

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

Dear Parishioners and friends:

I am sure you would join me in thanking Andrea Bocelli and the Voices of Haiti Children’s Choir for so enriching our celebration of the 8:30am Eucharist last Sunday. Thank you too, to James Palazza, our hospitality chairperson, who did so much behind the scenes. To all who said “Oh! I wish I knew about it” - you have to get Flocknote – don’t put it off, you never know what you will see here at Blessed Sacrament. Go to www.Flocknote.com/BSC to sign up. Also check out our parish website, www.blessedsacramentnyc.org for news and updates!

Altar Servers play a very important role in the celebration of the Eucharist – young people from the 3rd Grade on are “invited and encouraged to serve the community. Please call the rectory with your name and phone number. The preparation will take place on Saturday, October 8th, at 10:00am.

Monday and Wednesday of this week, the Church celebrates various martyrs who inspire us to invite others to faith by way of charity and preaching. Cosmas and Damian, both doctors who provided free medical service, were martyred in 287 because they would not renounce their faith. Wenceslaus, King of Bohemia in the 10th Century, proclaimed the Gospel to his people and had a fervent desire to see them come to know Jesus. He was murdered by his own brother. Lawrence Ruiz was a Pilipino catechist, married with three children, and killed along with fifteen companions in Japan because they would not adhere to the state religion and trample upon images sacred to our Christian Faith.

Tuesday we celebrate Vincent de Paul, a priest who renewed the clergy and defended the poor and abandoned. He founded the Vincentian Father and the Daughters of Charity. Thursday we celebrate the Archangels, God’s special messengers. Raphael (*God has healed*), Gabriel (*God is my strength*), and Michael (*Who is like God*) remind us that God often uses instruments- angels or other people- to communicate His presence and will to us. On this day, we could ask: *How do we help heal, how do we announce Christ to the world, and how do we rely on God’s power amidst the spiritual struggles of our day?*

Friday we celebrate the great Doctor of the Church Saint Jerome, a man devoted to Scripture, who famously said that *ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ*. Each week we come to church and place ourselves under the Word of God to be encouraged, enlightened, and challenged.

Saturday we celebrate St. Therese of Lisieux, the *Little Flower*. Therese chose a cloistered life in a convent, and was ill for most of her adult life, eventually dying from tuberculosis at age 24. While she had a desire to do many great things for God and the Church, she learned that the smallest and most ordinary acts of her day could be done with great love. Nothing, if love is present, is truly ordinary.

Thank you all for your example of faith, hope and love, and let us, as always, continue to pray for peace.

Father Duffell

SHARE YOUR VOICE

The Committee for Pastoral Planning would like to thank you for participating in our parish survey this past May. As you may recall, the purpose of the survey was to obtain your feedback on the state of the parish - what it is doing well and what it can improve.

At the church entrance is a Parish Report that includes a summary of the survey and suggested Goals that will assist the parish in preparing a Pastoral Plan to guide the parish forward in the coming years. The complete survey report can be found at www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/share-your-voice and a printed copy is in the rectory office.

Based upon the analysis of the survey data, the Committee for Pastoral Planning is seeking your input again. The committee would like to discuss the suggested goals. The goals we decide on as a parish will be a significant part of the overall Pastoral Plan. Pastoral Planning increases the clarity of the parish’s mission and its priorities to achieve its mission. We have scheduled three SHARE YOUR VOICE meetings to give parishioners the opportunity to have direct input on what the goals of the parish should be and thereby help the parish to focus on how best to use its resources to achieve its mission.

The meetings will take place in the lower church hall. To ensure we have adequate seating, please stop by the church rectory or call the rectory at 212-877-3111 to sign up for one of the meetings that is convenient for you.

September 18th -- 11:00am – 12:15pm
 September 25th -- 6:45pm – 8:00pm
 September 28th – 7:00pm – 8:15pm

Share Your Voice! Hope to see you there!



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;

Estoy seguro que junto conmigo todos queremos agradecer a Andrea Bocelli y al Coro Voces de Haiti por enriquecer el domingo pasado a las 8:30am nuestra celebración de la Eucaristía. Nuestro agradecimiento también a James Palazza por su gran ayuda. A todos los que han dicho "hubiera querido saber de este evento" entren y firmen en www.Flocknote.com/BSC. Nunca se sabe que estamos planeando en Blessed Sacrament. También entren en nuestro website: www.blessedsacramentnyc.org para mas información.

