



# 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)

11:15 (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](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)

Spanish Programs Website: [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)

Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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.



<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>November 14th</b>
5:30	Giuseppe and Rosa Ianni +
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>November 15th</b>
8:30	Lina Yanni +
10:00	Walton E. Clevenger+
11:00	Richard Born +
12:30	Terry Greenan, Sr. +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Monday</b>	<b>November 16th</b>
7:30	Beatriz A. Schneider +
12:10	Marge Philbrick +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>November 17th</b>
7:30	Dr. William Vicic +
12:10	Carmen Abad +
5:30	Samuel Montalvo +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>November 18th</b>
7:30	Amantina and Delio Bencosme +
12:10	Evelina Runco +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>November 19th</b>
7:30	Anna Kegan +
12:10	Carmen Dorta +
5:30	Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff
<b>Friday</b>	<b>November 20th</b>
7:30	John George Sak + and Ralph Dennis Sak+
12:10	Angela Arlia +
5:30	George Kaufmann +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>November 21st</b>
7:30	Florence Burrill Brody +
12.10	Anne McDermott +
5:30	Giovanni, Bonaventura and Salvatore Ianni +

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

Sunday November 29 marks the first day of Advent. I'd like your thoughts on the following Christmas schedule. To ease the overcrowding, I'd like to add a second family Mass at 4:00pm on Christmas Eve. The other Christmas Masses will be celebrated at 5:30pm (the Christmas Eve Family Mass), 7:15pm (the Christmas Eve Spanish Mass) and 10:00pm (traditional Midnight Mass with a half hour of carols before the Mass). On Christmas Day we'll celebrate Masses at 8:30am (organ and choir) and at 11:00am (with organ, choir and brass).

Robert Mickens, who writes the column *A Roman Observer* for the National Catholic Reporter, has recently written an incisive, and interesting, take on the reforms of Pope Francis. Since so many of you expressed interest in the Pope's recent visit to New York City, I thought you might find this helpful. Here is the link: <http://ncronline.org/blogs/roman-observer/pope-francis-reforms-will-not-be-blocked>.

November is the month when we pray in a special way for our departed loved ones. But it's also a very good time to pray for those forgotten souls who have no one to pray for them. Please take some time over the next few weeks to pray for those listed in our All Souls book in front of the pulpit.

Thanksgiving is soon upon us. While not a holy day, Thanksgiving is a good time for us to recall God's many blessings. If you have a chance, come celebrate Mass at 10:00am on that day. Bring along non-perishable food items for our pantry. At the end of Mass we will distribute apples that you can take home and share with your loved ones.

A word of thanks to all those who participated in the CRS concert and reception Blessed Sacrament hosted last Saturday. We raised over \$10,000 for CRS. I wish I could have been there; I heard from everybody it was a moving and beautiful event!

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El día 29 de noviembre es el primer domingo de Adviento. Deseo su opinión sobre las Misas a celebrarse durante la Navidad. Para evitar aglomeraciones quisiera celebrar una segunda Misa de Familia a las 4:00pm el 24 de diciembre. Las otras misas serian a las 5:30pm (la Misa de Familia), 7:15pm (la Misa en Español) y a las 10:00pm la Misa Tradicional de Media Noche con media hora de villancicos antes de la Misa. El día de Navidad celebraremos Misas a las 8:30am (órgano y coro), y a las 11:00am (órgano, coro y banda).

El escritor Robert Mickens quien escribe la columna *A Roman Observer* en el "National Catholic Reporter" ha escrito recientemente sobre las reformas del Papa Francisco. Como muchos de ustedes mostraron mucho interés en la reciente visita del Papa a nuestra ciudad, pensé que la encontrarían interesante: Este es el enlace:

<http://ncronline.org/blogs/roman-observer/pope-francis-reforms-will-not-be-blocked>.

Noviembre es el mes cuando ofrecemos plegarias especiales por los seres queridos que no están mas con nosotros. Pero también por aquellas almas olvidadas que no tienen a nadie rezando por ellas. Les pido rezar durante las próximas semanas por todos/as los mencionados en nuestro libro de "All Souls".

Se acerca el Día de Acción de Gracias. Aunque no es día de obligación, es un gran día para agradecer todas las bendiciones recibidas del Señor. Si pueden, vengán a Misa ese día a las 10:00am y traigan una oferta para nuestro pantry. Al final del servicio repartiremos manzanas a ser compartidas en casa con sus seres queridos.

