

# 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.

## **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](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

## PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and friends,

This week, our Church leaders really waded out into the weeds in response to the Pope's recent *Amoris laetitia* ("The Joy of Love"). But before your eyes glaze over at the hermeneutics of the post-synodal exhortation, keep in mind there are really two responses to The Joy of Love.

If we want to identify the two main approaches, we can say that one has a rather constrained view of the text and, especially, of the two synodal gatherings. It focuses on categorizing different kinds of couples, telling them what they can do in the church and what the church can do for them, while generally ignoring the novelty of the exhortation when it comes to enforcement of discipline toward people who are divorced and remarried or homosexual.

The other interpretation focuses on the exhortation's renewed emphasis on conscience as opposed to legalistic approaches to moral theology, and its acknowledgment of the need for theological and pastoral attention to new situations. Cardinal Christoph Schönborn has articulated this position, "*Amoris laetitia* is the great document of moral theology that we have been waiting for since the time of Vatican II and that develops the choices already made by the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and by [John Paul II's] *Veritatis splendor*."

Here's what the Catechism says about our conscience: *"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths."* *"Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the*

*commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.*

On June 10, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments issued a decree ("Apostolorum Apostle"), by which, in accordance with the will of the Holy Father, it was established that the liturgical celebration of St. Mary Magdalene, observed on July 22, will be elevated from an obligatory Memorial to the rank of Feast. The Feast will be celebrated here at Blessed Sacrament this Friday; drop by and offer up a prayer to this most beloved and misunderstood saint.

In this Year of Mercy, in these troubling times, pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell



Sunday School Classes will begin Sunday, September 11 with the 10:00 Family Mass in the Church. Religious instruction is held in the school immediately after the Family Mass. Registration Deadline is August 1. Some Classes were overfilled last year. We may have to place your child on a waiting list after August 1. You will not be able to register your child on the first day of class.

Re-registration forms and information will be mailed to current students. Registration Packets for new students can be picked up at the parish office or found on the Sunday School website [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org)

Should you wish to offer flowers in memory of a loved one please contact the rectory. The usual offering is \$200.00.



## NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Esta semana los líderes de nuestra Iglesia realmente caminaron sobre el riachuelo en respuesta al documento del Papa *Amoris laetitia* (“The Joy of Love”). Pero antes que sus ojos den un vistazo a la hermenéutica de la exhortación post-sinodal, entiendan que en realidad hay dos respuestas a este documento.

Si queremos identificar los dos enfoques principales, podemos decir que uno representa una forma bastante limitada del texto y, especialmente, de los dos grupos del Sinod. Enfatiza el catalogar diferentes tipos de parejas informándoles los que ellos pueden hacer en la Iglesia y lo que la Iglesia puede hacer por ellos, mientras que al mismo tiempo ignora la novedad en lo que se refiere a la aplicación de la disciplina hacia personas divorciadas, casadas por segunda vez, o a los homosexuales.

La otra interpretación se enfoca en el énfasis renovado de la exhortación contrario a enfoques legales a la teología moral, y su reconocimiento de la necesidad de atención teológica y pastoral a nuevas situaciones. El Cardenal Christoph Schonbron expresó esta posición de esta manera: “*Amoris laetitia* es el gran documento que hemos estado esperando sobre teología moral desde el tiempo de Vaticano II y que perfecciona las opciones ya expuestas en el *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica* y por el *Veritatis splendor* de Juan Pablo II”.

Esto es lo que el Catecismo dice sobre nuestra conciencia: *En lo más profundo de su conciencia el hombre descubre una ley que el no se da a si mismo, sino a la que debe obedecer y cuya voz resuena, cuando es necesario, en los oídos de su corazón, llamando siempre a amar y a hacer el bien y a evitar el mal [...]. El hombre tiene una ley inscrita por Dios en su corazón [...]. La conciencia es el núcleo más secreto y el sagrario del hombre, en el que esta solo con Dios, cuya voz resuena en lo más íntimo de ella”. Presente en el corazón de la persona, la conciencia moral (cf Rm 2, 14-16) le ordena, en el momento oportuno, practicar el bien y evitar el mal. Juzga también la opciones concretas aprobando las que son buenas y denunciando las que son malas (cf Rm 1,32). Atestigua la autoridad de la verdad con referencia al Bien supremo por el cual la persona humana se siente atraída y cuyos*

*mandamientos acoge. El hombre prudente, cuando escucha la conciencia moral, puede oír a Dios que le habla.*

Quisiera saber sus opiniones sobre estos temas tan importantes.

El día 10 de junio, la Congregación de la Adoración Divina y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos (“Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments”) emitió un decreto (“Apostolorum Apostle”), en el cual, y de acuerdo con los deseos del Santo Padre se estableció que la celebración litúrgica de Santa María Magdalena que se observa el 22 de julio, fuera elevada al rango de Fiesta. La Fiesta sera celebrada aquí en Blessed Sacrament el viernes próximo.

En este Año de la Misericordia y en estos tiempos tan problemáticos, recemos 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. It is open to adults who:

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or First Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

**Finance Committee Corner**

Last Sunday \$6,462 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,389 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$9,851. 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 \$10,149 this week.**

Our second collection in support of the Soup Kitchen totaled \$1,388. Thank you.

