

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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

Weekday Mass Schedule

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

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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 Asuamah

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

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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



From the Pastor's Desk



Remember last month when we said that every month, in the Catholic Church, is dedicated to a particular title of Our Lord or Our Lady. Such as October is dedicated to Our Lady of the Rosary and June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart. Do you know who the month of February is dedicated to? The month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. Yes, I know that the Feast of the Holy Family is celebrated during the Christmas season. However, for the origin of this month's dedication we look back to February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple of Jerusalem. There is Mary, Joseph and the child Jesus going to the Temple of Jerusalem, forty days after His birth to fulfill the prescriptions of the Jewish law. What does this fact tell us about the Holy Family? It tells us that they were faithful to what God asked of His people in regards to the practice of the faith. What else does this event tell us? It tells us that they did things as a family, in other words, they were united.

Today, family life is suffering. The pandemic has done us no favors, though many of the problems that are being exhibited were already apparent long before the pandemic struck. The pressures upon families today are, in many ways, no different than they were twenty, thirty or even forty years ago. Though the way in which they are handled is radically different.

What should we do? Look to the Holy Family. Pray to the Holy Family. Imitate the Holy Family. They worked together, prayed together, lived together, grew together, faced problems together and were there for one another. The Holy Family is an example that should, and must, be followed if family life is to thrive.

The Novenas that we pray every week, and at specific, times during the month, are an important opportunity to increase our spiritual life and develop a closer relationship with God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints. To pray a novena is take time out of our busy day and lift our hearts, minds and souls, towards heaven. Of course, a novena does not need to be prayed in Church, it can be prayed at home, but, to be in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament while a Novena is prayed adds a whole other dimension to our prayer. If you have some time to spare why not consider coming to one or all of the novenas that we pray each week. Each novena has a particular focus: Miraculous Medal (our protection under the guidance of the Blessed Virgin Mary), Saint Anthony (to strengthen our faith and restore our loved ones who have become lost in their faith), and Saint Joseph (to protect our families).



Lent begins on Wednesday, March 2nd. Here are some upcoming Lenten activities at Blessed Sacrament:

Return your 2021 Palm

Beginning next weekend, February 12th and 13th, you can return your blessed Palm from last year to the church. Boxes, can be found, in the back of the church by the confessionals. The palm will be burned and used as ashes on Ash Wednesday. The last day to return the palm will be Sunday, February 27th.

Special Lenten Donations

Every week during Lent, the donations to our poor box will be given to specific charities.

From Wednesday, March 2 to Friday, March 11, donations in the Poor Box will be given to the Sisters of Life to support their ministry among pregnant women and young mothers.

From Saturday, March 12 to Friday, March 18, donations will be given to the Little Sisters of the Poor, for their work among the elderly poor.

From Saturday, March 19 to Friday, March 25, donations will be given to the Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne, who staff Rosary Hill Home for those suffering from incurable cancer.

This is a great family opportunity to help others in a special way during Lent.

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

This week's gospel gives great focus on the words we have come to know as the Beatitudes. At the 12:10pm Choral Eucharist this Sunday, the choir will present a simple chant of these memorable words. The chant comes to us from the Russian Orthodox Liturgy and was adapted by the late Richard Proulx. I'm sure you have seen this name before, as our service music (Holy, Memorial Acclamation, Amen, Agnus Dei) are all composed, arranged, or adapted by him. Richard spent some time as the Director of Music at Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago, and as I am a product of the Roman Catholic Church in Chicago, I have been exposed greatly to his music and have found his music and musical arrangements to be some of the finest writing of musical literature for our Church.

Diana Macalintal, from the Gregorian Institute of America, writes: "At first glance, Luke's Beatitudes seem to make God's reign a zero-sum game: if you're poor now, wait and you'll be rich in heaven; if you're filled now, you'll be hungry soon enough. But several clues give us a clearer understanding of the new thing God is doing.

In the previous chapter, Jesus calls Levi, the tax collector, into discipleship, and Levi gives everything up to follow. He hosts a great banquet for Jesus with other tax collectors, for which Jesus is accused of dining with sinners. Matthew's Beatitudes has Jesus on a mountain, but Luke has him descend to a plain where the crowd had come seeking his healing power.

