

Roman Catholic Parishes in Manhattan, New York

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This is the what will hopefully be the first in a series of articles discussing the Roman Catholic Parishes of New York City and its environs. The reason for this is threefold. The first and foremost is genealogical in nature. Most churches kept baptismal and marriage records these are of enormous value to the genealogist. The second reason is that hopefully by learning more about your family's parish(s), you better understand how they lived, both socially and religiously. Finally, many of the older Catholic Parishes in the inner cities are in desperate need of help and so perhaps a bond to your family's parish will be renewed.

It is important to understand the following before you begin researching your family's parish. First, you need to know where your family lived in terms of a street address. Keep in mind that families moved a lot, just within New York City. There are several ways to get your family's address(s). The first would be to look them up in the old New York City Directories, available at the Main Branch of the New York City Public Library on 5th Avenue at 42nd Street or at the Municipal Archives at 31 Chambers Street, also in New York City. Addresses can additionally be gleaned from legal documents such as birth, marriage or death certificates. Wills, Deeds and even Naturalization Records also contain addresses. The United States Government Censuses 1870 onwards give street addresses (the 1870 census has addresses in the second enumeration, there were two that year).

Some researchers know a family member lived in New York City and will try writing to any and all Catholic Parishes. This is a waste of your time and the church's as well. The older records usually are not indexed (yet!) and thus many pages have to be read by a very busy parish secretary. Hopefully, by using the map and list of parishes provided herein, your task will not be so overwhelming. Keep one thing in mind. Many parishes back in the 1800's and even up into our own times were very ethnic. There were German, Irish, French, Italian and Hungarian parishes as well as many others. Within the Catholic Church, there were many different religious orders. For example, the Paulists and the Jesuits were very popular with the Irish. However, I found my Sullivan cousin in St. Boniface Parish, a German parish, so don't rule out the other ethnic parishes when all else fails.

Sometimes a parish would move because the particular ethnic group it was serving had moved in large numbers to other neighborhoods, usually further uptown. (Manhattan was settled from south to north). In later years, as New York City continued to grow, quite a few church buildings were dismantled to make way for mammoth projects such as the Queens-Midtown Tunnel, the Lincoln Tunnel or the Brooklyn-Battery Tunnel. Entire neighborhoods were reshaped by these and other projects.

If one studies the old New York City Directories, it might seem at times that certain churches moved a few blocks down their respective streets, but oftentimes the streets were simply renumbered. When I encountered this, I just gave the present day address. As long as a particular parish stayed in the same neighborhood, this is all that one really needs to know.

Most early marriage records give the bride's and the groom's names,

the date, the priest, and the witnesses. The witnesses quite often were relatives, such as siblings or cousins. This is also true of baptismal sponsors. This will often help bring in other branches of the family. Baptismal records also give the child's name, date of birth, baptismal date, parents, the priest and later records give the address of the family. Today, marriage records also give the church of baptism. In other words, the record keeping is getting more sophisticated.

When using the map and list, take some time and study everything for a while. In the early years, when there were fewer parishes, people often went great distances to get to church. Also, when a couple married, they did so usually in the bride's parish church.

Finally, when writing to a church for information, keep your request brief. If you ask a parish secretary to give you all the O'Brien's baptized over a fifty year period, he or she probably will not be able to accommodate you. When you request a record, give as much supporting data as you can. For baptismal records, give the parents names and the date of birth, if known, in addition to the child's name. The census records can be helpful in getting the approximate ages of people, but of course, census information is notorious for giving ages that are a few years off. When requesting a marriage record, it is helpful to give the bride's maiden name, if known.

Many Roman Catholic Parishes do not charge for their research time. Enclosing a contribution is the decent thing to do, giving between \$5.00 and \$10.00 for each record isn't unreasonable. Other parishes do charge for their time. If it seems too expensive and you are looking for several records, do not be afraid to bargain with the parish. In the end, everyone benefits. Send a stamped-self addressed envelope to facilitate a response.

