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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) & 5:30PM
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;

Last week a number of people had a chance to meet Fr. Antony Gaspar. Let me tell you a little about him. Fr. Antony was ordained in the year 2001 for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Sivagangai, Tamilnadu, S. India. He is the middle of three children; the eldest is a nun in the Franciscan order and the youngest works for the state agricultural department, blessed with two beautiful kids. Fr. Antony was part of his diocesan College of Science, Ananda College, for three years as a lecturer of Medicinal Biochemistry and as an administrator. Later he moved to the Netherlands to pursue a Masters in Biomedical Ethics. He worked for 4 years in the area of developmental biology to obtain his Phd in Medical Sciences from the University of Cologne, Germany and had his 2 year Postdoc training in the same research group of the University afterwards. Now he is here to do his Postdoctoral training at the Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai. Please help me in welcoming Fr. Antony to our wonderful parish.

Once again, it is time for the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our parish goal is \$100,500. Your generous support of the Appeal enables immense good in many areas. Because of your gifts, charitable offices, agencies, and



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programs that provide compassionate and effective assistance to those most in need exist. Because you care, financial support can be given to parishes and schools that are struggling to serve people of all backgrounds in distressed communities. Your generosity ensures excellent academic and spiritual formation in the schools and catechetical programs throughout the Archdiocese. Because of you, we are able to care for retired priests and religious women and men who have given their lives in service of the Church, and too, your gift will help to prepare our future priests who will hopefully serve in the years to come.

For the last three weeks, we have been collecting food and cash donations for Feeding our Neighbors. I'm happy to say the response was simply overwhelming. When I tell you that our rectory kitchen was completely taken over by bags of groceries, I'm not exaggerating. The food has been delivered to the pantry at the Joseph P. Kennedy Center in Harlem, a part of Catholic Charities. Thanks so much for your generosity. Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT

Feb.13-15 **Marianist Family Retreat Center**
Cape May Point, NJ 08212 609-884-3829 or www.capemarymarianist.org
This weekend is for young adults (age 22-35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.
Price: \$125.00 double occ. **Financial aid is available**

CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015

In just 10 days we will enter the season of Lent. This year Blessed Sacrament Parish will again participate in **CRS Rice Bowl** as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey and closeness to Christ. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis' call to end world hunger. **Next weekend at all masses**, a prayer will be said over the Rice Bowls and they will be distributed after Mass.

Saturday Eve February 7th

5:30 Scott Yarwood +

Sunday February 8th

8:30 Olga Peters +
10:00 Rita (Basmajian) Kechejian +
11:00 Intention of Thomas Middlehoff +
12:30 Richard and Joan Schilling+
5:30 Carol Sorahan + and Peggy Zaferatos +

Monday February 9th

7:30 People of the Parish
12:10Angela Comforti +
5:30 Intention of Donna de Solis

Tuesday February 10th

7:30 Marion O'Farrell +
12:10Rodríguez and Pagan Families +
5:30 Perla Askins +

Wednesday February 11th

7:30 Intention of Donna de Solis
12:10 Intention of Libby Goldstein
5:30 McEvoy and Doyle Families +

Thursday February 12th

7:30 Constantine and Janina Surazynski +
12:10 Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30 Domenico Pate +

Friday February 13th

7:30 Fernando Pado +
12:10 Domenico Pate +
5:30 Intention Rita Sardos

Saturday February 14th

7:30 Constantine and Janina Surazynski +
12:10 Intention Andrew and Kristi Gueits
5:30 Intention Lord—Jagadeson

FLOCKNOTE

The Archdiocese has provided us with a tool called FlockNote in order to better equip our parish to simply and powerfully reach our parishioners. "FlockNote is going to make the Archdiocese of New York among the most innovative and connected dioceses in the world," says Cardinal Dolan. FlockNote will give the Archdiocese and our parish a way to connect with and mobilize parishioners through quick text messages and email newsletters — allowing parish leaders to capture responses in one easy place. Through its innovative and simple approach in gathering and managing contact information, the Archdiocese as well as our parish, will soon have the most up-to-date database of parishioner contact in the world. With FlockNote, Dolan says, "This Archdiocese is going to have the ability to share information with —and get feedback from — our people in a very efficient and effective way."

