



He is Risen!

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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 six months in advance. All couples who are to be married at Blessed Sacrament must complete our parish marriage preparation program.

Sacrament of Reconciliation — Friday and Saturday after the 11 a.m. Mass (if no funeral); Saturday 4 - 5 p.m. and after the 5:30 p.m. 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 the parish office at 202.966.6575.

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 and on the parish website.

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 send all announcements to bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org. Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.



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From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

Happy Easter! Welcome to Blessed Sacrament—long-time parishioners, visitors and friends alike! Today our church is full, and the beautiful weather has brought many individuals and families to celebrate with us.

Recently I was part of a presentation with a local rabbi reflecting on their belief in Passover and our belief in Easter. Clearly the Easter event for the early Church and for us today is what makes our belief as Christians so special. We believe Jesus died and is risen. Before the Resurrection, even the Apostles saw Jesus as a great teacher, a miracle worker, a magnificent rabbi; they would not have proclaimed Him Son of God had they not seen these things.

This morning, we come to reverence an empty tomb (with the women who anointed the body) the appearance of angels and finally the appearance of Jesus Himself. Our belief in Jesus rests solely on the early Church profession: "Jesus is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Alleluia."

As we celebrate Easter 2010, the world is recovering from a shaky economy, health care is on everyone's mind and the Church is suffering due to European reports of child abuse. I think it is fair to say that the child abuse issue has not always been handled well by the Church. Today I pray for all victims of abuse, their families and the Church. Amidst our shared pain, we gather in hope and prayer and, yes, the spirit of the Resurrection. Today we celebrate Jesus come back to life. "He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!"

Father John

Poor Box Donations in April will benefit the Langley Park Food Pantry, which is run by St. Camillus parish. The pantry provides emergency food assistance to hundreds of mostly Hispanic families. Because the need for assistance has increased so dramatically with the economic downturn and high unemployment rates in the immigrant community, the pantry has had to cut back on the amount of food given to each family and to limit the number they serve. Contributions will be used to provide basic food packages to additional families.

Please Note — The parish office will be closed tomorrow, Easter Monday, **April 5**.

Outreach Weekend — **This weekend** 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."

Coffee and Doughnuts Next Sunday — Join fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school auditorium next Sunday, **April 11**, following the 9 and 10:30 Masses. Enjoy time catching up with friends and the opportunity to meet new parishioners we are welcoming to Blessed Sacrament.

End-Of-Year Statements — The annual contribution statements for tax purposes are now available and will be provided upon request. Please contact Grace at 202.449.3979 or gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — Resurrection reminds us that what looks bad can lead to something good. What has resurrected, or gone from bad to good, in your life over the past year?



Sunday, April 18 — Open Gym Night

7th - 8th Grades 6:30 - 8 p.m.
9th - 12th Grades 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, April 25 — Bingo Night

All Grades - \$5.00 admission
Pizza, candy and soda will be sold

For more info, contact Mark McCaffrey at 202.449.3928 or mmccaffrey@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Scout Sunday — will be celebrated at the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Sunday, **April 18**. All parish Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and Brownies are invited to attend. The Scouts and their leaders will sit together in the front pews of the church.

Boy Scout Troop 90 Alumni — Blessed Sacrament Boy Scout Troop 90 is preparing for its 90th birthday in 2011. Its 90th celebration will coincide with the 100th anniversary celebration for the parish. In preparation for the event, Troop 90 is forming a Troop 90 Alumni Association and is seeking the names and addresses of all who have been members of the Troop over the years. The hope is that these alumni can participate in the 90th anniversary celebration as well as be brought up to date on the continuing success of Scouting at Blessed Sacrament. If you are a former Troop 90 Scout, or know one, please contact John Higgins at 301.656.7202 or john.higgins@nlrb.gov.

Facebook Fan Page for Blessed Sacrament's Young Families

— The goal of this site is to foster greater communications between the families of Blessed Sacrament who have children ages 0 to 18, to strengthen the Blessed Sacrament community and to increase awareness of all programs and activities available to families. We encourage Blessed Sacrament "young families" to become a fan and post activities, schedule changes and other important information to our community. This site was organized independent of Blessed Sacrament by parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and is not an official site of the church. (After signing into Facebook, search for "Blessed Sacrament DC Young Families" and become a fan!)

The U.S. Census Bureau will provide a Census Assistance Center here at Blessed Sacrament on the main level of the Duffy Parish Center on the following days: Tuesdays, Fridays & Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., **now thru April 19**. Staff will be on hand to help you complete your form and answer questions.

2010 Annual Jubilarian Mass — The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 6**, at 2:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Registration forms are available at the back of the church or at the Duffy Parish Center and must be returned to the Duffy Parish Center by **April 26**.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, April 10

5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

7:30 a.m.

9 a.m.

10:30 a.m. (Church)*

10:30 a.m. (Gym)*

12:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

***Nursery services available in the kindergarten room under the school gym.**

Weekday and Saturday Masses

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m.

Filipino Mass in Tagalog every 4th Sunday at 4 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Eve of the Feast: 5:30 p.m.