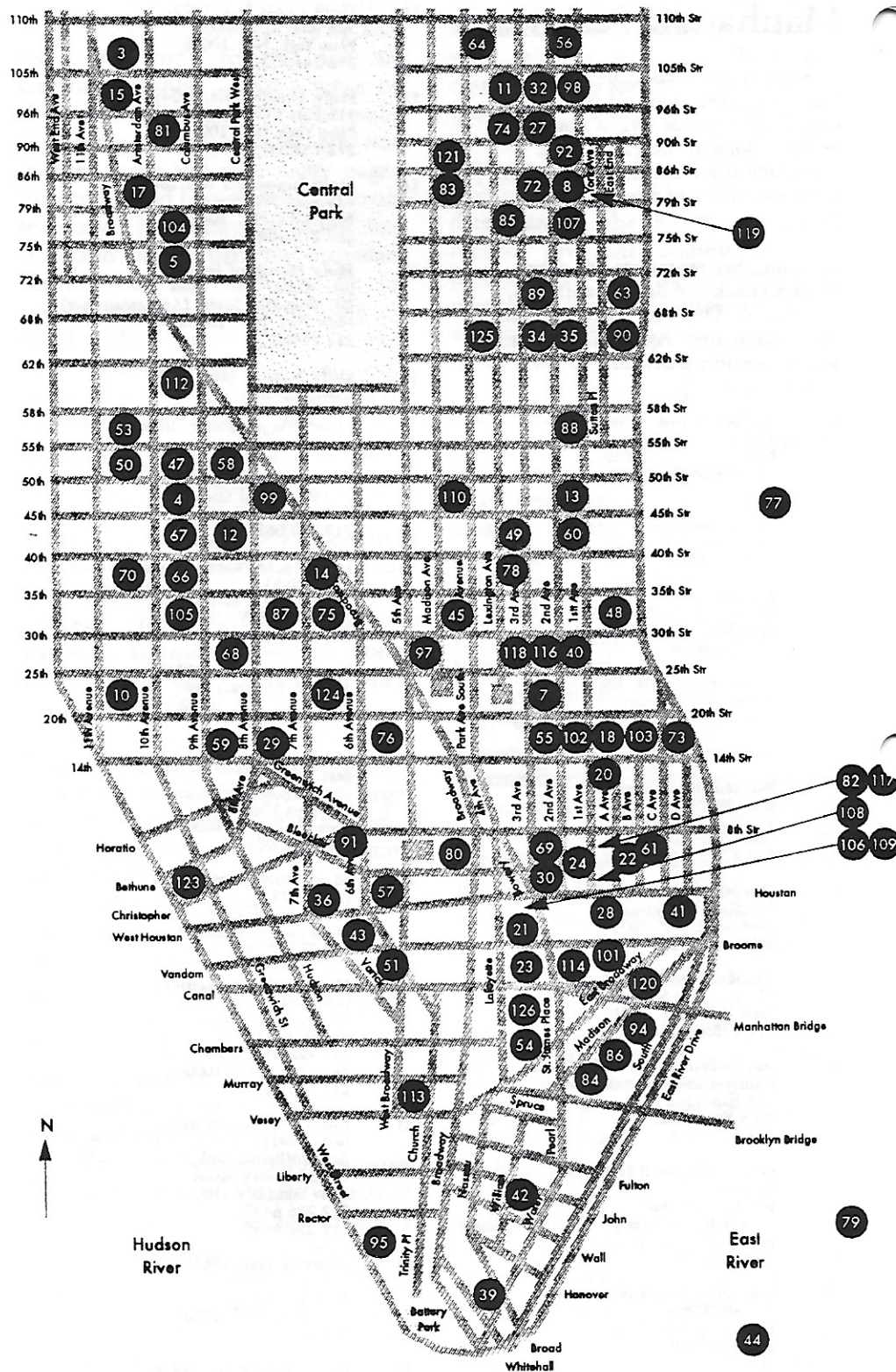
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The information contained on the maps was taken from old New York City Directories as well as from research done at the Parish level. Hopefully this information will prove to be valuable as a research tool.
