

CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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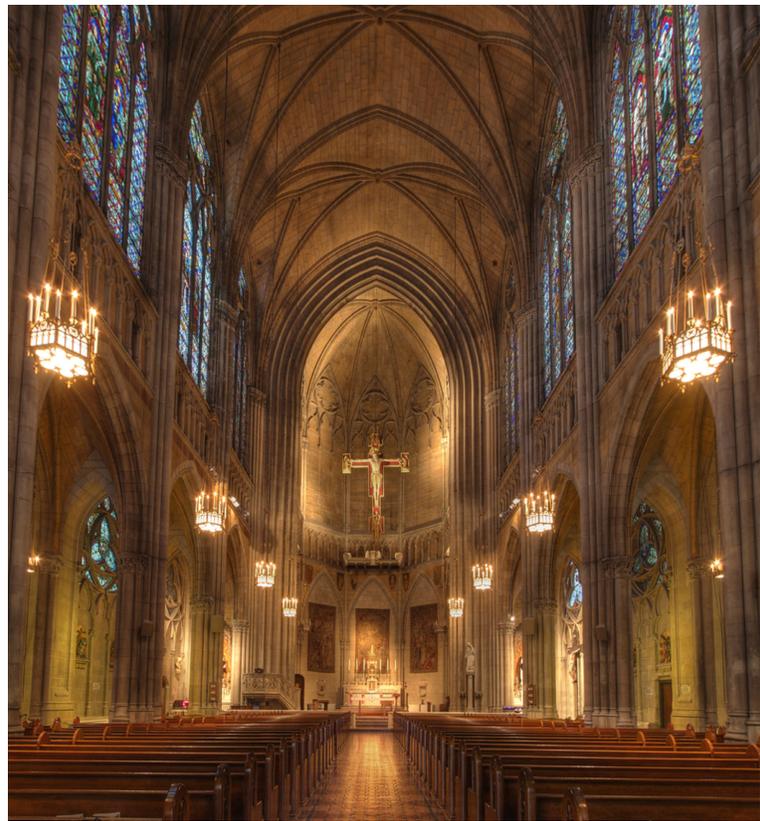
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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday evening at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30AM, 10:00AM (Family Mass) 11:15AM
(Spanish), 12:30PM & 5:30PM (Young Adult Choir)

WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM, 5:30 PM

SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM

SPANISH WEEKDAY MASS:
Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:00 PM

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. First Communion and Confirmation require a two year program.

Sunday School Website:
www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Please keep our brothers and sisters in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe in your prayers as they suffer from the effects of Cyclone Idai. Over 600,000 people are affected and 1,000 feared dead. As you know, during the weekend of March 9-10 our Parish, as every Parish in the Archdiocese, took up its second collection for Catholic Relief Services. Through your generosity we collected \$3,001. Please know that this gesture on the part of the local churches is truly a help as these communities begin to recover from this disaster. CRS actively works with partners and is helping in the emergency relief and recovery in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe right now. This includes emergency food assistance, shelter supplies, water, sanitation and hygiene supplies, repairs to homes and infrastructure, replenishing of tools to farmers, as well as vouchers given directly to affected families to purchase much needed items through local markets. Thank you again for all you do here at Blessed Sacrament, and for carrying your love and concern to the far corners of the world.

Let us pray also for our Muslim brothers and sisters who were killed in New Zealand, fellow men, women, and children of faith, senselessly shot down as they gathered for prayer last week. Let us pray for an end to violence, for reasonable laws that protect citizens from hatred and violence, and for the unity of the human family. I am pleased to know that members of our Social Action Committee are working right now to show their support for the Muslim Community here through a visit to the Cordoba House and Imam Abdul Rauf, who presented at our parish a couple of years ago. God is love, let us love one another.

Please consider joining us on April 7th at the 12:30 Mass when the newly restored Rose Window will officially be unveiled. Immediately following the Mass Patrick Clark from Sunlites will offer a presentation on his work and the beauty of our Window.

Congratulations to our youngsters who offered their first confessions to the Lord during this past week. God does not ask perfection, but a heart that is contrite. Let us keep the youth of our parish in our prayers and look to them for hope in our world and church.

We had a visitor from afar drop in this week! Alessandro Pittorino, our former Director of Music Ministry, is visiting these days. It is good to see him on his feet after the difficulty with his Visa issues this past summer. I hear that Alessandro may offer some music during next Sunday's 12:30pm Mass. Please stop in to see him and wish him well as he continues his career down under!

Pray for peace.

Father Duffell



HOLY WEEK SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY, April 14

Before each Mass the Palms will be blessed on 71st street.