Los ayudantes del altar son una parte muy importante de la celebración de la Eucaristía - invitamos a todos los jóvenes a partir del 3er grado a servir a la comunidad. Pueden llamar a la Rectoría y dejar su nombre y numero de teléfono. El entrenamiento tendrá lugar el sábado 8 de octubre a las 10:00am.

El lunes y el miércoles la Iglesia celebra varios mártires quienes nos inspiran a invitar a otros a la fe por medio de la caridad y la plegaria. Cosme y Damian, doctores ofreciendo servicios médicos gratis fueron martirizados en el 287 por no querer renunciar a su fe. Wenceslao, Rey de Bohemia en el siglo 10 proclamó el Evangelio a su pueblo y quiso que llegaran a conocer a Jesus. Fue asesinado por su propio hermano. El filipino Lorenzo Ruiz, catequista, casado y padre de tres hijos fue asesinado en Japón junto a 15 compañeros por no adherirse a la religión estatal y no querer pisotear imágenes sagradas de la fe Cristiana. ven

El martes celebramos a San Vicente de Paul, un sacerdote que renovó el clero y defendió a los pobres y abandonados. Fundo los Padres Vincentianos ("Vincentian Fathers") y las Hijas de la Caridad ("Daughters of Charity"). El jueves celebramos los Arcángeles, mensajeros especiales del Señor. Rafael (*Dios nos ha curado*), Gabriel (*Dios es mi fortaleza*), y Miguel (*Quien es como Dios*) nos recuerdan que Dios usa a veces instrumentos -ángeles u otras personas- para comunicarnos su presencia y voluntad. En este día podríamos preguntar: *Como podemos ayudar a sanar, como anunciamos la presencia de Cristo al mundo, y como contamos con el poder de Dios en la lucha espiritual de cada día?*

El viernes celebramos al gran Doctor de la Iglesia San Geronimo, un hombre devoto de las Escrituras quien genialmente dijo que *ignorar las Escrituras era ignorar a Cristo*. Cada semana venimos a la iglesia y nos colocamos bajo la Palabra de Dios a ser animados, ilustrados, y desafiados.

El sábado celebramos a Santa Teresa de Lisieux, la *Pequeña Flor*. Teresa escogió la vida de clausura en un convento y estuvo enferma la mayor parte de su vida, muriendo de tuberculosis a los 24 años. Mientras que quiso hacer grandes cosas por Dios y la Iglesia, aprendió que los actos mas pequeños y ordinarios de su cada día podían hacerse con mucho amor. Nada es ordinario cuando existe el amor.

Gracias a todos por su ejemplo de fe, esperanza y amor y, como siempre, continuemos rezando 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

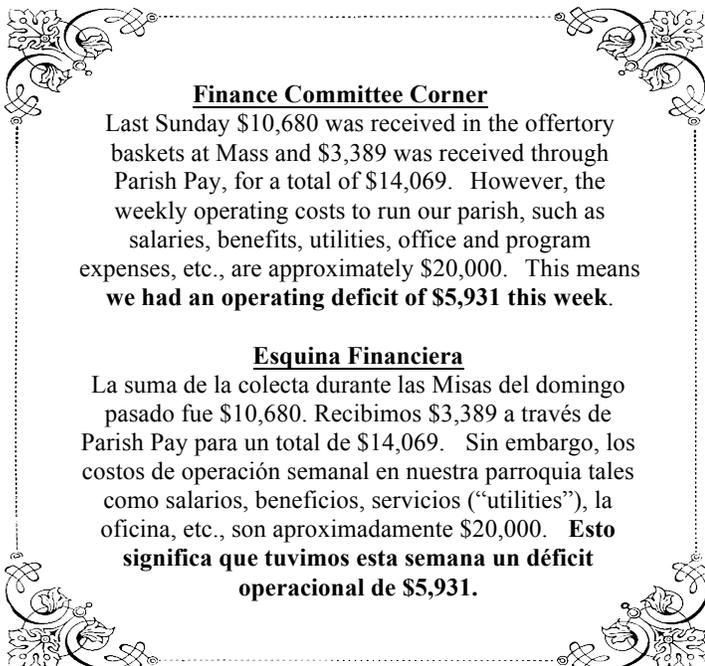


SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES began on Sunday, September 11. Registration has reopened for unfilled classes.

