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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.

**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,

Next weekend is Labor Day weekend, but this week most of our students will return to class. While some private schools will begin after Labor Day, the local public schools and Blessed Sacrament School look forward to a good first week of school.

Having the children back reminds me that many of our parish families who have been away on vacation are now returning home for the fall, winter and spring seasons. If you have been away, welcome back to a parish that missed you on Sundays and rejoices evermore when all the Masses held in the church and the Gym Mass are close to capacity once again.

While the Church year begins on the First Sunday of Advent and the secular year begins on January 1, a parish new year really begins September 1 and continues through the year. If you are not already involved in some form of service to Blessed Sacrament and beyond, September is the month to get involved and take the necessary steps toward fuller participation in the life of the parish. If you are athletically inclined, how about the CYO? If you enjoy teaching children, how about the School of Religion? If you enjoy the liturgy, how about joining us as a Eucharistic Minister, lecturer, usher, altar server, Arimathean, choir member or weekday sacristan? If reaching out to others is your interest, would you support Outreach Sunday, JustFaith, our own sandwich ministry or some other active effort to reach out to others less fortunate in our midst?

Think about your own life and the opportunity to be involved. Think about those who are served and the enjoyment that comes in reaching out to others as part of a community like Blessed Sacrament.

If you are interested in any of the above, please e-mail me, and we will do our best to point you in the right direction. May this year be a great year of service for the people of Blessed Sacrament.

*Father John*

**Poor Box Donations** in August will benefit Language ETC (Language, Education, and Technology Center), which offers low-income adult immigrants instruction in English, Spanish literacy, citizenship, and basic computer skills. The program was founded by Our Lady Queen of Americas Catholic Church and is still located there, although it is now an independent nonprofit organization. Contributions will go toward scholarships for those students who cannot afford the school's minimal fees.

**Bulletin Cover: Mary Immaculate and the Good Shepherd; Images from A Homily of Light: The Stained Glass Windows of The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, which is available in the parish office.**

**Youth Corner**

**Question Of The Week** — God asks us to do for others without hope of repayment. This past week, what did you do for someone else for which you won't be repaid? Who are the people most in need of your generosity?

**Religious Education News ...**

**Wanted: Catechists and Teacher Aides** — Share your belief in God and the joy of knowing Jesus by becoming a catechist or teacher's aide! We need catechists and teacher aides for the following days and levels:

Sunday Session: 8:45 to 10 a.m.

- 1st Grade: 1 Catechist, 3 Aides
- 2nd Grade: 2 Aides
- 3rd Grade: 2 Catechists, 1 Aide
- 4th Grade: 1 Aide
- 5th Grade: 1 Aide
- 6th Grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
- 7th Grade: 1 Aide
- 8th Grade: 2 Aides

Tuesday Session: 4:10 to 5:25 p.m.

- 2nd Grade: 1 Aide
- 4th Grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
- 8th Grade: 1 Aide

**Are You Interested In 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 are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant, Evangelical backgrounds or Catholics in need of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. The first session will be held Monday, **September 20**, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. For more info, contact Therese Recinella at 202.449.3989 or [trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**School of Religion Registration for 2010-11** is now available online. Electronic registration and payment by credit card is available on the parish Web site at: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/faith-formation/school-of-religion](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/faith-formation/school-of-religion). The new year in religious education begins on Sunday, **September 19**, and Tuesday, **September 21**. If you have any questions, contact Rosalie Days at 202.449.3973 or [rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Newsletter Publication Schedule  
2010-11\***

Publication Date	Deadline
September 18	September 8

\*Note: The remaining schedule of publication dates and deadlines will be published in the next bulletin.

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday, September 4**

5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

**Sunday, September 5**

7:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim

9 a.m. ~ Father Armstrong

10:30 a.m. ~ Father John

12:30 p.m. ~ Father O

5:30 p.m. ~ Father John

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

**Newly Baptized**

Henry Francis Joves

**Rest In Peace**

Frances E. Augustyn

Edward Burns

Nicholas Curtin

Sisto Flores

Mary Scarbeck

Katherine Welch

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

Zachary Balog

Marilyn DeLapp

Eileen Nelson



**Second Collection This Weekend** — As you may already know, the parish will celebrate its 100th Anniversary in 2011. A year-long celebration including special Liturgies, a gala event, a speaker series and a collection of historical memorabilia is being planned. To fund the effort, last May we began a second collection on all the fifth Sundays of the month now through 2011. As this Sunday is the fifth Sunday of August, there will be a second collection for this special parish event this weekend.

**Outreach Weekend** — **Next 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."

### Visit Your Parish Library

Pope Gregory I, 540 – 604.

