

# CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

**WEEKDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 5:30 PM

**SATURDAYS:** 7:30 AM, 12:00 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 Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the Church.

**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.

**BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:**  
First Friday - Exposition: 12:35 pm. Adoration: All day;  
Benediction: 5:15 PM.

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:** Mondays, after the 12:10 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.  
Webpage: [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org/rel-ed)

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH - DECEMBER 26TH, 2021

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

In 1223 Francis of Assisi spent the last days of Advent praying in a small Italian town called Greccio. St. Francis came up with an entirely new way to celebrate Christmas. He had the people of the town construct a stable near where he was living and had it filled with animals. In the center of the stable he placed a small baby doll in a manger filled with hay. This was the first Christmas Creche. On Christmas Eve the local Franciscan monks and sisters, and the local people of the town had a candlelight procession to go up to the stable and celebrate an outdoor Mass at midnight. During the Mass, St. Francis knelt down in front of the small doll of the infant Jesus to bless it and as he lifted it out of the manger a man saw the doll awake and come to life. Thomas of Celano, the first to write a biography of Francis explained the significance of what happened. Thomas wrote that in the hearts of many of the people who had come for the Mass that night, the child Jesus "had been given over to oblivion". He said "Jesus was completely asleep in their hearts". People had become so involved with other things that they had stopped paying attention to Jesus, they had stopped listening to Jesus, they had stopped noticing that he was there at all. Through the ministry of St. Francis, on that Christmas Eve, God awakened Jesus in their hearts". With the Creche, God made a deep impression in the hearts of the people. Just as the sleeping doll of Jesus came to life in Francis' arms, the sleeping Jesus in the people's heart was brought to life because of Francis' love and devotion. Thomas wrote "everyone went home from the Mass filled with joy". This Christmas season let us allow God to touch our hearts through His Word and through His Body and Blood that we too may be filled with joy.

A special thanks to all who generously donated to provide for our Christmas flowers and wreaths and all who help decorate the church and Creche.  
Merry Christmas!

David Nolan

Queridos Amigos y Feligreses:

En 1223, Francisco de Asís pasó los últimos días de Adviento rezando en un pequeño pueblo italiano llamado Greccio. San Francisco ideó una forma completamente nueva de celebrar la Navidad. Hizo que la gente del pueblo construyera un establo cerca de donde vivía y lo llenara de animales. En el centro del establo coloca un pequeño muñeco en un pesebre lleno de heno. Esta fue la primera guardería navideña. En la víspera de Navidad, los monjes y hermanas franciscanos, y la gente de la ciudad tuvieron una procesión iluminada por velas para subir al establo y celebrar una misa al aire libre a la medianoche. Durante la misa, San Francisco se arrodilló frente al pequeño muñeco del niño Jesús para bendecirlo y, cuando lo levantó del pesebre, un hombre vio que el muñeco despertó y cobraba vida. Tomás de Celano, el primero en escribir una biografía de Francisco, explicó la importancia de lo que sucedió. Thomas escribió que en los corazones de muchas de las personas que habían venido a la misa esa noche, el niño Jesús "había sido entregado al olvido". Él dijo: "Jesús estaba completamente dormido en sus corazones". La gente se había involucrado tanto con otras cosas que habían dejado de prestarle atención a Jesús, habían dejado de escuchar a Jesús, habían dejado de notar que él estaba allí. A través del ministerio de San Francisco, en esa víspera de Navidad, Dios despertó a Jesús en sus corazones". Con el Creche, Dios causó una profunda impresión en los corazones de las personas. Así como el muñeco dormido de Jesús cobró vida en los brazos de Francisco, el Jesús dormido en el corazón de la gente fue traído a la vida por el amor y la devoción de Francisco. Thomas escribió "todos se fueron a casa después de la Misa llenos de alegría". Esta temporada navideña permitamos que Dios toque nuestros corazones a través de Su Palabra y a través de Su Cuerpo y Sangre para que nosotros también podamos estar llenos de alegría.