Nuestro agradecimiento a todos aquellos que participaron en el concierto y la recepción ofrecida el pasado sábado por Blessed Sacrament Church a beneficio de CRS. Recaudamos mas de \$10,000 para esta organización. Hubiera querido estar aquí; todos hablan de lo lindo y emotivo que fue este evento!

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

**COLLECTION**

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$8,620. \$3,353 was received through ParishPay for a total of \$11,973. Thank you as well for your donation of \$1,556 to our Soup Kitchen.

**BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS**

Bethlehem Handicrafts is a Catholic group from Bethlehem, the Holy Land. They are going to visit our church the weekend of **November 14th/15th** to display handmade olivewood religious articles carved by Christian carvers in Bethlehem. What a wonderful gift idea!



**FOOD FOR FAMILIES COLLECTION**

**JUST A REMINDER: NEXT WEEKEND** is our monthly non-perishable grocery collection for FOOD FOR FAMILIES. **Please be especially generous as many families will be depending on food for this Thanksgiving.** Many thanks from our Parish community.

*(In order to provide the highest quality service to those who seek our help, we may only accept freshly bought, unopened non-perishable items. If this is not convenient, we also accept monetary donations.)*



**BOOK CLUB**

Our next Book Club will be held on Nov. 19, 6:30-8-00pm. We will be reading a biography of Pope Francis, **"The Great Reformer"** by Austen Ivereigh. The New York Times calls it the best biography of the Pope in English to date. Cardinal Dolan demonstrates that the key to understanding Francis begins above all by recognizing his unfailing faith in the love and mercy of Jesus. Because of the size of the book, we will be reading the first half, chapters one through five this time and the remainder of the book at the following meeting.

**ADVENT SIMPLE SUPPERS**

Please join us during the 4 Wednesdays during Advent: December 2, December 9, December 16 and December 23 for Prayer and Meditation followed by a light dinner of soup, salad, and bread. Prayers begin promptly at 7PM in the 2nd floor meeting room of the Rectory. It's a wonderful and contemplative way to prepare for Christmas. We hope to see you there. For more information please call/email Chris Williams (Tel. No. 304-337-1252; Email: jcw.arts@gmail.com) or Christina Russo (Tel.201-248-7244; Email: christinarusso3@gmail.com)

Next weekend's **COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)** needs your support. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations, and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Fight poverty in America. Defend human dignity. Give to the CCHD Collection

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**



**Saturday, November 14th**

**5:30**

1st	Anita Pearl
2nd	Vincent Gardino
POF	Todd Reppert
EM's	Ben Ventura, Vincent Gardino, John Gibbons, Ginetta LaBianca, Diana O'Toole

**Sunday, November 15th**

**8:30**

1st	Brendan Contant
2nd	Brendan Contant
POF	Mary Steffany
EMs	Damian Begley, James Palazza, Terry Naglack, Brendan Contant, Mary Steffany

**10:00**

1st	Shirley Rodriguez
2nd	Charles Weeks
POF	Mary Bradley
EMs	Belinda De La Cruz, Andrew Jenkins, Eddie Litton, Mary Jebara, Judy Braun, Mary Bradley, Philippa Cooper

**12:30**

1st	Theo Corbin
2nd	Theo Corbin
POF	Imelda Engel
EMs	Thomas Alexander, Elsa Alvarez, Theo Corbin, Christina Elefante

**5:30**

1st	Kimberley Lamarque Orman
2nd	John Miller
POF	Maria LaMagna
EMs	Patrick Girouard, Rosemary Girouard, Rob Porell, Elisa Dragu, Allison Miller, Tiffany Riady, Joyce Polistena

**ENCOUNTER HIM—NIGHT FEVER NY CITY**

**Friday, November 20, 2015. 7:00-9:00PM**

Music + Adoration + Reconciliation  
 St. Patrick's Cathedral—East 50th St. and 5th Avenue  
 E-mail: nightfevernyc@gmail.com

*"It is important that we let ourselves encounter the Lord, He always seeks us, He is always near us." Pope Francis.*

**A VOLUNTEER OR VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR SAINTHOOD INQUIRY: Transcriber with Experience**

The Dorothy Day Guild is looking for someone with experience doing simultaneous or recorded transcription to transcribe eyewitness testimony at the Archdiocesan Inquiry on the life of Dorothy Day. Interviews will be 4-5 hours long and conducted at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 1011 First Avenue, spread over the next year. Please contact **George.Horton@archny.org** or 212-371-1011 ext. 2480 for more details.