

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 1st 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.

Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners and friends,

I just finished David Brooks's *The Road to Character* - a worthy read - through biographical essays he describes the building of character. Here is a little taste: *"The person who successfully struggles against weakness and sin may or may not become rich and famous, but that person will become mature. Maturity is not based on talent or any of the mental or physical gifts that help you ace an IQ test or run fast or move gracefully. It is not comparative. It is earned not by being better than other people at something, but by being better than you used to be. It is earned by being dependable in times of testing, straight in times of temptation. Maturity does not glitter. It is not built on the traits that make people celebrities. A mature person possesses a settled unity of purpose. The mature person has moved from fragmentation to centeredness, has achieved a state in which the restlessness is over, the confusion about the meaning and purpose of life is calmed. The mature person can make decisions without relying on the negative and positive reaction from admirers or detractors because the mature person has steady criteria to determine what is right. That person has said a multitude of noes for the sake of a few overwhelming yeses."*

This week we remember some exemplars of our faith. On Monday, we celebrate the life of St. James, the brother of John. He is called St. James *the Greater*, because he followed Christ before the other Apostle James. He was the first of the twelve to be martyred. He is venerated at Compostella, Spain and is the patron saint of pilgrims, of Spain, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

On Tuesday, we consider the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Sts. Joachim and Anne. The information we have for these two saints come from an unreliable source known as the *Gospel of James*. They are portrayed as an old and barren couple who long to bring life into the world. A cult developed around the two saints, especially St. Anne who is widely regarded in Canada. Poor St. Joachim somehow never got such a following, but keep his example in your thoughts anyway.

On Friday, we celebrate the life of Martha, sister of Mary and Lazarus; a model of hospitality and a faithful disciple. We read about Martha in last week's Gospel. She is the patron of housewives, waiters and waitresses.

I hope all of you are enjoying your summer. I join the parish in praying for your safe travels and speedy return.

In this Year of Mercy, pray for peace. We have so many occasions for prayer these days: Dallas, Baton Rouge, Orlando, the victims of war, refugees, the withering divisive language of some of our public figures...

Fr. Duffell



Sunday School Classes will begin Sunday, September 11 with the 10:00 Family Mass in the Church. Religious instruction is held in the school immediately after the Family Mass. Registration Deadline is August 15. Some Classes were filled or overfilled last year. We may have to place your child on a waiting list after August 15. You will not be able to register your child on the first day of class.

Re-registration forms and information will be mailed to current students. Registration Packets for new students can be picked up at the parish office or found on the Sunday School website www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org

Should you wish to offer flowers in memory of a loved one please contact the rectory. The usual offering is \$200.00.



NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Queridos Feligreses y Amigos;

Acabo de leer un libro del autor David Brooks titulado "The Road to Character" -vale la pena leerlo- en el cual y a través de varios ensayos describe como se forma el carácter. He aquí una muestra: "La persona que con éxito lucha contra la debilidad y el pecado puede no llegar a ser rica o famosa, pero si madura. La madurez no se basa en el talento ni en don mental o físico que pueda ayudar a una persona a pasar una prueba de inteligencia, a correr mas rápido o a moverse con elegancia. No se puede comparar. Y no se adquiere por hacer las cosas mejor que otra persona, sino siendo mejor de lo que éramos. Se consigue siendo confiable en tiempos difíciles, rectos en momentos de tentación. La madurez no brilla. Y no se forja en los rasgos que hace celebridades a algunas personas. Una persona madura posee un propósito de unidad estable. Ha pasado de ser alguien fragmentado a alguien muy centrado, y ha llegado a un estado en el cual no existe la inquietud y donde la confusión acerca del significado y el propósito de la vida esta en calma. La persona madura puede tomar decisiones sin preocuparse de las reacciones positivas o negativas de sus admiradores o detractores porque tiene un criterio firme de lo que es correcto. Esa persona ha dicho no muchas veces por el bien de unos cuantos abrumadores sis".

