

A composite image featuring the Statue of Liberty in the foreground, with a night sky filled with colorful fireworks in the background. The scene is framed by a dark, textured border. The Statue of Liberty is shown from the chest up, looking slightly to the right. The fireworks are in various colors, including blue, yellow, and red, exploding against a dark blue sky. The overall mood is celebratory and patriotic.

**Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom**

2 Corinthians 3:17

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Facilities 202.449.4610

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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 Birthday, USA! Today we celebrate our annual Independence Day with fireworks, barbecues, picnics and outdoor sports. Many of our parishioners are away enjoying the beach and other family vacation spots. Those of us who are here are reminded of the blessings that this great land enjoys!

Do you ever stop to think what it means to have freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religion? In some countries, you cannot speak out or share your views without the threat of being imprisoned. In some countries, newspapers are controlled by the government and one can only write about what that government wants you to know. In some countries, you are unable to be a Catholic or Muslim or Jew without facing external pressures and even the threat of death.

In our country, we say whatever we wish and listen, for example, to others on talk radio or to political pundits on TV who speak their minds. People say the most outlandish things, but because of freedom of speech, it is not against the law. The Internet has become a way of instant communication and many things are said on line that would never be expressed face-to-face. In our country, the press has freedom to criticize our President, our Congress, all political candidates and even each other. It makes for a good deal of contention and fairly often some pretty boorish behavior.

In our country, I can go to a mosque, a synagogue or a church and freely practice my faith. Because of our belief in One mightier than us, aren't we fortunate to go to church, pray a prayer in public, wear religious symbols and even express our religious beliefs through processions in honor of our Blessed Mother or the Holy Eucharist.

Aren't we fortunate! Aren't we blessed that the framers of our Constitution and the writers of the Declaration of Independence had so much wisdom! In God they trusted, and on this national holiday, we celebrate our conviction that God continues to bless this great country and watches over us in all our needs.

God bless America!

Father John

Outreach Weekend July 3/July 4 — Outreach Weekend for our Soup Kitchen Ministry will be the weekend of **July 3/July 4**. Donations by check: payable to "Blessed Sacrament Outreach—Soup Kitchen."

Please Note — The parish office will be closed Monday, **July 5**, in recognition of Independence Day.

Blessed Sacrament Summer Art Camp — Weekly sessions **now - July 30**, 12:30-3 p.m. Ages four and older, all are welcome. Cost is \$210 - all supplies and a snack is included. Forms are available in the back of the church or in the Duffy Parish Center. Contact: Judy Kearns 301.704.2470 or jkearns@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — Jesus sent the disciples out into the world, but told them that it wouldn't be an easy job. How have you shared your faith with others this past week? What were the risks for you? (**July 4**)

The Samaritan reached out to a stranger and helped him. Who are the strangers who you could reach out and help in the coming week or month? How will you respond? (**July 11**)

Need For Altar Servers — During the summer months there are few people available to serve the 8 and 11 a.m. daily Masses. Volunteers, young and old, including school children, are requested to offer their services to fill in whenever they will be in town. If you have never been an altar server, minimal training can be given. Contact: Edward Finn at 301.657.4607 or ejfynn724@aim.com.

Poor Box Donations in July will benefit A Wider Circle, an organization that provides furniture and household items to families moving out of homeless shelters and to others with emergency needs. It also runs after-school programs in low-income schools and teaches health and wellness classes at shelters and public housing facilities. Its Well Mother, Well Baby Program helps prepare pregnant teens for a healthy pregnancy and teaches them parenting and childcare skills.

Five Students Win \$500 Ann Love Greene Awards; Other Graduation Awards

— Five Blessed Sacrament students were the winners of the Ann Love Greene \$500 awards, which are given to five students who show promise in the arts. These awards were created in 2004 by Mr. Edward Greene and his children, in memory of their wife and mother. Students are nominated by their teachers. Eighth grade winner Amiel Lumbre was nominated by numerous teachers for his art work, most particularly, "The Hand of Life," which he created as part of the 8th grade English class study of the award winning book *Night*, by Elie Weisel depicting the author's questions about faith after spending time in a Nazi concentration camp. Other winners included Brendan Egan, Caitlin Donahue, Grace McGill, and Jeffrey Thomas. Five hundred dollars was also awarded to John Mullally who won the Monsignor Duffy C.A.R.E Award, which is given to the student who best exemplifies Blessed Sacrament School's C.A.R.E. values of courtesy, acceptance, and respect for everyone during their entire tenure at the school. The winner is elected by his peers. The Joan Devine Writing Award was awarded to two eighth graders; Amiel Lumbre, and Camille Bowe. This \$100 prize is given to a boy and a girl who best answer a question about their Blessed Sacrament experience in an in-class essay. An outside panel of judges reads the essays and makes a determination about the winners. This prize was created and originally funded by parents of alums from the classes of 2003 and 2004 in honor of Joan Devine upon her retirement as an English teacher. Honorable mentions were awarded to: Ana Hagerup, Claire Donnellan, Emmet Cochetti, and Michael Fericola. For further information about the awards, contact Nancy Ryan at nryan@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Mass Schedule