Please try to increase your weekly gifts so that we can eliminate our operating deficit. And please consider signing up for Parish Pay. There is no cost to participate in the program. You may log onto [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

**Esquina Financiera**

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$6,462. Recibimos \$3,389 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$9,851. 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 \$10,149.**

La suma de la segunda colecta para nuestro comedor popular (Soup Kitchen) fue \$1,388. Gracias.

Les pedimos incrementar sus donaciones semanales para así poder eliminar esta diferencia. Y también les pedimos firmar en Parish Pay. No hay ningún costo por este programa. Pueden firmar en [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) o llamando al 1-866-727-4741, ext. 1.

**Clean Energy March**

Sunday, July 24. In Philadelphia at noon.  
Inter-faith prayer service at noon; march to begin at 1:00 pm  
Promoted by NY Catholic Climate Movement

Sponsor: Food and Water Watch

Three NYC bus locations

Cost is \$25, all leaving at 9 am and returning by 7:30 to the same 3 points:

- West 34th St. / 8th Ave. in front of the Tick Tock Diner  
Zip code: 10010
- St. John the Divine 1047 Amsterdam (at 112<sup>th</sup> St.)  
Zip code: 10025
- Brooklyn Public Library at Grand Army Plaza, Flatbush and Eastern Parkway. Meet on Flatbush side.  
Zip code: 11238

If you want to go in groups, purchase your tickets ASAP on [www.CleanEnergyMarch.org](http://www.CleanEnergyMarch.org)

Sign up, and put the zip code for a bus location you want.

Blessed Sacrament is organizing a group for the march. Contact Luke Mayville at [lmayvill@aol.com](mailto:lmayvill@aol.com) or (206) 610-1783 for more information.

Metro NY Catholic Climate Movement will try to have a member on each of these three buses so we can meet up in Philadelphia.

**Saturday Evening, July 16th**

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Sunday, July 17th**

8:30 Msgr. Robert B. O'Connor +  
10:00 Margarita Mariano +  
11:15 Amantina and Delio Bencosme +  
12:30 Gerald Betchaver +  
5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Monday, July 18th**

7:30 Intention of Marina Gonzalez  
12:10 Mylene Tielze +  
5:30 Anne Duffell +

**Tuesday, July 19th**

7:30 Manuel Stil +  
12:10 Mary Ann Kurtz +  
5:30 Rainhold Adolph + and Cecile Turrillo +

**Wednesday, July 20th**

7:30 Milagros and Martin Insausti +  
12:10 Chuck King +  
5:30 Alma Rosen +

**Thursday, July 21st**

7:30  
12:10 Intention of Betsy Goodwill  
5:30 William Tan Go +

**Friday, July 22nd**

7:30 Eduardo and Fernando Pando +  
12:10 Edward McGettigan Jr. +  
5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, July 23rd**

7:30  
12:10 Rosemary Castellani

**SOLITARY CONFINEMENT AWARENESS EVENT**

The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee of the Holy Name of Jesus Parish invites you to learn more about issues and problems in the use of Solitary Confinement in New York State jails and prisons. Please join us **Tuesday, July 19 @ 7:00PM @** Our Lady of the Angels Chapel (air-conditioned) located on West 96<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave. Speakers include Zachariah Presutti, SJ, LMSW who is active in prison ministry and NY State Senator Bill Perkins, a sponsor of the Humane Alternatives to Solitary Confinement (HALT) Act. Question and answer period to follow. Please RSVP to Jackie Espinal @ 212-749-0276, Ext 112 or [jespinal.hn@gmail.com](mailto:jespinal.hn@gmail.com).



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](http://www.parishpay.com) 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, July 16**

5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Kubinsky
	2nd	Rebecca Painter
	POF	Carolyn McZinc
	EM	Joe Tessitore, Edward Wiese, Rebecca Painter, Carolyn McZinc

**Sunday, July 17**

8:30 am	1st	Damian Begley
	2nd	Damian Begley
	POF	John Hunt
	EM	James Palazza, Louella White, Hugh Regan, Damian Begley, John Hunt
10:00 am	1st	Mary Bradley
	2nd	Mary Bradley
	POF	Mary Bradley
	EM	Mary Bradley, Judy Braun, Julie Tom, Peter Diggins, Anna-Sophia Leone
12:30 pm	1st	Megan Mitchell
	2nd	Megan Mitchell
	POF	Diana Lote
	EM	Elsa Alvarez, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Megan Mitchell, Carlos Sosa, Lidia Stempien
5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Hutton
	2nd	Kathleen LaMagna
	POF	Matthew Sitman
	EM	Ellen Koneck, Kevin Meskell, Tiffany Riady, Rob Porell, John Gasdaska, Kathleen LaMagna, Matthew Sitman

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

South Carolina Republican Tim Scott, the US Senate's only African-American member, gave a speech in which he revealed that he, too, has been targeted by police. *Politico*: "[A]s recently as last year he was stopped by a Capitol Police officer who did not recognize him as a senator even though he was wearing his member's pin. 'The pin, I know. You, I don't,' Scott recalled the officer saying with 'a little attitude.'

"... Scott said that in the course of one year as an elected official, he was stopped seven times by law enforcement. And while in some of those instances he was speeding, Scott said the 'vast majority' of those encounters were the result of 'nothing more than driving a new car in the wrong neighborhood or some other reason just as trivial.'

"... I simply ask you this: Recognize that just because you do not feel the pain, the anguish of another, does not mean it does not exist,' he said. 'To ignore their struggles, our struggles, does not make them disappear. It will simply leave you blind and the American family very vulnerable.'"