

*“My God, my God,  
why have you  
abandoned me?”*

~Psalm 22:2

Crucifixion ~ Simon Vouet, 1622

**P**ASSION **S**UNDAY

## Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

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**Main Office** 202.966.6575  
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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](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.

### From The Pastor's Desk . . .

Dear Friends,

Happy Palm Sunday and a Blessed Holy Week to our entire parish community. After a prayerful Season of Lent, we enter the holiest week of the year with great anticipation. Easter is on the horizon.

Before we get to Easter, could I encourage you once again to join us for the liturgies of Holy Week (see the schedule on page 5). I would like to highlight four opportunities: (1) confessions at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, **March 30**, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **March 31**, and at 12:30 p.m. on Good Friday; (2) the liturgy of the Lord's Supper at 7 p.m. on Holy Thursday; (3) the two main Good Friday liturgies at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.; and, (4) the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8 p.m.

All are invited to experience the wonder of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection once again.

Father John

**Poor Box Donations** in **March** will benefit the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House, which provides a home for up to five formerly homeless families and also distributes food and clothing to the poor and the homeless.

**Easter Meals for the Homeless** — Our parish will again provide an Easter meal for the homeless in D.C. Please drop off dyed Easter eggs at the home of Betty and Sal Arrigo at 3432 Patterson Street, NW, on Saturday, **April 3**, or Easter Sunday, **April 4**. It's a great project to do with children. Donations for the balance of the meal should be sent by check (payable to Blessed Sacrament Outreach) to Barbara Betsock, 3900 Garrison Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20016. Thanks for your generosity.

**Second Collection This Weekend** — a special second collection this weekend will benefit the people of Chile who have been affected by the recent earthquake. All funds received will be sent to the archdiocese and forwarded through the proper channels to the people of Chile. This is a special effort on the part of parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington to help with the earthquake relief effort.

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

**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."

**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](mailto:gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org).



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## Youth Corner

**Question Of The Week** — How can you spend time with each member of your family this week in a way that will communicate your love for them?



### Sunday, March 28 — Open Gym Night

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

### Friday, April 2

\$400.00 deposit due for community service project trip to New Orleans ([www.blessedsacramentdc.org/community/youthgroup/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/community/youthgroup/))

### 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](mailto:mmccaffrey@blessedsacramentdc.org).

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, April 3

5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, April 4

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

## Two City Championships in CYO Basketball!! —

Two Blessed Sacrament basketball teams recently won city titles in their respective age groups in CYO basketball. The junior varsity girls coached by Kara Thiede and Colleen Sindall beat Holy Redeemer in the championship game to secure their city title, capping off a perfect undefeated season. The players on the title winning team are Kathryn Maloney, Meg Schultz, Margaret Railey, Alia Nahra, Lily Caceres, Katherine Paige Rurka, Caroline Menn, Kiersten Pels, Katie Clark, Sarah Overcash, and Daisy Leahy. The sophomore boys coached by Jerry Seib won the city championship over St. John the Baptist in the intermediate high school division of the CYO. The members of that undefeated team include Jamie Aylward, Patrick Dempsey, Will Hornish, Brendan Kelley, Martin Kelley, Henry Meyerson, Brendan O'Hare, Duncan Peacock, Luke Seib, Jamie Wadyka, and Christian Willey. Congratulations to the coaches and players of these title winning teams. These championships concluded another successful season of Blessed Sacrament basketball with almost 300 youth playing on 28 CYO teams.

## 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 0-18, 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.

**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.



John Francis Deeds, Jr.

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

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Zachary Balog  
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Joaquinita Diaz  
Aiden Goheen  
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Julia Poppeliers  
Jim Schoettler  
Chester Sleboda  
Brenda Touhey  
Fenner Urquhart  
Stephen Vermillion  
Linda Wivel

**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. Thank you to all Sodalists who helped with the spring cleaning this past Wednesday. Our beautiful church will look her best for Holy Week, First Communion, and all the upcoming weddings. Special gratitude to our newly re-formed Altar Guild for all their guidance.

