



# 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](http://www.blessedsacramentnyc.org)*  
*Spanish Programs Website: [www.nygente.com](http://www.nygente.com)*  
*Sunday School Website: [www.blessedsacramentsundayschool.org](http://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.



<b>Saturday Eve</b>	<b>January 31st</b>
5:30	Maria Comforti+
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 1st</b>
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Lisa Regruit +
11:00	Jeanette Russo +
12:30	Enrico Rosales +
5:30	Tom Moonan +
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 2nd</b>
7:30	Intention of Shawee Yohannes
12:10	Veronica Caguana Torres +
5:30	Intention of Mary Moore Montgomery
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 3rd</b>
7:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:10	For The Murphy Family (living and deceased)
5:30	Perla Askins +
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 4th</b>
7:30	Intention of Donna de Solis
12:10	Africa Gomez San Agustin +
5:30	Kate Conroy +
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 5th</b>
7:30	Mary Grace Ruddy +
12:10	Thelma Lall +
5:30	Wayne Danbert +
<b>Friday</b>	<b>February 6th</b>
7:30	Nino Gardino +
12:10	Anthony Espinale +
5:30	Henry Wiwatowski +
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 7th</b>
7:30	Christina Maguire +
12:10	Annette Klabin +
5:30	Scott Yarwood +

**ARCHDIOCESAN - WIDE FOOD CAMPAIGN**

**Weekend of January 31st/February 1st.**

This year, Blessed Sacrament Parish is participating in **Feeding Our Neighbors**, an Archdiocesan - Wide Drive to replenish dwindling Food Pantries in our community. You can Feed Our Neighbors by replenishing the Blessed Sacrament pantry for our 15 families, our sister pantry at the Kennedy Center on West 134 St. and pantries across the Archdiocese. It only takes **one small action to feed the hungry**. Together we can change lives.

**Three simple ways to participate in the campaign are:** (1)Bring non-perishable foods to Saturday and Sunday Masses between January 24th and February 1st (see the food list) (2)Support by donating money during a Mass collection, make an on-line donation at [www.catholiccharitiesny.org/feedingourneighbors](http://www.catholiccharitiesny.org/feedingourneighbors) or make a quick \$10 donation by texting "CCHOPE" to 85944 and (3)Volunteer at a Food Pantry near you.

This weekend members of the parish Social Action Committee and others will be collecting your donated food in the **Big White Boxes un front of the two side altars AND at the church entrance**. Pick up a flyer and food list for more information.

**PARISH NOTES**

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

On Tuesday, February 3rd we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise, a day when the traditional blessing of throats is offered. If you wish to receive the blessing it will be administered at the end of the daily masses: 7:30 am, 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm.

Today after the 8:30 am, 10 am and 12:30 pm masses - an opportunity for a cup of coffee and other treats in the Rectory! You will meet interesting people over a cup of coffee, - who could ask for more. I would like to thank James Palazza and all the volunteers who make the coffee what it is, a very special moment, in which I hope you will share.

A word of update on Donna de Solis, our parish secretary. As of this writing, Donna is at home. One day this week she popped in to do the payroll and update the parishioners files. Keep her in your prayers, I believe in miracles.

It is hard to believe that Ash Wednesday is only 18 days away. To prepare for that day, I invite you to bring the palm you have at home to church. Beginning next week there will be a basket at the baptismal font where you are asked to place the palm which will be burned and so we will have the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday.

Speaking of Lent, I have invited the Jesuit author Fr. James Martin to lead a Lenten evening of reflection. His topic will be Jesus. The date is Tuesday, March 24th at 7:30 pm. Put this in your date book - plan to be part of this special Lenten evening.

Would you be free and willing to help count the Sunday collection? We do it every Monday morning at 9:00 am. Let me know if you are interested.

Pray for Peace  
*Fr. Duffell*

**YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT**

Feb.13-15 **Marianist Family Retreat Center**

Cape May Point, NJ 08212 609-884-3829 or

[www.capemaymarianist.org](http://www.capemaymarianist.org)

This weekend is for young adults (age 22-35, married or single) who wish to examine their personal faith in relation to God, self, co-workers and others. There will be a time for Eucharist, prayer experiences, faith sharing, social interaction and free time to explore Cape May and Cape May Point.

Price: \$125.00 double occ. **Financial aid is available**

**SPECIAL NEEDS MASS AT BLESSED SACRAMENT**



You are invited! **Please join us today at 4:00 pm** for a Special Needs Mass welcoming families with loved ones on the autism spectrum and other challenging behaviors.

Please send inquiries to [Jackie@snacknyc.com](mailto:Jackie@snacknyc.com)

**COLLECTION:** Our collection for January 25th was \$11,043. We also received \$3,744. for the **Feeding our Neighbors Campaign**. We are so grateful for your support.

**THE JOYJ INITIATIVE :** New program for ATRIA WEST 86 In December 2014 JOYJ volunteers have started another program to assist the elderly residents of ATRIA WEST 86 with their weekly spiritual needs. JOYJ volunteers are bringing Communion and reciting the Rosary for them every week. This program follows another similar program for the residents of The Riverside Premier Rehab & Healing Center that has been running for over a year. Thank you to the volunteers for their enormous dedication and commitment!!

