

# The Gifts of the Magi



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## Duffy Parish Center

**Main Office** 202.966.6575

(Open Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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 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.

**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](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.

**Second Collection Next Weekend** — The second collection next weekend is the annual Black and Indian Missions Collection. Proceeds support evangelization programs among Black, American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleute communities in the United States.

## From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

I hope and pray your Christmas holidays are coming to a conclusion with a sense of joy and fulfillment. I have experienced a good deal of rest, lots of family time and the joy of a parish vibrant and joyously celebrating the gift of Jesus, the gift of family and on Friday, the Feast of Mary, Mother of God.

As many of you know, I am big on transitions, new beginnings and the opportunities to make changes where needed in our lives. Thus, this new year gives me a chance to think about what is important and what could and should be done to walk more faithfully in my journey with the Lord.

I am very grateful for all of God's blessings. But one of my resolutions is to be more grateful in 2010 for the blessings God showers upon me not just every day, but every moment of every day. I am thankful for Father Jim and Father O, our resident priest, Father Tesfaye, and our two deacons, Dan and Mark, our hard-working staff and everyone behind the scenes who works efficiently and effectively to serve the needs of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament. Not to be forgotten, I am particularly thankful for the blessings of the wonderful people here at Blessed Sacrament.

I learned that first-hand in mid-December when I spent three days in the hospital and a week or so afterwards slowly getting back to full-speed at the rectory. I love being your pastor, but most of the parish needs at the present time are met through the leadership and guidance of our priests and staff.

May God bless you and your loved ones and this parish community with a happy, holy and healthy new year.

I send my best wishes to all.

Father John

**Coffee And Doughnuts This Sunday** — Join fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school auditorium today, Sunday, **January 3**, 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. It will also be an opportunity to learn more about the ministries under our Worship Commission.

**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". If you would like to learn more about this ministry, visit: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/ministries/outreach/outreach-sunday-soup-kitchen](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/ministries/outreach/outreach-sunday-soup-kitchen).

## Youth Corner

**Question Of The Week** — As the eyes of your heart become enlightened to Christ and his teachings, how does it change the way you live?

### Blessed Sacrament School Open House —

The first and most important step in the admissions process for the 2010/2011 school year at Blessed Sacrament School is to attend an open house event. An open house for kindergarten through 7th grade will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. next Thursday, **January 14**. After a presentation by our principal, you will have an opportunity to tour the school and see the classrooms in action. All application materials will be distributed at the end of the session. There is no need to register to attend this open house. Please note that your child must be five by September 1, 2010 to enter kindergarten.

### Contributions Made Using Faith Direct —

If you wish to change the amount you are donating through Faith Direct, or if you would like to begin using the program, please contact Faith Direct at 1.866.507.8757, or visit [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net). Our code is DC11. For those households changing their donations beginning January 2010, please let Faith Direct know that this should be the beginning date of your new contributions.

### End-Of-Year Statements —

The annual contribution statements for tax purposes will not be available for mailing until the end of January 2010 and will be provided upon request. Please contact Grace at 202.449.3979 or [gperreira@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:gperreira@blessedsacramentdc.org).

## Donations of Stock

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

### Securities Held by Broker:

Deliver to Wells Fargo 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, 301.961.0119 and (2) 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, 7600 Wisconsin Ave., #100, 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.

## Mass Schedule

**Saturday, January 9**  
5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, January 10**  
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

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

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Zachary Balog  
Edgard Bertaut  
Marge Cronin  
George Crozer  
Mia Gancayco  
Aiden Goheen  
Donald Johnston  
Sylvia Ann Lamberg

Marian Middendorf  
Michael Middendorf  
Brendan Ogg  
Josephine Pizza  
Julia Poppeliers  
Jim Schoettler  
Fenner Urquhart  
Stephen Vermillion

**Poor Box Donations in January** will benefit the Spanish Catholic Center's Pre-Apprenticeship Construction Program. The ten-week program combines classroom instruction in basic construction skills, math, and English with on-the-job training to prepare participants for jobs in the construction industry.

**Minute Meditation** — From Pope Benedict XVI's *Charity in Truth* — "Man's earthly activity, when inspired and sustained by charity, contributes to the building of the universal city of God, which is the goal of the history of the human family. In an increasingly globalized society, the common good and the effort to obtain it cannot fail to assume the dimensions of the whole human family, that is to say, the community of peoples and nations, in such a way as to shape the earthly city in unity and peace, rendering it to some degree an anticipation and a prefiguration of the undivided city of God." (CV, 7) To read the Holy Father's encyclical online, visit [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

### Visit Your Parish Library

Each year has its share of major anniversaries. 2009 was exceptional in its roster of milestone commemorations, including those of Abraham Lincoln, Edgar Allan Poe, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Charles Darwin. It also marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Father Benedict Groeschel's ordination. This Franciscan Friar, who has spent a lifetime evangelizing, teaching and writing books, vividly describes growing up in New Jersey and discovering his vocation ([www.ncregister.com/site/article/friar\\_pluck](http://www.ncregister.com/site/article/friar_pluck)). His latest book, After this Life: What Catholics Believe About What Happens Next, is on order for the library.