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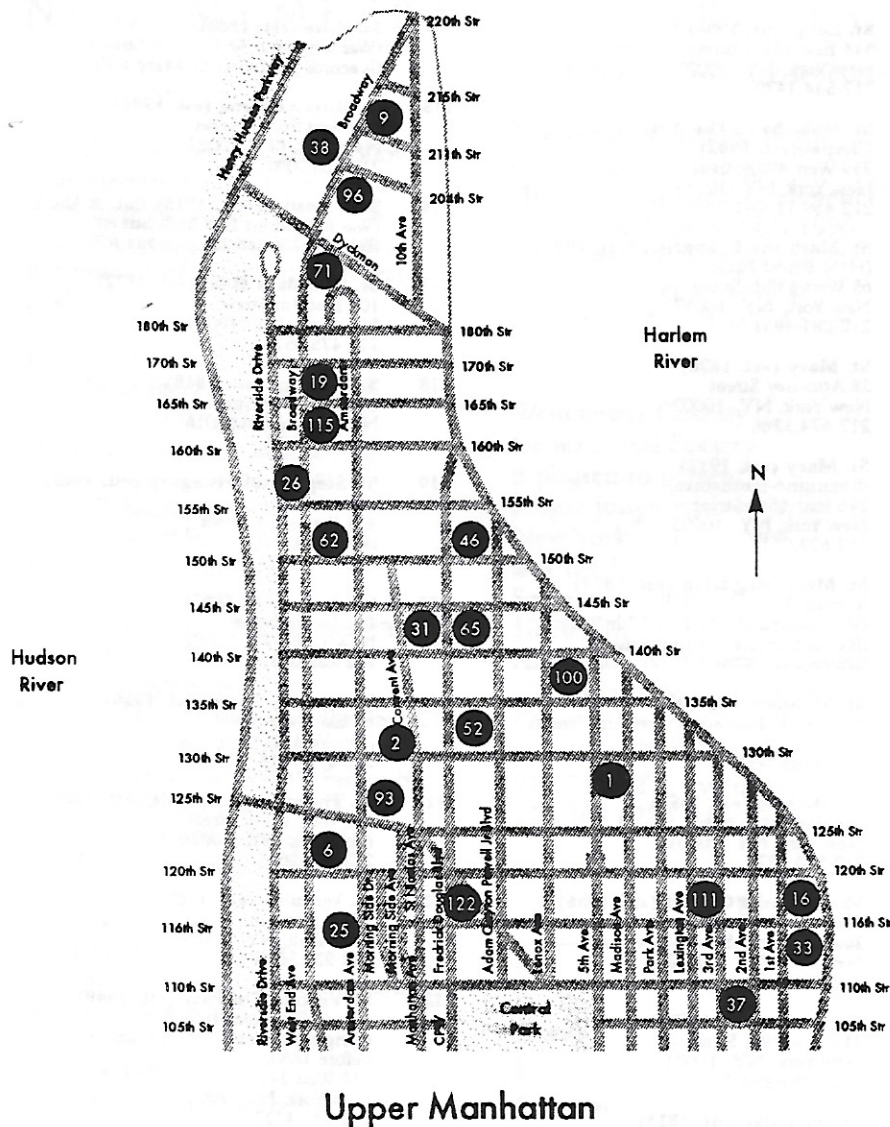
Each number represents one parish. Always check the date a parish was established. Don't be afraid to widen your search area. Again, study the map and all possible parishes.

