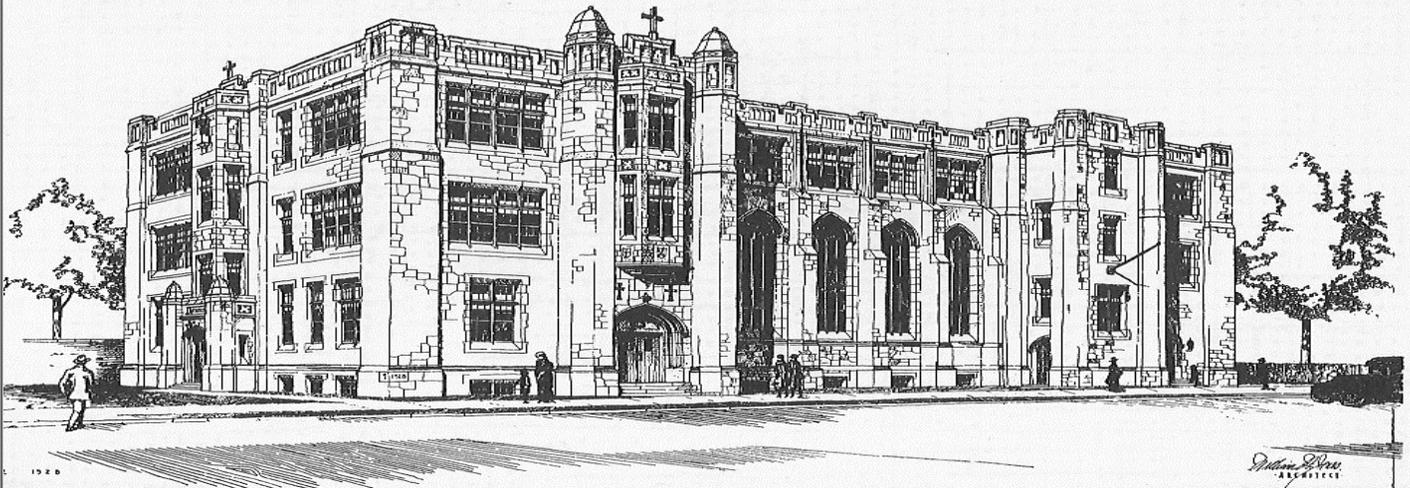


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17, 2015

MASSES

Saturday—9:00 AM, 5:00 PM Vigil
Sunday—8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:30 AM,
11:00 AM (Spanish) & 12:30 PM

WEEKDAYS

Monday through Friday
8:00 AM (Spanish), 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays - 4:00-4:30 PM,
during Office hours, or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Parents must be registered
parishioners of Blessed Sacrament Parish and
must attend a Baptism Preparation
Conference before the child is baptized.
Arrangements must be made two months in
advance of the baptism date by speaking with
the Priest or Deacon at the Church Rectory.
Baptisms are held once a month in English and
in Spanish following the 12:30 PM Mass.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements for the
Sacrament of Matrimony must be made at
least six months in advance of the date
desired. At least one of the parties must be
officially registered as a parishioner of Blessed
Sacrament Parish. All engaged couples must
attend marriage preparation sessions. Please
make an appointment with the Priest or the
Deacon in the Church Rectory Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: All children
who attend public school must be enrolled in
the parish religious education program in
order to receive the sacraments. Classes are
held on Saturday mornings and each child
must be registered. You may call the Religious
Education Office for further information.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:

Saturdays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
First Fridays, 12:00 PM

ADULT SACRAMENTAL

PREPARATION: Classes are held for
adults who wish to receive the sacraments of
Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Classes
are held each week in English as well as in
Spanish. Please call the Church Office or the
Religious Education Office for further
information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP: Every family in
the parish should be properly registered.
New Parishioners are asked to register at the
Rectory as soon as possible. If you are
moving, please notify the Rectory.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA:

Tuesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass (Spanish)
and after the 9:00 AM Mass (English)

PARISH WEB SITE: visit our web page @
www.blessedsacramentbx.org

PLEASE REMEMBER BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH, BRONX, NY IN YOUR WILL

CHURCH OFFERING: We greatly appreciate your weekly donations to the parish. The collections for the weeks of May 10, 2015 amounted to \$3,483.00 Thank you for your generosity.