Luke's "blesseds" focus on the concrete human suffering of poverty, hunger, sorrow, hatred, exclusion, insult, and their opposites in the "woes." Finally, the Greek word used here for "woe" does not mean "cursed" but is more like "beware!" A comfortable life is not condemnation but a caution. Maybe in God's reign the mighty are cast down to be in solidarity with the powerless and the rich sent away empty-handed for they gave their wealth to the hungry poor (Luke 1:52-53). Happy are those who enter into a new community of love with God's blessed ones, and woe to those who distance themselves from another's suffering yet still hope to gain heaven's reward."

The Catholic Course – Session 3 Understanding Catholic Morality

How does Catholic teaching relate to your 21st Century life? Through prayer, Bible study, instruction, and discussion, we will look at Church teaching and how it can help us to "choose good and avoid evil". Beginning March 1st, the group will meet from 7-8pm on Tuesday evenings during Lent in the Aquinas Center. Sign up at www.blessedsacramentnr.com/adulted

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, will be here in just a few weeks. This Ash Wednesday will be more normal, thank God, than last year. On Ash Wednesday we will once again place the ashes on a person's forehead using our thumb. Also, we will once again give packets of ashes, to be used for the homebound. Of course we will need to know who the homebound person is, their address and phone number, so we can arrange a home visit.

Perhaps, as we approach the season of Lent, we should begin thinking of what we might do, during this important time, to become closer to God and His Church.

Lenten Bible Study

On Wednesdays from March 2 – April 6th, the parish will be sponsoring Bible Study from 11-11:45am at the Aquinas Center. The group will be reflecting on the Lenten readings through prayer, insights, and discussion.

There will be an on-line version available too!

You can register at:

www.blessedsacramentnr.com/lentenbiblestudy

Catholic Conversations in English for Spanish-speakers Starting Wednesday, February 16th

La Conversación Católica en Inglés empezará el Miércoles, 16 de Febrero, 2022., de 1:30 a 2:15 de la tarde. Si desea mejorar sus drestrezas en inglés,

If you would like to improve your English-speaking skills and confidence, please stop by!

On February 16th, we begin meeting again on **Wednesdays from 1:30 – 2:15pm** at the Aquinas Center (across from the Rectory on Shea Place.)

No pre-registration is necessary. If you have questions, please call the rectory at 914-632-3700.

Mass Intentions for the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Monday, February 14th

Saints Cyril and Methodius

7:00am – Rose Pansarella †
12:10pm – Bruno Cirillo †

Tuesday, February 15th

Saint Claude de la Colombiere

7:00am – Intentions of Father Luciano
12:10pm – Patrick Uzzilia †

Wednesday, February 16th

Blessed Joseph Allamano

7:00am – Intentions of Father George
12:10pm – Basil Roberto †

Thursday, February 17th

Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

7:00am – Intentions of Rosa Torres
12:10pm – Basil Roberto †

Friday, February 18th

Blessed Jerzy Kaszyra

7:00am – Jean Saulnier †
12:10pm – Ann and Peter Ennis †

Saturday, February 19th

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am – Eleuteria Altarejos †
12:10pm – Int. of Luigi & Ciro DiGiovanni

Memorials for the Week

The Bread and Wine used at the Masses this week, are donated in memory of

Basil Roberto

The Sanctuary Lamp, beside the Tabernacle, is lit in memory of

Lila Herrera

Readings for the Week of February 13th, 2022

Monday: James 1:1-11

Psalm 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76
 Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday: James 1:12-18

Psalm 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19
 Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday: James 1:19-27

Psalm 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5
 Mark 8:22-26

Thursday: James 2:1-9

Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 Mark 8:27-33

Friday: James 2:14-24, 26

Psalm 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Mark 8:34—9:1

Saturday: James 3:1-10

Psalm 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8
 Mark 9:2-13

Sunday: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13
 1 Corinthians 15:45-49
 Luke 6:27-38

Collections

Last Sunday Collection \$5,502.00

Your Giving Matters

As a loyal parishioner of Blessed Sacrament we need your generosity. At any time, you can sign up for online giving through "WeShare".



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.