Saturday - 5:30 P.M.

Sunday - 8:30, 9:45, 11:15 A.M. (Sp.)
12:30 and 5:30 P.M.

Monday, April 15

The Day of Penance in Preparation for Easter.
Priests will be available from 3:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY, April 18

9:30 A.M. - Morning Prayer

7:30 P.M. - The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

Procession to the repository.

Adoration 9:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 19

9:30 A.M. - Tenebrae

10:30 A.M. - Stations of the Cross for Families

12:00 P.M. - Bilingual Stations of the Cross

3:00 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Sp.)

5:30 P.M. - Solemn Liturgy of the Passion (Eng.)

HOLY SATURDAY, April 20

9:30 A.M. - Tenebrae

8:30 P.M. - Easter Vigil

and Celebration of Resurrection

EASTER SUNDAY, April 21

8:30, 9:45, 11:15 A.M. (Sp.)

12:30 and 5:30 P.M.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos,

Les pido mantener a nuestros hermanos y hermanas en Mozambique, Malawi y Zimbabwe en sus oraciones, ya que sufren los efectos del ciclón Idai. Más de 600,000 personas están afectadas y se teme que hayan más de 1,000 muertos. Como saben, durante el fin de semana del 9 al 10 de marzo, nuestra parroquia, como cada parroquia de la Arquidiócesis, tomó su segunda colecta para el "Catholic Relief Services." A través de su generosidad conseguimos \$3,001. Tengan en cuenta que este gesto por parte de las iglesias locales es realmente una ayuda ya que estas comunidades comienzan a recuperarse de este desastre. CRS trabaja activamente con varios socios ayudando a aliviar en estos momentos la recuperación en Mozambique, Malawi y Zimbabwe. Esto incluye asistencia alimentaria de emergencia, suministros de refugio, agua, saneamiento e higiene, reparaciones de viviendas e infraestructura, reabastecimiento de herramientas para los agricultores, así como vales entregados directamente a las familias afectadas para comprar artículos muy necesarios a través de los mercados locales. Gracias de nuevo por todo lo que hacen aquí en "Blessed Sacrament" y por llevar su amor y preocupación a los rincones más lejanos del mundo.

Oremos también por nuestros hermanos y hermanas musulmanes que fueron asesinados en Nueva Zelanda, compañeros, mujeres e hijos de fe, derribados sin sentido mientras se reunían para orar la semana pasada. Oremos por leyes razonables que protejan a los ciudadanos del odio y la violencia, y por la unidad de la familia humana. Me complace saber que los miembros de nuestro Comité de Acción Social están trabajando en este momento para mostrar su apoyo a la comunidad musulmana de Nueva York a través de una visita a la Casa de Córdoba y al Imam Abdul Rauf, quien estuvo en nuestra parroquia hace un par de años. Dios es amor, amémonos los unos a los otros.

Les pido considerar estar con nosotros el 7 de abril en la misa de las 12:30, cuando se inaugurará oficialmente la recién restaurada "Rose Window". Inmediatamente después de la misa, Patrick Clark de "Sunlites" ofrecerá una presentación sobre su trabajo y la belleza de nuestra ventana.

Felicitaciones a nuestros jóvenes que ofrecieron sus primeras confesiones al Señor durante la semana pasada. Dios no pide la perfección, sino un corazón contrito. Mantengamos a los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia en nuestras oraciones y busquemos en ellos la esperanza en nuestro mundo y en nuestra iglesia.

¡Esta semana nos visitó alguien desde muy lejos! Alessandro Pittorino, nuestro ex Director del Ministerio de Música, está de visita aquí estos días. Es bueno verlo tan bien después de las dificultades con sus problemas de Visa durante el verano pasado. Escuché que Alessandro podría ofrecer algo de música durante la misa de las 12:30 pm del próximo domingo. ¡Vengan a verlo y deseárele lo mejor mientras continúa su carrera!

Recemos por la paz.

Padre Duffell



CRS RICE BOWL: 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. Using the cardboard Rice Bowl is a familiar reminder to collect the money you save from what you give up for Lent. PLEASE PICK UP A RICE BOWL with a Lenten calendar and a flyer for more information at the church entrance. Also, join CRS Rice Bowl's on-line community at csrcricebowl.org. REMEMBER, WHAT YOU GIVE UP FOR LENT CHANGES LIVES.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

Please join us during any or all of the Wednesday of Lent: 3/27 and 4/3, 10, 17 for our Lenten Simple Suppers. Prayers and meditation begin at 7PM in the dining room of 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 Chris Williams at 304-337-1252 or jcw.arts@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you then.

