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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, November 27
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

Sunday, November 28
7:30 a.m. ~ Father John
9 a.m. ~ Father Armstrong
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Church)*
10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Gym)*
12:30 p.m. ~ Father John
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Saturday, December 4
~ Father John

Sunday, December 5
~ Father O
~ Father Witczak
~ Father Jim
~ Father John
~ Father O
~ Father Jim

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

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This Weekend

Second Collection — will help fund parish events being organized in connection with the 100th anniversary of our parish, which we will celebrate in 2011.

Christmas Tree Sale — Blessed Sacrament's 24th annual Christmas tree sale opens. Your purchases will once again help our parish support a wide variety of worthy causes.

Sunday Lecture Series — "The Meaning and Symbols of the Eucharist as Sacrifice." Coffee and rolls @ 8:30 a.m., lecture @ 9 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel.

Advent Wreath Workshop — Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. Masses, school auditorium. Cost: \$25 per wreath.

Sunday Family Movie Series — 2 p.m., library, Duffy Parish Center. Discussion will follow showing of "Bella." Refreshments.



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*Faithful
Then Now Forever*

*Our centennial year
begins in 34 days...*

1st Sunday Of Advent

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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,

Happy New Year! There are so many calendars that guide our lives. January 1 begins a new calendar year; usually the day after Labor Day begins a new school year. The Church year begins today as we prepare for the Birth of Jesus now just four weeks away.

The parish is a busy place during the Advent season. There are so many opportunities to prepare in your own special way for the coming of Jesus. Today some will gather to make an Advent wreath after the 10:30 Masses. Many others will use the special booklets available on the book rack for Advent reflections. Still others will become even more involved in service through the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive, the Christmas Giving Tree and many other specific ways of serving the poor between now and Christmas. During Advent you will hear about many opportunities to do something special through a contribution, donation or special gift during Advent. You might participate in the Heifer Project, Prison Outreach Ministry, personal care items for the homeless, Secret Santa, the Alternative Giving Catalog, and many more.

Please remember that this is a list of the things we are doing and we realize that most parishioners can't participate in all of them. This is a list of opportunities for you to do something for those less fortunate. People have favorite charities; people have particular things that appeal personally to them; some pick two or three off the list. Please feel free to decide how you will reach out to the needy this Christmas and then just do the best you can.

I am looking forward to a great Advent myself in this wonderfully active time as we all grow together in our own spiritual journey and through our preparation for the Centennial that begins just seven days after Christmas.

Father John

Poor Box Donations in November will benefit Christ House, a facility that provides comprehensive medical care for sick, homeless men and women. Patients also receive case management, addictions treatment, long-term housing placement assistance, and other supportive services.

Coffee And Doughnuts Next Sunday — Join fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school auditorium next Sunday, **December 5**, following the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. Enjoy time catching up with friends and the opportunity to meet new parishioners we are welcoming to Blessed Sacrament.

Did You Know??

8.6 percent of the population is estimated to have a significant hearing loss and that we have an American Sign Language interpreted Mass at 5:30 on Saturday. For more information about how Blessed Sacrament is becoming an inclusive community, contact Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Program Coordinator, at 202.449.3990 or at evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — The Gospel tells us we don't know when the Son of Man will return. If he were to arrive today, would you be ready for him? What is one thing you can do during Advent to prepare for his coming?

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Tree Sale Opens This Weekend — Thanks to your generous support last year, we gave out nearly \$21,000. Recipients included the Blessed Sacrament Boy Scouts; Centro Tepeyac; Christ House; Father McKenna Center; Growing Together; Holy Family Hospital of Bethlehem; Jubilee Association of Maryland; Order of Malta's Mass of Anointing; Prison Outreach Ministry; St. Camillus food pantry; St. Gabriel's youth retreat program; San Miguel School; Shepherd's Table; Ward Circle-Georgetown Meals on Wheels; and Washington Middle School for Girls.



Sanctuary Sodality Meeting This Thursday — December 2, after the 11 a.m. Mass. The luncheon will be hosted by Sacred Heart of Mary and Angelus. A report about the bazaar.

Christmas Dance — For persons with special needs, their families & friends. Saturday, **December 4**, 7-10 p.m., St. John the Evangelist School gym, 10201 Woodland Drive, Silver Spring. A \$3 donation at the door will benefit Bethlehem House. Contact: Peg Kolm at 301.562.9573. Co-sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament disAbilities Ministry.