Day of the Feast: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Holy Hour

Thursday before first Friday of each month: 9 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Exposition: Monday - Friday, 3 p.m. - 5:15 p.m., in the church



Carl "Butch" MacCartee

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



Zachary Balog

Edgard Bertaut

Bill Bray

George Crozer

Joaquinita Diaz

Aiden Goheen

Donald Johnston

Sylvia Ann Lamberg

Marian Middendorf

William Middendorf

Julia Poppeliers

Catherine Schempp

Jim Schoettler

Chester Sleboda

Brenda Touhey

Fenner Urquhart

Stephen Vermillion

Linda Wivel

Religious Education News ...

Welcome New Catholics! We welcome and congratulate these men and women who received the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) as new Catholics in our community: Kyle Narsavage, James Townsend, and Miriam van Dyck. We also rejoice with these men and women who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist: Darren Linnartz, Brian Lumpkin, Brenda Paul, and AshLee Strong.

Adult Confirmation Classes — Are you an adult Catholic in need of the Sacrament of Confirmation? Classes begin on Wednesday **May 5**, from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center library. Please contact Rob Maro at rmaro@blessedsacramentdc.org to register in time to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Archbishop Wuerl at St. Matthew's Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, **May 23**.

Visit Your Parish Library

Easter

Rise, heart, thy lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays.
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him may'st rise.
That, as his death, calcined thee to dust
His life may make thee gold, and, much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art,
The cross taught all wood to resound the name
Who bore the same.
His stretched sinews taught all strings what key
Is best to celebrate this most right day.
Consort, both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long;
Or, since all music is but three parts vied
And multiplied
Oh let thy blessed Spirit bear a part
And make up our defects with his sweet art.

George Herbert (1593 – 1633)

Sodality News — The Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Sodality will hold its next general meeting Thursday, **April 15**, after the 8 a.m. Mass. Sodalists will meet in the Duffy Parish Center; coffee and light breakfast will be provided. Please mark your calendars now for the Sodality Centennial Celebration Dinner to be held on Thursday, May 20. Invitations and details will be out soon.

From The Social Concerns Office ...

Workshop on Weatherizing — Weatherizing your home can not only save money, but through a pilot program can promote goals of economic and environmental justice. Come to the Duffy Parish Center at 2 p.m. Saturday, **April 24**, to participate in a weatherization workshop being run by Weatherize D.C. You will learn of a pilot program that combines training and jobs for D.C. unemployed, performance audits (energy and safety) and how you can participate. It is open to Maryland homeowners too. For more information, call Kedist Geremaw at 202.363.4845 or Richard Hage at 202.723.1750. It is sponsored by WIN and Blessed Sacrament's Environmental Action Committee.

Blessed Sacrament Parishioner to Receive 2010

Laetare Medal — Dana Gioia, poet and former chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts, will receive the University of Notre Dame's 2010 Laetare Medal. He will be awarded the medal, the oldest and most prestigious honor given to American Catholics, during Notre Dame's 165th University Commencement Ceremony on Sunday, **May 16**. "In his vocation as poet and avocation as arts administrator, Dana Gioia has given vivid witness to the mutual flourishing of faith and culture," said Notre Dame's president, Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C. "By awarding him our University's highest honor we hope both to celebrate and participate in that witness." (Source: <http://newsinfo.nd.edu/news/14862-laetare-medalist>)

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

Monday	Closed — Happy Easter!
Tuesday	RENEW and the Word/Low Vision Support
Wednesday	Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge For Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

From The Archdiocese ...

Theology on Tap — presents "Marriage is Forever" beginning this Tuesday, **April 6!** Each week a different couple will talk about their marriage, sharing spiritual reflections on the Sacrament of Matrimony as well as practical advice for young adults. We'll hear from couples who have been married for 2, 18, 26 and 41 years! For more information, visit the News and Events page at www.adw.org.

Women and Spirit: Catholic Sisters in America — This exhibition of rare artifacts and photographs from more than 400 communities are on view at the S. Dillon Ripley Center of the Smithsonian and explore the role of Catholic sisters in American life. From the time they first arrived in America nearly 300 years ago, sisters built schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters and many other enduring social institutions. As nurses, teachers and social workers, these sisters have made a lasting contribution to American life. The exhibition is open from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., **now through the end of April**. Visit www.lcwr.org for more information.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations — Sunday, **April 25**, 5 to 6 p.m., St. Patrick's Church, 619 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Reverend Joseph Rogers, presider and homilist. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we invite you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a generous response to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Metro accessible: "Metro Center" or "Gallery Place - Chinatown"; parking garage on Tenth Street, between G Street and H Street—for free parking, ticket must be validated at the Church)

And From The Community ...

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend — Why not take the time to renew your marriage by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, **April 23 - 25**, in Lexington Park, MD. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit dc.wvme.org or call 301.541.7007, or email Mike & Ellie Whalen at wvme@whalenfamily.com.

Volunteer Opportunity at the Basilica — Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? You are invited to become a docent or receptionist at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Volunteer nurses and doctors to assist at large events at the Shrine are also needed. If interested, contact Sister Miriam at 202.526.8300, Ext. 111 or at smm@bnsic.org.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Kathleen Leavy & Maureen Cullinane** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.