Un agradecimiento especial a todos los que generosamente donaron para proporcionar nuestras flores y coronas navideñas y a todos los que ayudaron a decorar la iglesia y la guardería. ¡Feliz Navidad!

David Nolan



The School of the Blessed Sacrament strives to educate 21st century learners and create future leaders in an environment that is rooted in faith and strengthened by its community. At The School of the Blessed Sacrament, learning is not a spectator sport.

SBS is currently accepting applications for incoming students grades Prek-8th. Call today for more information 212-724-7561 or [admissions@sblsnyc.org](mailto:admissions@sblsnyc.org)

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The School of the Blessed Sacrament is seeking After School staff / counselors as we look to expand our after school programming. Positions are available to work with various age groups, M-F from 3:00-6:00pm following our school calendar. To apply or learn more, please email the Head of Lower School, Carissa Canovas, at [ccanovas@sblsnyc.org](mailto:ccanovas@sblsnyc.org) or call 212-724-7561.

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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PARISH OUTREACH MINISTRY

Formerly part of St Vincent de Paul Society, we are now an independent group of parishioners reaching out to help the vulnerable, especially the elderly, in our Blessed Sacrament community.

We have made connections with residents of Hargrave House, a senior residence just a few steps from here, but we need more people willing to give a little of their time — for example, to assist residents with shopping, accompany them to doctor's appointments, or advise them of appropriate local and government services.

We are not asking for money at this time, although that is always welcome. We are asking you to join our efforts in ministering to anyone who needs this sort of help. We meet about once a month via Zoom to prayerfully discuss our progress and support one another in our mission to be involved in the service of Jesus. This is not only a sacred trust but also a very rewarding experience because we see the face of our Lord in those who turn to us for help.

We hope to hear from you! —The Parish Outreach Ministry:  
Kathy, Barbara, Anita G, Maryse, Laura, and Anita P

Contact Kathy Bussman (908) 304-4326 or leave your name and contact information at the Parish Office (212) 877-3111.

### *Questions about our Faith*

"Questions About Our Faith" is a Q&A feature for parishioners and friends who are looking for answers to their faith related questions.

In a weekly video series, Father Nolan will answer select questions about liturgy, prayer, morality, etc.

Submit your questions at  
<https://blessedsacramentnyc.org/questions-about-our-faith>



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday Evening, December 25th

5:30 No Mass

### Sunday, December 26th

8:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
10:00 Intentions of Shawee Yohannes  
11:00 Intentions of Sor Adela  
12:30 Angela Veltri +  
5:30 Noemi Laza +

### Monday, December 27th

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 Redencion Canlas +  
5:30 Jeffrey Nielsen +

### Tuesday, December 28th

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 Dwain C. Kaufman, Jr. +  
5:30 Fran & John Tessitore +

### Wednesday, December 29th

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 Belen Nobleza Santiago +  
5:30 The Monaham Family +

### Thursday, December 30th

7:30 Henry Rosen +  
12:00 Robert Ronan +  
5:30 Camilo Mora +

### Friday, December 31st

7:30 All Souls in Purgatory  
12:00 Ruth Shacker +  
5:30

### Saturday, January 1st - New Years Day

8:30 Fatima Intentions +  
10:00 Georgette Henry +  
12:30 Josefino Tirol +

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

### FINANCE COMMITTEE CORNER

Last Sunday \$4,465 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$5,389 was received through WeShare, for a total of \$9,854. Thank you for so generously giving to our regular collection.

### ESQUINA FINANCIERA

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$4,465. Recibimos \$5,389 a través de WeShare para un total de \$9,854. Gracias por dar tan generosamente a nuestra colección regular.

Sign up for WE SHARE: We Share is an easy way to support Blessed Sacrament parish throughout the year - even when you are unable to attend your parish Mass. With We Share, never miss a Mass collection or donation. There is no need to carry a check book or cash for the collection - and no need for envelopes. You can make on-line donations using a credit card, debit card or electronic check. With a We Share account, you can manage your weekly, monthly or one time donations, as well as your personal information.