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| 1 | All Saints (est. 1860)
47th East 129th Street
New York, NY 10035
212 534.3535 | 12 | Holy Cross (est. 1852)
329 West 42nd Street
New York, NY 10036
212 246.4732 | 27 | Our Lady of Good Counsel (est. 1886)
230 East 90th Street
New York, NY 10128
212 289.1742 |
| 2 | Annunciation (est. 1853)
88 Convent Avenue
New York, NY 10027
212 234.1919 | 13 | Holy Family (est. 1924)
315 East 47th Street
New York, NY 10017
212 753.3401-2 | 28 | Our Lady of Grace (est. 1907)
(Italo-Greek)
(Originally located on Stanton Street)
(Records at the Church of the Nativity #24) |
| 3 | Ascension (est. 1895)
221 West 107th Street
New York, NY 10025
212 222.0666 | 14 | Holy Innocents (est. 1866)
128 West 37th Street
New York, NY 10018
212 279.5861 | 29 | Our Lady of Guadalupe (est. 1902)
(Assumptionists)
229 West 14th Street
New York, NY 10011
212 243.5317 |
| 4 | Assumption (est. 1887)
(Originally German)
(Was located at 427 West 49th Street, NY, NY)
(Records at Sacred Heart of Jesus #47) | 15 | Holy Name of Jesus (est. 1868)
207 West 96th Street (Amsterdam Ave)
New York, NY 10025
212 749.0276 | 30 | Our Lady of Loreto (est. 1891)
303 Elizabeth Street
New York, NY 10012
212 431.9840 |
| 5 | Blessed Sacrament (est. 1887)
152 West 71st Street
New York, NY 10023
212 877.3111 | 16 | Holy Rosary (est. 1884)
(Augustinian)
444 East 119th Street
New York, New York 10035
212 534.0740 | 31 | Our Lady of Lourdes (est. 1901)
472 West 142nd Street
New York, NY 10031
212 862.4380 |
| 6 | Corpus Christi (est. 1906)
529 West 121 Street
New York, NY 10027
212 666.9350 | 17 | Holy Trinity (est. 1898)
213 West 82nd Street
New York, NY 10024
212 787.0634 | 32 | Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (est. 1926)
(See #11) |
| 7 | Epiphany (est. 1868)
239 East 21st Street
New York, NY 10010
212 475.1966 | 18 | Immaculate Conception (est. 1855)
414 East 14th Street
New York, NY 10009
212 254.0200 | 33 | Our Lady of Mount Carmel (est. 1884)
(Pallottine)
448 East 116th Street
New York, NY 10029
212 534.0681 |
| 8 | Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Hungarian-Byzantine Rite)
323 East 82nd Street
New York 10028
212 737.1159 | 19 | Incarnation (est. 1908)
1290 St. Nicholas Ave
New York, NY 10033
212 927.7474 | 34 | Our Lady of Peace (est. 1918)
237 East 62nd Street
New York, NY 10021
212 838.3189 |
| 9 | Good Shepherd (est. 1912)
(Paulist)
608 Isham Street
(B'way & 211 Street)
New York, NY 10034
212 567.1300 | 20 | Mary Help of Christians (est. 1908)
(Salesians of Don Bosco)
440 East 12th Street
New York, NY 10009
212 254.0058 | 35 | Our Lady of Perpetual Help (est. 1887)
323 East 61st Street
New York, NY 10021
212 838.1324-5 |
| 10 | Guardian Angel (est. 1888)
193 Tenth Ave
New York, NY 10011
212 929.5966 | 21 | Most Holy Crucifix (est. 1925)
378 Broome Street
New York, NY 10013
212 226.2556 | 36 | Our Lady of Pompeii (est. 1892)
(Society of St. Charles)
25 Carmine Street
New York, NY 10014
212 989.6805 |
| 11 | Holy Agony. Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (est. 1926, 1930)
(Vincentian-Fathers. American Spanish Branch, Madrid Spain)
1834 Third Ave
New York, NY 10029
212 289.5589 | 22 | Most Holy Redeemer (est. 1844)
(Originally German)
(Redemptorist Fathers & Brothers)
173 East 3rd Street
New York, NY 10009
212 673.4224 | 37 | Our Lady Queen of Angels Church and Friary (est. 1886)
226 East 113th Street
New York, NY 10029
212 534.6218 |
| | | 23 | Most Precious Blood (est. 1891)
(Italian)(Franciscan)
109 Mulberry Street
New York, NY 10013
212 226.6427
212 226.6435 | 38 | Our Lady Queen of Martyrs (est. 1927)
91 Arden Street
New York, NY 10040
212 567.2637 |
| | | 24 | Nativity (est. 1842)
(Jesuit)
44 Second Ave
New York, NY 10003
212 674.5590 | 39 | Our Lady of the Rosary (est. 1883)
(Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)
7-8 State Street
New York, NY 10004
212 269.6865 |
| | | 25 | Notre Dame (est. 1910)
405 West 114th Street
New York, NY 10025
212 866.1500 | 40 | Our Lady of the Scapular (est. 1889)
(Spanish)
(Carmelite Friars of the New York Province)
(Was located at 339 East 28th Street)
(See St. Stephen #117) |
| | | 26 | Our Lady of Esperanza (est. 1912)
624 West 156th Street
New York, NY 10032
212 283.4340 | 41 | Our Lady of Sorrows Church and Friary (est. 1867)
(Capuchin-Franciscan Province of St. Mary)
New York-New England)
213 Stanton Street
New York, NY 10002
212 673.0900-1 |