INCREASED GIVING CAMPAIGN: As we continue to SHARE OUR GIFTS through participating in the increased giving campaign of the parish, we are building a much better future for the parish. The success of our campaign to increase the weekly income of the parish continues to show success. So far the contributions continue to be consistent with the amounts that the parishioners have pledged. During these very difficult economic times, it is understandable that all cannot participate. Please be assured that whatever amount you are able to contribute is of help to the parish. **All who have made a pledge to increase their weekly contributions are encouraged to continue to do so. There is much that is yet to be accomplished in the parish and your increased financial contributions will make this a reality.**

UPCOMING EVENTS - PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

- May 17, 2015 - Bake Sale Altagracia Group
- May 24, 2015 - Bake Sale Guadalupe Group
- May 31, 2015 - First Holy Communion
- June 7, 2015 - Tots Graduation at 10:00am

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL:

Today we celebrate one of the tenets of our creed: that the Lord ascended into heaven. From Mark's Gospel we hear the final words Jesus spoke to his disciples shortly before he ascended into heaven. Those were words of commissioning, no less real for us today than they were to the disciples then. We are called to "proclaim the gospel to every creature." For the vast majority of us, this means that we proclaim the gospel by the witness of our everyday lives. Treating others with dignity and respect, providing for those less fortunate than ourselves, being good stewards of the many gifts showered on us, coming together as God's family in worship and praise—these are all signs that the gospel has taken root in our lives.



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION:

Surprisingly, the church moved very slowly in claiming marriage as a focus of attention and care. Nearly everywhere in the Roman world, citizens agreed on how to celebrate marriage. Consent of the man and woman is what made a marriage valid in the eyes of the law, and although there was a traditional ceremony, it was home-based and optional. The ceremony was for showing the social status of the families involved (the procession ideally detoured through crowds), and for reminding the woman of her legal transfer from her father's control to her husband's. The "big moment" of the ceremony had nothing to do with vows, but with the bride's donning the yellow veil with red highlights that was the daily wear of married women. A wedding feast included soothsayers and animal sacrifice to the new household's gods. Christians found that distasteful, of course, but since marriage was a family matter, they could edit things out. The church was comfortable with this, and sometimes recommended that the couple seek the advice of the bishop. His permission was only required for the marriage of a

SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 After the Ascension of Jesus, the apostles gathered with the Church in the upper room to select another apostle to take the place of Judas. The apostolic office is to continue in the Church in an unbroken line down through the ages.

Second Reading: 1 John 4:11-16 Christ has sent his Holy Spirit into our hearts to enable us to love as he has loved. He has not abandoned us, but remains with us still, and he expects us to be witness of his love as he was witness of the love of the Father.

Gospel Introduction: John 17:11b-19 The gospel today is taken from the great priestly prayer of Jesus at the Last Supper. It is a kind of ordination prayer by which Jesus consecrates his apostles to do exactly what he had been doing. He consecrates them to teach truth. He promises to be with them so that they shall not lose their way. He asks the Father to give them unity with him as he has unity with the Father. Although Christ was to be taken from their sight, he would always remain with his Church.

cleric, or for a marriage Rome didn't recognize, such as between a free woman and a slave. There was no blessing, no liturgy, no priest. Christians followed the customs of the day, but they knew that custom and relationships were transformed from within themselves by the fact of their baptism. Outwardly, Christians married exactly as their pagan neighbors, but they certainly invested the usual gestures with a dynamic sense of Christ's presence.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY:** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
- TUESDAY:** Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
- WEDNESDAY:** Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
- THURSDAY:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
- FRIDAY:** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-20; Jn 21:15-19
- SATURDAY:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
- SUNDAY:** **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



CONFIRMATION: We congratulate our children who received the Sacrament of Confirmation yesterday, and we thank Bishop Josu Iriondo for administering

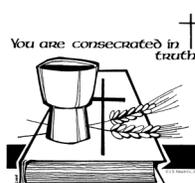
this Sacrament

MONTH OF ORDINATIONS! Two important dates to keep in mind this month; the 18th and the 23rd. Brother



Anthony, CFR, the seminarian that came to our parish last month will be ordained a deacon with his classmates on Monday, May 18th 2015. St. John Paul II was also born on this day May 18, 1920 as Karol Józef Wojtyła in Poland. This was also the day my classmates and I were ordained priests of Jesus Christ at St.

Patrick's Cathedral in Manhattan by Cardinal Egan in 2002. Ten new priests will be ordained on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at 9:00AM in St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please pray for these new priests and for an increase in vocation to the Priesthood.



PRAY FOR THE SICK:

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| Gene Lacorbiniere | Albert López | Trinidad Vargas |
| Helen Anthony | Andrea Ortiz | Edward Victoria |
| Juan & Melissa Valdez | Cleofe Morales | Stephanie Merenda |
| Gladys & Fernando Stgo | Marcos Cuevas | Christian Tobar |
| María Cristina León | Florene Scott | Antonia Pérez |
| Michelle Reyes | Audrey Ávila | Altagracia Vázquez |
| Isabel Soza e Isabel Elter | Encarnación Lugo | Ángel Luis Rodríguez |
| Lisa Rivera | Johnny López | Marisol Singer |
| Jacob Thompson | Justo Perez Jr. | Bernice Jones |
| Dolores Dávila | Ofelia Álvarez | Juan Torres |
| | Raúl Rivera | Bernie Hamilton |



MONDAY:

8:00AM NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LOURDES
9:00AM +ISNEDINO JUSINO

TUESDAY:

8:00AM +LUIS PONCE
9:00AM

WEDNESDAY:

