



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	May 16th
5:30	Carmelina Irizarry +
Sunday	<May 17th
8:30	Danny McCartney +
10:00	Theresa Vastola +
11:00	Intention of Martha Montalvo
12:30	Leonard Baisley +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Monday	May 18th
7:30	Louise Bruto +
12:10	The McCauley Family +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	May 19th
7:30	Eileen Dunne +
12:10	Veronica MacNeil +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	May 20th
7:30	John H. Kaufman, Sr. +
12:10	America Hidalgo-Rodriguez +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	May 21st
7:30	Rafael Guillen +
12:10	Wilma Rey +
5:30	Intention of Patrick Moore
Friday	May 22nd
7:30	Fernando Pando +
12:10	Rita Formosa Pacie +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Saturday	May 23rd
7:30	Meli Malong +
12:10	Regis Briand +
5:30	Edward Lonczak +

PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

The May edition of the AARP Bulletin ran an article called “The Most Livable Places at 50+”. The number two place (after Madison, Wisconsin, which I vigorously dispute) was the Upper West Side of Manhattan. None of us Upper West Siders would be surprised by that designation. However, the charm of this neighborhood comes with exorbitant prices and impossible rents.

This week, together with faith communities and tenants advocates from across the city, Blessed Sacrament parishioners rallied to raise awareness about New York’s housing crisis. New York rent laws are set to expire on June 15th, putting over 1 million rent-stabilized homes at risk.

Call on our lawmakers in Albany to renew and strengthen the rent laws, and to help provide decent, affordable housing to all New Yorkers. As the US Conference of Catholic Bishops has noted, “As Americans and believers, we are haunted

By the tragic reality of so many without decent housing...A great and good nation cannot turn away as people wander our streets looking for a decent home.”

My congratulations to those young women and men who made First Communion here yesterday. Please pray for them. Congratulations to their parents who faithfully keep the promise they made at Baptism to provide religious education for their child.

We’re nearly at our goal of \$100,500 for the Cardinal’s Annual Appeal. If you haven’t made your pledge yet, I urge you to do so. The Appeal funds so many worthy projects. It is my hope that everyone in our parish will do something to support the Appeal. No gift is too small. I thank you for your support.

Thank you for your generous gift to the people of Nepal. \$3,481 was the total. As I signed the check to be sent Tuesday morning, I learned of the second earthquake. Pray for peace and for the people of Nepal.
Fr. Duffell.

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

La edicion de mayo del AARP Bulletin publica un articulo llamado “The Most Livable Places at 50+”. El lugar numero dos (despues de Madison, Wisconsin, con lo cual no estoy de acuerdo) lo ocupa el “Upper West Side” de Manhattan. A ninguno de los residentes de esta area nos sorprende esta designacion. Sin embargo, el encanto de este vecindario trae consigo precios caros y rentas muy altas.

Esta semana, junto con comunidades de fieles y defensores de inquilinos, feligreses de Blessed Sacrament se concentraron con el proposito de aumentar el nivel de concienciacion sobre la crisis de la vivienda en Nueva York. Las leyes de la renta en la ciudad de Nueva York expiran el 15 de junio, lo cual pone en riesgo a mas de 1 millon de viviendas con renta estabilizada.

Llamen a nuestros legisladores en Albany y pidan que las leyes de las rentas sean renovadas y reforzadas, y que ayuden a proveer viviendas decentes y asequibles a todos los residentes de nuestra ciudad. La Conferencia Americana de Obispos Catolicos recientemente expreso, “Como Americanos y creyentes, nos persigue la tragica realidad de tantos individuos sin una vivienda decente. Una nacion como la nuestra no puede ignorar como muchos residentes vagan por nuestras calles buscando donde vivir”.

Felicitaciones a todos los jovenes que recibieron ayer su Primera Comunión. Rueguen por ellos. Felicitaciones tambien a sus padres que fielmente mantienen la promesa hecha en el Bautismo de proveer educacion religiosa para sus hijos e hijas.

Estamos alcanzado nuestro objetivo de \$100,500 para la Campana de Coresponsabilidad del Cardenal. Si aun no han hecho su promesa, les pido hacerlo; aun estan a tiempo. Esta campana ayuda en muchos proyectos. Espero que todos en nuestra parroquia puedan apoyarla. Cualquier cantidad sera de mucha ayuda. Mil gracias por su contribucion.

Nuestra agradecimiento tambien por su generosidad ayudando a Nepal. El total fue \$3.481. Escribiendo el cheque el martes por la manana, recibimos la noticia del segundo terremoto.

Roguemos por la Paz y por los ciudadanos de Nepal.
Fr. Duffell.



**The Pascal Candle burns in memory of
Wayne Dankert
Remember him in your prayers**

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generosity in the collection last Sunday. We gathered \$9,058 in the first collection and also received \$2,175 through ParishPay for a total of \$11,233. A second collection towards helping Nepal gathered \$3,481.

**AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY AND AMERICA: THE
NATIONAL CATHOLIC REVIEW**

**Cordially invite you to a Conference with:
Msgr. John P. Meier
University of Notre Dame and Author
"Unfashionable Views on the Parables of Jesus"
Wednesday, May 10, 2015 at 6:30pm
American Bible Society
1865 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10023
Reception to follow.**

**This event is free and open to the public. Please
respond by May 15th to Margaret Sarci at:
MSarci@americanbible.org**

BOOK CLUB



Our next Book Club will be held on May 27th, 6:30 to 8:00pm, when we will be reading Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings." A book with a powerful theme of racism and oppression, it also raises important questions of how do we experience God's love in suffering and rejection and how important is faith in a world where innocence is threatened by prejudice and sometimes hatred. Definitely a timely subject given recent events.

YOUNG ADULT MASS AND SOCIAL

The **Office of Young Adults Outreach** of the Archdiocese of New York invites you to a special Young Adult Mass celebrated by **Timothy Cardinal Dolan** at *St. Patrick's Cathedral* (51st Street, between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue) on *Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:30 pm*. Music will be lead by Jackie Francois Angel and there will be a Young Adults Social after the Mass. Adoration with Praise and Worship and Confessions will be available from 6:30pm-7:30pm. For more information visit our website: www.catholicnyc.com

**CARDINAL'S
Annual Stewardship Appeal
Sharing God's Gifts**

**Thank you for your generosity
Thank you to all the families who have contributed
to the 2015 Cardinal's appeal**

**The Cardinal's Appeal is our lifeline each year,
enabling the archdiocese to operate and provide for
our faithful at every stage in life.**

**You can make your gift online at:
www.cardinalsappeal.org**

God bless you for your generosity.



FOOD FOR FAMILIES

This weekend (and the 3rd weekend of every month) is our non-perishable grocery collection for FOOD FOR FAMILIES. Shopping lists can be found on the table behind the last pew in the Church. Please put your donations in the boxes in front of the side altars. 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.)

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED
SACRAMENT**

You're invited! Please join us **today at 4pm** for a Special Needs Mass, welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors. All family members are invited!

BAPTISM

Today at 2pm we have the Sacrament of Baptism. We welcome our new parishioners and congratulate their parents