Christmas Eve Children's Pageant — 4 p.m. Mass in the gym! Children of the entire parish from the first through eighth grades are joyfully invited to participate in the Gospel Pageant Christmas Eve. There will be two rehearsals: Saturday, **December 11**, in the Blessed Sacrament School auditorium from 9 to 10 a.m. and Saturday, **December 18**, in the Blessed Sacrament School gym from 9 to 10 a.m. Questions? Contact bforcey@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Grocery Program Update — The Blessed Sacrament School H S A would like to thank the many parishioners who are supporting this year's Grocery Program fundraiser. If you are interested in participating and have not signed up yet, you may do so by placing your Giant and/or Safeway grocery card number along with your name and address in one of the designated boxes in the church entrances. In addition, Chevy Chase Supermarket will provide a donation to Blessed Sacrament School based on receipts collected year-round. These may also be placed in the boxes. If you would like to sign up for these programs on-line, please log on to www.GiantFood.com (BSS Code 00158) and www.escrip.com (BSS Group ID 11873299).

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

Zachary Balog
Donald Cahill
Joaquinita Diaz

Jane Gresham
Peter Sullivan

More From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

The letter below is from Bishop Knestout concerning a new program, "Find the Perfect Gift.org." It invites you to place a sign in your yard or someplace where people can see it to remind them that, in fact, we as the Church are inviting everyone again to know the real meaning of Christmas. The signs will be available after each Mass this weekend. If you are willing to participate in this program, please pick up a sign today and place it somewhere near your outside Christmas decorations or just somewhere on your lawn to remind people that we who are followers of Jesus are preparing for his birth. I hope that you will participate and encourage others to visit the Web site and think about how they might more fully participate in the gift of their faith. Thank you for your help with this.

Father John

November 15, 2010

Dear Brother Priests,

In his most recent pastoral letter, Disciples of the Lord: Sharing the Vision, Cardinal-designate Wuerl asks us to find creative and imaginative ways to re-propose the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This Advent, parishioners all over the archdiocese are invited to re-propose the true meaning of Christmas in a culture in which it has been lost. The name of this archdiocesan evangelistic effort is "Find the Perfect Gift."

The idea is very simple. The archdiocese will provide 11,000 yard signs (1,000 in Spanish) for parishioners to place in their yards with the message, "FindThePerfectGift.org" or "RegaloPerfecto.org" with an image of the Wise Men following the star toward Bethlehem. The webpage will include a video message from Cardinal-designate Wuerl, reflections on the gift of Incarnation, and Mass and Confession times.

As we explore ways to make the New Evangelization a way of life, this simple yard sign initiative offers three opportunities for our parishioners:

- A thoughtful and public expression of the true meaning of Christmas
- An opportunity for parishioners to be evangelizers, to be the "star" that leads neighbors and friends toward Jesus
- An opportunity to open a conversation that allows the parishioner to extend an invitation to an Advent or Christmas liturgy or activity at the parish.

The signs will be delivered to parishes during the week of November 22 for distribution at weekend Masses on November 27-28.

I pray that this initiative will encourage you and your parishioners to consider other ways in which we can share the good news of the gift of Jesus Christ and the hope that we find in the promise of His coming again.

Please contact the Department for Evangelization and Family Life at 301-853-5337 if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do to bear witness to the presence of Christ in your parish communities.

Sincerely in Christ,
Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

1st Sunday Of Advent

Visit Your Parish Library

What are the magazines saying?

'Defining Eugenics Down' by Kathryn Jean Lopez, in Human Life Review, Winter 2010, 11-17. The author took part in the March for Life this year and reports on the wide variety of political signs there. One, in particular, stood out; a graphic display flagged by the words 'black genocide'. She cites figures from federal sources showing that black women get almost 40% of the country's abortions, a fact not generally known in the black community. She further points out that Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, was a strong supporter of eugenics. and wrote: 'We want fewer and better children...and we cannot make the social life and the world-peace we are determined to make, with the ill-bred, ill-trained swarms of inferior citizens...' Lopez suggests that the pro-life movement is likely to build on these themes.

