



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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MASSES:

SUNDAY Masses: Sat. evening at 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8:30, 10:00 (Family Mass)
11:00 (Spanish), 12:30 (choir) & 5:30 PM
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
HOLY DAYS & EVES. OF HOLY DAYS: As Announced.

BAPTISM:

Third Sunday of the Month. Arrangements must be made at the Rectory at least two weeks in advance. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must meet with the priest for a Conference before Baptism.

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.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.
Website: www.blessedsacramentnyc.org
Spanish Programs Website: www.nygente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

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.

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.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

Our School is located at 147 West 70th Street. For information about the school, please call 212-724-7561.

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. A child must have at least one year of religious instruction before enrolling in the First Communion or Confirmation class.

PARISH BOUNDARIES:

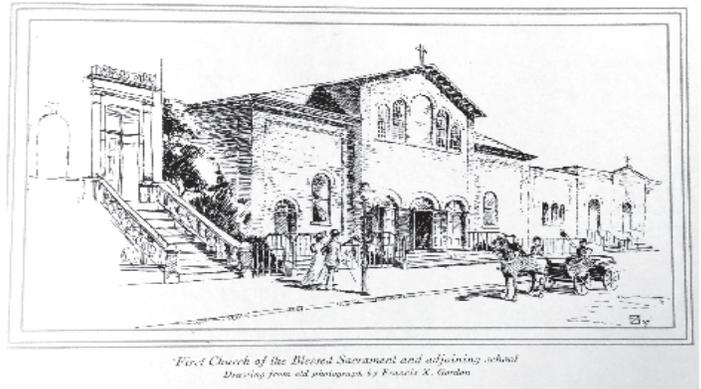
Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.



PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Just yesterday, January 10, our parish celebrated 127 years of ministry, for on that day in 1888, Archbishop Michael Corrigan and Fr. Matthew Taylor signed articles of incorporation. The original church, opened in 1887, was contained in stables on 72nd Street. In 1900, the predecessor to this edifice was built. And in 1917, our present church was built. To this day, some still refer to Blessed Sacrament as “Fr. Taylor’s church”. At times, from high in the pulpit, I think of the thousands and thousands who have passed through our doors, and on to eternal rest. Please pray for them and all who have served this parish.



First Church of the Blessed Sacrament and adjoining school. Drawing from old photograph by Francis X. Gordon.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, the last day of the Christmas season. Tomorrow, we begin Ordinary Time, once again, which will lead us up to Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18. Do you have special Lenten practice or devotion? I'd like to hear about it, and maybe even share it with others.

Beginning next weekend, we will be collecting food donations for Feeding Our Neighbors, an archdiocesan program that hopes to replenish the city’s food pantries. As Catholics, as Christians, we take hunger seriously. Please do what you can. My thanks to our Social Action Committee for spearheading this project.

“The Great Reformer, Francis and the Making of a Radical Pope” by Austen Ivereigh is the book I was referring to last Sunday.

In the prayers of the faithful we pray for all those who have died, but we will mention those who died during the previous week and those also whose anniversaries will be celebrated in the coming week. If you wish a name included please call the rectory with the name and date of death.

While January 15 was the original day, this year January 19 is the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Whatever the date, everyday we should remember and ponder his words that, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” for only then will we “walk the earth together as brothers and sisters.”

Pray for peace.
Fr. Duffell

BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

 Our monthly *Second Sunday Social* will be held today, Sunday, after the 5:30 pm Mass. In the Rectory. Parishioners in their 20's and 30's are welcome to come for a get-together with others in the area over food and drink. Please join us!

Saturday Eve	January 10th
5:30	Andy Andermanis +
Sunday	January 11th
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Christine & Joseph Fleischmann +
11:00	Reynalda Carmen +
12:30	Margaret Fiedler +
5:30	Olga Peters +
Monday	January 12th
7:30	For the People of the Parish
12:10	P.J. Maguire +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Tuesday	January 13th
7:30	Int. Michael & Marie O’Donovan & Family
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	O’Shaughnessy & Flaherty Families +
Wednesday	January 14th
7:30	Marilisa Kulka +
12:10	Thanksgiving to the Blessed Virgin Mary
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	January 15th
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	John & Frances Kaufman +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	January 16th
7:30	Terry Carey +
12:10	Maria Conforti +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Saturday	January 17th
7:30	Intention of Christopher Lord & Family
12:10	Intention of Patricia Youngquist
5:30	Angela Conforti +

The flowers decorating the sanctuary have been offered in memory of John & Frances Kaufman

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

On the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month we have **Bereavement Support Groups - General Bereavement at 5:30 p.m.** and **Perinatal Loss** (for individuals and couples who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death) **at 6:30 p.m.** Both groups will meet in the Rectory on January 16th. For more information, please contact at the Rectory at 212-877-3111. No registration is required. There is no fee



Today we will have a Coffee Hour in the Rectory after the 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. Masses.

SAVE THE DATE – Monday, Jan. 19th @2 p.m.

13TH ANNUAL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY INTERFAITH PEACE WALK. Starts at Holy Name of Jesus Church (West 96th St./Amsterdam Avenue.) Walk continues north to several neighborhood faith communities and ends at Holy Name of Jesus Church.

