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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, December 25
See Mass Schedule Below

Sunday, December 26
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O
9 a.m. ~ Father Jim
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Church)*
10:30 a.m. ~ Father John (Gym)*
12:30 p.m. ~ Father O
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

Saturday, January 1
~ Father Jim

Sunday, January 2
~ Father John
~ Father Witzcak
~ Father O
~ Father Jim
~ Father John
~ Father O

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

Weekday & 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 - 10 p.m.
Exposition: Monday - Friday, 3 - 5:15 p.m., in the church

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Mass Schedule For Christmas Day & January 1

Christmas Day Masses, Saturday, December 25

7:30 a.m. Father O
9 a.m. Father Jim
10:30 a.m. Father John (Church Only)
12:30 p.m. Father O

Note: There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Saturday, January 1 (A Holy Day, but not a Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil (December 31) 5:30 p.m. Father Jim
8 a.m. Father John
11 a.m. Father Tesfaye

Please Note — The parish office will be closed Monday, December 27.



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Duffy Parish Center

Main Office 202.966.6575

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Sacraments

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.

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.

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.

Parish Services & Information

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.

From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

Welcome to Christmas weekend. For the past four weeks we have been preparing, in a special way, to celebrate the wonder of God made flesh. Now, the time is finally here!

People come today from many different places, both geographically and spiritually. We are all in different places on our journey of faith, and in this family called Blessed Sacrament, all are welcome and all are important to us. We are grateful today for many of you who are here all year long, celebrating the gift of their faith with us each and every Sunday. You are an inspiration to your priests and all who work with you throughout the year.

Welcome to those who maybe don't come quite so often, whether you come occasionally or only when it's convenient. I would like to encourage you to look carefully at your own spiritual journey to see whether one hour out of a 168 hour week isn't too much to ask to give back to the Lord in appreciation and gratitude for all He does for us.

Still others are here today as non-practicing Catholics. You are here for Christmas and Easter, and we're happy to have you. We would love to have you become more involved in the community. Whether you are registered in the parish or not, please join us regularly and make one of your New Year's resolutions to give something back to the Lord every week in prayer, celebration and joy as you join Blessed Sacrament Parish for one of our seven weekend Masses. I encourage all to take a good, hard look at their spiritual journey to see where they are (something I do each and every year), to challenge yourself to do better as the Lord gives us many new opportunities to serve Him over the next 12 months.

Most of all, I want to offer my appreciation to all who do so much for us throughout the year. I am so grateful for the service we receive from our active parishioners who serve on our many boards, commissions, committees, ministries, programs and volunteer work. They help make Blessed Sacrament a place that is looked upon as special all throughout the Archdiocese.

When a tragedy or some great need arises, I am particularly grateful for how quickly this parish responds. Last year, I was amazed at the magnificent collection for Haiti (some \$85,000 was raised). Moments like that remind me that this community is far richer in spirit and commitment to the Lord than someone on the "outside" can imagine.

Have a wonderful Christmas weekend and a special Holy Family Sunday as well (December 26). I wish you all the best as we approach the brand new year. May God give you and your loved ones health, happiness and holiness in the year to come.

Gratefully,

Father John

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — In Colossians, St. Paul lays out a way of life for the followers of Christ. As you read through this list, which one of these is most difficult for you to follow? Which one is easiest?

Blessed Sacrament's Boy Scout Troop 90 To Celebrate 90th Anniversary!



Boy Scout Troop 90, which is sponsored by Blessed Sacrament Parish, will celebrate 90 years of continuous Scouting at Blessed Sacrament with a reunion and dinner beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, **January 8**, in the Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium. All former Scouts and their parents are invited. The event will also benefit the recently developed Troop 90 Foundation which supports Scouting in the parish. Cost is \$30 for adults, \$20 for those still in school. Questions? Contact Bill Choquette (WChoquette@gilbaneco.com; 301.652.7102) or John Higgins (Higgins@cua.edu; 301.656.7202). Ticket payment should be sent to John Higgins, 6607 Dalkeith Street, Chevy Chase, MD 20815. Deadline for purchasing tickets is this Friday, **December 31**, and seating is limited! If you have photos or other memorabilia of Troop 90, send to Bill or Jack for inclusion in the event program.

Poor Box Donations in **December** will benefit the Tenants Empowerment Network (TEN), which provides housing and support services for up to 30 homeless families with dependent children.

Newly Baptized

Patrick Brian Joyce
Eleanor Lyla Minton
Owen Manning Still
Joseph Mark Winter

Rest In Peace

Joseph Davis
John Hughes

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

Zachary Balog	Jane Gresham
Donald Cahill	Mary Jo Nash
Joaquinita Diaz	Peter Sullivan
Mary Lou Gomez	Charles Surraci
Jane Mary Greco	Mark Webber

Faith Formation

School Of Religion Religious Education — There are no classes **December 26 and December 28**. Classes resume **January 2 and January 4**.