We Share ensures the highest security standards available are adhered to. You have access to your on-line donations for tax purposes. Easy to print offertory slips are available if you would like to place one in the collection basket representing your on-line donation. We Share provides customer support by phone or email.

Go to [www.blessedsacramentnyc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org) and click on the ONLINE GIVING icon at the top left of the home page.

## The flowers that beautifully decorate our church for the christmas season have been offered for...

Andrew Adair+	Alice Ferrata +	Kitty & Jasman Montalvo +
Myrna, John & Jonathan Aiello+	Gene Fletcher+	DavidMontelle+
Luis Alvarez Mairena+	Beth Fletcher+	Kevin Morgan+
Santos Alvarez Peralta+	Tom, Nancy & Kathy Flynne+	John L. Nash, Jr.+
Severina Maria Bacer Edwards+	Barbara & Eileen Flynne+	Rose M. O'Brien+
Irena B. Bagang+	Harry & Margaret Flynne+	Catherine M. O'Hehir+
Father FredBalinong +	Percy & Connie Flynne+	Msgr. Robert O'Connor+
Eugenia Ballard+	Gerald & Grace Flynne+	Celeste Perez-Espailat+
Viola Barnes+	Ashley & Anne Flynne +	ConsueloPerez-Espailat+
Joseph Behrmann+	Eileen Flynne Lomax +	Ana A. Perez-Espailat+
Kathryn Berhmann+	Edgar,Michael & Norman Frelow+	Manolo Perez-Espailat+
Margaret & William Berres+	Frances Frons+	Abby Plotkin+
Lillian Blamey+	Argentina Guzman	Olga MairenaRivas+
SallyBoland+	Mary E. Hanley+	Robert Ronan+
Paddy Boland+	Catheirne & GeorgeHennessy+	Carole J.Russo+
Michael Boland+	Winston & Carolyn Hill+	James & Nellie Shields+
John Bucci+	Clare Hoganaur+	Amelia & John Silvestro +
Carolyn Kay Campbell+	Tony Horn+	Ellen & Johnny Silvestro +
Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Campochiaro+	Leon Horowitz+	JohnSimpson+
Evangeline T. Carlos +	Terri Jordan+	Erlinda Sta. Romana+
Terri Castillo+	Vernon E. Jordan, Jr.+	Catalino Sta. Romana+
Mildred & John PatrickConfrey+	Sarah Judson+	Sr. Eileen Storey, SC+
Jennie & Vito Constantino+	John & Frances Kaufman+	Lillie Sutton+
Dr. Joseph Croce+	Lester C. Kaufman+	Mary Ellen Szawlowski+
OlgaCroce+	Dwain C. Kaufman, Jr.+	Joan & Thomas Tedeschi+
Rudolph Croce+	Dr. John Jr. & EllenKeating+	Robert & Mary Tedeschi+
Rocco Croce+	Dr. John Jr. & Joan Keating+	Theresa & AnthonyTedeschi+
Antoinette Croce+	Dr. Paul & Patricia Keating+	Andrew & Rosemary Tedeschi+
Marie & Joe Davi+	Dr. Richard & Barbara Keating +	Aaron Thomas+
Msgr. Victor Davis+	John Lachert+	ChristineTorres
Mathilda Dazizzi+	Carl Leonard+	Anastasia B. Trillana+
James & DorothyDelaney+	Max Lewis+	James Turner+
Constantina, Luigi & MarioDiscepola+	Alice Lipinski+	Regina Turner+
Nancy Drumm+	Ethel & Harold Livingston+	Iris Lola, Wilma H. & Francisco Vargas+
John Drumm+	Mildred Love+	Eduardo Vargas Borke+
George Francis Edwards+	Carol Lynch+	Vertilia Vivas+
The Belle Family+	Ciro Mauro+	Sylvia Walker+
The SimpsonFamily+	Renee McCalla+	Alice Walsh+
The Bransten Family+	Rith McKenney Bransten+	John Zizzi Sr.+
The Biggin/ Deinell Family+	Pasquale Meccariellot+	
Giuseppe Ferrata +	Ilia, Samuel & Juan Montalvo +	