



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) & 5:30PM
WEEKDAYS: 7:30 AM; 12:10 PM; 5:30 PM
SATURDAYS: 7:30 AM, 12:10 PM
HOLYDAYS & 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.np.gente.com
Sunday School Website: www.blessedsacramentsunday school.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.



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| Saturday Eve | February 21st |
| 5:30 | George Kaufmann |
| Sunday | February 22nd |
| 8:30 | Fernando Pando + |
| 10:00 | Skip Coyle + |
| 11:00 | Intention of Amy Lord |
| 12:30 | Intention of Thomas Middehoff |
| 5:30 | Olga Peters + |
| Monday | February 23rd |
| 7:30 | Charles and Margaret Sebastian+ |
| 12:10 | Patricia Hidalgo-Rodriguez+ |
| 5:30 | Eugene Albertelli + |
| Tuesday | February 24th |
| 7:30 | For All Souls in Purgatory |
| 12:10 | Intention of Lourdes Cruz Beplat |
| 5:30 | Ed Burch + |
| Wednesday | February 25th |
| 7:30 | Eladia Riggs Bing + |
| 12:10 | Elizabeth W. Fortune + |
| 5:30 | Julia Gonzalez + |
| Thursday | February 26th |
| 7:30 | Catherine White + |
| 12:10 | Africa Gomez San Agustin + |
| 5:30 | John Brierley + |
| Friday | February 27th |
| 7:30 | Anna Healy + |
| 12:10 | Passquale Colarossi + |
| 5:30 | Intention of Thomas Middehoff |
| Saturday | February 28th |
| 7:30 | Rosa Torres + |
| 12:10 | Josephine Borneau + |
| 5:30 | Thanksgiving for Helen Maria Lim |



BOOK CLUB

"The Last Monk of Tibhirine", a True Story of Martyrdom, Faith and Survival by Freddy Derwahl. An account of Brother

Jean-Pierre Schumacher, the last survivor of the seven Trappist monks of Tibhirine who were massacred in 1996 during the Algerian Civil War. The popular movie "Of Gods and Men": was based on the monks' deaths

Join us on Thursday, March 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory...for a discussion of this great work.

PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

We are just a few days into Lent. Tell me about your Lenten journey: is it fruitful, challenging? Perhaps it's dry and dull. Your Lent can be all these things. One easy way to do a good Lent is through the Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl. The Rice Bowl combines the three pillars of Lent: prayer, fasting and alms giving. Pick up a Rice Bowl in the entrance to the church. There is more information in this bulletin.

One of my Lenten disciplines this year is to send out a daily Lenten meditation on FlockNote. I'll do my best, and you can help by sending me your Lenten thoughts at jjduffell@aol.com. I may even use one of your reflections on my FlockNotes.

Our parish convent will once again be home to religious and volunteers. Dominican Volunteers USA, an organization affiliated and operated by a coalition of Dominican nuns groups, will begin occupying the convent this summer. The group looks forward to participating in our parish life. At some point over the summer, we will have a reception so you can meet these dynamic Dominican Volunteers.

Pray for Peace.

Fr. Duffell

Fr. Gerard DiSenso

Please join us as we welcome Fr. Gerard DiSenso, a retired priest of the New York Archdiocese, for two evenings of discussions about the English Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins. The discussions will take place in the rectory on Thursdays Feb. 26 and March at 7:00 pm. See you there.

CRS RICE BOWL—LENT 2015

This season of Lent, **Blessed Sacrament parish will once again participate in Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl** as a way of enhancing our Lenten journey. It is also a way for us to live out Pope Francis' call to end world hunger. Celebrating its 40th year, **CRS Rice Bowl** is a faith-in-action Lenten program for families, individuals and faith communities with family activities, meatless meals, prayers and reflections. Rice Bowl invites Catholics to live in solidarity with our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters through the Lenten pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. **870 million people suffer from hunger.** Of this 98% live in the developing world.

This weekend at all Masses, a prayer will be said over the Rice Bowls and Lenten Calendars and they will be distributed after each Mass. Please pick up a flyer for more information.

What you give up for Lent changes lives.

