

# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY**



## PARISH REGISTRATION

All Roman Catholics, (21 years and older) living within the boundaries of the Parish should register (stop by the Parish Office). Parents with children in our **Parish Religious Education Program** must be registered and using offertory envelopes.

## Sacraments of Baptism & Marriage

No dates given over the phone. Please consult the Parish website for further information.

## Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5pm (English) and  
7pm (Spanish)

### All Sunday Masses are in English

Sunday: 7:30am, 9am, 10:30am and  
12:10pm

Monday to Friday: 7:00am and 12:10pm

Saturday: 8:00am and 12:10pm

## The Sacrament of Confession

### Monday to Friday

6:45am to 6:55am

11:30am to 12noon

### Saturday

11:30am to 12noon

4:00pm to 4:55pm

6:30pm to 6:55 (in Spanish only)

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

Located at:  
95 Kings Highway  
**Cemetery Hours**  
8:00am to 4:00pm

**Office at:** 15 Shea Place  
914-636-6343

Manager: Mrs. Mary Rose

### Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday 9:00am to 12 noon  
cemetery@blessedsacramentnr.com

## Rectory Office Hours

**Monday to Friday: 9am to 4pm**  
**Saturday & Sunday: 9am to 3pm**

Served by:

Pastor: Rev. William Luciano

Parochial Vicars:

Rev. Biju Peter, C.M.I.

Rev. George Obeng-Yeboah Asumah

Deacon Rudy Babor

Pastoral Associate: Mrs. Mary Rose

Office Manager: Mrs. Luz Maldonado

Music Director and Organist:

Mr. Jonathan Mercado

music.blessedsacramentnr@gmail.com

## Parish Religious Education Program

Thomas Aquinas Center  
24 Shea Place  
914-235-7311

Email: prep@blessedsacramentnr.com

Secretary: Mrs. Gladis Kann

## PREP Office Hours

Monday to Thursday: 9:00am to 10:00am

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am to 11:45am

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## From the Pastor's Desk

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Happy New Year! This weekend we begin a new year. A new year is like a chapter in a book. We build on what comes before and look forward to what the future holds. Sometimes that future will be bright, other times

there will be rough patches that need to be gotten through. But no matter which it is, bright or rough, God is the one in charge at all times.

Every future has a past. This past year, here at Blessed Sacrament Church, has been a busy one. Many repairs have taken place within all of our four buildings. One of the biggest ones has been the necessary repairs in the Church Painting, cleaning, and so many other projects, which were necessary. Just walk into the Church and you can see the difference. Not only can you see the difference but you hear the difference. With so much of the woodwork restored, the acoustics have become better.

Our finances are still suffering from the effects of the pandemic. Unfortunately, many people have not yet returned to Church. We are grateful to all those who have signed up for "WeShare" electronic giving. This enables us to still receive monetary donations when you are not able to make it to Mass. We are grateful for all those who financially support the Parish. If you are able it would be great if you are able to increase your weekly offering.

Yes, every New Year that comes is like turning the pages of a much beloved story. But, before we can start a new chapter, we need to look at those, who have been part of the story, and recognize their contributions of time, talent and resources. We owe such a debt of gratitude to the clergy who bring God to us by their ministry. Those who work here at Blessed Sacrament are owed a special debt of gratitude for their dedication. We owe so much gratitude to those who clean the Church, who proclaim the Word of God as lectors, who take up the collections, who administer the Eucharist as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who sing in the choirs, who serve at our Masses, who teach in our Religious Education Program, and finally those who give sacrificially from their financial resources, to keep Blessed Sacrament Parish running.

What will the new Year bring? There is no doubt that there will be many blessings and some heartache. Isn't that the story of our lives? Here at Blessed Sacrament, we will continue to be first and foremost faithful to what the Church asks of us. We will be looking to continue to work, on preventative maintenance, in all of our buildings. We will also continue to work at making the Parish financially viable and stable.

As a New Year unfolds, it is my pleasure, on behalf of all of us here, to wish you a very Happy and Holy New Year.

### La Conversación en Inglés Continúa los miércoles, de 1:30-2:15pm

En el Centro Aquino sobre la calle Shea Place

**No se requiere inscripción anticipada**

Si tiene preguntas, por favor llame a la oficina Parroquial  
(914-632-3700) pregunte por la Sra. Mary Rose.

### Since last Christmas

As you can see a lot of work has been accomplished in the Church (much more still needs to be done).