Saturday, July 10 5:30 p.m.	Saturday, July 17 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 11 7:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Sunday, July 18 7:30 a.m. 9 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

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

- Sandra Valentina Ferri
- Madeline Grace Kochan
- Lucille Elaine Lourie
- Nuala Maeve Lyster
- Owen Edward Struzziero
- Teagen Reed Walsh
- Abigail Rose Zaidan

Rest In Peace

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| Daniel Callahan IV | Patricia McPhee |
| Basilio Diego | Karen Stamos |
| Timothy King | Paul Sweeney |

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

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| Zachary Balog | William Middendorf |
| Edgard Bertaut | Eileen Nelson |
| Bill Bray | Julia Poppeliers |
| George Crozer | Catherine Schemp |
| Joaquinita Diaz | Jim Schoettler |
| Sisto Flores | James Schrum |
| Aiden Goheen | Chester Sleboda |
| Donald Johnston | Fenner Urquhart |
| Sylvia Ann Lamberg | Stephen Vermillion |
| Marian Middendorf | Linda Wivel |

**Bulletin Publication Schedule
Summer 2010**

Publication Date	Deadline
July 18	July 12
August 1	July 26
August 15	August 9
August 29	August 23

Visit Your Parish Library

The life of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha (1656 – 1680), whose Feast Day is on **July 14**, gives us a vivid picture of Native American life and the impact of the Jesuit missions more than three hundred years ago. Orphaned and physically disfigured at the age of four by an outbreak of smallpox in her Mohawk village, Kateri withstood the disapproval of her uncle, a Mohawk chief, and the harassment of her community to become a Christian (www.biographi.ca/009004-119.01-e.php?Bioid=34669). She is the first Native American beatified and is honored as patroness of ecology and the environment.

Kateri Tekawitha, Mystic of the Wilderness, by Margaret R. Bunson (B K172 B857 K172). This short book gives a detailed and fascinating picture of Native American life and the society in which Kateri grew up.

Tekakwitha, Holy Native, Mohawk Virgin, 1656 – 1680, by Edward Sherman (B T22 S55 T22). This recent gift to the library has many illustrations and maps. The author ‘was associated with Indian reservations in both Western and Eastern United States’. He draws on letters and documents that shed light on the people in Kateri’s life and on her sustained and deep faith.

Rainbow Tribe: Ordinary People journeying on the Red Road, by Ed McGaa (299.78 M17 R134). The author, an Oglala Sioux writer and lecturer, applies Native American tradition and ritual to contemporary life. Drawing on many case studies, he gives us powerful examples of healing, of the effects of fasting, and particularly of the influence of the natural world.

For more information, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

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)**

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

From The Social Concerns Office ...

Community Garden Update — Take a moment to look behind the rectory to see the new raised beds built by Grant Bodner, future Eagle Scout and his 1094 boy Scout Troop. Grant’s troop and Jeanne Pablo’s Blessed Sacrament Girl Scouts have made reservoir bucket gardens for growing tomatoes. If you have a patch of sunlight for 6-8 hours per day on a deck, patio, or yard, please consider growing out one of these tomatoes plants at home and donating the harvest to the poor. Collection baskets for fresh produce from your own garden will be set out after Masses beginning **July 3/4** through the end of September. Please donate any extra produce from your own personal garden for the Metro D.C.’s most vulnerable. **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.

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.

Seeking Special Needs Program Coordinator

— Blessed Sacrament is seeking a coordinator to initiate a new, parish-wide program of inclusion and support for community members with special needs, including persons with developmental differences. The ideal candidate for this 15-20 hours per week position has good pastoral care qualities, good communication skills, can work independently (some weekend and evening hours required), and has some understanding of the challenges faced by persons with special needs. Application deadline: Friday, **July 16**. Please send a cover letter and resume to Msgr. JohnENZLER at jenzler@blessedsacramentdc.org. For more information, contact Peg Kolm at mikolm@mindspring.com or at 240.994.0603.

