

# 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) & 5:30PM  
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:**

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics. Parents, and also godparents when possible, must attend the Pre-Baptismal conference which is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every month at 7:30pm in the rectory.

## **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.

## **PARISH BOUNDARIES:**

Central Park West to the Hudson River, from the South side of 77th Street down to the North side of 65th Street.

## **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.

## **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.

## **MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:**

Mondays, before the 12:10 Mass and before the 5:30 pm Mass.

## **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.

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

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

**PARISH NEWS**

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is traditionally referred to as Good Shepherd Sunday. Hearing the Shepherd’s voice, followers recognize and know it is their God. Safe in the knowledge that they cannot be taken from the hand of the Shepherd, those who hear his voice follow as faithful believers willing to go where God calls and sends them. When all the clamor of false voices and seductive attractions threaten to overwhelm, we have only to listen carefully to be led to do the work of the Father.

On April 29, the Church celebrates to Feast of St. Catherine of Siena. Born in 1347, Catherine was a true rebel at a time when men held sway over all aspects of daily life. More than a century before Martin Luther penned his 1517 document attacking corruption in the Catholic Church, Catherine called out the highest ranks of the clergy for their greed. She even exhorted the pope to greater holiness. Catherine was able to convince Pope Gregory XI to return the papacy from France to Rome after a nearly 70-year absence. Although illiterate, the major theological treatise on mankind’s spiritual life that she dictated to secretaries, *The Dialogue*, is considered among the most brilliant works of early Christian literature. This and other accomplishments earned her the title Doctor of the Church in 1970 - one of only four women to be so honored. Our parish Dominican Volunteer Community lives in our former convent, now called Benincasa, after St. Catherine’s birth name.

Thank you to all of you who have given so much of your time, talent and treasure to support our parish during this year. We are pleased to report that we are currently operating at a \$12,208 surplus for the first six months of this fiscal year ending February 29, 2016. The favorable results are due primarily to an increased Christmas collection. We are short of the \$330,000 budgeted Regular Collection for the year to date, so I ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your donations this year, if you can.

**First Six Months Revenues and Expenses Ending February 29, 2016**

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Support	\$771,956	\$606,250	\$165,706
Expenses	\$759,748	\$605,464	-\$154,284
	\$12,208	\$786	

And finally, a thought-provoking poem from a parishioner:

*On The Broadway Local*

“Food is better than money,” he said  
 I told him “No” and I shook my head  
 When I got home these words I read  
 “I was hungry and you did not feed Me.”

My shopping bags were plain to see  
 That’s why he stopped in front of me  
 How cold and callous can I be?  
 “I was hungry and you did not feed Me.”

Forgive me for what I failed to do  
 Because every word You say is true  
 and I know now it was really You  
 “I was hungry and you did not feed Me.”

Pray for peace in this Year of Mercy.

Fr. Duffell



**Saturday Evening, April 16th**

5:30 Clem Ida +

**Sunday, April 17th**

8:30 Sheila Dunne Feitelberg

10:00 Terri Jordan +

11:15 Alicia Escovar de Jaramillo +

12:30 James Sardos +

5:30 Alice Joan Wandrey +

**Monday, April 18th**

7:30 Msgr. Richard Albert +

12:10 Linda Veltri +

5:30 Gabrio Polverelli +

**Tuesday, April 19th**

7:30 Jinny Kim Gardino +

12:10 Matteo Arlia +

5:30 Adelina & Antonio Veltri +

**Wednesday, April 20th**

7:30 Carmine Capezzuto +

12:10 Lina Yanny +

5:30 Thomas Rabbitt +

**Thursday, April 21st**

7:30 Helen & Benjamin Homan +

12:10 Ernesto Brusco +

5:30 Robert (Bobby) Lagville +

**Friday, April 22nd**

7:30 Eduard & Fernando Pando +

12:10 Intentions of Kitty Neeson on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

5:30 Intentions of Thomas Middelhoff

**Saturday, April 23rd**

7:30 Felipe Gomez +

12:10 Natividad Enriquez +

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

El 4to Domingo de Pascua se llama tradicionalmente “Domingo del Buen Pastor”. Oyendo la voz del Pastor sus seguidores lo reconocen y saben que es su Señor. Seguros al saber que no pueden ser apartados del Pastor, aquellos que oyen su voz lo siguen fielmente dispuestos a ir donde el Señor los envía. Cuando falsas doctrinas y atracciones seductoras nos abrumen, debemos escuchar cuidadosamente como hacer el trabajo del Señor.