LENTEN SUNDAY VESPERS

Women in Scripture: "She has been a helper of many and of myself as well" (Romans 16.2), is the title of the Lenten Sunday Vespers series to be held at Corpus Christi Church. Beginning March 10, each Sunday will bring speakers to address the subject of women in the Bible, both New and Old Testaments. Preachers will be Rev. Mary Foulke, pastor of St Mary's Episcopal Church in Harlem (March 10); Dr. Amy Kalmanofsky, of Jewish Theological Seminary (March 17); Rev. Victoria Sirota, formerly at St John the Divine Episcopal cathedral (March 24); Dr. Claudia Setzer, professor of Religious Studies at Manhattan College (April 7). Sundays at 4:00 pm. Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, in Manhattan. nfo: (212) 666-9350 or email cchristinyc@gmail.com.

LENTEN VESPERS
Sundays at 4:00 P.M.

March 24
Rev. Victoria Sirota
Priest-in-Charge, St. John's Episcopal Church, Yonkers

March 31
speaker to be announced

April 7
Dr. Claudia Setzer
Manhattan College, Riverdale

To All Blessed Sacrament Women. The Women's Group will be meeting this Tuesday, March 26th at 7pm in the rectory. Please join us!

HOSPITALITY SUNDAYS

Thank you to all who help organize and participate in our Hospitality Sundays, with Coffee Hour after the morning Masses and Spirit Sunday after the evening Mass. Please note the following Hospitality Sunday is March 31st.

Saturday Evening, March 23rd

5:30 Maud Smith +

Sunday, March 24th

8:30 Adelaida Suarez +
10:00 Bernadette Flattery +
11:15 Alba Hinojosa de Rios +
12:30 Intentions of Nicole Briand
5:30 Mrs. Geraldine O'Brien +

Monday, March 25th

7:30 Donna de Solis +
12:10 Paddy Boland +
5:30 Verna & Salvatore Bronzo +

Tuesday, March 26th

7:30
12:10 Felix Agustin +
5:30 People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 27th

7:30 Hong Sik Kim +
12:10 Marc J. Fredericks +
5:30 Mar Montelbano +

Thursday, March 28th

7:30 Marco Robba +
12:10
5:30 Intentions of Connie Postma

Friday, March 29th

7:30
12:10 Myrna M. Aiello +
5:30 Emelina & Isolina Irizarry +

Saturday, March 30th

7:30
12:10 George Burnham +

FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

Last Sunday \$5,635 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,905 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$11,088. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection. The second collection in support of the Propagation of Faith totaled \$5,635. Thank you.

ESQUINA FINANCIERA

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$5,635. Recibimos \$5,905 a través de WeShare para un total de \$11,088. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular. La segunda colecta para Propagación de la fe totalizo \$5,635. Gracias

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, Mar. 23

5:30 pm 1st Merleann Taylor
2nd Judith Rice
POF Mary Moore
EM Maria Torres, Amy Kathuria, Joe Tessitore, Alec Dadisman, Mary Mandel

Sunday, Mar. 24

8:30 am 1st John Hunt
2nd Barli Nugent
POF Clare Bush
EM JoDell Shields, John Hunt, Barli Nugent, Clare Bush, Vivian Villaluz

10:00 am 1st Shea Stone
2nd Emily Stolar
POF Julian Joseph
EM Joan Tedeschi, Marina Che, Shirley Rodriguez, Julie Tom, Patricia Caffrey, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Mimi Nevin

11:15 am 1st Rosario Flores
2nd Daysi Guardado
POF Cindy Ochoa
EM Peter Diggins, Oscar Henk, Cindy Ochoa

12:30 pm 1st Ingrid Leacock
2nd Laura Ravo
POF Terry Hurlbutt
EM Ed Casey, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Anne Jason, Lola Gordon, Lidia Stempien, Elsa Alvarez,

Wendy Pineda

5:30 pm 1st Elizabeth Occhipinti
2nd John Fox
POF Adriana Gonzalez
EM John Fox, Rob Porell, Adriana Gonzalez, Tiffany Riady, Helena Maria Lim, Anne Lentini, Elizabeth Occhipinti

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and abstinence. All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence.

Fasting requires that only one full meal be taken per day. Two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these 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 until age 59. Those not specifically obliged to fast are encouraged to join in the discipline of fasting to the extent that they are able.

