



Church of the Blessed Sacrament Manhattan

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CHURCH: 152 West 71st Street, New York, N.Y. 10023

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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	June 13th
5:30	Joseph Bonello +
Sunday	June 14th
8:30	Vincent Cositore +
10:00	Joseph C. Pizzurro +
11:00	Intention of Maria Agudelo
12:30	Nino Gardino +
5:30	Joseph A. Margaroli +
Monday	June 15th
7:30	Intention of Diana Taddoni and family
12:10	Intention of Donna de Solis
5:30	Mario Discepolo +
Tuesday	June 16th
7:30	Reyes Families +
12:10	Linda Campochiaro +
5:30	Teresa Valentin +
Wednesday	June 17th
7:30	Jack Alesi. +
12:10	Nancy Orobono +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Thursday	June 18th
7:30	People of the Parish
12:10	Catherine, Timothy and Martha Buckley +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Friday	June 19th
7:30	
12:10	Denis Kelliher +
5:30	Josephine +
Saturday	June 20th
7:30	
12:10	Clara Wong +
5:30	George Kaufmann +

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

This week I draw your attention to a very moving piece in Commonweal Magazine. Here's the link: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/blog/kalief-browders-stolen-life>, which you can find in our parish website. This is a reflection on the death, the suicide, of Kalief Browders, the young man who spent three years on Rikers Island without a trial or being convicted of a crime. Much of this young man's time at Rikers was spent in solitary confinement, he was routinely beaten by guards and fellow inmates. Teenagers do not belong in adult population prisons. We are called as Christians, and human beings, to challenge a system that appear to deny basic human rights. Just let me say a few words about the Educational Tax Credit which will soon be voted on in Albany. Here's how it works: the largest chunk of tax breaks proposed in the bill —\$70 million—would go toward a \$500 tax credit for parents of

private-school students. The parents must make less than \$60,000 a year to be eligible. Another \$50 million would go to a first-come, first-served tax credit for donors of scholarship funds to pre-approved private schools—including parochial schools. A total of 75 percent of donations up to \$1 million would be tax deductible.

Contact your Assembly person—the vote is expected to take place this week

As our school year ends we say goodbye to our parish school principal, Mr. John Joven. Mr. Joven has had a long and successful career in Catholic education and his talent and ability has made a great difference here at Blessed Sacrament. We wish him well and hope he won't be a stranger to Blessed Sacrament. The new school principal is Ms. Caroline Sliney, who most recently was our assistant principal. Lets pray for Ms.. Sliney, our students, teachers and parents as they embark on this exciting new adventure.

As the academic year draws to a close, congratulations to all the members of our parish who are part of the class of 2015 grammar school, High School, College. Congratulations as we celebrate your achievement - May God richly bless your future.

Pray for peace.

Fr. Duffell

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Les recomiendo leer un articulo muy interesante en la revista "Commonweal Magazine": enlace <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/blog/kalief-browders-stolen-life> el cual pueden encontrar en el website de nuestra parroquia. Es una reflexion sobre la muerte, suicidio de Kalief Browders, el joven que paso tres anos en Rikers Island sin derecho a juicio o sin ser condenado de un crimen. Mucho del tiempo que este joven estuvo en Rikers Island fue en confinamiento solitario , y golpeado repetidamente por los guardias y otros reclusos. Los adolescentes no deberian estar en prisiones de adultos. Como Cristianos y seres humanos que somos debemos desafiar un sistema que parece negar a muchos sus derechos humanos mas basicos.

Pronto tendra lugar en Albany un voto sobre el "Educational Tax Credit". Funciona de esta manera: la mayor parte del alivio tributario—70 millones—beneficiaria con un crédito de \$500 a padres de estudiantes en escuela privadas. Los padres deberán tener ingresos de menos de \$60,000 anuales para ser elegibles. Otros \$50 millones beneficiarían a donantes a un fondo de becas a escuelas privadas pre-aprobadas y a escuelas parroquiales. Un total del 75% de las donaciones hasta \$1 millón será deducible de sus impuestos.

Contacten a su miembro en la Asamblea - el voto se llevara a cabo durante esta semana.