El 29 de abril la Iglesia celebra la Fiesta de St. Caterina de Siena. Nacida en el 1347 fue muy rebelde en una época en la cual los hombres controlaban todos los aspectos de la vida diaria. Un siglo antes de que Martin Luther escribiera su documento atacando la corrupción en la Iglesia Católica, Caterina condeno al clérigo de mas alto rango por su ambición y pidió al Papa ser mas devoto. Pudo convencer al Papa Gregorio XI traer de vuelta el papado de Francia a Roma después de una ausencia de casi 70 anos. Aunque analfabeta, el tratado teológico sobre la vida espiritual del ser humano dictado a sus secretarias, *El Dialogo*, es considerado como uno de los trabajos mas brillantes de la literatura Cristiana. Por este y otros logros le concedieron el titulo de “Doctor of the Church” en 1970, una de solo cuatro mujeres a quienes se les ha concedido este honor. La Comunidad Voluntaria de nuestra Parroquia habitando nuestro antiguo convento, se llama ahora Benincasa, en honor a su apellido.

Mi agradecimiento a todos los que han dado tanto de su tiempo, talento y donaciones en apoyo a nuestra parroquia. Podemos reportar que durante los primeros seis meses del ano fiscal al 29 de febrero, 2016 estamos operando con un superávit de \$12,208. Esto es el resultado de la colecta de Navidad. Estamos cortos en la colecta regular por un total de \$330,000 y les pido, de ser posible, consideren incrementar sus donaciones.

**Ingresos y Gastos al 29 de Febrero, 2016**

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Y para terminar, como materia de reflexion, un poema escrito por uno de nuestros Feligreses:

*En el Broadway Local*

Me dijo: “una comida es mejor que el dinero”  
 Le dije: “No” moviendo la cabeza  
 Cuando llegue a mi casa lei estas palabras:  
 “Tenia hambre y no me diste de comer.”

Podia ver las fundas con mis compras  
 Por eso se paro frente a mi  
 Como pude ser tan desalmado?  
 “Tenia hambre y no me diste de comer.”

Perdoname por lo que no hice  
 porque cada palabra que dices es verdad  
 y yo se que eras realmente Tu  
 “Tenia hambre y no me diste de comer.”

Recemos por la paz en este Año de la Misericordia.

Padre Duffell.

**COLLECTION**

A word of thanks for your generous response to the needs of the parish. Last Sunday \$7,908 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,389 was received through parish pay.... for a total Sunday offering of \$11,297. \$2,261 was collected for the support of the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

And additional offerings totaling \$1,155 were received for the Easter collection bringing the total to date to \$52,809. Again, thank you for your generosity and goodness.

**EMERGENCY BLOOD NEEDED**

If you are between the ages of 16-70 years old, please join the social action committee on **April 17, 2016** for our Bone Marrow Registry & Blood Drive! A bus provided by the New York Blood Center will be parked outside the church from **9am – 3pm**. All donors must weigh at least 110 lbs., be feeling well, and all tattoos must be older than 12 months. Appointments can be made at <http://tinyurl.com/BlessedSacramentGives>, however walk ins are also welcome. Please bring a picture ID, eat before donating, and drink plenty of fluids. If you have any questions on medical eligibility, please call 1-800-688-0900 or email Mia Yabut at [mia.yabut@gmail.com](mailto:mia.yabut@gmail.com).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR ADULTS**

Confirmation Class for adults who are Baptized Catholic will meet on Thursday April 21, Monday April 25, May 2, 9 at 6:30pm. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on May 15 at 2:30pm. Please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111 to register or for more information.