Fellowship and Refreshments in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel on West 96th Street.

Theme: Isaiah 58:12

"And your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to dwell in".

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU!

30 families received turkeys, stuffing, cranberry sauce, and nuts (donated by Pioneer Supermarket). Each family packed a bag of groceries from our food pantry from goods donated by our parishioners. Thanks to everyone who helped make this Christmas a brighter and warmer holiday for our families! We especially thank the managers of Pioneer Supermarket, on Columbus Avenue and 74th Street, who have been so generous to us for the past 20 years.

MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.: - JAN 22ND



Join us on pilgrimage to Washington DC! We will gather with hundreds of thousands from throughout our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds

maybe opened to the Gospel of Life and our nation to pray and publicly witness so that hearts and minds may be opened to the Gospel of Life and laws may be changed to reverence all human life. A Manhattan bus (sponsored by the Archdiocesan Family Life/Respect Life office) will be leaving from Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, 457 W. 51st St. (9th/10th Ave.) Mass 6:15 a.m./depart 7 a.m. sharp. The total cost for the trip is \$50, (check made payable to "J & R Tours" for \$45 & \$5 in cash for pizza). If you are not able to make the trip please consider making a donation so that others can attend. For further info and to register call Sr. Shirley at 212-371-1011x3195, or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN—SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious, or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of NY is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at 212-371-1011 ext. 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at 917-861-1762. Both may also be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

COLLECTIONS:

Our *Christmas Collection* came to \$128,004. Our *December 28th* collection was \$9,511. We received \$3,298 on *January 1st for the Solemnity of Mary*. Our *January 4th* collection came to \$10,893.59 In addition, we received \$2,240 for the *Communications & Catholic University of America* collection. We are very grateful to all of our parishioners for their continued support

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Justo ayer 10 de enero, nuestra Parroquia celebró 128 años de Ministerio pues en esa fecha el Arzobispo Michael Corrigan y el Sacerdote Mathew Taylor firmaron los artículos de incorporación. La primera iglesia estaba ubicada en un establo en la Calle 72, el próximo edificio fue construido en 1900, y en 1917 nuestra iglesia fue dedicada en la presente localidad. Hasta el día de hoy, algunos se refieren a Blessed Sacrament como "la Iglesia de Padre Taylor". A veces, mirando desde el pulpito pienso en las miles de personas que han pasado por nuestras puertas y a una vida mejor. Recemos por ellos y por todos aquellos que han servido en nuestra Parroquia.

Hoy celebramos el Bautizo del Señor, el último día de Navidad. Mañana comienza el Tiempo Ordinario que nos lleva hasta la Cuaresma que empieza el 18 de febrero con el Miércoles de Cenizas. Tiene alguno de ustedes una costumbre especial durante la Cuaresma? Me gustaría conocerla y quizás compartirla con otros.

Empezando el próximo fin de semana, estaremos colectando donaciones de comida para el programa "Feeding our Neighbors", una iniciativa de la arquidiócesis que espera llenar los "food pantries" de la ciudad. Como Católicos y Cristianos que somos, el tema del hambre lo tomamos muy en serio. Gracias al Comité de Acción Social por ayudar con este proyecto.

En los rezos de los fieles rezamos por todos los difuntos, pero mencionaremos todos aquellos que murieron la semana anterior así como los nombres de aquellos cuyos aniversarios serán observados la siguiente semana. Si desea incluir un nombre, llame a la Rectoría e incluya la fecha del aniversario.

Mientras que el 15 de enero es la fecha original del aniversario de Martin Luther King, Jr., este año es el 19 y día de fiesta. No importa la fecha, cada día debemos recordar y reflexionar sobre sus palabras "La injusticia en cualquier lugar es una amenaza a la justicia para todo el mundo.

Roguemos por la Paz

Fr. Duffell



CAFÉ

Después de la Misa de 11 tendremos café en la rectoría. Todos están cordialmente invitados.

MARCHA POR LA VIDA EN WASHINGTON, DC:

JUEVES, 22 DE ENERO 2015

¡Únase a nosotros en peregrinación a Washington DC! Nos reuniremos con cientos de miles de personas de toda la nación para orar y testificar públicamente para que los corazones y las mentes puedan abrirse al Evangelio de la Vida las leyes puedan cambiar para respetar la vida humana. Un autobús de Manhattan (patrocinado por la Oficina arquidiocesana de Vida Familiar/Respeto a la Vida) saldrá de la iglesia Sagrada Corazón de Jesús (Sacred Heart) 457 W. 51st St (entre 9na y 10ma Ave). Misa 6:15 am/7 am—salida. El costo total del viaje es de \$50 (cheque a nombre de "J&R Tours" por \$45 y \$5 en efectivo para el almuerzo). Si usted no puede hacer el viaje, por favor considere hacer una donación para que otros puedan asistir. Para más información y para registrarse llame a la Hermana Shirley al (212) 371-1011 x 3195, o por correo electrónico a sr.shirleyann@archny.org.