



*Pentecost*

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**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,

I was in Lourdes as a Chaplain for the Order of Malta pilgrimage earlier this month. We had 290 people on the charter plane, including 40 malades (people who are sick) and their companions. It was an incredible experience, and while I was there to help the sick and their families who came with us, I had you in my prayers as well all throughout the week. I particularly remembered our parish families who have some specific health need, for families and their loved ones who are struggling with cancer, heart disease, diabetes, pulmonary problems, and especially families in our school who are struggling with a beloved member who is sick. You can sense the presence of the Blessed Mother in the Domain at Lourdes, where the grotto and special places and churches reside.

We are now in our last weeks of the school year with a lot of activities planned before summer vacation begins. We are all looking forward to a wonderful summer. It was so much fun to see all the children who received their First Communion, and to go to a few of the parties and celebrations in their honor. The 8th grade graduation will be celebrated on June 6, with the various ceremonies for students who achieved special recognition all year long, and I am looking forward to the kindergarten graduation on June 4. There are many other year-end activities, so I am looking forward to the next few weeks with great anticipation. Many thanks to those of you who have done so much to make our school year one of the best ever.

To all our families at Blessed Sacrament, I wish you much joy during the rest of the "Month of Mary," and I pray for the needs of our parish community as we experience the beautiful weather and look forward to the summer months!

Father John

**Poor Box Donations in May** will benefit Bethlehem House, which provides quality care and a family-like atmosphere in its two group homes for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The small communities are located in Northeast Washington, D.C., and in Riverdale, MD.

**Second Collection Next 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 next Sunday is the fifth Sunday of May, there will be a second collection for this special parish event next weekend.

**Mother's Day Carnation Sale Update** — That weekend's strong winds surely stirred your generous hearts. Proceeds of \$1,100 will provide assistance to needy women, and their children, who are helped at the Northwest Pregnancy Center and Maternity Home in Adams Morgan. Thank you for supporting this annual pro-life event.

## Youth Corner

**Question Of The Week** — St. Paul tells us that we all have unique gifts for the good of others. What is special about you? How can you use those gifts to help others – friends, family, strangers?

**Congratulations!** — And good luck to Blessed Sacrament School 5th grader Matt Wilson who will represent the District of Columbia this week at National Geographic's annual geography bee, which features state winners from all 50 states. Matt, who beat contenders of all ages from Blessed Sacrament in classroom bees, represented Blessed Sacrament at the bee for D.C. Despite competition from students through grade 8, Matt held on to win the city title. Matt, his parents, and his teacher, Pat Finan were awarded a two-night stay at the Washington Hilton, where the national bee will take place. Go Matt!!!

**Attention Soccer Players!!** The Athletics Office is beginning to plan for the fall 2010 CYO soccer season. Jeff Kelly, our head girls soccer coach, will be holding a meeting for 7th and 8th grade girls who are interested in playing soccer next fall. The meeting will be held on Thursday, **June 3**, at 3:30 p.m. in room 202 in the school building. If you are interested in playing soccer but are unable to make the meeting, please e-mail Coach Kelly at [jkelly@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jkelly@blessedsacramentdc.org) and let him know of your interest. If necessary, a second meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on **June 3** for those unable to attend the earlier meeting. Registration information for all soccer players--girls and boys in grades four to eight--will be posted in the bulletin over the next several weeks. We are in need of coaches for our soccer program so we can keep teams to a manageable roster size. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Gillespie, athletic director, at 202.449.3972 or at [kgillespie@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:kgillespie@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Congratulations to JustFaith Graduates!** JustFaith is a thirty-week adult formation program that offers an opportunity to parishioners to explore their faith in a deliberate and engaging way. It leads students through a personal spiritual journey through reading, discussions, prayer and other activities. The goal is to challenge participants to become more educated and compassionate regarding issues in the faith community and the world. Although the process is long and arduous all graduates agree that enrollment in the program was a very positive experience. A graduation reception will take place today, **May 23**, in the main level of the Duffy Parish Center after the 10:30 Mass. If you would like more information regarding the JustFaith Program to be offered at Blessed Sacrament this fall, please stop by the reception to receive literature about the program and talk to recent and previous graduates about their JustFaith experiences.