### Visit Your Parish Library

Are you looking for one book as a companion to Holy Week? If so, the Gospel of St. John is a good candidate. 'The Fourth Gospel has stirred minds, hearts, and imaginations from Christianity's earliest days...no other book of the New Testament has attracted so much attention from commentators,' writes Father Francis J. Moloney in a foreword to his edition (q.v.); he continues, 'The Fourth Gospel can lay claim to being a Christian classic...(readers) still find that their response to this gospel resonates with the experience of the... original readers in the Johannine community'.

Drawn into the Mystery of Jesus through the Gospel of John, by Jean Vanier (226.15 V318 D78).

The founder of L'Arche communities distills Fifty years of reflection into this book. The author refers to the Fourth Gospel as 'a mine of precious stones...there is such life and wisdom contained in this Gospel that no one person can discover or hold on to it all'. Vanier leads us through the narrative (using the New Revised Standard translation and sometimes his own) commenting on phrases or words and often drawing on classic and contemporary writers.

The Gospel of St. John, Francis J. Moloney, S.D.B., editor (226.12 S14 H237, v.4).

The extensive introduction sets the Gospel in its historical framework, gives some theological perspective and acquaints us with its intended readership ('the real reader'). The structure of the Gospel is clearly laid out in four parts: Prologue; the Book of Signs; the Book of Glory; the Conclusion to the Gospel, followed by an Epilogue. After each section the editor comments on its significance as part of the whole, indicating the momentum as the events unfold.

The Gospel of John (12 talks on 4 audio CDs) by Rev. Donald Senior, C.P. (loaned on request).

Father Senior was President of the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. These talks give us an eloquent narrative of the themes in this Gospel: the meaning of discipleship, the pivotal significance of the raising of Lazarus and the Passion and Resurrection.

For many other editions, commentaries and books about the Gospel of John, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

### From The Social Concerns Office ...

**Thank you** to all who participated the archdiocesan 2010 "Share in Hope" food drive. The drive was very successful and all food collected went directly to The Lanley Park Food Bank, which is associated with St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring MD, and to the St. Mary's County Deanery Food Bank. Please consider bringing canned goods to Mass weekly to help stock the Blessed Sacrament food pantry run by the Social Concerns Office. A special thank you to Wayne Straight, Father O and Larry Clark for transporting the food.

**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.

**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>	Holy Week Mass and Lunch in the Manning Center at Noon
<b>Tuesday</b>	RENEW and the Word/Low Vision Support
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Class with Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge For Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

**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**.

**BLESSED SACRAMENT IRISH NIGHT 2010**

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## Holy Week & Sacred Triduum Schedule 2010

### Tuesday, March 30

7:30 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

### Wednesday, March 31

6:30 - 8 p.m. Confessions

### Holy Thursday, April 1

8 a.m. Solemn Morning Prayer

7 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Supper

**After Mass**  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel of the Duffy Parish Center until Compline (Night Prayers) at 11:50 p.m.**

### Good Friday, April 2

8 a.m. Solemn Morning Prayer

12 p.m. Stations of the Cross

12:30 - 2:30 p.m. Confessions

1 p.m. **Outdoor Stations of the Cross with Neighboring Churches on the Circle (Gather at Blessed Sacrament)**

3 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

7 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

### Holy Saturday, April 3

8 a.m. Solemn Morning Prayer  
8 p.m. Easter Vigil (Church)

### Easter Sunday, April 4, Liturgies

7:30 a.m. Church  
9 a.m. Church  
10:30 a.m. Church & Gym  
12:30 p.m. Church & Gym  
5:30 p.m. Church



## From The Archdiocese ...

### Calling All Lawyers Living in the Blessed Sacrament Community

— the Archdiocesan Legal Network needs your pro bono help. Volunteer your legal skills even if they need dusting off! Are you a "non-practicing" lawyer wondering how to take small steps back into your profession in the service of others? Are you a "practicing" lawyer wondering how to volunteer your talents to meet the legal needs of the poor of the D.C. and Maryland area? Are you a "near retirement" lawyer wondering whether your area of expertise qualifies you to help those who can't afford to pay for legal representation? Attorneys from the Archdiocesan Legal Network invite you to come by the Duffy Parish Center for a quick overview of opportunities to make a difference in the lives of the people they serve. For more information, contact Monica Ludwig at the Archdiocesan Legal Network at 202.772.4323.