**"THE ORIGINAL IMAGE OF DIVINE MERCY: THE UNTOLD STORY OF AN UNKNOWN MASTERPIECE"**

Holy Trinity parish (213 West 82nd Street), will present a new documentary about the rediscovery of the original image of Divine Mercy, on **Sunday, April 24, at 3:30p**. Admission is free.

This is the painting commissioned by Saint Faustina Kowalska in 1934 and the only image she ever saw.

You can learn more about the documentary here:  
<http://www.divinemercyfilm.com/>

**Weekly EM and Lector Schedule****Saturday, April 16**

5:30 1st Todd Reppert  
 2nd Kimberley LaMarque Orman  
 POF Todd Reppert  
 EM Kimberley LaMarque Orman, Todd Reppert, Diana O'Toole

**Sunday, April 17**

8:30 1st Damian Begley  
 2nd Damian Begley  
 POF James Palazza  
 EM JoDell Shields, Tony Jalandoni, Louella White, Damian Begley, James Palazza

10:00 1st Kamila Palka  
 2nd Charles Weeks  
 POF Shirley Rodriguez  
 EM Eddie Litton, Diane Brush, Mary Bradley, Andrew Jenkins, Anna Piazza, Anna-Sophia Leone, Joan Tedeschi

12:30 1st Diana Lote  
 2nd Diana Lote  
 POF Jack Going  
 EM Elsa Alvarez, Francesca DiPaola, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Ingrid Leacock, Lidia Stempien, Carlos Sosa

5:30 1st Kathleen LaMagna  
 2nd John Miller  
 POF Mia Yabut  
 EM Kevin Meskell, Alison Oliver Miller, John Miller, Tiffany Riady, Mia Yabut, Kate Furlong, Rob Porell

**THINKING AND PRAYING WITH POPE FRANCIS, A WEST SIDE DEANERY INITIATIVE**

*The Pope's call to Ecological education and spiritual conversion: What can be done?*

Approach and action workshops

When: Tues April 19 and Tues May 17 at 7pm, doors will open at 6:30 for an Encountering coffee

Where: St John the Baptist Church (30th St btw 7 and 8 aves.)

This workshop series will be concluded by a teaching from Fr. Michael Holleran on June 1st.

Recommended reading: Laudato Si chapters 5 and 6  
*Participation to previous workshops not necessary*

**ST. GIANNA MASS**

This year's St. Gianna Mass for couples suffering infertility and recurrent miscarriage will be on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – the feast of St. Gianna – at 6:30pm at the Church of St. Catherine of Siena, 411 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street. Couples suffering infertility, as well as their families and friends are cordially invited to attend. Following the Mass there will be veneration of the relics of St. Gianna; an opportunity to meet with Creighton physicians and practitioners who specialize in assisting couples with infertility; and a light reception. For further info please call Sr. Shirley Ann at the Family Life/ Respect Office at (212) 371-1011 x 3195 or email sr.shirleyann@archny.org.

**THE BODY-SUBJECT: WORKSHOPS FOR WOMEN**

*The Body-Subject* is a workshop for women who wish to foster compassion toward self and body. Sadly, we live in a consumer society saturated with messages that we must have a 'perfect' body. In order to achieve the 'perfect' body we are encouraged to take steps that drive profits for body-related industries but also require us to see ourselves as lacking and unacceptable. *The Body-Subject* therefore invites women to come together to think about how our culture shapes our experience and how we might gently pave the way for a kinder, non-judgmental relationship with ourselves.

Approved by the Women's Therapy Center Institute (WTCI) and Endangered Bodies New York, the *Body-Subject* is a six-week psycho-educational workshop facilitated by Alison Afra PhD. Activities include doing media analysis, discussing psychological research, exploring the philosophy of embodiment, personal reflections, sharing stories if desired, bodily meditations, yoga, and more. For further details or to register, contact [alisonafra@gmail.com](mailto:alisonafra@gmail.com). Alternatively, leave your number at the rectory to have Alison call you.

The six-week workshop is recommended over the intensive one-day workshop. However, the latter is on offer to those who cannot commit to six weeks. Places are limited so register fast!