**Holy Hour for Vocations** — Join fellow Blessed Sacrament parishioners in prayer at the "Holy Hour for Vocations" on Thursday, **June 3**, at 9 p.m. in the parish chapel. Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the ordination of eight new priests on June 19 and pray for a greater number of men and women to respond to God's call. "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:37-38)

## Mass Schedule

### Saturday, May 29

5:30 p.m. ~ Father John

### Sunday, May 30

7:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim

9 a.m. ~ Father Witczak

10:30 a.m. ~ Father John (Church)\*

10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Gym)\*

12:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

\*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

## Newly Baptized

Zachary Christian Blume  
Peter Awbrey Luke  
Clover Elizabeth McCrary  
Christian Matthew Puglisi

## Rest In Peace

James Craven Musumeci

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

Zachary Balog  
Edgard Bertaut  
Bill Bray  
George Crozer  
Joaquinita Diaz  
Aiden Goheen  
Mary Gray  
Donald Johnston  
Sylvia Ann Lamberg  
Patricia McPhee

Marian Middendorf  
William Middendorf  
Julia Poppeliers  
Catherine Schemp  
Jim Schoettler  
James Schrum  
Chester Sleboda  
Fenner Urquhart  
Stephen Vermillion  
Linda Wivel

**Lost Something in Church?** — This weekend, items such as glasses, umbrellas, hats, gloves, etc., which have been found in the church, will be on display in the work sacristy (as you enter the main entrance to the church, the work sacristy is on the left-hand side of the sanctuary). If you think you may have lost a personal belonging in church, please take this opportunity to find out if it has been found. Any unclaimed items will be donated to a charitable organization. Contact: Grace at [gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3979

### Visit Your Parish Library

Although not many people today read James Frazer, Joseph Campbell or Naomi Mitchison, contemporary writers, among them scientists, anthropologists and sociologists, continue to publish thought-provoking books on the origins and impact of religion. Their rival perspectives sometimes arouse animosity or skepticism: might they also strengthen our faith?

"The Faith Instinct: How Religion Evolved and Why it Endures," by Nicholas Wade. The author traces an evolutionary theory on how religious faith developed in 'early human groups, was reshaped by culture to the very different needs of settled societies and how from these more socially structured religions the three monotheisms arose'. The book has fascinating chapters on the significance of music and dance in religion, the fostering of moral standards, population growth and war.

"A History of God: the 4000-Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam," by Karen Armstrong (231 A757 H477). A revealing introduction tells of the author's early experience as a Catholic child and subsequently a nun who lost her faith but retained an intense interest in religion. She is a popular author (The Great Transformation and Through the Narrow Gate) and lecturer. The value of this book is its clear description of Judaic, Islamic, Buddhist, philosophic, mystical, and enlightenment concepts of God, and the author's intellectual honesty.

"Sailing the Wine-Dark Sea: Why the Greeks Matter," by Thomas Cahill ( 909 C119 S21) The fourth volume of Cahill's sequence 'the hinges of history' takes us on a captivating tour of Hellenic achievement. He doesn't dwell on the great influence of Greece on early Christianity (for this, note Pope Benedict XVI's citations at the end of his encyclicals) but describes in the chapter 'How to Think' that, even before Plato, Greek philosophers realized 'that there must be an ultimate, eternal and unchanging reality'.

### From the Social Concerns Office ...

**Tithe Proposals for 2010** — Proposals are now being accepted from now until Tuesday, June 8, for 2010 parish tithe funds. Tithe guidelines and application forms are available in the main office of the Duffy Parish Center and at the church entrances. Proposals are limited to one per agency and must be sponsored by a Blessed Sacrament parishioner. Agencies may submit proposals every three years. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns office at 202.449.3987 or at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Housing/ Employment** — Do you have an inexpensive spare room available to rent to a male summer intern? Are you in need of some assistance with lawn care? If so, please contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns office, 202.449.3987 or [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org).

### Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Gate of Heaven Cemetery** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

**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.

**Monday** Piano Concert in the Duffy Parish Center at 12:30 p.m.  
**Tuesday** RENEW and the Word/Low Vision Support  
**Wednesday** Art Class with Dick Swartz  
**Thursday** Bridge For Bridge Lovers  
**Friday** Closed

### Please Join Us for the Annual Outdoor Mass and Parish Picnic!

Sunday, **June 6**, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Johns College High School (2607 Military Road, NW, Washington D.C.). Mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. and the picnic will immediately follow. The event is rain or shine ... if the weather doesn't cooperate, the picnic and fun just moves inside! Please bring a salad or side dish to serve 12 people (for last names A – M) or a dessert to serve 12 people (for last names M – Z). Drinks and fried chicken will be provided! RSVP to Mike and Heather Conley at 301.215.6673 or [Conley@starpower.net](mailto:Conley@starpower.net).

