) or Chris Williams, [jcw.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jcw.arts@gmail.com). All are welcome and the evening promises to be a beautiful and fun-filled way to celebrate and embrace the upcoming Christmas Season. We hope you can join us.

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$7,413 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$4,413.5 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$11,826.5. Our average weekly operating budget is \$15,000. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misa del domingo pasado fue \$7,413. Recibimos \$4,413.5 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$11,826.5. Nuestro presupuesto de operación semanal promedio es \$15,000. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.

**ANNUAL NEW YORK CARES COAT DRIVE**

On behalf of the needy within our local community, members of the Social Action Committee and New York Cares will be accepting **USED-COAT** donations at the entrance of the church before each of the Masses on the weekend of December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. **Coats for children should be “gently used”, just cleaned and in fair condition or better.**

**JESSE TREE**

The JoyJ Initiative will again this year host the Jesse Tree for our Homeless Outreach, which will be held in January, 2017. We will be requesting new items including McDonald or Subway gift cards; hats; gloves; scarves; warm socks; and sweatshirts. If you cannot provide an item, please consider a cash donation instead. Thank you.

We will be collecting the items or donation in the vestibule of the Church on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you for your generosity and Merry Christmas!

**ADVENT SIMPLE SUPPERS**

Please join us during the remaining 3 Wednesdays during Advent: Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and Dec 21<sup>st</sup> for prayer and meditation followed by a light dinner of soup, salad and bread. Prayers begin promptly at 7pm in the dining room of the rectory. It's a wonderful and contemplative way to prepare for Christmas. We hope to see you there. For more information please call/ email Chris Williams 304-337-1252/ [jcw.arts@gmail.com](mailto:jcw.arts@gmail.com) or John Gasdaska 646-345-7350/ [jpg1008@gmail.com](mailto:jpg1008@gmail.com)

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Children (from grade 3 up) and Teenagers are invited to JOIN the CHRISTMAS EVE YOUTH CHOIR which sings at the 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Family Mass. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 4-5 pm in the Church NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 21.

The Parent Permission Form to sign up can be found on the Sunday School website under the YOUTH CHOIR tab. ([www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)) or you can pick up the form at the rectory office. Please call Tina Silvestro if you need more information 212-877-3111.

**Saturday Evening, December 3rd**

5:30 Frank Edouard +

**Sunday, December 4th**

8:30 Joseph E. Caceres III +

10:00 Philip Caffrey +

11:15 Samuel Montalvo +

12:30 Nichdas Restuccia +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Monday, December 5th**

7:30 Intentions of Mariel & Matthew Binjamin on their Wedding Anniversary

12:10 St. Elia

5:30 Roseline Lopes +

**Tuesday, December 6th**

7:30

12:10 The Locante Family

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Wednesday, December 7th**

7:30 Eugenio Castillo +

12:10 Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +

**Thursday, December 8th**

7:30 Leslie & Sylvia Brewster +

12:10 Anne Duffell +

5:30 Josefa Grillo +

**Friday, December 9th**

7:30

12:10

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, December 10th**

7:30 Rita Powell +

12:10 Natividad Enriquez +

**VISITING FRIENDS PROGAM**

Do you have a relative, neighbor or friend who is homebound and might appreciate a visitor from time to time? He/she need not be a parishioner or necessarily share our Catholic faith, only live in the neighborhood of our parish. An assigned volunteer will visit your referral once a week for an hour or so to provide companionship and the comfort of social interaction. We are happy to visit people in nursing homes as well, should they be in need of some company. If you know of someone who might benefit from our program, please email us at [joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com](mailto:joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com) (put “Visiting Friends” in the subject box) or leave the information at the Rectory. Our wonderful group of volunteers happily serve in this fine ministry.



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**

<b>Date</b>			
<b>Your Name</b>			
<b>Your Spouse's Name</b>			
(Only if BOTH are Registering)			
<b>Address</b>			
<b>Apt. #</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	
<b>Zip</b>	<b>Telephone</b>		
<b>Email</b>			
<b>Your Occupation</b>			
<b>Your Spouse's Occupation</b>			
<b>How should we address you? (Check One)</b>			
<b>Mr. &amp; Mrs.</b>	<b>Mr.</b>	<b>Mrs.</b>	<b>Ms.</b>
<b>Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes? Yes _____ No _____</b>			
<b>If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay? Yes _____ No _____</b>			

Thanks to the incredible support and generosity from a handful of families, we are close to achieving our November 30<sup>th</sup> benchmark of \$3,000,000. It is my hope that we reach and inspire all of our parishioners to participate in any way they can, so this campaign becomes a truly parish-wide effort.

To achieve success, we need all of our families to learn about the campaign and keep it in their prayers. I ask that you please join me for ONE of the following receptions we have planned for December (**PLEASE SELECT ONE**):

- Thursday, December 8th at 6:30pm in the Rectory
- Sunday, December 11th after the 12:30pm Mass in the Rectory
- Sunday, December 11th after the 5:30pm Mass in the Rectory
- Monday, December 12th at 6:30pm in the Rectory

**Simply select a reception to attend and provide your name, e-mail, and phone number. Once complete, please tear off the slip and either:**

1. **Drop it in the collection basket, OR**
2. **Turn it in to the parish office**

**Name**

**Email**

**Phone Number**

**You can also RSVP directly to Marc Garcia or Daniel Champoli by calling the parish office at (212) 877-3111 before December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

As always, your advice, counsel, and participation will be most helpful and very much appreciated.

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule**  
**Saturday, Dec. 3**

5:30 pm	1st 2nd POF	Mia Wiese Mia Wiese Mia Wiese
	EM	Edward Wiese, Stephen Whelan
8:30 am	1st 2nd POF	Raymond Riordan Thomas Caffrey Damien Begley
	EM	Eileen Simpson, Vivian Villaluz, Raymond Riordan, Thomas Caffrey, Damien Begley
10:00 am	1st 2nd POF	Jillian MacDonald Shirley Rodriguez Joan Tedeschi
	EM	Anna-Sophia Leone, Andrew Jenkins, Julie Tom, Judy Braun, Shirley Rodriguez, Joan Tedeschi, Peter Diggins
12:30 pm	1st 2nd POF	Ingrid Leacock Ingrid Leacock Francesca DiPaola
	EM	Christina Elefante, Ingrid Leacock, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Francesca DiPaola, Carlos Sosa, Elsa Alvarez, Thomas Alexander
5:30 pm	1st 2nd POF EM	John Miller Kimberley LaMarque Orman Roscoe Orman Mark Murphy, Allison Miller, Helena Maria Lim, Kevin Meskell, Rob Porell, Jennifer Lynch, Kate Meskell

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

(WITH SUGGESTED DONATIONS)

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

(Names of loved ones will be included in the bulletin and in the church)

As always, a day can be designated to have the liturgy celebrated in memory of, or for the intentions of a loved one.

**FOR THE ALTAR AND SANCTUARY:**

(Names of loved ones will be included in the bulletin and in the church)

\*Bread and Wine: \$100.00 weekly

\*Sanctuary lamp: \$100.00 weekly

\*Altar Flowers: \$200.00 weekly

(Visit the rectory to leave names of loved ones and to drop off donations)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**