- Group A  
06/14/2016 to 07/19/2016  
Tuesday evenings from 6.30 to 8pm
- Group B  
06/16/2016 to 07/21/2016  
Thursday mornings from 10am to 11.30am
- Group C  
07/01/2016  
Saturday from 9.30am to 5.30pm

Location: Upstairs in the rectory.

Fee: Individuals are welcome to decide how much they want to / are able to donate. All proceeds go toward the work of Church of the Blessed Sacrament.

Who?: *The Body-Subject* is open to women from all walks of life.

**A PRESENTATION OF THE CORPUS CHRISTI CHAPTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MERTON SOCIETY**

On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016, 2:00 – 4:30pm the Corpus Christi Center of the International Thomas Merton Society will present Thomas Merton & the Environment: "Their Inescape Is Their Sanctity." Well known Merton writers and scholars Sister Monica Weis, SSJ, and Dr. Patrick O'Connell will speak on "Challenging Voices: Rachel Carson and Pope Francis" and on "The Sources of Thomas Merton's Environmental Theology". Mass will be celebrated at 5:00.

Corpus Christi Church, 529 West 121 Street, NY 10027

Free to Chapter members and students with I.D. Non-members \$10. For information call (212) 666-9350, email: [mertonnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:mertonnyc@yahoo.com) or visit: [www.thomasmertonsociety-nyc.org](http://www.thomasmertonsociety-nyc.org)





If you have not registered in the parish and attend our mass regularly, please fill the following form out and return it to the Rectory office. *All information will be kept confidential*



School of the Blessed Sacrament is accepting applications for grades 1 - 8, with financial aid opportunities for qualified families! School of the Blessed Sacrament is a pre-k through eighth grade Catholic elementary school in the heart of the upper west side. Our well-rounded curriculum incorporates love of God, self, and others. We integrate technology, the arts, music, and physical education to provide a liberal arts education for the whole child. We seek to develop saints and scholars through innovative, personal learning experiences. Contact us today at 212-724-7561 or [www.sblsny.org](http://www.sblsny.org).

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION FORM**

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Name** \_\_\_\_\_

*(Only if BOTH are Registering)*

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt. #** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Spouses Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**How should we address you? (Check One)**

**Mr. & Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mr.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mrs.** \_\_\_\_\_ **Ms.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Would you like to receive weekly offering envelopes?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**If not, would you like us to sign you up for ParishPay?**

**Yes** \_\_\_\_\_ **No** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARISH PAY**

Parish pay will collect monthly contribution from your checking, savings or credit card account and send it to the parish. There is no cost to you to participate in the program. You may log onto [www.paritypay.com](http://www.paritypay.com) or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

**NYC CATHOLIC FAMILIES MEETUP GROUP**

Parents are invited to join our NYC Catholic Families Meetup Group. We are +130 families striving to raise our children in the love and knowledge of Christ. In addition to seasonal events, we host "night out" events for mothers and fathers here at the rectory.

For more info: [www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/](http://www.meetup.com/NYC-Catholic-Families/)

**NEW YORK CATHOLIC YOUTH DAY**

Witness Mercy (Mt. 5:7)  
Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, 9:00am – 5:00pm  
St. Joseph's Seminary – 201 Seminary Ave.  
Yonkers, NY 10704

Come join and meet over a thousand Catholic youth from all over the Archdiocese for a day of faith, fun, great music and speakers, and Mass with his Eminence Cardinal Dolan. Register online at [www.OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day](http://www.OYMNY.org/NY-Catholic-Youth-Day). Entrance fee is \$25. It includes: T-shirt, backpack and lunch. For more information, call Cynthia Psencik at the office of youth Ministry at 914-367-8329 or email [Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org](mailto:Cynthia.Psencik@archny.org).

**ABC'S OF CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE**

This week: CRS/Rwanda: Africa's most densely populated country, 80% of the 12,000,000 population depend on agriculture for their livelihood. Over 500,000 are involved in projects supported by American Catholics via CRS. Agricultural projects help improve health and nutrition indicators for children. Last week – CRS & Questions. Next week - CRS/South Sudan. For more info visit: [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org)



Couples celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2016 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm or Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016. This event is sponsored by the Family Life – Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Family Life – Respect Life Office at 646-794-3188