



# SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

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August 3/August 10, 2008

18th Sunday In Ordinary Time/19th Sunday In Ordinary Time

**MASS**  **SCHEDULE**

**Presiders For Masses August 9-10, 2008  
 (19th Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

**Saturday, August 9**

5:30 pm Father Ben

**Sunday, August 10**

7:30 am Father Petrillo  
 8:45 am Father Ben  
 10:15 am Father John  
 11:45 am Father Komonchak  
 1 :00 pm Father Ben  
 5:30 pm Father John

**Presiders For Masses August 16-17, 2008  
 (20th Sunday In Ordinary Time)**

**Saturday, August 16**

5:30 pm Father Ben

**Sunday, August 17**

7:30 am Father John  
 8:45 am Father Komonchak  
 10:15 am Father Petrillo  
 11:45 am Father John  
 1 :00 pm Father Ben  
 5:30 pm Father Ben

**Outreach Weekend** — This weekend, August 2-3, is Outreach Weekend for our Soup Kitchen Ministry. When making a donation by check, please make the check payable to "Blessed Sacrament Outreach—Soup Kitchen". Visit: <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/ministries/outreach/outreach-sunday-soup-kitchen> to learn more about this ministry.

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*from the  
 Pastor's desk* 

Dear Friends,

I have been busy this summer, but not as busy as two of our main staff members. Both are working very hard on behalf of the children in our parish. Our newest staff member, school principal Chris Kelly, arrived July 7 and has spent time this summer meeting with staff members and teachers to ensure that we have a great transition to his new administration. I am hearing great things about Chris from everyone who has met him, and I look forward to all of our school families meeting him between now and the beginning of the school year or on Back to School Night in September.

Rob Maro, our director of religious education, has been working just as hard preparing the School of Religion programs for the coming year. Rob has also taken on the responsibility of preparing a handbook of parish activities, which includes opportunities for Adult Formation during the fall season. That handbook will be on our website in about 2 to 3 weeks, and will be available in a limited quantity of hardcopies in just a few weeks.

The parish staff continues to work hard during the summer. Yes, they have an opportunity to catch their breath and enjoy some quality time with their families and loved ones, but the summer months are quite busy around here. I must say that I'm very proud of not just Chris and Rob, but all the staff members who continue to work diligently to ensure things go well when September arrives.

Finally, I want to mention Mary Conlon and Kathy Isola who are working with the Finance Council to put together the annual report for the parish. It's not an easy task to pull all the numbers together and balance all the accounts to make sure that we have been good stewards of all the blessings that our wonderful parishioners share each and every week. Once again the parish ended the year in the black. We will have more information about the report in September.

God's blessings to our staff members and all they do for us and for the parish throughout the year.

Father John

## The Liturgy

This is the second in a series of columns on the outline and structure of the Mass. We began in the previous bulletin (July 20) with a broad overview, noting that the Mass has two major parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, along with introductory and closing rites.

The Mass begins with the Introductory Rites, which include the Entrance hymn, the greeting, the Penitential Rite and Kyrie, the Gloria, and Opening Prayer, or Collect.

According to the *General Instruction on the Roman Missal*, the purpose of the Entrance hymn is to “foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers.”

The Entrance hymn serves as a kind of overture, setting the mood and theme of the occasion. Singing this all together serves to unify us as a community. Depending on the discretion of the music director, the Entrance song can be a generic hymn of praise, e.g. “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,” or it can be very specific to the feast, such as a Christmas carol at Christmas, or something in between, such a text with a connection to the readings of the day.

As soon as the priest arrives he and the deacon, if there is one, reverence the altar with a kiss, because of the holy mysteries that will soon take place there. This comes from a custom dating back to pagan antiquity, where people would honor temples by kissing the threshold. There was also an ancient custom of kissing the family dining table before the main meal. This custom of greeting holy places with a kiss continued in Christianity. Reverencing the altar with a kiss shows that it is not an ordinary table but a very special place where extraordinary mysteries take place and thus is treated with profound respect.

More on the Introductory Rites in our next bulletin.

**Poor Box Donations** in August will benefit Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Community Action Group. The organization operates residential substance abuse treatment facilities for men and women and provides rehabilitative social services.