If you remember, the lower part of the side walls of the Church were covered with paneling from the 1970's. It was during the 1970's that the original pews (from 1898) were removed and replaced. That would not have been so much of a problem if they had not been gradually elevated (flush to the floor by the sanctuary and rising to about a foot off the ground toward the lobby) and flush against the side walls. When the paneling was removed we discovered the original oak wainscoting. The bottom section of the wainscoting was missing but showed the elevation of the original pews. In addition, when the confessionals were moved from the front (by the picture of our Lady of Guadalupe and the baptismal font) the oak (of a different design) was damaged and/or removed. We had what was missing replicated and the entire wainscoting stripped, cleaned and refinished. The balcony (the three sections) stripped of layers of paint and refinished. Just the wainscoting and the balcony required over sixty gallons of paint remover. The side entrance on Shea Place, near the sanctuary, has had all the woodwork restored to the way it looked when the Church was built. The columns were striped of their paint and refinished. While the wainscoting was made of oak the columns were made of pine. The same wood stain was used on all the wood but due to the difference in wood it shows a different coloration.

Of course, all the new entrance doors have made quite a difference. I guess it was also in the 1970's that the old red doors were installed but they unfortunately did not stand the test of time and weather. The new entrance doors are made in the gothic style and nicely blend in with the inside lobby doors.

The statue of Saint Joseph has made it back into the Church after being in the parking lot for many, many years. And was placed in the area dedicated to Saint Joseph.

We removed the walls over the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph and exposed windows that have not seen the light of day for almost one hundred years.. The windows above Our Lady's altar were removed., repaired, cleaned and properly placed back into the positions that they were originally meant to be in.

### Prayer for Vocations

O loving and gracious God, Father of all, you bless your people in every time and season and provide for their needs through your providential care. Your Church is continually in need of priests, deacons, sisters and brothers to offer themselves in the service of the gospel by lives of dedicated love. Open the hearts of your sons and daughters to listen to your call in their lives. Give them the gift of understanding to discern your invitation to serve you and your Church. Give them the gift of courage to follow your call. May they have the spirit of young Samuel who found fulfillment in his life when he said to you, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

**Music Notes for this Weekend**

By Mr. Jonathan Mercado, Organist and Music Director

We three kings of Orient are  
bearing gifts we traverse afar;  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.  
O star of wonder, star of light,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light.

Many of us have been to a Christmas pageant of some sort where three men are dressed with a crown on their heads, and respectively hold their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as they reenact the visit of the three Kings to Jesus, Mary and Joseph. What usually accompanies this part of the pageant? The singing of "We Three Kings", of course! Interestingly enough, the history of this carol hits close to home....quite literally.

\*The author and composer, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820-1891), was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He received his education at the University of Vermont and at General Theological Seminary in New York City, graduating in 1850. Hopkins then became the first church music instructor at General Theological Seminary and was the founding editor of the Church Journal (1853-1868). Hopkins wrote the carol around 1857, based on the narrative of the journey of the magi in Matthew 2:1-12. It was first published in the author's "Carols, Hymns, and Songs" (1863). United Methodist Hymnal editor Carlton R. Young makes an interesting observation: "Because the wealth of USA Appalachian and other folk carols was yet to be discovered, this carol for almost a century was regarded by hymnal editors as the sole USA contribution to the repertory of English language carols." \*from: The United Methodist Church Discipleship Ministries.

Looking for a New Year's Resolution?  
*Why not sign up for the next unit of  
the Catholic Course here at the parish?*

Over six weeks, learn about the fantastic gifts Jesus has given to us: the Mass and the Sacraments. The graces we receive through the sacraments are more precious than any diamond, bitcoin or Lotto winning we could receive.

Come and enjoy exciting discussions!  
Tuesdays beginning January 11<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm  
Aquinas Center on Shea Place  
(formerly Blessed Sacrament HS)

Register on-line at <https://blessedsacramentnr.com/adulted>  
If you have questions, please call the rectory or email Mary Rose at [adulted@blessedsacramentnr.com](mailto:adulted@blessedsacramentnr.com)

**Readings for the Week of  
January 3, 2022****Monday: 1 John 3:22-4:6**

Psalm 2:7bc-8, 10-12a  
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10**

Psalm 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8  
Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday: 1 John 4:11-18**

Psalm 72:1-2, 10, 12-13  
Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday: 1 John 4:19-5:4**

Psalm 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17  
Luke 4:14-22

**Friday: 1 John 5:5-13**

Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20  
Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21**

Psalm 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b  
John 3:22-30

**Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

Psalm 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

**First Friday - January 7th**

This coming **Friday, January 7th**, is the First Friday of the month. As usual, during every First Friday of the month, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 12:10pm Mass and then at 3:00pm, Prayers in Honor of the Divine Mercy.