Esta semana recordamos algunos ejemplos de nuestra fe. El lunes celebramos la Fiesta de Santiago, el hermano de Juan. Se le conoce como Santiago *el Grande* porque siguió a Jesucristo antes que el otro Apóstol Santiago. Fue el primero de los 12 en ser martirizado. Se venera en Compostela en España y es el patron de los peregrinos, de España, Guatemala y Nicaragua.

El martes recordamos a los padres de la Santísima Virgen Maria, San Joaquin y Santa Ana. La información que tenemos de estos dos santos viene de una fuente de no mucha credibilidad, el *Evangelio de Santiago*. Los retratan como a una pareja mayor y estéril deseando traer vida al mundo. Santa Ana es venerada en Canada pero el pobre Joaquin nunca llego a serlo. De todas maneras, mantengamos su ejemplo en nuestros pensamientos.

El viernes celebramos la Fiesta de Santa Marta, hermana de Maria y Lazaro; modelo de hospitalidad y discípula fiel. Leimos sobre Marta en el Evangelio de la semana pasada. Es la patrona de las amas de casa, de los meseros y de las meseras.

Espero que estén disfrutando del verano y rogamos por su seguridad y su pronto regreso a nuestra parroquia.

En este Año de la Misericordia recemos por la Paz. Tenemos tanto por que rezar en estos días: Dallas, Baton Rouge, Orlando, Niza, las víctimas de guerra, los refugiados, el lenguaje mordaz y divisivo de algunas de nuestras figuras publicas...

Padre Duffell



Is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. It is open to adults who:

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or First Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

If you (or anyone you know) are interested in learning more about our program or registering, please call Tina Silvestro at 212-877-3111.

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Finance Committee Corner

Last Sunday \$7,907 was received in the offertory baskets at Mass and \$3,389 was received through Parish Pay, for a total of \$11,296. However, the weekly operating costs to run our parish, such as salaries, benefits, utilities, office and program expenses, etc., are approximately \$20,000. This means **we had an operating deficit of \$8,704 this week.**

Thank you.

Please try to increase your weekly gifts so that we can eliminate our operating deficit. And please consider signing up for Parish Pay There is no cost to participate in the program. You may log onto www.parishpay.com or call 1866-727-4741 ext.1 to sign up.

Esquina Financiera

La suma de la colecta durante las Misas del domingo pasado fue \$7,907. Recibimos \$3,389 a través de Parish Pay para un total de \$11,296. Sin embargo, los costos de operación semanal en nuestra parroquia tales como salarios, beneficios, servicios (“utilities”), la oficina, etc., son aproximadamente \$20,000.- **Esto significa que tuvimos esta semana un déficit operacional de \$8,704.**

Gracias.

Les pedimos incrementar sus donaciones semanales para así poder eliminar esta diferencia. Y también les pedimos firmar en Parish Pay. No hay ningún costo por este programa. Pueden firmar en www.parishpay.com o llamando al 1-866-727-4741, ext. 1.

Group Dialogue Therapy Coming to Blessed Sacrament

As we know, the best way to help change the global and in-USA violence that has been in the news for some time now is to have honest and open dialogue about our fears and anxieties regarding each other’s race, creed, culture, ethnicity, orientation, etc. So, in the coming weeks Blessed Sacrament is beginning a Dialogue Group to help address our conscious and unconscious biases, helping us openly and honestly hear and listen to each other’s concerns about those different from us.

This is Step #1 for Blessed Sacrament parishioners, their families and friends. Our hope is to effect systematic change by expanding this enterprise to the larger community of churches, synagogues, mosques, politicians and the police.

A lot to undertake? Yes! But that is why our initial and primary interest is in overcoming our own personal fears, anxieties, and bias. Then, as a united force, we can be a voice that positively impacts our society and world.