**Usher Update/News** — You may have noticed a number of announcements concerning the need for new ushers for the weekend Masses. Thank you to all those who have responded. While we still need a few more, particularly at the Saturday evening, Sunday evening and 1 pm Masses, we have a number of new ushers who have joined us. We are beginning to plan an orientation and review session for all ushers, which will be held on Wednesday, **September 24** at 6 pm in the rectory. A simple dinner will be served, and spouses are invited to join us. If you are an usher or would like to be an usher, please let Poli Marmolejos know that you plan to attend. Poli can be reached at [pmarmolejos@verizon.net](mailto:pmarmolejos@verizon.net) or at 202.360.7460. Please respond by close of business on **September 14**.



Zoe Eleana Dombo  
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Eleanor Carr

Please include our sick in your prayers  
 that they may experience  
 healing and comfort



John Bellinger	Kathleen McDermott
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Tom Kelly	Robin Toner
Rob Liberatore	Marie Vince
	Skip Wright

## Religious Education News

**Single & Married 20s, 30s, & 40s** — The Young Adult Bible study group will break for the summer months (June 3 through September 2). The regular Tuesday meetings will resume on **September 9**. Please contact Rob Maro at 202.449.3989 or at [rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org) for information about periodic summer outings and get-togethers.

**2008-09 Volunteer Opportunities** — Every year, we have openings in a variety of grade levels for catechists and teacher aides in our School of Religion program. For more information, please contact Rob Maro at 202.449.3989 or [rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Are You Interested in Learning About the Catholic Faith?** We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who have not been baptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant, Evangelical backgrounds or Catholics seeking to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program is also open to Catholics in need of a refresher. Contact Rob Maro at 202.449.3989 or at [rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org) for more information.

## Youth Corner

### Question of the Week (Week of August 3)

How am I helping to satisfy the deeper spiritual hunger and thirst that people experience today?

### Question of the Week (Week of August 10)

How is Jesus urging me to come to him across "stormy waters"?

**Child Protection Training** — Do you volunteer or work with children at Blessed Sacrament parish or the school? Are you planning to volunteer or work with children next year? If so, you are required to fulfill archdiocesan child protection training. Please contact Francisco Aguirre at [faguirre@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:faguirre@blessedsacramentdc.org) or at 202.449.3978 for more information. Please note that if you do not complete this training requirement that you will not be able to work with children at the parish or school.

**CYO Basketball** — Note to all parents of 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th graders: you may now register your child for the 2008-09 CYO basketball season. Simply go to the CYO website at [www.washcyosignup.com](http://www.washcyosignup.com) and follow the instructions for "Player Registration for 2008-09 Program Year." Important . . . please also note that each child must be registered separately, meaning that each child must have his/her own account with individual user name and password. Be sure to register your child by **October 1**.

## From The Social Concerns Office ...

**Canned Good Donations During the Summer** — Throughout the fall and spring months, with assistance from gym Mass participants (thank you participants), Blessed Sacrament's Social Concerns Office provides lunch and groceries to the homeless and struggling individuals and families in our parish and community. Throughout the summer months, please bring canned goods to the Masses so that we may continue to serve the needy. Collection containers are at the church entrances. The most popular items requested are peanut butter, canned tuna fish, chicken soup, brown beans, and spaghetti and meatballs. If it is inconvenient to donate food, you may instead send a check to the Social Concerns Office in care of the Duffy Parish Center or drop an envelope labeled "canned goods" into the collection basket. The estimated cost of a donated bag of food is about \$8. As food prices have risen, so have the number of requests for assistance. Questions? Call 202.449.3987.

**Housing Request** — College graduate looking for inexpensive housing (\$300 to \$400 per month) for a year as she works in the Americorps\*VISTA program at Montgomery College in Silver Spring, MD. Call Jim Walters, Director of Student Life, 240-567 1490, if you can provide or know of any such type of housing.

## More From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

We celebrate the Feast of the Assumption **August 15**. I would like to remind you of the Church's expectations for Holy Days of Obligation in the United States. It is confusing, but this is what is expected of all faithful Catholics who are striving to keep the holy days faithfully.