- 42 **Our Lady of Victory (est. 1944)**
60 William Street
New York, NY 10005
212 422.5535
- 43 **Our Lady of Vilnius (est. 1905)**
(Lithuanian)
570 Broome Street
New York, NY 10013
- 44 **Our Lady Star of the Sea Chapel (est.)**
(Governors Island)
New York, NY 10004
212 668.7336
- 45 **Our Saviour (est. 1955)**
59 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212 679.8166
- 46 **Resurrection (est. 1907)**
276 West 151th Street
New York, NY 10039
212 690.7555
- 47 **Sacred Heart of Jesus (est. 1876)**
457 West 51st Street
New York, NY 10019
212 265.5020
- 48 **Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (est. 1914)**
307 East 33rd Street
New York, NY 10016
212 889.2133
- 49 **St. Agnes (est. 1873)**
143 East 43rd Street
New York, NY 10017
212 682.5722
- 50 **St. Albert (est. 1916)**
(Was located in the West 50's)
(Records at Sacred Hearts of Jesus #47)
- 51 **St. Alphonsus (est. 1847)**
(German)
(Was located at Thompson Street near Canal Street)
(Records at St. Anthony of Padua #57)
- 52 **St. Aloysius (est. 1899)**
219 West 132nd Street
New York, NY 10027
212 234.2848
- 53 **St. Ambrose (Centro Maria) (est. 1897)**
(Was located at 517 West 54th Street)
(Records at Sacred Heart of Jesus #47)
- 54 **St. Andrew (est. 1842)**
20 Cardinal Hayes Place
New York, NY 10007
212 962.3972
- 55 **St. Ann (est. 1852) American National Shrine**
(Armenian Catholic Cathedral)
(St. Ann had an Irish population in its early years)
110 East 12th Street
New York, NY 10003-5395
212 477.2030
- 56 **St. Ann (est. 1911)**
312 East 110 Street
New York, NY 10029
212 534.3856
- 57 **St. Anthony of Padua (est. 1866)**
(Franciscan)
154 Sullivan Street
New York, NY 10012
212 777.2755



