

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE FEAST OF CHRISTMAS



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)

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

Music Director and Organist: Mr. Kyler Brown

Office Manager: Mrs. Luz Maldonado

Parish Religious Education Program

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Director of Religious Education: Mrs. Kelly Teepell

Secretary: Mrs. Gladis Kann

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday

9:00-10:00 and 3:00-5:00pm

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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From the Pastor's Desk

Do you want to see Christmas through the eyes of a child? You can, if you think back to your own childhood and the sense of wonder and awe you felt when Christmas Day came and, just for that moment, all was well with the world.

I think back to my own childhood and remember Mom, and her friend Olive going down to Gimbel's and Macy's on the New York City subway. They'd come back with shopping bags filled with things. They would make several trips in an evening, and I really don't know how they did it. Where did they get the energy from? What was in the bags was a mystery, and heaven knows where in our small apartment they hid all the stuff they bought. I do remember that all of a sudden there would appear by the bread box, tins of Irish cookies, fruit cake and a plum pudding. Of course for a small child you were not interested in the fruit cake or the plum pudding. All you wanted was the cookies, but no, they were for Christmas Day, not before. On Christmas Eve, Dad would (after he arrived home from work) go up to Broadway to find a Charlie Brown Christmas tree. Sometimes the one he brought home would be crooked or the pine needles were already falling off. However, we would all participate in making sure that it was placed correctly in the metal holder. Sometimes, we would have to twirl it around a few times so that any bare spots were not showing. Next came the lights. Before they could be placed on the tree, we would have to unravel the lights from last Christmas that had been placed so carefully in a box. I guess during the year some invisible creature would open that box and purposely tangle up those strings of lights, making it almost impossible to untangle them. Next, you had to plug the string of lights in, before you put them on the tree, to make sure there were no dead ones (of which there always were a couple). Replacing the bulbs, the lights would then be carefully placed on the tree so as to make sure that you did not knock any more pine needles off. Now came the ornaments. For all the years of my childhood, I don't remember buying ornaments. We used the original ones that had been purchased years before. If only we had kept them after my parents passed away. Who knew that they would be considered valuable later on. The angel would be placed at the top of the tree, but still one more thing had to be done before the tree was finished. The tinsel would have to be thrown (not placed - but thrown) onto the tree to give it that ice effect. We did not know that the tinsel was made out of lead. I never heard of anyone eating it, but years later it was banned for that very reason. After the tree was completed, we had to make sure that the metal container at the bottom was filled with water so the tree did not dry out. Of course, you would have thought that the container would have been filled before the lights and

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ornaments were on, but everyone has their own way of doing things. The television would be turned on and we would watch one of the Christmas specials that would be aired Christmas Eve. Eventually, we would get dressed and head out to Midnight Mass. Walking the three blocks to the Church, many times in the bitter cold, we would arrive to hear Christmas carols being sung by the people before the Mass began. The Church was beautifully decorated; the sound of the prayers and the fragrance of the pine, permeated the interior. Before you knew it the Mass was over, and all seven of us walked back to the comfort and warmth of our apartment. Of course we had to have our hot chocolate, and a few Irish cookies, before we quickly got into bed to await the arrival of Santa. How we ever got to sleep so quickly I do not know, but, we did. Within a few hours my parents were awakened by the shouts of five children saying that Santa had come. There right beside each of our beds were the gifts that Santa had left for us. We never saw Santa or heard him enter or leave. While all the gifts were greatly loved and appreciated, it seems to me, looking back, that the one that made the biggest impression was the mesh red stocking filled with candies and little toys. How many hours were spent, trying to figure out which piece of the puzzle to move (so the numbers would be in order) or how to get that little metal ball into one of the small holes. After breakfast we then gathered by the tree to open the presents that has been wrapped. Each one opened would bring smiles and sometimes gasps of delight. Christmas Day would be filled with playing with the toys, watching television, and enjoying each other's company. All was right with the world. Finally, it was time for the mid-afternoon meal. The apartment was filled with the aroma of the cooked turkey and the ham, with mashed potatoes, corn, turnip, string beans and broccoli, crescent rolls and then the desserts. Of course, it was all too much for the child who drifted off to sleep with their head resting on their dinner plate. It had been a glorious day. The most important part was the Mass, then Santa, and the family being together. Yes, all was right with the world.