There are now five Holy Days of Obligation (Ascension Thursday was moved in this diocese and the surrounding dioceses by our bishops to the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter). Ascension Thursday, if you will, is now Ascension Sunday. It makes for a great run of spectacular feasts each spring—the Feast of Ascension, the Feast of Pentecost, the Feast of Trinity, and the Feast of Corpus Christi. Those four weeks always provide a wonderful chance to think about the magnificent mysteries of our faith.

Back to the holy days—the five holy days are January 1, the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God; August 15, the Feast of the Assumption; November 1, the Feast of All Saints; December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception; and December 25, the Nativity of Our Lord.

A number of years back, because of the extended travel for priests assigned to two or three parishes in the far West, the bishops of the United States kept these holy days, but removed the obligation to go to Mass when three of the days fall on Saturday or Monday—January 1, August 15, and November 1. Because December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patronal Feast of our country, it is always a Holy Day of Obligation. The same is true of Christmas.

Because the Feast of the Assumption falls on Friday this year, we will celebrate the feast as a Holy Day of Obligation. Holy day Masses will be at 5:30 pm, Thursday, August 14 and on Friday, August 15 at 6:30, 8:00 and 11:00 am and 5:30 pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we celebrate another wonderful feast day of Mary. We are blessed to have her intercession in heaven for all of our special needs. See you Friday, **August 15**.

Father John

**New Teacher At Blessed Sacrament** is seeking a room to rent. If anyone has space available (preferably convenient to the school), please contact Father John at the parish office (202.966.6575) or Chris Kelly at the school office (202.966.6682).

**Save The Dates . . . February 20-22, 2009**  
**Blessed Sacrament Women's Weekend Retreat**  
**"Pilgrim Companions"**  
**(Called to know, love, and follow Jesus ever more faithfully)**

Loyola Retreat House, Faulkner, Maryland  
Details to follow. Early registration recommended.

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### Visit Your Parish Library

WALL-E, the brilliant animated movie, full of fun and allusion to both Bible and pop-culture, suggests one more warning to us: care for the earth or else...disaster. Spokesmen of all persuasions have confronted such dangers with various remedies, pointing out that many a civilization has simply vanished ('steadily wearing out its landscape', as the archaeologist Mortimer Wheeler put it). The following three books, from a larger collection in the library, present some of the viewpoints:

A God Within, by Rene Dubos (580 D816 G628). A biologist considers that 'if we continue to make choices for our future only in relation to negative issues such as pollution and overpopulation our civilization will become increasingly dreary and meaningless. Instead, we must learn to cultivate the positive values that exist in man's nature...'

Environmental Stewardship in the Judeo-Christian Tradition, book and DVD not yet catalogued. This book has four parts. The first, 'The Cornwall Declaration on Environmental Stewardship' was developed when a group of religious thinkers met in 1999 to hammer out their beliefs and aspirations on this subject. The second, 'A Comprehensive Torah-Based Approach to the Environment'; the third, 'The Catholic Church and Stewardship of Creation'; the fourth, 'A Biblical Perspective on Environmental Stewardship'.

Environmental Overkill: Whatever Happened to Commonsense? by Dixie Lee Ray (588 R192 E584). A review journal (Booklist) called this 'one of the most outstanding books on environmental issues'. The author, past chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, discusses global warming, food and population, among other problems, emphasizing the need for scientific facts when developing public policies.

Need more information? Visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

### Support Catholic Communications (Second Collection The Weekend Of August 16-17) —

The Catholic Communication Campaign helps bring the Catholic voice to our local community and world through media. This year, funding from the Catholic Communication Campaign made it possible for people worldwide to participate in Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington through online streaming of his Mass at Nationals Park and other events ([www.uspapalvisit.org](http://www.uspapalvisit.org)). In our local community, the campaign supports the Sunday TV Mass for the homebound, archdiocesan website, and the Catholic Standard and El Pregonero newspapers.

