

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) & 5:30 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:

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.
During Lent the sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated only in an emergency situation.

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.

Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

February 10th is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed after the homily at all the Masses at 7:30 am, 9:30am, 12:10 pm, 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm (in Spanish). During the season of Lent, the Church urges us to reflect a spirit of penance in our daily lives through performing acts of fast and abstinence. Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but those two meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Fasting obliges all those who have reached the age of 18 and continues to oblige through age 59. Abstinence prohibits individuals from eating meat on a particular day. Abstinence obliges all those who have reached the age of 14 and continues to oblige throughout their lives. Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. There will be a parish collection at all masses on Ash Wednesday.

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. The Rice Bowls will be blessed and distributed at all the masses today.

One prayer suggested for the start of each Lenten day (save it and pray it)

“Lord, look upon us and hear our prayer. By the penance and good works you inspire, help us to discipline our appetites and to be renewed in spirit. So that we may be better stewards of creation, help us to live simply even when our desires are great. And help us to love greatly, even when we are not loved. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.”

Reminder: Monday, March 21st is Reconciliation Monday. To celebrate the Sacrament of Penance is a good way to prepare for the Paschal Triduum and the celebration of Easter. On Monday of Holy Week, from 3pm until 9pm, there will be a priest available for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance.

In this Year of Mercy, pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell



Join our parish community — and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States — in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. 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 most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.

This weekend at all Masses, a prayer will be said over the Rice Bowls and they will be distributed after Mass. Please pick up a Rice Bowl with a Lenten calendar and a flyer for more information. What you give up for Lent changes lives.

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$11,338.00. \$4,205.00 was received in ParishPay for a total of \$15,543. \$2681.00 was collected for the Feeding Our Neighbors Campaign. This weekend we will have a second collection to support Peter’s Pence.

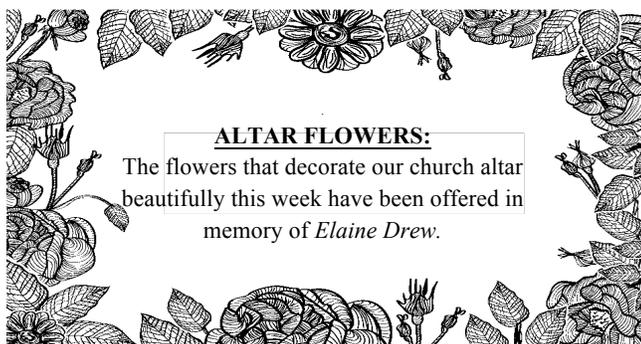
COMMITTEE FOR PASTORAL PLANNING:

Make a difference in our future, join the Committee for Pastoral Planning, a newly formed group that seeks to clarify our mission as a parish and then find ways to implement and fulfill it. The Pastoral Plan is a commitment made by the Pastor and parishioners to further the mission of the parish, the reason the parish exists.

Today we are asking for twenty-five volunteers who can share their talents. We are looking for people with skills to join sub-committees of data gathering, survey design, analytics, communications and meeting planning and facilitation. **Please join us on March 5th from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM for our first Committee for Pastoral Planning assembly.**

The planning process began in mid-January and should be complete by Thanksgiving. In order for our Pastoral Plan to be inclusive and collaborative, the process will require frequent communication with the various parish ministries, groups, individual parishioners, parish staff, Parish Council and the Pastor. Planning committee members will be seeking input from as many parishioners as possible. Data gathering will begin very soon and a parish Town Hall will be held. We will provide ongoing communication as the plan unfolds.

We hope you will consider giving your time and talent to Blessed Sacrament Parish in this way. Stop by the Pastoral Planning table at the church entrance after Mass for more information and opportunities to sign up.



ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers that decorate our church altar beautifully this week have been offered in memory of *Elaine Drew*.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El 10 de febrero es Miércoles de Cenizas. Las cenizas serán distribuidas después de la homilia en todas las Misas: 7:30am, 9:30am, 12:10pm, 5:30pm y 7:00pm (en español). Durante el tiempo de la Cuaresma la Iglesia nos pide reflejar un espíritu de penitencia en nuestra vida diaria a través del ayuno y la abstinencia. El ayuno requiere que solo una comida completa se consuma durante el día. 2 comidas mas ligeras pueden consumirse para mantener nuestra energía, pero estas no deben igualar la cantidad de una comida completa. El ayuno es obligatorio para aquellos que han cumplido la edad de 18 y continua hasta los 59. La abstinencia prohíbe comer carne en algunos días y es obligatoria a partir de la edad de 14 y dura toda la vida. El Miércoles de Cenizas en un día de ayuno y abstinencia. Habra una colecta en todas las Misas de ese día.