Cerrando este ano escolar nos despedimos del "Principal" de nuestra escuela, el Sr. John Joven. El ha tenido una larga y exitosa carrera en la educación Catolica y su talento y habilidad han hecho una gran diferencia en Blessed Sacrament. La nueva Directora es Ms. Caroline Sliney quien hasta hace unos días era la "Assistant Principal". Recemos por Ms. Sliney, nuestros estudiantes, maestros y los padres de nuestros alumnos quienes comienzan una nueva aventura.

Roguemos por la Paz.

Fr. Duffell.

**LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC
MINISTERS****Saturday, June 13th****5:30**

1st	Eileen Mancera
2nd	Kimberley LaMarque Orman
POF	Roscoe Orman
EM's	Diane Bush, Kimberley LaMarque Orman, Mary Moore, Vinnie-Carla Agnello, Carolyn McZinc, Lidia Stempien

Sunday, June 14th**8:30**

1st	Damian Begley
2nd	Damian Begley
POF	James Palazza
EMs	Terry Naglack, Angelika Morton, Vivian Villaluz, Damian Begley, James Palazza.

10:00

1st	Kamila Palka
2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
POF	Gabriel Keane
EMs	Eddie Litton, Joan Tedeschi, Judy Braun, Mark Murphy, Nancy Kearney

12:30

1st	Theo Corbin
2nd	Theo Corbin
POF	Megan Mitchell
EMs	Elsa Alvarez, Theo Corbin, Christina Elefante, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Margo Hopkins, Megan Mitchell

5:30

1st	Elizabeth Brooke Murray
2nd	Elizabeth Occhipinti
POF	Kathleen LaMagna
EML	Tiffany Riady, Rebecca Painter, Elizabeth Brooke Murray, Elisa Dragu, Joe McKenna, Helena Maria Lin, Rosemary Girouard

**LECTOR AND EM TRAINING, Tuesday, June 16
@ 6:30pm**

We need more Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers especially for the 5:30pm Saturday and 12:30pm Sunday Masses. If you have a love for the Scriptures or if you can help serve as a minister of the Body and Blood of the Lord, we need your help. All training will be held in the Church.

NEW IMMIGRATION REFORM

The Blessed Sacrament Social Action Committee invites concerned Parishioners to a second session on the **NEW IMMIGRATION REFORM**. **Want more information? Have questions? Join us for a Coffee Hour on June 14th at 12:00 pm in the rectory.**

SCHOOL SECRETARY

The School of the Blessed Sacrament seeks a multi-talented individual who is able to multi-task between the roles of school secretary, receptionist and office manager. With fingers on the pulse of the school, this individual will play a pivotal role in serving as the face and voice of the school. Telephone, reception and computer skills a must. Interested parties may apply via email to cslinev@sblsnyc.org with a cc to jjoven@sblsnyc.org.

COLLECTION

Thank you so very much for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Our collection last Sunday was \$8,721. 2'517\$. was received through ParishPay for a total of \$11,238. An additional \$1,934 was received for the Black and Indian Missions.

**BOOK CLUB**

Our next Book Club will be held **July 2, 6:30 to 8:00pm**, when we will be reading **G.K. Chesterton's "The Ball and the Cross"**, an allegorical fantasy detailing a heated dispute between a Catholic and an atheist, whose opinions lead to a series of comic misadventures. Entertaining and thought provoking at the same time, it is a vigorous exploration of the debate between theism and atheism, written by G.K. Chesterton, a Catholic convert and called one of the greatest Christian writers of the first half of the twentieth century.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Classes will begin on **Sunday September 13.. Religious instruction is held in the school from 11:00-12:15**. Re-registration forms will be mailed to current students and posted on the Sunday School website in late June. Students must register each year. For students who will be new to the program please call the office in June and leave your home address to have a registration package mailed to you.

Sunday School teachers and Assistants are needed to serve in this important Parish Ministry. Volunteers who work with children follow a screening process as required by the Archdiocese. Please call Tina Silvestro (212-877-3111) for more information.

WOMEN'S CLUB

Blessed Sacrament Church is excited to announce the start of a new Women's Group. All ages are welcome to join. Our first meeting will be held on **Sunday, June 14th at 4:00pm**. Treats will be served. The meeting will be held upstairs in the rectory