To get started, please visit our parish at: flocknote.com/BSC. You can also text BSC to 84576.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 8, 2015

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

THE JOY J INITIATIVE—HOMELESS OUTREACH

On January 24th, 74 volunteers from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus distributed 120 comfort bags to the Homeless in Manhattan. It was a great and inspiring event! The bags were filled with high quality clothing and other items generously donated by Blessed Sacrament Parishioners by taking ornaments from the Jesse Tree last December. We are moved for the caring and generosity of our parish! Many thanks also to the volunteers of Blessed Sacrament who coordinated the event with the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on West 51st Street. They will create their own local chapter so more people in need will receive help. If you are interested in participating in future homeless outreaches, please send an email to mail@jojy.org.

OUR Inheritance: Vatican II at 50. The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.

Tuesday, March 9, 2015 / 4-6 p.m.
Tuesday, March 10, 2015 / 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
12th floor Lounge—E. Corrigan Conference Center
113 West 60th St.—Fordham University, New York

How will Vatican II continue to shape the church and its engagement with the wider world? What are the emerging horizons in politics, society, and the intellectual life toward which Catholic scholars should orient their attention? An impressive gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Conciliar world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: Fordham.edu/CRM. RSVP: crcreprogram@fordham.edu

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LET'S BE PROTECTORS OF CREATION

The wonders of the Earth, the beauty of our planet, the gift of natural resources and the human family's unique role as steward of Creation are all reasons the Church is deeply concerned about the environment. How we misuse natural resources and abuse the natural environment is often a reflection of how we treat each other. Those in poverty and vulnerable communities are on the front lines of the disruptions caused by climate change, like changing weather patterns which affect crops. Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of the environment and each other.

COLLECTION

Our collection for February 1st was \$10,679. We also received \$2,802. for our Soup Kitchen. We are grateful for your support.

"War destroys. And we must cry out for peace. . . Peace sometimes give the idea of stillness, but it is never stillness. It is always an active peace. I think that everyone must be committed in the matter of peace, to do everything that they can, what I can do from here. Peace is the language we must speak."

Pope Francis

La semana pasada algunos de ustedes tuvieron la oportunidad de conocer al Fr. Antony Gaspar. Permítanme ofrecerles algunos datos sobre el. Fr. Antony fue ordenado en el año 2001 para la Diócesis Católica y Romana de Sivagangai, Tamilnadu, S. India. El es el segundo de tres hermanos: la mayor es una monja en la orden Franciscana, y el menor trabaja en el departamento estatal de agricultura y tiene dos pequeñas. Fr. Antony fue por 3 años parte de su College of Science, Ananda College, como catadrático de Bioquímica Medicinal así como administrador. Luego se mudó a Holanda obteniendo una Maestría en Ética Biomédica. Trabajó por 4 años en el área de desarrollo biológico y obtuvo su Phd en ciencias medicas en la Universidad de Cologne, Alemania, y mas luego continuo



por 2 años su entrenamiento Postdoc en el mismo grupo de investigaciones de dicha Universidad. Ahora se encuentra explorando en la meaning of belief and unbelief, faith and friendship in the modern world. The book is a quick but satisfying read. It's a mixture of entertainment and deep human awareness. The NYT called it "a meditation on faith and doubt and the varieties of human folly."

Join us on Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the rectory....for a discussion of this great work

POVERTY QUIZ

I took this quiz about poverty, but I won't tell you my score. I urge you to take the quiz. You may be very surprised. Here is the link:

<http://www.povertyusa.org/poverty-resources/quiz/>

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