That is Christmas seen through the eyes of a child.



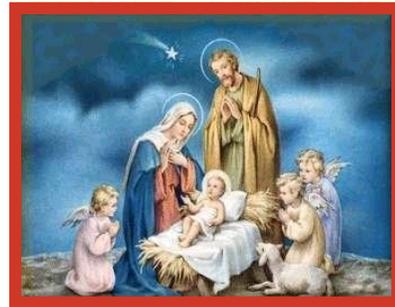


It's easy to give an on-line Christmas gift to Blessed Sacrament Parish. Just scan this code →



A Very Merry Christmas!

On behalf of Father Luciano, Father Peter, Father George, Deacon Babor and the entire staff of Blessed Sacrament Church (Kyler Brown, Luz Maldonado, Mary Rose, Kelly Teepell, Wilfredo Ortiz, Gladis Kann, Norma Lopez and Megan Wilson) we wish all of you a very Blessed and Merry Christmas. May God shower down His blessings upon you, your family and your loved ones this Christmas and this coming New Year.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24th, Christmas Eve

5:00pm in English

7:00pm in Spanish

11:30pm Christmas Carols before Midnight Mass

12:00 Midnight Mass in English

Sunday, December 25th: Christmas Day

7:30am in English

9:00am in English

10:30am in English

12:10pm in English



Blessed Sacrament Parish

Book Club

Next meeting: Monday Jan 9th 7pm
in the new Parish room on Centre Avenue



The First Phone Call from Heaven
by Mitch Albom

A story about love, belief and the importance of talking with each other.

Copies of the book are available at the Rectory or on-line

Saint Ambrose said: A religious hymn is a great blessing for everyone. It constitutes praise to the Most High, honor for His holy people, worldwide harmony, an eloquent proof of the Church's unity. It brings about a complete spiritual uplifting and absolute peace and joy in redeemed hearts, with the triumphal hymn and song of happiness. It drives away hardness of heart. It chases away disturbance. It dissolves and dissipates despondency... The voice sings the soul's joy, while the spirit delves into the mysteries of the faith.



Hymns at Mass in English

Gathering: O Come, All Ye Faithful #93

Offertory: O Little Town of Bethlehem #89

Communion: Silent Night #79

Closing: Joy to the World #82

Cantos para la Misa en Español

Entrada: Venid, Fieles Todos #15

Ofertorio: Vamos, Pastores, Vamos #13

Comunion: Vamos Todos a Belen #12

Salida: Angeles Cantando Estan #14

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Mass Intentions for the Octave of Christmas

Monday, December 26th

The Feast of Saint Stephen the Proto-martyr

7:00am – Salvatore Monteleone & Bionda Maiolo †
12:10pm – Antonio & Antonieta Monteleone †

Tuesday, December 27th

The Feast of Saint John the Apostle

7:00am – Joseph & Anne Hanley †
12:10pm – Int. of Dr & Mrs. Sandeep Raj

Wednesday, December 28th

The Feast of the Holy Innocents

7:00am – Maria G. Sanchez-Garcia †
12:10pm – Francisca Rosa†

Thursday, December 29th

Saint Thomas Becket

7:00am – Robert Smilie, Sr. †
12:10pm – Robert Smillie, Sr. †

Friday, December 30th

The Feast of the Holy Family

7:00am – John Tanzilli †
12:10pm – Arolichalil V. Joseph †

Saturday, December 31st

Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am – Joseph & Anne Hanley†
12:10pm – Ana Neves & Joaquin Coelho †

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

The Bread and Wine used at the Masses, are donated in honor of:

The Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish

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

The Parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish

Readings for the Week of December 25, 2022

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

Psalm 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc & 17
Matthew 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 John 1:1-4

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12
John 20:1a and 2-8

Wednesday: 1 John 1:5—2:2

Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8
Matthew 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 John 2:3-11

Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6
Luke 2:22-35

Friday: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 John 2:18-21

Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13
John 1:1-18

Sunday: Numbers 6:22-27

Psalm 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:16-21

Collections

Last Sunday Collection	\$5,016.00
Energy\Fuel Collection	\$2,415.00



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