Please consider joining us. The group(s), each limited to ten people, will have a discussion format and will convene for 1 1/2 hours on Wednesday evenings in the Rectory beginning August 10, 2016. If interested, please email lanastasio@verizon.net. If interested, but the meeting time is not convenient, please email as well. Knowing that many are still on vacation, it is expected that our numbers will grow after Labor Day. Thank you for your interest!



Saturday Evening, July 23rd

5:30 Cardinal Edward Egan +

Sunday, July 24th

8:30 Assunta Pellicone +

10:00 Msgr. Robert B. O’Connor +

11:15 Juana Paula Brito +

12:30 Msgr. Robert B. O’Connor +

5:30 Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

Monday, July 25th

7:30

12:10 Alfredo DeLeon +

5:30 Darlene Henry +

Tuesday, July 26th

7:30 Intention of Charite Omeus

12:10 Anita Manalo +

5:30 John McMick Michan Corp +

Wednesday, July 27th

7:30 Allan W. Hopkins +

12:10

5:30 Intention of Thomas Middelhoff

Thursday, July 28th

7:30

12:10

5:30 Nicholas Mormando +

Friday, July 29th

7:30

12:10

5:30 Vanessa Borg +

Saturday, July 30th

7:30

12:10 Dr. Jose Gregorio Hernandez +

What is ParishPay?

With *ParishPay*, it’s simple to make online donations to Blessed Sacrament using a credit or debit card. Simply go online at <http://www.parishpay.com/> and, just like your monthly mortgage or other bills, the money will simply be debited from your account and go directly to Blessed Sacrament. Thank you for your continued support!

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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.

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** _____

Weekly EM and Lector Schedule

Saturday, July 23

5:30 pm	1st	Anita Pearl
	2nd	Elizabeth Kubinski
	POF	Mia Yabut Wiese
	EM	Mia Yabut Wiese, Joe Tessitore, Edward Wiese

Sunday, July 24

8:30 am	1st	Mary Steffany
	2nd	Mary Steffany
	POF	James Palazza
	EM	JoDell Shields, Vivian Villaluz, Chris Williams, Mary Steffany, James Palazza
10:00 am	1st	Eddie Litton
	2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
	POF	Mary Bradley
	EM	Eddie Litton, Shirley Rodriguez, Judy Braun, Julie Tom, Nellie Gonzalez-Arce, Mary Bradley
12:30 pm	1st	Ingrid Leacock
	2nd	Ingrid Leacock
	POF	Jack Going
	EM	Thomas Alexander, Raul Garcia-Moncada, Jack Going, Ingrid Leacock, Lidia Stempien
5:30 pm	1st	Adriana Gonzalez
	2nd	Elizabeth Heilman, Brooke Murray
	POF	Kathleen LaMagna
	EM	Rob Porell, Joe McKenna, Kathleen LaMagna, Matthew Sitman, John Gasdaska, Elizabeth Occhipinti, Adriana Gonzalez

A Nuclear Free World

“There is urgent need to work for a world free of nuclear weapons, in full application of the non-proliferation Treaty, in letter and spirit, with the goal of a complete prohibition of these weapons.”

~Pope Francis in his September 2015 address to the U.S. Congress

Please join Pax Christi Metro New York for our annual Hiroshima/Nagasaki Memorial at which we heed Pope Francis’s call. We will sing, pray, listen, and act for a nuclear weapons free world. Emilie McGlone, International Coordinator of Peace Boat, will speak to us about Peace Boat’s Global Voyages for a nuclear-free world and the Hibakusha Project. Then we will hold a public silent vigil. The afternoon begins on Sunday, August 7th, at 2:30 PM in Casserly Hall, St. Joseph’s Greenwich Village Church, Sixth Avenue and Washington Place, and concludes at 4:30 PM in nearby Fr. Demo Square. For further details visit <http://www.nypaxchristi.org/> or contact <http://info@nypaxchristi.org> or 212-420-0250.