#### Please Volunteer

Each family is asked to volunteer for at least one job. Job assignments are 30 minutes. Please arrive 5 minutes before your volunteer assignment. An e-mail confirmation will be sent to you before the picnic to let you know your job assignment and time slot. A list of volunteer assignments also will be posted at the picnic.

#### Set Up:

Volunteers need to arrive by 9:30 a.m. to set up tables, prepare food area and greet parishioners bringing food.

#### Food Tables:

Volunteers are needed to manage the food table, drink bins.

#### Crafts:

Volunteers are needed to oversee and manage the craft table.

#### Face Painting:

Kids or adults are welcome to volunteer.

#### Nail Painting and Tattoos:

Kids or adults are welcome to volunteer.

#### Other Activities:

Skee Ball, Double Hoops, and Twister. Please volunteer if you can!

#### Floater:

Sign up to fill in the gaps!

#### Clean Up:

A quick job that begins at 2 p.m.

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FROM ARCHBISHOP'S APPEAL TO HAITI COLLECTION TO UPCOMING GALA

## Catholics of Archdiocese of Washington offer 'incredible' generosity to poor

BY MARK ZIMMERMANN  
Catholic Standard

Despite the economic downturn, Catholics of the Archdiocese of Washington continue to demonstrate great generosity in donating to efforts that support the poor in their community and around the world.

So far this year, local Catholics have generously supported the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal, a special collection for Haitian earthquake relief and a Lenten food drive. The annual gala benefiting the Spanish Catholic Center raised a record amount, and support for the May 15 Catholic Charities Foundation Benefit Gala is on track.

In February, the commitment weekend for the Archbishop's Appeal fell during one of the blizzards and had to be rescheduled for the next weekend. But local Catholics have pledged \$11,089,000 to the 2010 Archbishop's Appeal, amounting to one-quarter million dollars more in pledges at this time, compared to last year. About 35,000 donors have supported the appeal so far this year, about the same amount as last year, but a significant number of donors have increased the size of their gift.

### 'INCREDIBLE' APPEAL SUPPORT

"It is incredible," said Kevin O'Connor, the executive director of development for the archdiocese. "...The people know there's a great need, and they responded."

Last year, the appeal raised a record \$12.043 million. The goal for this year's appeal is \$11.75 million.

The Archbishop's Appeal provides essential funding for the archdiocese's educational outreach, including tuition assistance for Catholic school students, support for parish religious education, funding for the training of seminarians, for priest chaplains serving at area colleges and universities, and for the archdiocese's Office of Youth Ministry and Catholic Youth Organization.



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During the recent Share in Hope Food Drive taken up at parishes across the Archdiocese of Washington during Lent, volunteers Josie Ky, Cathy Phan and Katie Vivian sort out donations at the food pantry at St. Martin of Tours Parish in Galtersburg. Local Catholic parishes and schools collected more than 122,000 pounds of food in the drive.

The appeal provides key funding for the outreach of the archdiocese's Catholic Charities, with support for charitable programs at more than 80 locations, including Anchor Mental Health, the Kennedy Institute serving people with developmental disabilities, and the Spanish Catholic Center that provides a range of services to immigrants.

O'Connor said that so far, donors have responded in an "unprecedented way," and they have exemplified the theme of this year's appeal, taken from *Psalms* 138: "I will give you thanks, O Lord." He also praised the leadership of pastors and parish appeal coordinators.

In a *Catholic Standard* column about the appeal, Archbishop Donald Wuerl wrote, "Each of us is called in our own way to give thanks to God for all that he has given us... The Archbishop's Appeal allows all of us to respond to the many people who turn to Christ's Church for help."

As this year's appeal was launched, organizers emphasized that each gift makes a difference in the lives of people in this

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community, giving them help and hope for a better future.

The people of the archdiocese "understand the importance of the Archbishop's Appeal, and they fully and strongly support the ministry and programs funded by the appeal and want them to succeed," O'Connor said.

In encouraging Catholics to give generously to the appeal, Msgr. John Enzler, the archdiocesan vicar for development and the pastor of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, said, "We are committed to the poor, the needy, the hungry and the sick, because we follow the Gospel, we believe in the Gospel, and we want to do the work of Jesus in today's world."