Lower Manhattan



Upper Manhattan

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| <p>58 St. Benedict the Moor (est. 1883)
(Franciscan)
340 West 53rd Street
New York, NY 10019
212 586.8462
(Was originally located at 210 Bleecker Street, moved to present address around 1898)</p> <p>59 St. Bernard (est. 1868)
328 West 14th Street
New York, NY 10014
212 243.0265</p> <p>60 St. Boniface (est. 1858)
(German)
(Was located at 882 Second Avenue, in the East 40's)
(Records located at Holy Family #13)</p> <p>61 St. Brigid (est. 1848)
119 Avenue B
New York, NY 10009
212 228.5400</p> | <p>62 St. Catherine of Genoa (est. 1887)
506 West 153rd Street
New York, NY 10031
212 862.6130</p> <p>63 St. Catherine of Siena (est. 1897)
(Dominican)
411 East 68th Street
New York, NY 10021
212 988.8300</p> <p>64 St. Cecilia (est. 1873)
(Redemptorist)
125 East 105th Street
New York, NY 10029
212 534.1350</p> <p>65 St. Charles Borromeo (est. 1888)
211 West 141st Street
New York, NY 10030
212 281.2100</p> <p>66 St. Clare (est. 1903)
(Italian)
(Was located on West 36th Street)
(Records located at Sts. Cyril and Methodius #70)</p> |
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| <p>67 St. Clemens Mary (est. 1909)
(Was located on West 40th, Polish, Italian)
(Records located at Holy Cross #12)</p> <p>68 St. Columba (est. 1845)
343 West 25th Street
New York, NY 10001
212 807.8876</p> <p>69 St. Cyril (est. 1916)
(Franciscan)(Slovenian)
62 St. Mark's Place
New York, NY 10003
212 674.3442</p> <p>70 Sts. Cyril and Methodius (est. 1913) and St. Raphael (est. 1886)
(Croatian Franciscan Fathers)
(St. Raphael originally a separate parish, Italian)
502 West 41st Street
New York, NY 10036
212 563.3395</p> <p>71 St. Elizabeth (est. 1869)
268 Wadsworth Avenue
New York, NY 10033
212 568.8803</p> <p>72 St. Elizabeth of Hungary (est. 1891)
211 East 83rd Street
New York, NY 10028
212 734.5747
(Was orig. located at 345 East 4th Street, NY, NY)</p> <p>73 St. Emeric's (est. 1949)
185 Avenue D
New York, NY 10009
212 228.4494</p> <p>74 St. Francis De Sales (est. 1894)
135 East 96th Street
New York, NY 10128
212 289.0425</p> <p>75 St. Francis of Assisi (est. 1844)
(Franciscan)(Originally German)
135 West 31st Street
New York, NY 10001
212 736.8500</p> <p>76 St. Francis Xavier (est. 1847)
(Jesuit)
55 West 15th Street
New York, NY 10011
212 627.2100</p> <p>77 St. Francis Xavier Cabrini (est. 1873)
555 Main Street
Roosevelt Island, New York, NY 10044
212 832.6778</p> <p>78 St. Gabriel (est. 1867)
(Was originally located at 179 East 36th Street)
(Records at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary #48)</p> <p>79 St. George (est. 1890)
(Melkite Greek)
(Records located at Byzantine Church of the Virgin Mary, 216 8th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11215, 718 788.5454)</p> <p>80 St. George (est. 1906)
(Basilian Fathers)(Byzantine Rite, Ukrainian)
33 East 7th Street
New York, NY 10003
212 674.1615</p> <p>81 St. Gregory the Great (est. 1907)
144 West 90th Street
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268 Wadsworth Avenue
New York, NY 10033
212 568.8803</p> <p>72 St. Elizabeth of Hungary (est. 1891)
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New York, NY 10028
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212 724.9766</p> |
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- 82 **St. Hedwig (est. 1934)(Polish)**
(Records located at St. Stanislaus #117)
- 83 **St. Ignatius Loyola (est. 1851)**
(Jesuit)
980 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10028
212 288.3588
- 84 **St. James (est. 1827)**
23 Oliver Street
New York, NY 10038
212 233.0161
- 85 **St. Jean Baptiste (est. 1882)**
(French)
(Blessed Sacrament Fathers & Brothers)
184 East 76th Street
New York, NY 10021
212 288.5082
- 86 **St. Joachim (est. 1888)**
(Orig. near Monroe & Catherine Sts.)
(Records at St. Joseph #94)
- 87 **St. John Baptist Church and Friary (est. 1840)**
(Originally German)
(Capuchin Province of St. Mary-New York-New England)
210 West 31st Street
New York, NY 10001