THE JOY J INITIATIVE—HOMELESS OUTREACH

On January 24th, 74 volunteers from the Church of the Blessed Sacrament and the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus distributed 120 comfort bags to the Homeless in Manhattan. It was a great and inspiring event! The bags were filled with high quality clothing and other items generously donated by Blessed Sacrament Parishioners by taking ornaments from the Jesse Tree last December. We are moved for the caring and generosity of our parish! Many thanks also to the volunteers of Blessed Sacrament who coordinated the event with the parishioners of the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on West 51st Street. They will create their own local chapter so more people in need will receive help. If you are interested in participating in future homeless outreaches, please send an email to mail@joyj.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-Conciliar world will explore these questions. For complete agenda please visit: Fordham.edu/CRC.

RSVP: crcprogram@fordham.edu

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LET'S BE PROTECTORS OF CREATION

The wonders of the Earth, the beauty of our planet, the gift of natural resources and the human family's unique role as steward of Creation are all reasons the Church is deeply concerned about the environment.

How we misuse natural resources and abuse the natural environment is often a reflection of how we treat each other. Those in poverty and vulnerable communities are on the front lines of the disruptions caused by climate change, like changing weather patterns which affect crops. Pope Francis has called us to be protectors of the environment and each other.

COLLECTION

Our collection for February 15th was \$5,609.99— We also received \$1,977.42 for the Peter's Pence Collection for a total of \$7,587.41. We are grateful for your support.

LENTEN SIMPLE SUPPERS

The Spirit Sunday and Young Adults groups are pleased to co-sponsor this year's Lenten Simple Suppers. Please join us during the 5 Wednesdays during lent: 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, and 3/25, for prayer, meditation, and a supper of soup, salad, and bread. The evenings are 7PM-8:15PM in the rectory dining room and are a wonderful way to enrich your Lenten experience. For all questions, please call John Gasdaska at 646-345-7350. We hope to see you there.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Hace unos días comenzó el periodo de Cuaresma. Pueden decirme que han hecho en estos días? Han sido fructíferos, un desafío? Quizás secos o aburridos. La Cuaresma puede ser todo esto. Una forma fácil de hacer el bien durante estas fechas es a través del "Catholic Relief Service Rice Bowl" Esto combina los tres pilares de la Cuaresma: plegarias, ayuno y limosnas. Pueden encontrarlos a la entrada de nuestra iglesia. Además, encontrarán más información en este boletín.

Una disciplina que sigue durante la Cuaresma es enviar diariamente a través de FlockNote una plegaria para meditar. Me pueden ayudar enviándome sus pensamientos a jpduffell@aol.com. Podría hasta usar sus reflexiones en FlockNote.

Nuestro convento será una vez más el hogar de religiosos y voluntarios. Dominican Volunteers USA, una organización afiliada a y manejada por una coalición de grupos de mujeres Dominicanas, comenzarán a residir en el convento este verano. Este grupo participará en nuestra vida parroquial. Durante el verano tendremos una recepción para que puedan conocer a todos/as los voluntarios.

Roguemos por la paz.

Fr. Duffell

School of the Blessed Sacrament

TOTALLY 80s ONLINE AUCTION

The third annual School of the Blessed Sacrament **Online Auction is LIVE!** With over 250 items such as: kids summer camps & classes, fitness sessions, restaurant gift cards, spa services, tickets to sporting events, there is something for everyone. Check it out and be sure to send the link to family and friends. Bid early and bid often. New items are being added daily. Online Auction link: (<http://www.auctionsbs.com/online-auction>)

Upcoming Lenten Art Slide Lecture: Art and Faith Celebrates the Paschal Mystery

How do works of art imagine the death and resurrection of Jesus and how does Theology help us to interpret the images?

Presented by the Rev. Leo J. O'Donovan, S.J., President Emeritus, Georgetown University

Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, Wallace Hall
980 Park Avenue, New York

War destroys. And we must cry out for peace. . . Peace sometimes give the idea of stillness, but it is never stillness. It is always an active peace. I think that everyone must be committed in the matter of peace, to do everything that they can, what I can do from here. Peace is the language we must speak." *Pope Francis*