



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	March 28th
5:30	Gianni Ianni +
Sunday	March 29th
8:30	Olga Peters +
10:00	Edilberto Guerrero+/Stephen Willis Kagay +
11:00	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
12:30	Michael T. Wallace +
5:30	Elizabeth Russo +
Monday	March 30th
7:30	Intention of Shawee Yohannes
12:10	Philomena Reiland
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Tuesday	March 31st
7:30	John Marks +
12:10	Anna La Grua +
5:30	Intention of Thomas Middelhoff
Wednesday	April 1st
7:30	Vincenzo Gardino +
12:10	Anna Prisco +
5:30	Richard Paul Brin Ferrata +
Thursday	April 2nd
7:30	
12:10	
5:30	
Friday	April 3rd
7:30	
12:10	
5:30	
Saturday	April 4th
7:30	
12:10	+
5:30	

GOOD FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS

Pax Christi Metro New York invites you to its 33rd consecutive Good Friday Way of the Cross as a way to shine God’s light on a sometimes dark and sinful city and world. Commemorating Jesus’ suffering in His own life and in the lives of people throughout the world today, hundreds process together, praying for changes in ourselves and in society. Concluding with a 15th station, we are reminded that we are a Resurrection people in a Good Friday world. The walk begins at 8:30am on April 3rd at 47th Street between First and Second Avenues, proceeds along 42nd Street and ends on 42nd Street between Eighth and Ninth Avenues around noon. For more information, please contact Pax Christi Metro NY at 212-420-0250 or info@nypaxchristi.org.

PARISH NOTES

Dear Parishioners and Friends;

It’s hard to believe that Holy Week and Easter are upon us.

We begin today, the holiest week of the year—Holy because during this week we celebrate the Great Pascal Triduum, when together we relive with the Lord his passage through death to the fullness of life. The Triduum begins on Thursday evening when we gather for the celebration of the Lord’s Supper and then process with the Eucharist to the place of repose, the garden if you will, where we will keep watch with the Lord. On Friday we continue as we celebrate the Lord’s Suffering and Dying. Here in the parish we will pray this prayer in Spanish at 3:00pm and in English at 5:30pm. And then on Saturday, we will gather at 7:30pm for the Vigil and then celebrate the Resurrection during which time the catechumens will be received into the Catholic Church, and they who have been preparing will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

Tenebrae will be prayed on Friday and Saturday mornings at 9:30am. There is also Morning Prayer on Thursday at 9:30am., The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 12:00 noon on Good Friday in English.

I would be remiss if I did not ask you to carefully consider your offering to the Easter Collection. It is a major source for reaching of the parish budgets. Thank you.

Pray for Peace
Fr. Duffell.



COLLECTION OF CRS RICE BOWL

Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl comes to an end during Holy Week. Starting with Palm Sunday Masses, Social Action Committee members and fellow parishioners will be stationed at the church entrance to collect your Rice Bowls. 75% of your donation will go to Catholic Relief Services programs serving the poorest of the poor overseas. 25% will go toward NY archdiocesan projects that minister to the poor and vulnerable in our own community. We will continue to collect Rice Bowls on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. You can always turn in your Rice Bowl at the rectory. If you made an online donation, please let us know so that we can include it in our totals.

COLLECTION

Our collection for March 22nd was \$8,381.- And through ParishPay: \$1,891.- for a total of \$10,272.- We are grateful for your support.

VISITING FRIENDS PROGRAM

Our new Visiting Friends Program is up and running with great success. Volunteers are visiting homebound people in the neighborhood, bringing the comfort of companionship and social interaction. Flyers are available in the back of the church with information on the program. If you know of someone (friend, relative or neighbor) who might benefit from and welcome a visitor, please email us at joyj.blessed.sacrament@aol.com.—be sure to put “Visiting Friends Program” in the subject box. You can also leave the information at the Rectory.

**JOYJ INITIATIVE—Easter Egg Lenten Project**

JoyJ is once again sponsoring an Easter Egg Lenten Project. On March 28th a basket of eggs will be placed on the Blessed Mother's altar on the right side of the church. Inside each egg are requests for t-shirts, toothpaste, McDonald's or Subway gift cards, socks, wipes, protein fruit bars, etc. We ask that gift cards not exceed \$10.00 per card. Donations will be collected on Saturday, April 11th and Sunday, April 12th. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

In other news, on April 9th, **Saks Fifth Avenue** will host a charitable event for the **JoyJ Initiative**. Please join us at Saks Fifth Avenue to view the **RAOUL Spring 2015 Collection**. There will be light bites, prosecco, live music, and a fashion show by four models. 10% of the proceeds from sales will go to the JoyJ Initiative. Please join us and help us to make this event a big success! Share this invitation with friends and family who may be interested. A successful first event will open the door to future events. Please RSVP for the event by emailing **RaoulRSVP@saks.com**.

PATH TO THE STILL CENTER

Come join us every Thursday at 5:30pm in the Rectory. We are following the teachings of **Dom John Main, OSB** and Fr. Laurence Freeman, OSB, Director of the World Community for Christian Meditation. The meeting includes a short taped talk, a silent meditation of 30 minutes and a time for questions or another short reading. It ends at 7:00pm. **NO FEE**. Any other questions, call Mary Orth-Pallavicini at 212-628-1792

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

There is an active Knights of Columbus on the west side, DeSoto Council #327, located at 441 West 49th Street. The Council is active and looking for new members among practicing Catholic men, 18 years of age or older, seeking the spiritual benefits, camaraderie, and community involvement that being a Knight offers.

LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**Saturday Eve March 28th****5:30**

1st	Jerry Becker
2nd	Tom Caffrey
Narrator	Kimberley LaMarque Orman
Voice	Roscoe Orman
POF	Carolyn McZinc
EM's	Cathy Lenz, Nancy Kearney, Ben Ventura, John Gibbons, CarolynMcZinc, Jerry Becker, Tom Caffrey

Sunday, March 29th**8:30**

1st	Mary Steffany
2nd	Mary Steffany
Narrator	Brendan Contant
Voice	Eileen Simpson
POF	James Palazza
EMs	Mary Steffany, James Palazza, Brendan Contant, Eileen Simpson

10:00

1st	Anna Piazza
2nd	Shirley Rodriguez
Narrator	Charles Weeks
Voice	Gabriel Keane
POF	Mary Bradley
EMs	Eddie Litton, Mary Bradley, Mary Jebara, Judy Braun, Anna-Sophia Leone, Diane Brush, Andrew Jenkins

12:30

1st	Jack Going
2nd	Megan Mitchell
Narrator	Loretta Edmonds
Voice	Adam Llorens
POF	Francesca DiPaola
EMs	Megan Mitchell, Adam Llorens, Francesca DiPaola, Margo Hopkins, Elsa Alvarez, Christina Elefante

5:30

1st	Mia Yabut
2nd	Thomas Davis
Narrator	Mark Murphy
Voice	Ann O'Connell
POF	Louis Ullman
EML	Brian Fallon, Helena Maria Lim, Tiffany Riady, Elisa Dragu, Patricia Alvarez de Fallon, Ann O'Connell, Rob Porell