8:00AM +JESUS ROMAN
9:00AM

THURSDAY:

8:00AM PRO POPULO
9:00AM +OLGA OJEDA ST. CLAIRE

FRIDAY:

8:00AM SWEET 16 BLESSINGS FOR NICHOLE LY-ANN RIBOT
9:00AM

SATURDAY:

9:00AM KELLY MENDEZ'S 3YRS BIRTHDAY BLESSING
5:00PM +AUGUSTINA DELGADO

SUNDAY:

8:00AM CUMPLEAÑOS NUM. 10 DE JUAN GUERRERO
9:30AM +ANTOINE JEAN DORSANT
11:00AM +LIZETTE BERMUDEZ
12:30PM +BLANCA IRIS DEL VALLE

CONTRIBUCIÓN A LA IGLESIA: Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosa contribución que hacen a nuestra parroquia semanalmente. Las colectas total de la semana del 10 de mayo de 2015 fue de \$3,483.00 Gracias por su generosidad.

PROCLAMA EL EVANGELIO: Hoy celebramos uno de los dogmas de nuestro Credo: que el Señor ascendió a los cielos. Del Evangelio de san Marcos escuchamos las últimas palabras que Jesús les dirigió a sus discípulos momentos antes de ascender a los cielos. Fueron palabras con un encargo, no menos real para nosotros que para los discípulos de entonces. Jesús nos encarga: "Vayan por todo el mundo y prediquen el Evangelio a toda criatura". Para la gran mayoría de nosotros, esto significa que proclamamos el Evangelio con el testimonio de nuestra vida diaria. Cuando tratamos a otros con dignidad y respeto, ayudamos a los menos afortunados que nosotros, actuamos corresponsablemente con los muchos dones que hemos recibido, y nos reunimos como familia de Dios para adorar y alabar al Padre –todas estas son señales de que el Evangelio ha echado raíces en nuestras vidas.



TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE: Después de los eventos del Viernes Santo los discípulos se encerraron en el Cenáculo porque tenían mucho miedo. Estaban precisamente ahí, donde habían

LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA DOMINICAL: Hechos 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26, Salmo 103; 1 Juan 4,11-16; Juan 17, 11b-19

Hoy concluimos nuestras lecturas del Evangelio sobre la gran oración de Jesús en la Última Cena. El ofreció esta oración tanto para sus discípulos que compartían su mesa de entonces como para nosotros. Al escuchar esta oración hoy imagínate que Jesús te esta hablando directamente a ti. ¿Qué respuesta darás a la oración de Jesús, que te pide vayas al mundo?

celebrado la Última Cena con Jesús. Según los relatos que nos presentan los evangelios, Jesús se les aparecería en ese mismo lugar. De hecho, cuarenta días después de su muerte, Jesús ascendió al cielo. Luego de que Jesús ascendiera al cielo, los discípulos se quedaron atónitos viendo hacia arriba. El famoso "Himno a la alegría" nos invita a ver "más allá de las estrellas". Sin embargo, los ángeles le dicen a los seguidores de Cristo que dejen de ver las nubes y se pongan a trabajar (Hechos 1:11). Al regresar a su Padre, Jesucristo envió su Espíritu sobre la comunidad cristiana primitiva haciéndolos testigos de su resurrección. De esta manera dieron inicio a la canción que dice: "Que esperan un nuevo día", y esperando van cantado el mensaje de aquel que estando en el cielo puede vivir en el corazón de los que le aman.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- LUNES:** Hch 19:1-8; Sal 68 (67):2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
MARTES: Hch 20:17-27; Sal 68 (67):10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
MIÉRCOLES: Hch 20:28-38; Sal 68 (67):29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
JUEVES: Hch 22:30; 23:6-11; Sal 16 (15):1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
VIERNES: Hch 25:13b-21; Sal 103 (102):1-2, 11-12, 19-20; Jn 21:15-19
SÁBADO: Hch 28:16-20, 30-31; Sal 11 (10):4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
DOMINGO: Vigilia: Gn 11:1-9 o Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37:1-14 o Jl 3:1-5; Sal 104 (103):1-2, 24, 35, 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Día: Hch 2:1-11; Sal 104 (103):1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 o Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23 o Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

CONFIRMACIÓN:



Felicidades a todos nuestros niños que recibieron el Sacramento de la Confirmación ayer, y le agradecemos al Obispo Iriando por suministrar este Sacramento.



Canten al Señor

MUCHAS GRACIAS!!! Estamos muy agradecidos por los donativos y contribuciones recibidos en nuestra parroquia de nuestro Grupo Círculo de Oración. Que el Señor los colme de bendiciones a todos!!!!

Durante el mes de mayo, recitamos el santo rosario antes de cada misa del domingo. Si estas interesado a participar en esta devocional en honor de nuestra Madre Santísima, favor de llamar a la rectoría.



+++REST IN PEACE+++
Basilio Cordero Ruiz