Hagamos de la Cuaresma algo real este ano. Los 3 pilares de la Cuaresma son: la plegaria, el ayuno y el dar limosnas. Seamos creativos: tal vez tratando la plegaria antigua 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 el obtenemos beneficios tanto de salud como espirituales. Pienso que la mejor forma de dar sus limosnas es a través de la “Operation Rice Bowl.” Los “Rice Bowls” serán bendecidos y distribuidos en todas las Misas de hoy.

Sugerimos esta plegaria para comenzar cada día de la Cuaresma: “Señor, escucha nuestro ruego. Por la penitencia y el buen trabajo que nos inspiras ayudamos a controlar nuestros apetitos y a renovar nuestro espíritu. Para preservar todo lo que has creado, ayudamos a vivir con sencillez aun cuando nuestros deseos fueran otros. Y ayudamos a amar a nuestro prójimo aun cuando otros no nos amen. Concédenos este deseo a través de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu hijo que vive y reina contigo y el Espíritu Santo, un Dios, por los siglos de los siglos, Amen.”

Les recordamos que el lunes, 21 de marzo es el Lunes de la Reconciliación. Celebrando el Sacramento de la Penitencia es una buena forma de prepararnos para el Tridium Pascual y la celebración de la Pascua de Resurrección. El Lunes Santo de las 3:00pm a las 9:00pm tendremos un sacerdote disponible para la celebración del Sacramento de la Penitencia.

En este Año de la Misericordia roguemos por la Paz.

Padre Duffell

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With the growing number of students in our Sunday School program the need for volunteers is also growing. Catechists, assistants, and substitutes are needed. All volunteers who work with children will need to complete a background check form and an abuse awareness and prevention class as provided by the Archdiocese. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

CONVERSATIONS WITH “RECYCLED” CATHOLICS

Many people--Catholics, those of other religions and of no religion-- have been struck by the words and actions of Pope Francis. Included among them are former Catholics who have long felt alienated from many of the church’s positions and practices, but now may be considering giving Catholicism a second look. This series is designed for such people—**not for people who are comfortable in their faith and looking for spiritual enrichment.** It is for people in transition, hence the term “recycled,” moving from a style of religion that was found to be unsatisfying to one that is both personally fulfilling and authentically Catholic. In a series of six non-judgmental, open yet focused discussions.

The series will take place in two locations: St. Thomas More Rectory, 65 East 89th St., on Wednesday evenings, beginning January 6th, at 7:00 p.m., and Blessed Sacrament Rectory, 152 West 71st St., on Thursday evenings, beginning January 7th, at 7:00 p.m. To register, please call 212-876-7718. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. The topics for discussion:

2/10, 2/11 Fast-food Catholicism may be dangerous to your health.



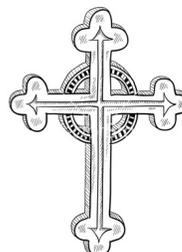
34th ANNUAL PAX CHRISTI NY WAY OF THE CROSS

Join several hundred people in one of the largest public Christian peace witnesses in New York City. For over thirty years Pax Christi Metro New York has walked The Good Friday Way of the Cross as a modern-day enactment of the Stations of the Cross, praying for peace and justice on the streets of our city. Pope Francis has declared 2016 as the year of Mercy, join with us as we reflect on Living Lives of Mercy with Care and Compassion.

The Walk will take place from 8:30am to 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 25th.

We begin at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza (47th and First Avenue) and proceed along 42nd street between Eight and Ninth Avenues. **PLEASE WEAR OR CARRY A CROSS.**

For further information about our work, please contact us at 371 Sixth Ave., New York, NY, 10014; 212-420-0250; info@nypaxchristi.org or www.nypaxchristi.org



LENTEN VESPERS

Sundays at 4:00pm – The Mercy of God
February 14, 2016

Preacher: Rev. Perry Azah
Diocese of Ho, Ghana

The Choir of Corpus Christi Church
Louise Basbas,

Director of Music and Organist

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, February 6

- 5:30 1st Jerry Becker
- 2nd Roscoe Orman
- POF Kimberley LaMarque Orman
- EM Kimberley LaMarque Orman, Roscoe Orman, Jerry Becker, Joe Tessitore, Ginetta LaBianca

Sunday, February 7

- 8:30 1st John Hunt
- 2nd John Hunt
- POF Damian Begley
- EM Terry Naglack, Louella White, Vivian Vellaluz, John Hunt, Damian Begley

- 10:00 1st Charles Weeks
- 2nd Kamila Palka
- POF Charles Weeks
- EM Joan Tedeschi, Judy Braun, Nancy Kearney, Anna-Sophia Leone, Eddie Litton, Philippa Cooper, Anna Piazza

- 12:30 1st Megan Mitchell
- 2nd Megan Mitchell
- POF Theo Corbin
- EM Elsa Alvarez, Thomas Alexander, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Theo Corbin, Megan Mitchell, Lidia Stempien

