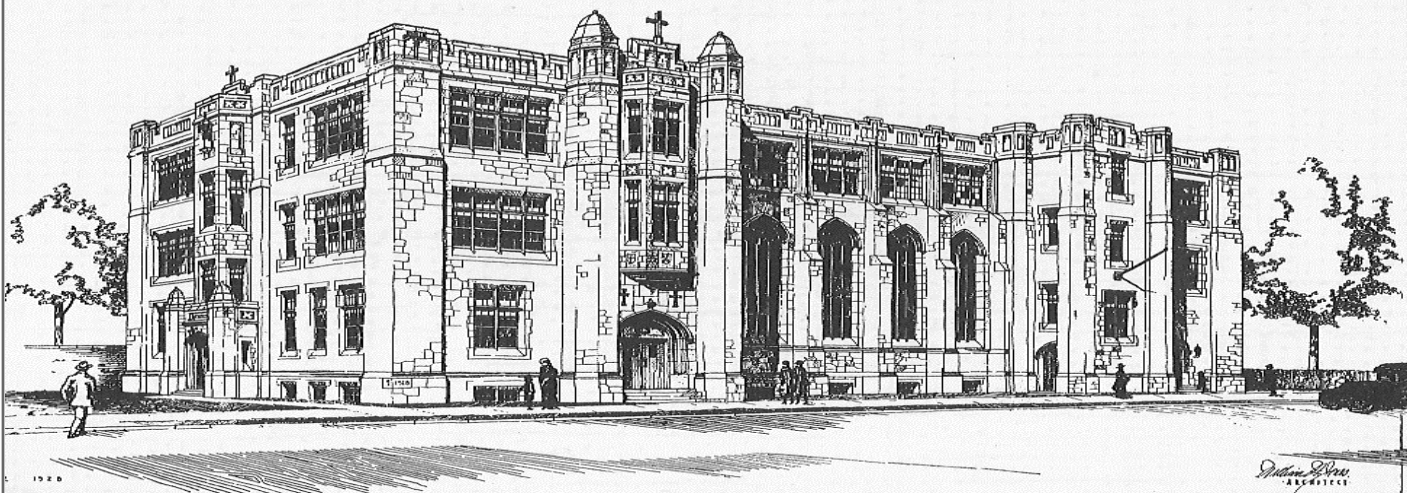


CHURCH OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

JUNE 7, 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 31, 2015 amounted to \$3,631.00 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

- June 7, 2015 - Corpus Christi (Parish Picnic) - 2:30 PM
- June 14, 2015 - Tots Graduation at 10:00am
- June 28, 2015 - Mass at Holy Family @ 12:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK: Today's Gospel tells the story of the preparation of the place where Jesus and his disciples were to eat the Last Supper. During that meal, the new covenant in Christ's blood was established as an everlasting covenant that we celebrate to this day. Today is a good day to ask ourselves just how intentional we are when preparing to celebrate the Mass. All too often, our coming to this place becomes routine and the Mass seems to pass us by. What an opportunity we miss when this happens! When we celebrate the Eucharist, we are joined to Christ, proclaiming and participating in his death and sharing in the promise of his new life. The gift of today's solemnity gives us the chance to re-examine our own preparedness for Mass. As today's Gospel is proclaimed, let us remember that it is at the table of the Eucharist that we can truly find transformation. Here at this table we taste newness of life.



THANKSGIVING: The word "thanksgiving" most often calls to our mind the holiday in November. But as early as the middle of the second century Justin Martyr referred to the blessed bread and wine of the Lord's Supper as "food we call 'thanksgiving' " (in Greek *eucharistia*). The Thanksgiving we celebrate in the autumn is at times marked by a sort of proud societal self-congratulation and the consumption of

food until we sink into an inert stupor. The "thanksgiving" that we call our Eucharist is just the opposite: we are led to it by an acknowledgment of our own failings; we remember our humble place in the scheme of things by giving praise to God alone. While the food of Christ's body and blood fills our spiritual hungers, it also creates in us a greater hunger. We are not sent to our spiritual sofas to let the Lord's Supper settle; we are sent to be living signs of that thanksgiving for the world by looking out for the poor and powerless, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, speaking out against the self-righteous. In short, the hunger created by our doing in remembrance of Christ must lead us to living in remembrance of him.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- MONDAY:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12
- TUESDAY:** 2 Cor 1:18-22; Ps 119:129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16

SUNDAY'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8 A "covenant" is an agreement between two unequal persons which is sealed in blood. Our first reading describes the covenant enacted by Moses on Mt. Sinai. God agrees to make Israel a kingdom of priests, a holy nation. Israel, in turn, promised to do all that the Lord commanded. The words of Moses are used by Jesus at the Last Supper to enact the new covenant.