**February 1st, 2015**

In Sunday's first reading, God promises to raise up a new prophet who will speak God's word to the people, but God warns against any false prophet who might claim to speak for God, but who does not. True and false prophets were not just for biblical times, but for all times. In WWII, the Nazis tried to speak for God as they strove to exterminate an entire people. At the same time, people like Etty Hillesum spoke to God and all of us with a message of love and forgiveness. Come learn about this remarkable woman on Sunday, February 8th, 2015 when Pax Christi Metro New York hosts **ETTY**, a one woman play about Etty Hillesum, a young Dutch Jewish woman living in Amsterdam during World War II. Taking from her extensive writings, Etty tells of her loves, her work, her deep faith, and her moment in history. In the process she challenges us to rethink questions of resistance and humanity and to consider our own responsibility in today's world of fear and struggle. Susan Stein will perform and lead a discussion in St. Joseph Church, Sixth Avenue between Washington Place and Waverly Place starting at 2:30 p.m. Reserve your space now by contacting the PCMUY office at [info@nypaxchristi.org](mailto:info@nypaxchristi.org) or 212-420-0250. Seats are \$25.00 in advance, \$30.00 at the door, and \$15.00 with a student ID.

**ST. FRANCIS RESUME CLINIC**

Renew , St. Francis Younger Retiree Program, is sponsoring a day of private sessions to assist unemployed persons as well as others facing layoff or career transition. Volunteers will be available to assist individuals in updating or editing their resumes. Free, private sessions will be held **Thursday, February 5, 2015** at St. Francis House, 135 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001. If you are interested, please call in advance to schedule an individual appointment at 212-736-8500, Ext. 357. You may e-mail your resume to [resume@stfrancisnyc.org](mailto:resume@stfrancisnyc.org).

**OUR Inheritance: Vatican II at 50. The Post-Conciliar Generation Looks at the Next Half Century.**

Monday, March 9, 2015 / 4-6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 / 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

12th floor Lounge—E. Corrigan Conference Center  
113 West 60th St.—Fordham University, New York

How will Vatican II continue to shape the church and its engagement with the wider world? What are the emerging horizons in politics, society , and the intellectual life toward which Catholic scholars should orient their attention? An impressive gathering of leading Catholic thinkers from the generation that came of age in a post-Council world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: [Fordham.edu/CRC](http://Fordham.edu/CRC).

RSVP: [rcprogram@fordham.edu](mailto:rcprogram@fordham.edu)

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**SLAVE LABOR + CONSUMERISM**

You are invited to a workshop on Thursday, February 5th, at Wallace Hall, St. Ignatius of Loyola, Park Avenue and 84th Street at 7:00 pm to learn about the many ways slave labor produces the goods we use in our daily living. RSVP by February 1st to [AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com](mailto:AntiSlaveryRSVP@gmail.com) or **212 288-3588**.

**NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES**

El martes día 3 de febrero celebramos la Fiesta de St. Blaise, un día en el cual se ofrece la tradicional bendición de la garganta. Si desean recibirla, esta será administrada al final de las misas diarias: 7:30 am., 12:00 pm. and 5:30 pm

Hoy después de las misas de la 8:30 am., 10:00 am., 11:00 am y 12:30 pm - una oportunidad de disfrutar una taza de café y algunos dulces en la Rectoría! Quien puede pedir mas? Conocer gente interesante tomándose un café. Mi agradecimiento a James Palazza y a todos los voluntarios que hacen de esto un momento muy especial y el cual espero ustedes compartan.

Donna de Solis, la secretaria de nuestra parroquia ya esta en su casa. Estuvo un día esta semana en la Rectoría ocupándose del "payroll" y poniendo al día el archivo de los feligreses. Recen por ella, Yo creo en los milagros.

Es increíble que el Miércoles de Cenizas es dentro de 18 días. En preparación para ese día les invito a traer a la iglesia las palmas que tengan en sus casas. El próximo domingo colocaremos una canasta en la fuente bautismal donde le pedimos poner las palmas que luego serán quemadas y las cenizas utilizadas ese Miércoles.

Y, en referencia a la Cuaresma, he invitado al escritor Jesuita, Fr. James Martin a que nos guíe en una hora de reflexión sobre la Cuaresma. Su tópico: Jesús; la fecha el martes 24 de marzo a las 7:30 pm. Marquen sus teléfonos y agendas y vengan y sean parte de una noche muy especial.

Estarías libre y dispuesto a ayudarnos a contar la colecta de los domingos cada lunes por la mañana a las 9 am? Déjenme saber si están interesados.

Rueguen por la Paz.

*Fr. Duffell*

**WE ALL HAVE A PART TO PLAY**

As our country gets older and the baby boomer population ages, we can see the importance of Social Security and Medicare. Today in America, these programs help to keep the majority of the elderly population out of poverty. According to the Supplemental Poverty Measure of the U.S. Census Bureau , 14.8% of senior citizens would be in poverty (U.S. Census Bureau, 2013). Check out Poverty USA's Snapshots of Poverty to get a glimpse of the life of an elderly woman in poverty,

Programs like Social Security, Medicare and SNAP are responsible for large-scale reductions in poverty. We must be aware of the limited yet crucial role that government plays in alleviating poverty in the U.S. The U.S. bishops, in the 2007 statement **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, state that our policy goals should "encourage families, communities, economic structures, and government to work together to overcome poverty, pursue the common good, and care for creation."



**"Monsignor Quixote"** Graham Greene, one of the greatest Catholic novelists of modern times, presents a sincere exploration into the meaning of belief and unbelief, faith and friendship in the modern world. The book is a quick but satisfying read. It's a mixture of entertainment and deep human awareness. The NYT called it "a meditation on faith and doubt and the varieties of human folly."

**Join us on Thursday, February 12th at 6:30 pm in the rectory.....for a discussion of this great work**