



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.



Saturday Eve	March 7
5:30	Bettina Kramer +
Sunday	March 8
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Sung Joon Park and Soon Hee Park +
11:00	Raymond Davila +
12:30	Michael J. Wallace +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	March 9th
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	Velia Liguori +
5:30	Charlotte and Dennis Rawles +
Tuesday	March 10th
7:30	Han Yan Yee and May Lee +
12:10	Mary Osso +
5:30	Vivian Titok
Wednesday	March 11th
7:30	Lena andx Enrico Squeri +
12:10	America Hidalgo Rodriguez +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	March 12th
7:30	Vivian Smith Sucre +
12:10	Domenico Pate +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	March 13th
7:30	Anne Beveridge +
12:10	Hannah, Anne and Ita McDermott +
5:30	Samuel Homsey +
Saturday	March 14th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Faye Mantione +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middlehoff



BOOK CLUB

“The Last Monk of Tibhirine”, a True Story of Martyrdom, Faith and Survival by Freddy Derwahl. An account of Brother

Jean-Pierre Schumacher, the last survivor of the seven Trappist monks of Tibhirine who were massacred in 1996 during the Algerian Civil War. The popular movie “Of Gods and Men” was based on the monks deaths.

Join us on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory...for a discussion of this great work.

PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

St. Patrick’s Day is important in New York., because Patrick is the patron of the Archdiocese of New York. On that day we honor our patron and ask his intercession for the work of the church. To celebrate that day, I have asked Kitty Sullivan to present her one-woman show, Ireland Once Upon a Time, on Sunday, March 22, at 2:30pm in the church. I hope you will join us for an afternoon of harp, verse, song and storytelling. After the presentation, hopefully you’ll join us in the rectory for a little bit of soda bread, coffee (Irish or not) or tea. Kitty will present the program in honor of her good friend, Donna de Solis.

I’m delighted to report that work on the church façade is moving ahead. Our Buildings and Grounds Committee, to whom we all owe a great deal of thanks, has spent a lot of time and effort working out the details. I’ll keep you posted. Work, I am told, will begin when the weather begins to be 36 degrees and rising.

Viva la tavola di San Giuse!~ The feast of St. Joseph will take place this year on Thursday, March 19th. St Joseph’s day is a big Feast for Italians because in the Middle Ages, God, through St. Joseph’s intercessions, saved the Sicilians from a very serious drought. So in his honor, the custom is for all to wear red, in the same way that green is worn on St. Patrick’s Day. Maybe you can drop by the church that day, on your way to or from work, and say a little prayer to St. Joseph..

Just a reminder in the hope that you will plan accordingly. There is no holier time in the church—no more important celebration than the Paschal Triduum. Lent ends on the Holy Thursday night at 7:30pm, when the Triduum begins with the Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper and continues through the Liturgy of the Lord’s Suffering and Dying on Good Friday concluding with the Easter Vigil and Celebration of the Resurrection of Saturday night. It is all one ceremony—on Thursday night we begin with the sign of the cross which opens all our prayers—the blessing that ends every Mass, is given on Saturday night. One prayer—hopefully you will plan to take part.

Pray for Peace.
Fr. Duffell

Fr. Gerard DiSenso

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Gerard DiSenso, a retired priest of the New York Archdiocese, for two evenings of discussions about the English Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. The discussion will take place in the rectory on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 pm. See you there.



CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015

This season of Lent, **Blessed Sacrament parish is participating in Catholic Relief Services’ Rice Bowl** as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis’ call to end world hunger. **CRS Rice Bowl** invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **870 million people suffer from hunger.** Of this 98% live in the developing world.

If you don’t have a Rice Bowl pick one up at the back of the church and take a flyer for more information.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

On Saturday, March 28th, we will have the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at the 12:10pm Mass. All who feel the need for God's healing power in their lives are invited to take part.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday in Lent we have Stations of the cross after the 12:10pm and 5:30pm Masses

SPECIAL NEEDS MASS

Please join us for our monthly Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Next Mass is March 15th. All family members are invited!

Please send inquiries to Jackie@snacknyc.com

THE MUSIC OF FELIX MENDELSSOHN

.Enjoy the exquisite music of Felix Mendelssohn as the Scola Dominicana of St. Catherine of Siena presents

Out of the Deep, In the Midst of Life, and Psalm 22.

Sunday, March 15, 2015

1:00—1:30pm—411 East 68th Street, New York, NY

Free and open to the public.

Freewill donations gratefully accepted

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

The Spirit Sunday and Young Adults groups are pleased to co-sponsor this year's Lenten Simple Suppers. Please join us during the 5 Wednesdays during lent: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25, for prayer, meditation, and a supper of soup, salad, and bread. The evenings are 7PM-8:15PM in the rectory dining room and are a wonderful way to enrich your Lenten experience. For all questions, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We hope to see you there.

COLLECTION

Our collection for February 28th was \$11,996.— And through ParishPay: 2,039.— for a total of \$13,741.— We also received \$1,568.— for the Soup Kitchen. We are grateful for your support

Visiting Friends Program

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com.—be sure to put "Visiting Friends Program" in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El Dia de St. Patricio es un dia muy especial porque San Patricio es el Patron de la Arquidiocesis of New York. En ese dia honramos a nuestro patron y le pedimos interceder por el buen trabajo de la Iglesia. Para celebrar este dia, pedimos a nuestra amiga Kitty Sullivan presentar su "show" titulado "Ireland Once Upon a Time". Este acto tendra lugar el domingo 22 de marzo, a las 2:30pm en nuestra iglesia. Cuando termine ofreceremos una recepcion en la rectoria. Kitty presentara este programa en honor de su buena amiga Donna de Solis.

Tengo el gusto de informarles que los trabajos de la fachada de la iglesia comenzaran en breve. El Comité de "Buildings and Grounds" ha pasado mucho tiempo y esfuerzo analizando todos los detalles. Procederan una vez que la temperatura llegue a 36 grados (y continúe subiendo). Les mantendre informado.

Viva la Fiesta de San Jose! La festividad de San Jose sera celebrada el jueves, 19 de marzo. Este es un gran dia para los italianos ya que en la Edad Media, el Senor atraves de la intervencion de San Jose, salvo a los Sicilianos de una gran sequia. En su honor, la costumbre es vestirse de rojo de la misma manera que el dia de San Patricio se usa el verde. Ese dia quizas en camino a su trabajo o de regreso a casa pasen por la iglesia y ofrezcan una oracion a San Jose. No hay un tiempo en la Iglesia mas sagrado e importante que la celebracion del Triduum Pascual. La Cuaresma termina el Jueves Santo a las 7:30pm, cuando comienza el Triduum con la Liturgia de la Ultima Cena y continua el Viernes Santo con la Liturgia del Sufrimiento y Muerte y concluye con la Vigilia Pascual y la celebracion de la Resurreccion el Sabado en la noche. En conjunto es solo una ceremonia—comienza el Jueves en la noche con la Senal de la Cruz con la cual abrimos nuestras plegarias y termina con la bendicion que finaliza cada Misa, el Sabado en la noche. Es solo una plegaria y esperamos que todos participen.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell

LA LEGION DE MARIA

Es una organización a nivel mundial, de hombres y mujeres, casados y solteros, que bajo la direccion de Maria, la Madre de Dios, llenos del Espiritu Santo, desarrollan una santidad personal y ayudan a los sacerdotes en su trabajo parroquial. Miembros de esta organización se reunirán los martes a la 7:00 en nuestra Rectoria el próximo martes, 3 de marzo a las 7:00 pm.