'Perfect Harmony' by Rabbi Shalom Carmy, in First Things, December 2010, 33-37. This article 'seeks to explain the Hebrew Bible's holiest of holiest: Song of Songs.' The usual interpretation of this love poem describes it 'as a reading of Jewish sacred history, from Exodus to Exile'. A second, originating in medieval times, defines it 'as an allegory not for the people so much as for the individual on a spiritual journey'. Rabbi Carmy gives us a modern look at part of the Bible that communicates the living presence of God.

'The Salesians of Don Bosco', by Jeff Ziegler, in The Catholic World Report, November, 2010, 24-27. The centennial of St. John Bosco's birth in 2015 is anticipated by a tour of his relics through 130 countries, arousing great interest in the Salesians of Don Bosco, the community which he founded and whose mission is the holistic education and care of young people. The article describes the world-wide work of this order. The author interviewed Father Steve Shafran, SDB, the president of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in D.C., who emphasized the 'friendly rapport' that makes young people feel at home with educators who 'really care for them and want them to succeed'.

Visit the library to read these and other current articles, or call 202.449.3974 for a photocopy.

Sunday Lecture Series Continues Next Sunday —
Topic: "Eucharist and Justice: A Real or Artificial Connection?"
Lecture begins @ 9 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel.
Contact: Ed Finn, 301.657.4607 or ejfynn724@aim.com.

Outreach

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."

Winter Is Almost Here — Please donate gently used men's winter clothing. For more information, contact the Social Concerns Office, 202.449.3987, or pkavanaugh@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	Social/Discussion
Tuesday	RENEW and the Word/ Low Vision Support
Wednesday	Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge For Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Personal Care Items For The Homeless — the Social Concerns office will be collecting the following regular size, unwrapped toiletries for the Blessed Sacrament Daily Bread/ Daily Life Soup Kitchen Ministry the weekends of **November 27-28 and December 4-5 and 11-12:** bar soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and chap stick. As an outreach project, Mrs. Clifford's 6th grade advisory at Blessed Sacrament School will educate fellow students about homelessness and the various Blessed Sacrament Ministries serving needy individuals and families in the community. Also, students will sort toiletries and stuff approximately 500 warm winter socks with collected items. During the Offertory, parishioners will have the opportunity to place the personal care items in baskets on the altar or any other time in boxes located in the entrances to the church. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh at 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive December 4 — Don't forget to volunteer to collect canned goods for the annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive! Go to: www.greggannoncfd.org to sign up now! The event begins in the church at 8:30 a.m. with a blessing from Father John and brief instructions from coordinators. For more info, contact Meridith Ficca (301.654.1871, mzficca@aol.com) or Rick Gannon (703.725.8804, rickgannon3211@gmail.com). See you there!

Blessed Sacrament Christmas Giving Tree — Volunteers are needed to help collect gifts on Sunday, **December 5**, and to collect/deliver gifts on Sunday, **December 12**. To volunteer or for more information, contact Chris and Rebecca Anzidei at 301.229.2866, Rebecca.anzidei@kirkland.com, canzidei@wthf.com, or Chris and Lisa Capuano at 202.966.8726 or ccapuano@objectvideo.com.

Be A Secret Santa! — The Social Concerns Committee and the Home and School Association are collecting donations to purchase grocery gift cards for the needy in our sister parish, St. Thomas More in Southeast Washington, D.C. Previous donations have helped less fortunate families with a Christmas meal, as well as helping those struggling with illness, unemployment or other difficult circumstances. Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament with a notation "Secret Santa." Checks may be delivered to the Duffy Parish Center, the school office, or dropped into the Mass collection baskets by the deadline, Monday, **December 13**. Please note that the grocery gift card program allows gift cards to be purchased in bulk at a discounted rate. For more info, contact Andi Bottner at 202.362.7337 or abottner@gmail.com.



Chimes Chatter — The Angelus is one of the Church's sacramentals and is a practice of devotion dating back to the 13th Century in honor of the Incarnation, that is, God made man. Our chimes toll the Angelus at morning (7 a.m.), noon and night (6 p.m.) by triple strokes repeated thrice, with short intervals between each set of three, followed by nine final strokes, completed in 50 seconds. The

pauses between the triples are to allow a portion of a salutation given by Angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary (when he announced to her that she was to be the Mother of God) and to recite three Hail Mary prayers. In the 1930's, Blessed Sacrament's first morning Mass was at 7 a.m., so the Angelus Chime's peal was twofold; the Angelus prayer and a call to parishioners to worship. Who Knew?: the Angelus chime is the "E" strike machine tolling 54 times daily or 19,710 times each year! Some surviving 13th C. European Angelus bells are inscribed in Latin with "Oh King of Glory, come with peace," and hence the Angelus bell was known as the "peace" bell. (**December 4**, 8 a.m., next Chimes meeting; Call 202.244.4833)