Pope St. Gregory I, (Gregory the Great) is traditionally linked to Gregorian chant, although his precise role in its development is uncertain. Nevertheless, ‘pictures were made to depict the dove of the Holy Spirit perched on Gregory’s shoulder, singing God’s authentic form of chant in his ear’ ([http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope\\_Gregory\\_I](http://en.Wikipedia.org/wiki/Pope_Gregory_I)). As the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers, his feast day on **September 3** is a good time to revisit the unique form of church music to which he gives his name. Apart from the library’s small but in-depth collection of books on Gregorian chant, its history and technique, you will enjoy the CDs which will transport you into a timeless sphere of beauty.

*The Best of Gregorian Chant*, 2 discs, Monks of the Benedictine Abbey en Calcat and Benedictine Monks of St. Wandrille (France). Both these communities were prominent in restoring Gregorian chant; their history is described on the internet. These discs include a variety of texts including a Mass of the Immaculate Conception, familiar prayers and settings for liturgies celebrating many other occasions.

*Gregorian Chant*, Monastic choir of the Abbey of Notre Dame de Fontgombault (France). This Benedictine monastery, founded in 1091, was restored by monks from Solesmes Abbey, after a turbulent history. The chants follow the famous Solesmes tradition and include hymns of praise and thanksgiving, honor to the Blessed Virgin, prayers for the deceased and others. When the Vatican allowed the resumption of the Tridentine rite in the 1980s, the community made it part of their liturgy and invited students from the University of Kansas program in medieval studies to visit the abbey regularly. Subsequently a dozen monks (including several Americans) opened Clear Creek Priory in Oklahoma.

*Gregorian Advent and Christmas*, Choral Ensemble of the Order of the Fratry Minori of Busto Arsizio. One of several discs in the library which celebrate seasons of the church year, this wonderful collection includes the Third Mass of the Nativity, Mass of the Epiphany, and many Ambrosian settings of hymns for Advent. The disc is in the Gold Collection and a magnificent example of plainchant.

Please ask for these discs if you wish to borrow them as they are not yet cataloged.

**Calling All MOMS!** The Ministry of Mothers Sharing is beginning a new session on **September 20**. Please contact JoJo Spallone at 202.237.5787 or [spallone4@gmail.com](mailto:spallone4@gmail.com) for more information.

**Choir News** — Beginning **this September**, Blessed Sacrament hopes to form a bell choir. The choir will rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel. Interested persons, age 12 and over, who can read music, please contact Jay Rader at 202.449.3981.

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

#### Summer Schedule (Regular Schedule Resumes September 14)

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



**Sanctuary Sodality News** — The first meeting of the fall is scheduled for next Thursday, **September 9**, for the executive committee and unit chairs. The meeting in the Duffy Parish Center will begin after the 11 a.m. Mass. If a unit chair cannot attend, please send a representative. All sodalists: please mark your calendar now for the October 7 Mass, dinner and meeting. The sodality is also starting to prepare for the annual bazaar, which will be on Saturday, November 13. Please start saving items for the white elephant and the used clothes sale. If you are interested in learning more about the sodality or in joining, please contact either Rita Killian (202.363.5069 or [ritamk@prodigy.net](mailto:ritamk@prodigy.net)) or Tracy Rivers (301.951.4949 or [t1rivers@yahoo.com](mailto:t1rivers@yahoo.com)).

#### Adult Religious Education:

**Tuesdays, September 14 to May 10**, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. A course about the Catholic Letters and the Book of Revelation taught by Brother Malachy Broderick, FSC. The so-called “Catholic letters” are James, Jude, I, II, Peter and I, II, III, John. They are called “Catholic” because they are not addressed to any one church but to all the Christian churches in Asia Minor. They are seven of the most interesting letters in the New Testament while at the same time being the least known among Roman Catholics. The Book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood book in the New Testament. It has received a bad name because of the fundamentalist interpretation given to it by many Christians. Properly understood it is one of the most interesting books in the New Testament. It is written in apocalyptic style which means it is full of symbolic language and images.

**Thursdays, September 16 to May 19**, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. A course about the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament taught by Brother Malachy Broderick, FSC. The Wisdom books of the Old Testament are the least known and understood by Roman Catholics. They encourage the “wise” to be questioning about life, while at the same time analyzing and ordering common experience into rules to live by. Wisdom encourages discipline of thinking, careful reasoning, and the control of passions. While such qualities are valued almost everywhere in the Old Testament, only a few books can be called specifically “wisdom books” because they maintain the focus on intellectual reflection about the world from a human standpoint. The Wisdom Books are the following: Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs, Quohelth, Job, Wisdom and Sirach.

**From The Social Concerns Office ...**

**Canned Food Donations** — The Social Concerns office continues to be low on food served to the poor on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can assist, please bring food items to the church or directly to the Social Concerns office. Popular requests are: tuna fish, peanut butter, baked beans, Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, cereal and meat/chicken based soups. Thank you.