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.

CATHOLIC FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN GROUP

Please join us for a "Fall Picnic in the Park!" All ages are welcome. We'll meet in Central Park Saturday afternoon, October 1, 3pm - 5pm, and return to Blessed Sacrament in time for 5:30pm Mass. Also, please mark your calendars for our Monthly Moms' Night - Wednesday, October 5 at 7pm in the Rectory. We look forward to helping each other grow in faith and raise our children as committed Catholics. All details for both events can be found on Meetup: <https://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/>



Finance Committee Corner
 Last Sunday \$10,680 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,389 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$14,069. 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 \$5,931 this week.**

Esquina Financiera
 La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$10,680. Recibimos \$3,389 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$14,069. 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 \$5,931.**

THE MICAH FAITH TABLE invites you to *New York City’s Gorgeous Mosaic: A Demographic Brought to Life.* Featuring Joseph J. Salvo, PhD and The Experience and Commitments of Diverse NYC Leaders.

When: Tuesday, September 27th at 6:45pm

Where: Hall of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament

RSVP to steinmandiane@gmail.com

SPIRIT SUNDAY

Please join us October 2nd 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.

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.

ABC’S OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

This week - CRS/Liberia: Your agency has worked hard to help Liberia recover from the Ebola outbreak. Behavior change is a key element to improving health conditions and future prevention Trust works. CRS and Church partners work closely to educate the public to safe health practices. Last week – CRS/Kenya.



Saturday Evening, September 24th

5:30 John and Anna Kegan +

Sunday, September 25th

8:30 Donna de Solis +

10:00 Jackie Benn +

11:15 Sara Pena +

12:30 Barbara Cicchetti +

5:30 Frank & Alice Wandrey +

Monday, September 26th

7:30

12:10 People of the Parish

5:30 Theresa Liu Avitabile +

Tuesday, September 27th

7:30

12:10

5:30 Intention of Samantha Burke & Family

Wednesday, September 28th

7:30

12:10 Cesar G. Reyes on his First Anniversary of Death +

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

Thursday, September 29th

7:30

12:10

5:30 Archangels Michael, Raphael and Gabriel

Friday, September 30th

7:30

12:10

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middlehoff

Saturday, September 31st

7:30

12:10

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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** _____

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule
Saturday, Sept. 24**

5:30 pm	1st	Elizabeth Hutton
	2nd	Anita Pearl
	POF	CJ Groeschke
	EM	Edward Wiese, GInetta LaBlanca, Joe Tessitore, CJ Groeschke, Stephen Whelan

Sunday, Sept. 25

8:30 am	1st	Damian Begley
	2nd	Damian Begley
	POF	James Palazza
	EM	Terry Naglack, Eileen Simson, Vivian Villaluz, Damian Begley, James Palazza
10:00 am	1st	Andrew Fitzsimmons
	2nd	Joan Tedeschi
	POF	Anna Piazza
	EM	Eddie Litton, Peter Diggins, Judy Braun, Anna-Sophia Leone, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Anna Piazza, Andrew Fitzsimmons
12:30 pm	1st	Loretta Edmonds
	2nd	Loretta Edmonds
	POF	Jack Going
	EM	Elsa Alvarez, Thomas Alexander, Jack Going, Carlos Sosa
5:30 pm	1st	Thomas Davis
	2nd	Kimberley LaMarque Orman
	POF	Mark Murphy
	EM	Kimberley LaMarque Orman, Thomas Davis, Ellen Koneck, Helena Maria Lim, Rob Porell, Mark Murphy, Matthew Sitman

CELEBRANT SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 1st	5:30pm	Father O' Shea
Sunday, October 2nd	8:30am	Father Ernest
	10:00am	Father Duffell
	11:15am	Father O' Shea
	12:30	Father Duffell
Special Needs Mass	4:00pm	Father Duffell
	5:30pm	Father Duffell

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.