212 564.9070
- 88 **St. John the Evangelist (est. 1840)**
348 East 55th Street
New York, NY 10022
212 753.8418
- 89 **St. John the Martyr (est. 1903)**
259 East 71st Street
New York, NY 10021
212 744.4880-1
- 90 **St. John Nepomucene (est. 1895)**
411 East 66th Street
New York, NY 10021
212 734.4613; 4370
- 91 **St. Joseph-Greenwich Village (est. 1829)**
371 Sixth Avenue
New York, NY 10014
212 741.1274-7
- 92 **St. Joseph (est. 1873)**
404 East 87th Street
New York, NY 10128
212 289.6030
- 93 **St. Joseph of the Holy Family (est. 1860)**
(Originally German)
405 West 125th Street
New York, NY 10027
212 662.9125
- 94 **St. Joseph (est. 1924)**
(Italian)(Society of St. Charles)
(Scalabrin Fathers)
5 Monroe Street
New York, NY 10002
212 267.8376
- 95 **St. Joseph's Chapel**
Gateway Plaza 500
New York, NY 10280
212 466.0131
- 96 **St. Jude (est. 1949)**
431 West 204th Street
New York, NY 10034
212 569.3000
- 97 **St. Leo (est. 1880)**
(Was located at 11 East 28th Street)
(Records located at St. Stephen #117)
- 98 **St. Lucy (est. 1900)**
344 East 104th Street
New York, NY 10029
212 534.1470
- 99 **St. Malachy's (The Actor's Chapel)(est. 1902)**
239 West 49th Street
New York, NY 10019
212 489.1340-1
- 100 **St. Mark the Evangelist (est. 1907)**
(Holy Ghost Fathers)
65 West 138th Street
New York, NY 10037
212 281.4931
- 101 **St. Mary (est. 1826)**
28 Attorney Street
New York, NY 10002
212 674.3266
- 102 **St. Mary (est. 1912)**
(Byzantine-Ruthenian)
246 East 15th Street
New York, NY 10003
212 677.0516
- 103 **St. Mary Magdalen (est. 1873)**
(German)
(Was located at 527 East 17th Street)
(Records located at Immaculate Conception #18)
- 104 **St. Matthew (est 1902)**
(Originally located at West 71st Street)
(Records located at Blessed Sacrament #5)
- 105 **St. Michael (est. 1857)**
424 West 34th Street
New York, NY 10001
212 563.2575
- 106 **St. Michael's Chapel (est. 1936)**
(Byzantine-Russian)
263 Mulberry Street
New York, NY 10012
212 226.8075
- 107 **St. Monica (est. 1879)**
413 East 79th Street
New York, NY 10021
212 288.6250-1
- 108 **St. Nicholas (est. 1833)**
(German)
(Was located at 125 East 2nd Street)
(Records located at Most Holy Redeemer #22)
- 109 **St. Patrick's Old Cathedral (est. 1809)**
263 Mulberry Street
New York, NY 10012
212 226.8075
- 110 **St. Patrick's New Cathedral (est. 1879)**
460 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10022
212 753.2261
- 111 **St. Paul (est. 1834)**
113 East 117th Street
New York, NY 10035
212 534.4422
- 112 **St. Paul the Apostle (est. 1858)**
(Paulist)
415 West 59th Street
New York, NY 10019
212 265.3209
- 113 **St. Peter (est. 1785)**
16 Barclay Street
New York, NY 10007
212 233.8355
- 114 **St. Rose (est. 1868)**
(Was located at 42 Cannon Street)
(Records located at St. Mary #101)
- 115 **St. Rose of Lima (est. 1901)**
510 West 165th Street
New York, NY 10032
212 568.0091
- 116 **St. Sebastian (est. 1915)(Pol. & Ital.)**
(Was located on East 26th Street)
(Records located at Epiphany #7)
- 117 **St. Stanislaus B.M. (est. 1872)**
101 East 7th Street
New York, NY 10009
212 475.4576
- 118 **St. Stephen (est. 1848)**
142 East 29th Street
New York, NY 10016
212 683.1675
- 119 **St. Stephen of Hungary (est. 1902)**
(Franciscan)
414 East 82nd Street
New York, NY 10028
212 861.8500
- 120 **St. Teresa (est. 1863)**
141 Henry Street
New York, NY 10002
212 233.0233
- 121 **St. Thomas More (est. 1950)**
65 East 89th Street
New York, NY 10128
212 876.7718
- 122 **St. Thomas the Apostle (est. 1889)**
262 West 118th Street
New York, NY 10026
212 662.2693
- 123 **St. Veronica (est. 1887)**
657 Washington Street
New York, NY 10014
212 924.5628
- 124 **St. Vincent De Paul (est. 1840)**
(Originally French)
(Originally located at 26 Canal Street, before 1860)
116 West 24th Street
New York, NY 10011
212 243.4727
- 125 **St. Vincent Ferrer (est. 1867)**
(Dominican Friars)
869 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10021-6657
212 744.2080
- 126 **Transfiguration (est. 1827)**
29 Mott Street
New York, NY 10013
212 962.5157