Bible Study Summers On — In these warm days the members of the Wednesday Morning Bible Study meet every other week at the homes of its members. The meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and last about two hours. The current group of 15 is reading and discussing the book *God Hunger: Discovering The Mystic In All Of Us*. On Wednesday, **July 14**, the group will gather at the home of Lisa Greenberg, 7410 Western Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD. Newcomers are most welcome. Breakfast is served, and books are available for \$11. Questions? Call Nan Levine at 202.244.7691.

Note From Father John About Rick Nichols — Rick Nicols, one of our seminarians from 2009, will make his profession of perpetual vows with the Jesuits on **August 14** at Holy Cross Church in De Witt, NY. Rick spent a year at Blessed Sacrament discerning his vocation to either the Jesuits or Archdiocesan priesthood. I was sorry to lose him to the Jesuits! Please pray for Rick as he prepares for his vows. I know he would love to receive a card or greeting from our parishioners who support him on his vocational journey. Rick’s address is: Mr. Rick Nichols, St. Andrew’s Hall, 420 Demong Drive, Syracuse, NY 13214-1499.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Patrick Malone & Associates, P.C.** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

June 27, 2010



Marc R. Duffy
3704 Thornapple Street
Chevy Chase, MD 20815

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am writing you today on what would have been my wife Marianne's 41st birthday. Occasionally, there is an event in your life that changes you forever. Two years ago this past February my life was forever changed when Marianne, and my daughter, Caroline, died in a car accident. Whatever the path of my life before the accident, I am on a different path now. My path has taken me from grief, to longing, to anger, to questioning, to searching, to acceptance and, now, to helping. So today, I am writing to ask for your help. I have decided that a fitting way to bring some good out of this tragedy is to establish a scholarship at Blessed Sacrament School in Chevy Chase, Maryland in the names of Marianne and Caroline.

Marianne and I both valued greatly the importance of a good education that teaches moral values. Marianne's Catholic education ranged from the Catholic high school she attended in Eastchester, New York to the Jesuit training she received at Georgetown. At the time of the accident, Caroline was a second grader at Blessed Sacrament and Marianne was very active in the school community. Claire is now a first grader at Blessed Sacrament School.

As many of you know, Marianne and I bought our current house in Chevy Chase so that we could send our children to Blessed Sacrament School and unfortunately endured a protracted legal battle with Montgomery County and some neighbors over our house renovation. Ironically, we successfully concluded that legal battle just one month before the car accident. And while we suffered greatly during the ordeal over the house, the love and support that Claire and I received from the school community in the months after the accident have confirmed to me that Marianne and I made the right choice in moving to this community.

To honor the memory of Marianne and Caroline, and to give back to this wonderful community, I am setting up The Marianne and Caroline Duffy Scholarship Fund. Rather than set up a costly separate legal entity, this fund will be a separate account at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church to be administered by the church. Grants from the fund will be approved by our pastor, Fr. John Enzler, the school's principal, Chris Kelly, and me, and will be used to

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provide tuition assistance for children in need who attend Blessed Sacrament School.

My goal is to raise \$25,000 so the principal investment can remain intact for many years at the church and revenue from the endowed fund will provide ongoing need-based scholarship assistance for some time to come. And we are already \$5,000 towards that goal because of the generous gifts that have been made to date!

Personal experience has taught me that when faced with tragedy, regardless of one's financial status, moving forward often requires leaning on many "helping hands" in the community. Although some might think that a scholarship fund in a fairly affluent area is unnecessary, there are, in fact, many families in our area with financial troubles who need just such a "helping hand" to keep their children at BSS. Tuition relief can provide tangible comfort to families in crisis by ensuring that their children remain in the supportive school environment and by serving as a tether to the wonderful families of our school community. Marianne and Caroline exemplified the loving and supportive community of our parish school and would have been among the first to come to the aid of someone in need.

If you would like to contribute, please send a check made out to The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church (and notated for "The Marianne and Caroline Duffy Scholarship Fund") and mail it directly to the church (3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington D.C. 20015). You can also mail the check made payable to the church to me, if you prefer. Or, you can use the link listed below to make a contribution online. I will be involved in the oversight of the scholarship fund and will periodically update donors on how the fund has been able to assist those in need.

Caroline wanted to be a teacher, just like her second grade teacher. I believe that desire arose as much from the wonderful person that her teacher is as from the loving, caring and nurturing environment that is Blessed Sacrament School. I am sure that Marianne is smiling knowing that in spite of our tragedy we are going to be able to ensure that loving, caring and nurturing school environment continues to be available to other children. In this way Marianne and Caroline will continue to contribute to our loving community. I hope you will be able to help me, and them, to do so too.

Thank you for considering helping me to honor the memories of Marianne and Caroline. Please feel free to share this letter with anyone else you might feel would be interested in making a contribution.

Sincerely,

Marc Duffy

<http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/giving/online-giving/>