**Community Garden** — Volunteers are needed to deliver produce from the community garden on Mondays to various food service providers in the Metro D.C. area (Shepherd's Table, SOME, Manna). Volunteer families, friendship groups or students (service hours provided) willing to take one week of the summer to water, weed and harvest the community garden beds are also needed. Contact Pat Kavanaugh 202.449.3987 or email [eogreenberg@gmail.com](mailto:eogreenberg@gmail.com). In addition, collection baskets for fresh produce from your own garden will be made available after Masses **now through the end of September**. Please donate any extra produce from your own personal garden for the Metro D.C.'s most vulnerable.

**School Supply Drive For Sister School, St. Thomas More** — Please consider donating school supplies to the Social Concerns office annual school supply drive for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Items needed are: scissors, glue sticks, binders, notebooks, colored markers, highlighters, and crayons. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987 or [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com).

**Student Volunteers Needed** — Blessed Sacrament's annual school supply collection for our sister school, St. Thomas More Parish School in Southwest D.C., is scheduled for Sunday, September 12. Students of all ages (young with adult supervision, older for service hours, if needed) are asked to contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns office at 202.449.3987 or at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com) to volunteer by Tuesday, September 7. Students are requested to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to collect donations at the church entrances as well as collect donations again after Mass. All set up and signage are prearranged so students need only to collect supplies, checks and cash donations.

**JustFaith Begins Next Month** — Join hundreds of Catholics across the United States as they enroll in the JustFaith program. In partnership with the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services etc., the program offers participants the privilege of becoming a small faith community and sharing a journey of deepened spirituality, education and compassion. Over thirty weeks, through foundational insights from the Bible and Catholic Social Teachings, participants are guided through prayer, book and video discussions, guest speaker presentations, retreats and immersion experiences. Previous participants have had very positive comments regarding the program and some report their overall experience has truly changed the way they view the world today. JustFaith graduates and the Social Concerns office will host an informational reception on Thursday, **September 23**, at 7 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Library. Questions? Call 202.449.3987.

**Parishioner Assistance Needed With Employment/Rides**

— Please contact Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987, if you can occasionally assist a senior adult women with transportation to the 8 a.m. Mass or if you could hire an experienced, mature, part-time adult student to work in child care or cleaning houses.

**And From The Community ...**

**Concert @ St. Martin Of Tours** — 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, **September 8**, world-renowned organist David Briggs will present a concert at St. Martin of Tours Church in Gaithersburg for the dedication and blessing of the new church organ. The concert will include a concert improvisation by Briggs, who is considered one of the premiere practitioners of the art, as well as his own transcription of a Mahler symphony on this 100th anniversary celebration of Gustav Mahler. Free will offerings appreciated.

**Men's Communion & Prayer Breakfast** — The men of St. Patrick's Parish in Rockville (corner of Norbeck & Muncaster Mill Roads) cordially invite the men of Blessed Sacrament to a Men's Communion & Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, **September 11**, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Father Joe Rogers will lead the morning's spiritual activities that will include a Mass and a reflection whose theme will be "Growing as Men of Faith through the Example of St. Joseph - The Master of the Interior Life." A donation of \$10 is suggested. To register and/or get the word out, please contact Jim Bilodeau ([Norbeck6@hotmail.com](mailto:Norbeck6@hotmail.com) or 301.460.6514).

**Opportunity For Volunteering** — Have you ever thought of volunteering? Since 1989, Hospice Caring, Inc. has been providing practical and emotional support to adults and children facing life-limiting illness and grief at no charge. Hospice Caring, Inc. has opportunities for those who would like to facilitate adult or children's grief groups, or become a caregiver and share in someone's end-of-life journey. Our next training class will be held **September 21, 22, and 23**, and also November 16, 17, and 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more information or to register, call Penny at 301.869.HOPE (4673).

**Donations Of Furniture Needed** — A Wider Circle ([www.awidercircle.org](http://www.awidercircle.org)), a small nonprofit Washington organization, dedicated to helping individuals and families lift themselves out of poverty, is urgently seeking basic household furniture to furnish the homes of families in need and those transitioning from homeless shelters. Won't you please help by donating no longer needed beds, mattresses, cribs, strollers, chairs and tables in your home? Please contact the organization at 301.608.3504 or at [furnish@awidercircle.org](mailto:furnish@awidercircle.org) to arrange for a pick-up of your donation. You may drop off items, if you prefer, 7 days a week, at its Center for Community Service, 9159-C Brookville Road, Silver Spring, MD. Thank you!

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This Year  
**THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN**

beginning  
Wednesday, September 8  
Parish Center

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. coffee and refreshments

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. group discussion of readings

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. speaker

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