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15 In the old covenant, the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies only once a year on the Day of Atonement. He sprinkled the covering of the Ark of the Covenant with blood to signify God's forgiveness of all sins. The second reading shows how Christ's covenant, his sacrifice, and his forgiveness are superior to the old covenant.

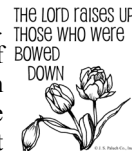
Gospel Introduction: Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 In giving us the Eucharist, Christ instituted a new covenant in his blood. The terms of the agreement are that we are to live the life of grace-which is this agreement only through the power of Christ who nourishes us with his own Body and Blood.

- WEDNESDAY:** 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19
- THURSDAY:** Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
- FRIDAY:** Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-19; Jn 19:31-37
- SATURDAY:** 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37
or, for the Memorial of the Immaculate Heart,
Is 61:9-11; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51
- SUNDAY:** Ez 17:22-24; Ps 92:2-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34



PARISH FEAST & PICNIC DAY: Please join our Parish family today at 1:30 PM to celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, with a Eucharistic procession through the streets of our neighborhood. Parish Picnic will follow immediately after the procession in the school yard. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors!!!

MAKING-ALL-THINGS NEW: Fr. Jose Serrano, Sr. Joan, Sr. Janet and myself met last Monday as part of the process of transitioning the religious Ed. Program of the three parishes. The meeting was very productive and care was taken to ensure that the program at Blessed Sacrament for special children be given special attention. Fr. Jose and I were asked by the Sisters to meet with the Religious Ed. Directors to begin the process of implementing the mandate.



CONGRATULATIONS!!! Congratulations to our Children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. And congratulations to their Parents and Guardians for assisting them on this special journey and communion with Jesus. Their names are:



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| Andrea Alvarez | Malannah Aviles | Nyla Carpender |
| Anthony Chavarria | Giovany Chavez | Dariel Francisco |
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| Jacob Velasquez | Isabella Sepulveda | Anthony Vergara |
| Sarah Suhail | Mya Vasquez | Kayla Virola |
| Keyli Virola | Nyla Weeks | |

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 Pérez Jr. | Bernice Jones |
| Dolores Dávila | Ofelia Álvarez | Juan Torres |
| | Raúl Rivera | Bernie Hamilton |



LITURGIA DE LA PALABRA DOMINICAL: Éxodo 24:3-8;

Salmo 116; Hebreos 9:11-15; Marcos 14:12-16, 22-26 Las dos primeras lecturas de hoy ponen su enfoque en el sacrificio y la sangre, y aun el Evangelio se detiene mas en las palabras de Jesús sobre el cáliz. Cuando pensamos en la Eucaristía a menudo pensamos mas en el pan, o el Cuerpo de Cristo. Cuando escuchemos la palabra sagrada de Dios proclamada hoy seria bueno enfocar nuestra atención en la sangre del sacrificio y en la Sangre de Cristo. ¿Qué significado tiene para ti la Sangre del Nuevo Testamento? ¿Tomas la Preciosa Sangre en la Comunión? ¿Por qué sí o por qué no?

MONDAY:

8:00AM +MIGUEL PEREZ
9:00AM EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA

TUESDAY:

8:00AM +MARIA DEL CARMEN RINCON & ALBERTO CONCEPCION
9:00AM PRO POPULO

WEDNESDAY:

8:00AM EN HONOR AL DIVINO NIÑO JESUS
9:00AM +KENNETH RODRIGUEZ

THURSDAY:

8:00AM +MIKRE AKOWE
9:00AM

FRIDAY:

8:00AM IN HONOR OF ST. ANTHONY
9:00AM THANKSGIVING

SATURDAY:

9:00AM IN THANKSGIVING TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
5:00PM +ANGELINA GARCIA

SUNDAY:

8:00AM CUMPLEAÑOS DE ANTHONY Y GABRIELLA CHAVARRIA
9:30AM +EUGENIO, JUSTINA Y VICTOR TORRES
11:00AM +LUIS PONCE
12:30PM +RAMON PEREZ

CONTRIBUCIÓN A LA IGLESIA: Estamos muy agradecidos por su generosa contribución que hacen a nuestra parroquia semanalmente. Las colectas total de la semana del 31 de mayo de 2015 fue de \$ 3,631.00. Gracias por su generosidad.