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 entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent that they are able.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

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 Spouse's Name _____

(Only if Both are Registering)

Children _____

Address _____

Apt # _____ City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Telephone _____

Email _____

Your Occupation _____

Your Spouse's Occupation _____

How should we address you? (Check one)

Mr. & Mrs. _____ Mr. _____ Mrs. _____ Ms. _____

Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes

Yes _____ No _____

What is WeShare?

WeShare, LPI's Online Giving Management System, allows Blessed Sacrament's parishioners to donate to our parish efficiently, effectively, and securely. It is an automated means for parishioners to support our church financially through one-time or recurring contributions.

If you would like to make your giving easy and consistent, please consider our electronic giving option. Currently 460 parish families are using this simple and secure way to make and track their parish giving. If you would like to learn more about this easy, safe and secure way of giving, please visit <http://blessedsacramentnyc.churchgiving.com> and click on Make a Donation or call 1800-950-9952.



THE MISSION

Lenten film viewing

The Mission, a film that is perfect for Lent, will be shown on Saturday afternoon, April 13, at 2pm in the Rectory's 2nd floor meeting room. Starring Robert De Niro and Jeremy Irons, it is a mostly true story of the 18th century Jesuit mission to South America to convert the Guarnani natives to Christianity. It contains elements of worldly transgressions (slave trading, power, lust, revenge, hate) and one man's attempt to change his life. This film, a Paulist Fathers production, received rave reviews and several awards and if you've never seen it, don't miss this showing - it will enhance your Lenten experience. The movie is rated PG and is 2 1/2 hours long.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2019 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, June 2 at 2:00 PM Pre-registration is required. Please contact William Moran at 212-877-3111 or wmoran@blessedsacramentnyc.org to register. The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM



All Our Children, produced at The Sheen Center. This drama is set against a forgotten chapter of the Holocaust, the murder of disabled children and young people. Dr. Victor Franz faces a moral and ethical dilemma in his role as the head of a clinic for disabled children. A series of encounters cause him to question his actions, including one with Bishop von Galen, a real-life Catholic bishop who was outspoken in his opposition to the Nazis' treatment of these young Germans. All Our Children is a timely work of historical fiction rooted firmly in the true evils of the past. You don't want to miss this show.

Group tickets can be purchased through Virginia Hill (\$39 for previews, \$49 for regular performances). There are also \$80 reserved seats in the front row for those who request them.



Girls Scouts Gold Award

Annamarie Cross, a girl scout in the process of achieving her Gold Award, will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend. Annamarie is asking for dog/cat supplies to be donated for her project to help homeless pets. If you have any food, toys, or clean towels, please consider making a donation to her project by dropping them into the box in the rectory where they will be collected. If you have any questions, you can contact Annamarie via email @ annamariexcross14@gmail.com.

In Sunday's Gospel, a terrible thing has happened. The occupying Romans have killed several Galileans and mixed their blood with that of the Roman sacrifices, utterly disrespecting the slain people. Jesus's reaction is to assure his audience that the victims of this massacre were no more sinful than anyone else. No one should consider him- or herself better or more worthy than another. Rather, all should strive to repent of their sins. Jesus then goes on to tell a story of a fig tree that isn't bearing fruit. The fig tree represents leaders at the time, but could represent us today, as well. The Good News is that God, like the gardener in the story, is willing to give us another chance to become fruitful. God—and the gardener—are even set to cultivate the tree, unproductive leadership, or us with fertilizer to help us along. God, the great I AM, out of love and mercy offers us a land flowing with milk and honey despite our frailty. Let us remember we are a community of equals and commit to bearing much good fruit for one another as God intends. ~Pax Christi Metro New York

PAX CHRISTI'S 37th ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS: Join with hundreds of others in the largest public Christian peace witness in New York City. This Way of the Cross is a modern-day Stations of the Cross, witnessing for peace and justice in the streets of our city. The theme this year is "Jesus Calls Us to Truth and Forgiveness." At each Station we reflect on our participation in a world still characterized by crucifixion. The walk begins at 8:30 AM on March 30th at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues and proceeds along 42nd Street, ending on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro New York at 212-420-0250, info@nypaxchristi.org, or www.nypaxchristi.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD – MASS AT 5:30PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - MASSES AT 8:30AM & 12:30PM

ENTRANCE HYMN: All Are Welcome #737

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
 R./ The Lord is kind and merciful;
 the Lord is kind and merciful.

OFFERTORY HYMN: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #717

COMMUNION HYMN: Return to God #471

RECESSIONAL HYMN: What Wondrous Love #689

Kyrie

Lord have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy. Lord have
 mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. Lord have
 mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Sanctus and Benedictus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
 God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na
 in the high - est, Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bles-sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, grant us peace.