**Prayers in Honor of the Immaculate Heart**

Due to January 1st being a Holy Day and a holiday, we will pray the Prayers in Honor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary **on Saturday, January 8th after the 12:10pm Mass.**

**Christmas Thank You**

Hopefully, everyone enjoyed their Christmas celebrations. Remember, the Season of Christmas is not over yet. It continues for another week. However, I just want to take a moment to thank all those who made our Christmas Eve and Day celebrations so wonderful and prayerful. Thank you to those who cleaned the Church for Christmas and those who decorated the Church in such a magnificent way. Thank you to the ushers, lectors, servers, and choir members.

**Mass Intentions for the week of**

**Monday, January 3rd**

The Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am – Lila Herrera †

12:10pm – Joseph A. Libretto †

**Tuesday, January 4th**

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00am – Rosina Cirillo †

12:10pm – Fernando Gomez †

**Wednesday, January 5th**

Saint John Neumann

7:00am – Rosina Cirillo †

12:10pm – Theresa Spielmann †

**Thursday, January 6th**

Saint André Bessette

7:00am – Josue & Jeffrey Tolosa †

12:10pm – Mary & Tony Frasca †

**Friday, January 7th**

Saint Raymond of Peñafort

7:00am – Luis F. Gomez †

12:10pm – Barbara Flanagan †

**Saturday, January 8th**

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am – William Cowan †

12:10pm – Helen & Frank Fodero †

**Memorials for the Week**

The Bread and Wine & The Sanctuary Lamp, used at the Masses this week, are donated **in memory of Dorothy and William Cowan.**

**The Santo Nino Novena**

This coming Friday, January 7th we begin, here at Blessed Sacrament, a Novena in Honor of Santo Nino. This devotion, popular in the Philippines and around the world, has its origins in the Philippines.

In the early 16th century, Ferdinand Magellan set sail from Spain to look for the Spice Islands. He landed on the island of Cebu, one of the 7,100 islands that make up the Philippines archipelago. The King and Queen of Cebu embraced the Roman Catholic Faith and as a gift Father Pedro Valderama (who baptized the Queen) gave her a gift, of a statue, that is today called "Santo Nino". The Statue of Santo Nino has survived fires, which destroyed the Church where it was kept, and bombings (during World War II). Many miracles and powers have been attributed to the Holy Image. Today, the statue of Santo Nino is kept in the Basilica of Santo Nino which is located in Cebu City. The Feast of Santo Nino is celebrated on the third Sunday of January.

Here at Blessed Sacrament, the Novena will be held at the following times:

- January 7th (Friday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 8th (Saturday) at 3:00pm - Novena
- January 9th (Sunday) at 3:00pm - Novena
- January 10th (Monday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 11th (Tuesday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 12th (Wednesday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 13th (Thursday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 14th (Friday) at 7:00pm - Novena
- January 15th (Saturday) at 4:00pm - Novena

January 16th (Sunday) at 3:00pm Mass  
 Procession of the Statue of Santo Nino  
 All are invited to attend the Novena and the Mass in Honor of Santo Nino.

**Collections**

Last Sunday Collection	\$4,496.00
Christmas Collection	\$16,734.00
Christmas Flowers	\$1,985.00

**Your Giving Matters**

There might be times when you are away for a while and attending Mass elsewhere. As a loyal parishioner of Blessed Sacrament we still need your generosity. While away, or at any time, you can sign up for online giving through "WeShare".

WeShare is an automated giving program. Visit our website [blessedsacramentnr.com](http://blessedsacramentnr.com) and follow the instructions to set up automatic giving to keep our Parish economically strong.

**Offertory Collections; Mail-In or Drop-Off**

- Drop your envelopes and contributions in the offertory basket during Mass.
- You can mail or drop them off at the Rectory during our current office hours: Weekdays, 9:00am to 4:00pm. The address is on the first page of this bulletin.
- Lastly, you can mail your stewardship offerings directly to the Parish: Blessed Sacrament Church, 15 Shea Place, New Rochelle, New York 10801.