Arise from Darkness: What to do when Life doesn't Make Sense (150 G762 A747). Written when Fr. Benedict was director of the Office of Spiritual Development in the New York Archdiocese and working with the homeless in the South Bronx, this book has sold over 100,000 copies. 'If you are struggling with fear, anxiety, grief, loss of loved ones, hurt, anger or anything that makes life difficult...then this book was written for you'.

The Cross at Ground Zero (242.4 G89 C87). A series of programs on EWTN led to this short volume published in the Fall of 2001 when Fr. Benedict was professor of pastoral psychology at St. Joseph's Seminary in New York. He introduces the four talks: 'I tried to make some spiritual observations about the meaning of suffering and the problem of evil – subjects of which I have some knowledge and experience', and warns of the need to change from the road of 'paganism, hedonism, and the corruption of youth'.

Spiritual Passages: the Psychology of Spiritual Development (248.2 G89 S48). The title page of this book includes the words 'for those who seek'; these are the readers for whom the author, an experienced psychologist, describes the steps of personal development in response to the call of God. Fr. Benedict provides a contemporary explanation of the three stages of the spiritual life, The Purgation, The Illuminative Way, and The Unitive Way and anchors them in a historical frame that goes beyond the Christian tradition.

To borrow these and other books by this author, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

**Annual Fran Scango Lecture** — will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **January 13**, in the Blessed Sacrament School Auditorium. The topic will be "Right From The Start: The Fundamentals of Building a Great Brain," and will be presented by Frank J. Kros, MSW, JD, president of The Upside Down Organization ([www.upsidedownorganization.org](http://www.upsidedownorganization.org)) and a nationally recognized speaker. He will discuss the five essential steps to building a great brain, seven great practices on how to raise a smarter child, adolescent brains and the "brain-based" challenges they face, and teen vulnerabilities—high risk peer influences, drugs, depression and how we can minimize their exposure to these dangers.

**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.

<b>Monday</b>	Social/Discussion
<b>Tuesday</b>	Renew and the Word/Low Vision Support
<b>Wednesday</b>	Find the Artist Within You -- Art Lesson With Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge For Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

**Sanctuary Sodality Meeting** — The next meeting will be on Thursday, **January 7**, at 7 p.m. This is an executive meeting with unit chairs and the executive committee.

**Religion And Politics** — The Sunday Morning Lecture Series will present Rev. Thomas Reese, S.J. in three lectures on Religion and Politics on Sundays **January 10, 17, and 24**. The lectures will begin in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel at 9 a.m. Rolls and coffee will be served in the Duffy Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. There will be time for thoughtful discussion and conclude so you may attend the 10:30 Mass. See the brochure available at Church entrances for the topics.

**Our Lady Of Victory Church Deo Gratias Concert Series** — On Saturday, **January 23**, at 7 p.m. another in a series of concerts will take place at the church, 4235 MacArthur Boulevard, NW, Washington, D.C. This concert will benefit Our Lady of Victory Home & School Association and the John Warman Music Fund. It will be an evening of cabaret and cocktails with John Warman and a select group of the 2008 gala singers who will perform jazz numbers, show tunes, and more in a cabaret atmosphere (in Hess). ([www.olvparishdc.org/news/index.html](http://www.olvparishdc.org/news/index.html))

**Men's Annual Retreat Weekend** — Make a truly meaningful New Year's resolution and reserve your place now for the Blessed Sacrament men's annual retreat at Loyola **March 5-7, 2010** (dinner Friday through lunch Sunday). All men, and young men age twelve and older, are invited to join what has been a parish tradition for 51 years. Mail in your registration form today, which can be found at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org) (go to the "Faith Formation" button, then click on "Adult Faith Formation" in the drop-down menu). Questions? Loyola at 301.392.0819 or [reservations@loyolaretreat.org](mailto:reservations@loyolaretreat.org). If you would like to carpool, e-mail retreat captain, Dr. Jim Richeson, at [jim@yourdentaldr.com](mailto:jim@yourdentaldr.com) or leave a message at 301.657.2695.

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