### RECORD HELP FOR HAITI

Pledges for the Archbishop's Appeal were taken up just weeks after Catholics in the archdiocese contributed to special parish collections benefiting Catholic Relief Services' outreach to Haiti following the devastating Jan. 12 earthquake there. Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington donated almost \$1.3 million to help the people of Haiti.

"The outpouring of support from the people of the Archdiocese of Washington has been astounding. This is one of the largest collections in archdiocesan history," said Auxiliary Bishop Barry Knestout, who also serves as vicar general for the archdiocese. "The generosity reflects the deep love and concern our parishioners have for our neighbors in need."

In addition, more than a dozen local parishes have twinning or other relationships with Haitian parishes, and area parishes and Catholic have sent volunteers and supplies to Haiti to help with the relief effort. Last month, Catholic Relief Services announced that the collection for Haiti taken up at parishes across the United States has so far raised nearly \$60 million.

### GIFTS FROM THE HEART

During Lent, the annual gala for the Spanish Catholic Center raised a record \$450,000. Father Mario Dorsonville, the vice president of mission and director of immigrant and refugee services for Catholic Charities, announced to the guests at the gala, "On this night, we have reached a milestone. For the first time, the Spanish Catholic Center is matching the wonderful support that it receives every year from the Archbishop's Appeal for all its programs."

The center provides medical, dental, legal, immigration and social services to newly arrived immigrants and refugees from around the world. Last year, the center served 29,000 people from 130 countries.

In a recent interview, Father Dorsonville said he feels gratitude for all those who support the Spanish Catholic Center's work, from staff to volunteers to donors. "It doesn't matter how much you are going to give. It matters that you give," the priest said. "They (donors) are connected by heart to what we do."

### HELP FOR THE HUNGRY

Also during Lent, the archdiocese's "Share in the Hope Food Drive" taken up at parishes and schools collected more than 122,000 pounds of food for area food banks and pantries.

"(This help came) at a time when we're seeing 25 percent more families needing food assistance," said Edward Orzechowski, the president and CEO of Catholic Charities.

When the amount collected was announced, Orzechowski said, "This was a great collaboration between people of goodwill to help their neighbors in need."

During the drive, more than 70,000 paper bags were handed out at 108 parishes and 25 Catholic schools across the archdiocese.

Nancy Vawter, director of campus ministry at St. Vincent Pallotti High School and the director of youth ministry at neighboring St. Mary of the Mills Parish in Laurel, said in an interview, "Our young people care very deeply about making sure everyone gets fed. We had students give up their lunch and use that money for a donation. The students really stepped up to make a difference for the hungry."

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES GALA

Now, staff and volunteers are working hard to enlist support for Catholic Charities' 25th anniversary gala, scheduled for May 15 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in Washington and featuring noted Broadway entertainer Michael Cavanaugh (see sidebar story on this page.) The gala provides major support for the outreach of Catholic Charities, the largest non-governmental social services provider in the Washington area. Last year, Catholic Charities served more than 124,000 men, women and children at its 81 programs across the District of Columbia and the surrounding Maryland counties in the archdiocese.

In an interview this past week, Orzechowski offered thanks to the people of the archdiocese for their faithful support of Catholic Charities.

"When you consider the tough economy we're in, while many families need to be cautious about their own family budget, they continue to be very generous in supporting Catholic Charities, knowing that the need for our services remains very high," he said. "The poorest among us need help today. People understand that" and have responded generously, he added.

As the Catholic Charities Gala approaches, Orzechowski said that staff and volunteers "are working hard to meet our goal, and we're optimistic and hopeful (that) we'll be successful."

Orzechowski regularly visits Catholic Charities' outreach programs in neighborhoods throughout the archdiocese, and he said that he personally witnesses the difference that people's generosity makes in the lives of their neighbors who are struggling to get through a crisis and to succeed in the long run.

The president of Catholic Charities praised the legacy of giving that volunteers and donors have demonstrated over the past 25 years to the Catholic Charities Gala, raising \$14.7 million, and providing the agency with its largest single source of unrestricted funding, money that can be used wherever it is needed most.

Gala volunteers and donors, he said, "give of their time and talent to make our community a better place."

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**FATHER MARIO DORSONVILLE**  
Catholic Charities

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