### Bulletin Schedule Summer 2008

Publication Date	Deadline
August 17	August 11
August 31	August 25

## The Adult Center

 invites all parishioners, 39 and holding, to the Chevy Chase Apartments, #1, for fellowship after the 11 am Mass. Bring a sandwich and join the activities. For transportation, call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

### Summer Schedule

(Regular Schedule Resumes September 22)

<b>Monday</b>	Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	RENEW and the Word/Low Vision Support
<b>Wednesday</b>	Closed
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

### A Saint From Blessed Sacrament?

Another extract from the Retreat Notes and Resolutions of Mary Virginia Merrick, Founder of the Christ Child Society, and "Servant of God."

**"All disappointments come as a lesson to trust God alone, to look to Him alone for help and guidance. Never to worry, always to trust."**

Source: National Christ Child Society, Inc.

### And From The Community ...

**Make A Difference For Life!** If you have a heart for women and are a good listener, consider becoming a volunteer counselor at the Shady Grove Pregnancy Center. Training consists of 8 classes, which will take place from 7 pm to 10 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays, **September 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30, and October 2**. For details, call Jackie Stippich at 301.963.6223 after August 5.

### What Have You Done For Your Marriage

**Today?** Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) to get some great tips and resources (brought to you by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops with support from the Catholic Communication Campaign).

**Don't Forget The Run For Vocations** — Mark your calendars to join the "Run for Vocations" team on Sunday, **October 26**, for the Marine Corps Marathon, 1/2 Marathon & 10K. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. For more information and to register, contact Carol Flannery at [flanneryc@adw.org](mailto:flanneryc@adw.org) or call 301.853.4584.

**House For Sale By Owner** — 3 blocks from Blessed Sacrament. Totally renovated, move-in condition. Driveway and garage. Phone 202.686.6586 or email [jeracooley@aol.com](mailto:jeracooley@aol.com).

### SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **John M. Dluhy, M.D., P.C. and Mary Dluhy, L.I.C.S.W.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**Parish Staff**

Rev. Msgr. John J. Enzler, Pastor  
Rev. Benton Garrett, Associate Pastor  
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Mr. Rob Maro, Director of **Religious Education**, 202.449.3989  
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Director of **Athletics**, 202.449.3972  
Mr. Francisco Aguirre, Director of **Youth Ministries**, 202.449.3978

**Assistants on Weekends**

Rev. Joseph Komonchak, Catholic University  
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Petrillo, Apostolic Nunciature

**Weekday and Saturday Masses (Summer 2008 Schedule)**

Monday - Friday: 6:30 am, 8 am, 5:30 pm  
Saturday: 8 am

**Filipino Mass** in Tagalog every 4th Sunday at 4 pm

**Holy Day Masses (Summer 2008 Schedule)**

Eve of the Feast: 5:30 pm  
Day of the Feast: 6:30 am, 8 am, 11 am, 5:30 pm

**Holy Hour**

First Friday of Each Month 9 pm - 10 pm  
Exposition (Summer 2008 Schedule): Monday - Friday,  
3 pm - 5:20 pm, in the church

**Duffy Parish Center**

**Main Office** 202.966.6575 (Open Mon. - Sat., 8:30 am - 4:30 pm)  
In an emergency, 202.966.6575, Ext. 3988, to page priest on duty  
**Facilities** 202.449.4610  
**St. Pius Library** 202.449.3974

**Sacrament of Baptism.** Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the celebration of baptism. We recommend that this take place before the child is born. Contact the Religious Education Office at 202.449.3989 for more information.

**Sacrament of Matrimony.** Please contact one of the parish priests 6 months in advance. All couples who are to be married at Blessed Sacrament must complete our parish marriage preparation program.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Summer 2008 Schedule).**

Saturday 4 pm - 5 pm and after the 5:30 pm Mass, or anytime by appointment.

**Care of the Sick and Homebound.** If you or someone you know is hospitalized and would like a priest to visit, or if you know of anyone who is homebound who could benefit from a regular visit, please contact Deacon McCarthy at 202.449.3977.

**New Parishioners.** Welcome to Blessed Sacrament! Please register for parish membership by stopping in at the Duffy Parish Center and filling out a registration form. Forms also available in the pamphlet rack inside the Quesada Street entrance to the church.

**Departing Parishioners.** We will miss you. Please notify one of our staff members in the Duffy Parish Center office that you will be moving away.

**Bulletin Announcements.** Please submit all announcements to [bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays at 10 am