- 5:30 1st Elizabeth Occhipinti
- 2nd John Gasdaska
- POF Kathleen LaMagna
- EM Rob Porell, Brian Fallon, Patricia Alvarez de Fallon, Elizabeth Occhipinti, Kathleen LaMagna, John Gasdaska, Ellen Koneck



Saturday Evening, February 6th

5:30 Nino Gardino +

Sunday, February 7th

8:30 Arturo Yanni +

10:00 Joan Eagan +

11:15 Bolivar Garcia +

12:30 Carmen Colantino +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Monday, February 8th

7:30 Judy D'Agostino +

12:10 Josefa Grillo +

5:30 Leonard DeCarlo +

Tuesday, February 9th

7:30 Intention of Ana Sofia Castillo

12:10 Leonard DeCarlo +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Wednesday, February 10th

7:30 Quinn Schiro +

12:10 Bernadeta Ciszewska +

5:30 Helen Smith +

Thursday, February 11th

7:30 Ron Corris +

12:10 Lourdes Fernandez +

5:30 Vivian Scre +

Friday, February 12th

7:30 Intention of Marion Rose Brown Yohannes

12:10 Frank Barrera +

5:30 Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

Saturday, February 13th

7:30 Fernando Pando +

12:10 Paul Dong Soo Ha +

BE THE CHANGE: CLIMATE COMMITMENTS FOR LENT

“Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”

- Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*

Lent is an opportune time to evaluate our lifestyles and make conscious decisions that contribute to a happy, healthy planet. Together, we can follow Pope Francis' lead to choose what is good by adapting our behavior and being better stewards of the earth and her resources. Each week through Easter, we will be providing advice and tips on how to decrease your carbon footprint this Lent. You can begin to incorporate these actions and changes in your daily life, creating a sustainable and more earth-friendly lifestyle.

First Week: February 7

No-meat Fridays! While this is a traditional Catholic Lent practice, reducing your intake of meat not only helps save water (it takes 1,800 gallons of water to produce one pound of beef!), but also reduces your carbon footprint since meat production is one of the largest contributors of methane and CO2 gas globally.

To be involved in the parish's Care for Creation efforts, contact Luke Mayville at 208-610-1783.



COFFEE HOUR:

We are resuming our Coffee Hour this weekend, 7th of February, 2016. Please join us following every mass.

ABC'S OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES:

CRS/Haiti: 10 million people live in Haiti, a country a little larger than Massachusetts. 80% of them exist on less than \$2 per day. Over 3 million of them are reached by American Catholics via CRS. Nearly one in three Haitians are helped by CRS. Health, education, agriculture, and water and sanitation programs are among the priorities. Last week - CRS/Guatemala. Next week - CRS/Iraq. For more info visit: www.crs.org.



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*

School of the Blessed Sacrament is a pre-k through eighth grade Catholic elementary school in the heart of the upper west side. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates love of God, self, and others. We integrate technology, the arts, music, and physical education to provide a liberal arts education for the whole child. We seek to develop saints and scholars through innovative, personal learning experiences. Accepting applications now, with financial aid opportunities for qualified families, contact us today at 212-724-7561 or www.sblsny.org.

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** _____

TREAT THE PATIENT, HEAL THE PERSON:

Embracing Spiritual and Cultural Diversity in Contemporary Health Practices.

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016 from 8:30am – 5:45pm
 Fordham University, E. Gerald Corrigan Conference Center,
 12th Floor Lounge
 113 West 60th Street, NYC

Join us for a daylong gathering of leading practitioners and scholars who represent diverse approaches to medicine, culture, and spirituality. We will examine cross-cultural perspectives in well-being, explore best practices, and propose innovative approaches to healthcare delivery.

FREE ADMISSION – RSVP: crcprogram@fordham.edu

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Wednesdays of Lent: 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, and 3/16 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the rectory, followed by a meal of soup and salad...and fellowship. The suppers are a wonderful way to not only deepen one's Lenten experience, but also to be able to reflect in a very comfortable and quiet setting with fellow parishioners. For more information, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We look forward to seeing you then.

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by a priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1000 x 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via email at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

PARISH PAY

Parish pay will collect monthly contribution from your checking, savings or credit card account and send it to the parish. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. You may log onto www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

Cualquier persona que necesite reporter algun incidente de abuso sexual de un menor por un sacerdote, diacono, religioso/a, o laico sirviendo en la Arquidiocesis de Nueva York, se le pide que por favor contacte Hermana Eileen Clifford, O.P. al (212) 371-1000 x 2949 o Diacono George Coppola at 917-861-1762. Ambos tambien pueden ser contactados via correo electronico: victimassistance@archny.org. Para mas informacion pueden visitar la pagina en la red de la Arquidiocesis: www.archny.org. De acuerdo con las normas de la Arquidiocesis respeto al abuso sexual de menores, esta informacion se prove para asegurar que nuestros ninios permanezcan seguros.