RCIA — No RCIA classes **December 27 or 29**; RCIA resumes **January 2** for Reflection on the Word at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Sessions resume **January 3**

Hearts Aflame Course — Catechetical Methodology: for school and religious education catechists. This course is designed to assist all catechists in implementing the ADW Religious Education Curriculum, but all interested adults are welcome to register and attend. The course will be offered in 4 sessions: **January 18, 19, 26, 27** 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Library. To register, contact Rosalie Days: rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org or at 202.449.3973.

Young Adults 20s-40s, Single And Married — You are invited to join us the first and third Tuesdays of the month for our Young Adult Bible Study. We meet in the Duffy Parish Center Main Level Meeting Room at 7:30 p.m. Spend time in fellowship with other young adults from the area as we reflect on and apply Scripture to our every day life. Our next session is next Tuesday, **January 4**. For more info, contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Faith In The Marketplace. . .Blessed Sacrament's Men's Group will meet Friday, **January 7**, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass, 7 to 7:45 a.m., Main Level, Duffy Parish Center. Speaker will be Gregory Speros Colevas (AKA Spero). Greg is the division president of the Mid-Atlantic major Project Division for Bethesda-based Clark Construction.

Donations of Stock

To make a donation of stock to Blessed Sacrament, please follow these instructions:

Securities Held by Broker:

Deliver to Wells Fargo Securities as follows:
Field of Dreams/Capital Campaign: DTC 141
Account No.: 15958205
General Fund: DTC 141; Account No.: 76906850
Your Broker should notify (1) John Talbott, Wells Fargo Securities, 301.961.0119 and (2) Blessed Sacrament Parish Development Office, 202.966.6575, of the amount and type of security being transferred, as well as the donor's name.

Securities Held by Parishioner:

Do Not Sign Certificate.
Mail to: Mr. John Talbott, Wells Fargo Securities, 7600 Wisconsin Ave., #900, Bethesda, MD 20814
Under separate cover, sign and mail a stock power with letter of instruction to deposit the security in either of the above accounts. Notify the Parish Development Office, 202.966.6575, of amount, type of security, and donor's name

The Nativity/The Holy Family

Visit Your Parish Library

A Christmas Carol Poem

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the world
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are the lings,
But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the world,
But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood on Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked up at Him,
And all the stars looked down.

G.K. Chesterton

Crèche Exhibit and Epiphany

Party — Do you have a beautiful Christmas crèche? Please share it at the library's Epiphany open house exhibit on **January 8 and 9**. To have your crèche or crèches included, please email or call Susan Parry (atasusan@yahoo.com) 202.363.5987, or the library (eroth@blessedsacramentdc.org) 202.449.3974. Come enjoy and admire these wonderful renderings of the Christmas story from different parts of the world. In addition to the exhibit, we'll have door prizes, refreshments and music. Plan to bring your crèche or crèches to the parish library anytime on Thursday or Friday, January 7 or 8. Kindly put your name and phone number together with the story of each crèche and its origin on the container. Mark your calendars—see you there!



"The Lost Lecture" — On Sunday, **January 9**, Dr. Anthony Tambasco will deliver his lecture from the Symbolic Languages of the Liturgy Series titled "New Translations of the Eucharist: Rationale and Debate." The lecture will be held in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel at 9 a.m., with coffee and rolls to precede the lecture at 8:30 a.m.

Did You Know??

Did you know that NAFIM (Nation Apostolate for Inclusion Ministry) is an advocacy group that promotes full inclusion of persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities into the life of the church. Check out their website at www.nafim.org. For more information about how Blessed Sacrament is becoming a more inclusive community, contact Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Program Coordinator, at 202.449.3990 or at evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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.

Monday	Chair Aerobics
Tuesday	RENEW and the Word/ Low Vision Support
Wednesday	Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge For Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed



Chimes Chatter —

"A Nobel Thought Becomes A Beautiful Reality" were the "congratulatory" title words on a half-page Sunday bulletin announcement posted by the Deagan Tower Chimes Company in November 1935. (Deagan installed our Bell Tower Chimes for the 10th anniversary of the current Blessed Sacrament building.) The ad continues with "When on November 3, the air

about the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament vibrates to the heavenly harmony of Golden-Voiced Tower Chimes, the music will have a three-fold significance — a fitting climax to a glorious ten-year record of achievement; a marking of a new era of service and renown; and a melodious salute to those of the Committee whose energy and devotion converted a noble thought into a beautiful reality." The ad concludes with Deagan being "proud to have served the Committee and all the members of the parish whose generosity made possible the Chimes which will soon become the 'voice of the church.'" With those fitting words, the Chimes Committee wishes you a meaningful and blessed Christmas. (For more information about our committee, call 202.244.4833.)



Sanctuary Sodality News —

A special wish for all sodalists for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! The January Sodality meeting will be held on Thursday, **January 6**. This meeting is for the Executive Committee (only) in the parish center following the 11 a.m. Mass. All unit presidents are asked to attend or send a representative. The Executive Committee/Hospitality to host the luncheon.

Year-End Statements — The annual contribution statements for tax purposes will be available for mailing at the end of January 2011. Statements will be provided upon request. To request a statement, contact Grace at 202.449.3979 or gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Rachael's Vineyard Retreat** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.