SHARE Food Co-Op News — Menu for December includes a Turkey Plus Value Package (\$36), Sirlion Roast (\$18) and the usual Value Package (\$20). You can order each of the three packages separately or in combination. Order deadline is Monday, **December 6**. For more information, leave a message in the Blessed Sacrament SHARE voice mailbox: 202.449.4611 or send an e-mail to SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Family Movie Series Continues Next Sunday — 2 p.m., library, Duffy Parish Center. The feature: "Jesus Living In Mary: The Life of St Louis de Montfort." Shot on location in France, the docudrama offers a stirring portrait of the mystic, preacher and writer who inspired both Pope John Paul II and Mother Teresa. Discussion and refreshments to follow.

And From The Community . . .

Alert For Federal Government Employees — The Dominican House of Studies (DHS) is eligible for contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) under the 5-digit charity code 48555. Since 2008, federal government employees have donated a total of \$12,656.21 to DHS. The DHS is home to the Pontifical faculty of the Immaculate Conception, which offers advanced degrees of Theology in the tradition of St. Thomas Aquinas to Dominican Brothers studying for the priesthood, as well as other seminarians, religious, and lay men and women. For more information, visit www.dhs.edu.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Mark Zaidan** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

SAVE THE DATE



We are OFF TO THE RACES!

Looking for your participation to help get ready for post time!

Ways you can be a part of the most exciting six hours in 2011:

- **Premiere Event Sponsor** — Packages offered at Platinum (\$5,000), Gold (\$2,500) and Bronze (\$1,250) levels. Help us find businesses who want to receive exposure to our loyal BS community. Contact: Darren Linnartz (dlinnartz@me.com) or Elizabeth Odom (elizabethodom@yahoo.com)
- **Purchase An Ad** — in our event program or school directory. Contact: Darren Linnartz (dlinnartz@me.com) or Elizabeth Odom (elizabethodom@yahoo.com)
- **Become A Benefactor** — Every dollar contributed goes directly to Sister Rose Tuition Assistance Fund: \$500, \$250 and \$125 levels. Contact: John Dettleff (john.dettleff@grubb-ellis.com)
- **Donate An Auction Item** — Do you have a vacation home you would like to donate? Do you have a celebrity friend willing to donate time? Do you have access to high end vendors who would be interested in donating items? Contact: Karen Leonard (karenleonardphotography@gmail.com) or Theresa Hyatte (thyatte.mac@mac.com)
- **Donate A Basket** — Grab a friend and purchase items for a themed gift basket. Don't have ideas, just ask or donate cash and we will buy the items on your behalf. Contact: Genevieve Rivinius (gvd4016@gmail.com)
- **Volunteer** — your time and talent to one of our committees. Contact: Lisa O'Neill (lisaoneil@earthlink.net)

Visit our web site for more information and access to all forms

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AUCTION DONATION FORM

Catalog Deadline _____

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For School Use Only

Item #

Category

Catalogue #

Gift Attached yes no

Certificate yes no

The undersigned agrees to donate to the Blessed Sacrament School Benefit the following items or services:

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Description of Item (Be specific: Please attach brochures, photographs, and other descriptive materials as appropriate):

Address:

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Special Instructions or Restrictions (expiration date, pick-up or delivery, etc.):

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Date:

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Blessed Sacrament Contact Person:

Phone:

Please mail this form directly to Blessed Sacrament School. You may also fax this form to 202.966.4938. Retain the bottom copy for your files. If you have any questions, give us a call at 202.966.6682.

The Internal Revenue Service requires that we acknowledge contributions which exceed a certain level in writing and state that we provided no goods or services in return for your gift. This receipt should be kept with your gift. Your charitable deduction may be disallowed if you are unable to provide this acknowledgment to the Internal Revenue Service upon request. Blessed Sacrament School's Federal Tax I.D. number is 53-020-8375.

ALL DONATIONS WILL BE VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF AUCTION UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

ON BEHALF OF THE STUDENTS, PARENTS AND FACULTY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.