CARTA DEL PASTOR: El Evangelio de hoy relata la historia acerca de la preparación del lugar donde Jesús y sus discípulos tendrían la Última Cena. Durante esa cena se estableció la nueva alianza con la sangre de Cristo, la alianza eterna que celebramos en este día. Hoy es un buen día para preguntarnos cuán seriamente nos preparamos para celebrar la Misa. Demasiado a menudo venir a este lugar se nos hace una rutina y tal parece como si la Misa pasara sin pasar por nosotros. ¡Qué tremenda oportunidad dejamos pasar cuando eso sucede! Cuando celebramos la Eucaristía nos unimos a Cristo, para proclamar y participar en su muerte y compartir la promesa de su vida nueva. La solemnidad de hoy es un don que nos brinda la oportunidad de reexaminar la manera en que nos preparamos para la Misa. Al escuchar hoy la proclamación del Evangelio recordemos que es en la mesa de la Eucaristía donde verdaderamente podemos ser transformados. Aquí en esta mesa gustamos de la vida nueva.



ACCIÓN DE GRACIAS: El Día de Acción de Gracias que celebramos en el otoño a veces se ve marcado por una especie de orgullo y auto felicitación por parte de nuestra sociedad, por no hablar de comilonas que nos llevan hasta el estúpido. Pero la “acción de gracias” que en

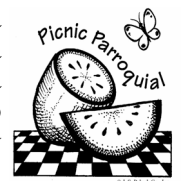
griego se llama “Eucaristía” es al revés: lo que nos lleva a ella es el reconocimiento de nuestras faltas; recordamos nuestra posición humilde en el universo alabando a Dios, y a nadie más que a Dios. Es verdad que el alimento del Cuerpo y la Sangre de Cristo sacia el hambre de nuestro espíritu, pero también es verdad que ese alimento crea en nosotros un hambre más intensa aun. Al terminar la Misa no nos envían a un sofá espiritual a sentarnos en lo que la Cena del Señor se nos asienta en el estómago; más bien, nos envían al mundo a ser signos vivientes de esa Acción de Gracias, ayudando a los pobres y desvalidos, alimentando a los hambrientos, cuidando a los enfermos, protestando contra las actitudes farisaicas. En fin, el hambre producida en nosotros al hacer el Memorial de Jesús nos tiene que impulsar a vivir “en memoria de él”.



LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

- LUNES:** 2 Cor 1:1-7; Sal 34 (33):2-9; Mt 5:1-12
MARTES: 2 Cor 1:18-22; Sal 119 (118):129-133, 135; Mt 5:13-16
MIÉRCOLES: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Sal 99 (98):5-9; Mt 5:17-19
JUEVES: Hch 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Sal 85 (84):9, 10-14; Mt 5:20-26
VIERNES: Os 11:1, 3-4, 8-9; Is 12:2-6; Ef 3:8-19; Jn 19:31-37
SÁBADO: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 9-12; Mt 5:33-37 ó para la Memoria del Inmaculado Corazón, Is 61:9-11; 1 Sam 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 2:41-51
DOMINGO: Ez 17:22-24; Sal 92 (91):2-16; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mc 4:26-34

FIESTA DE CORPUS CHRISTI: Hoy es la celebración de Corpus Christi. Habrá una procesión con el Santísimo Sacramento a la 1:30 PM seguida por un “barbecue” en el patio de la Iglesia. Invite a sus familiares, y amistades, y vecinos!!



FELICIDADES!!!

Felicitemos a todos nuestros niños que recibieron el Sacramento de la Comunión, y también a sus padres que emprendieron esta jornada junto con ellos. Sus nombres son:

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