## And From The Community ...

**Communal Penance Service** — All are welcome to experience the love of Christ through the Sacrament of Penance at the Lenten Communal Penance Service, "Come Home for Easter," beginning at 12:10 p.m. this Tuesday, **March 30**, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW (near Farragut North or Dupont Circle metro stops). Twenty priests, including confessors in American Sign, Spanish and other languages, will be available for individual confessions after the brief Penance service. Confessions also will be available in the Cathedral in English and Spanish from 11 a.m. until noon on Monday and Wednesday of this week, and on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, as well as from 6:15 until 7 p.m. this Wednesday, before the 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** — Let us turn our lives toward Jesus this Passion Sunday. He asks us to love one another. Is it time for you to focus on loving your spouse better? 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.wwwme.org](http://dc.wwwme.org) or call 301.541.7007, or email Mike & Ellie Whalen at [wwwme@whalenfamily.com](mailto:wwwme@whalenfamily.com).

**Volunteer Medical Director Search** — Mercy Health Clinic is seeking a part-time volunteer medical director to replace its current director, Dr. James A. Ronan, who is retiring after nine years of dedicated service. The Clinic and its volunteer medical staff offer free primary and secondary care to uninsured low-income adults. Located near the MVA in Gaithersburg, the Clinic provided over 6,000 doctor visits last year. Join in experiencing the joy of helping those most in need in our community. For more information, contact Alvina Long at 301.758.2635 or [alvina.long@verizon.net](mailto:alvina.long@verizon.net).

**Irish Dance Summer Camps** — Enrollment is now open for Irish dance summer camps with the Culkiln School at Glen Echo Park. The camps will be held Monday through Friday for two hours per day and are geared for children ages 6 and older. For more information, visit [www.culkilnschool.com](http://www.culkilnschool.com) or [www.glenechopark.org](http://www.glenechopark.org), or call 301.593.9600.

### Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Paychex Business Solutions** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## *More From The Pastor's Desk . . .*

Dear Parishioners:

We just heard a wonderful talk this past week from a priest from the Holy Land who spoke about the struggles of Christians living there. A collection for the Holy Land will take place, as it does every year, on Good Friday, **April 2**, at the 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. services. If you come on Good Friday, please be generous. If you would like to contribute to this very worthy cause, please use your monthly envelopes and place in the collection basket either on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. Below is a letter from Bishop Knestout about the Annual Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Thank you.

Father John



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Lent 2010

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

During Lent, as we turn our thoughts to Jesus' passion and the road he traveled to Calvary, we cannot help but think of the land that was touched in a special way by his footsteps. The Christians living in these sacred places need our prayers and support as they struggle to live amidst the poverty and dangers of ongoing unrest in the Holy Land.

The **Annual Collection for the Holy Land**, held on Good Friday, April 2, is an opportunity to join with the entire Church in providing stability and security to our Christian brothers and sisters who are living in the Holy Land and in building a foundation for the area's continued witness to the life of Christ. Your contributions will support the preservation of Holy Land parishes, shrines and chapels; education and schools for the youth; pastoral ministry for residents and pilgrims to the Holy Land; and medical treatment and low-cost housing for the poor.

Your gift on Good Friday will help the Christians in the Holy Land continue to reflect the mystery of the Incarnation on the very soil where Our Lord walked. Please be as generous as you can to the **Annual Collection for the Holy Land**.

May God bless you for your continued support.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Vicar General  
Moderator of the Curia