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Mass Times

Saturday, October 9
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

Sunday, October 10
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O
9 a.m. ~ Father Witczak
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Witczak (Church)*
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Gym)*
12:30 p.m. ~ Father John
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 - 10 p.m.
Exposition: Monday - Friday, 3 - 5:15 p.m., in the church

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This Weekend

Coffee And Doughnuts — Join fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school auditorium Sunday, **October 3**, 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.

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."

October Is Respect Life Month



Respect Life month is observed each year in October. This year 's theme is "The Measure of Life is to Love Without Measure." Take time to read the insert in today's bulletin, and pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.



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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 & 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,

We have now begun the month of October, the school year is well underway, football games fill our Saturdays and Sundays, and the World Series will soon be upon us.

The Church traditionally calls for a special emphasis on life issues during the month of October. Let's be honest, we live in a "culture of death." We could easily become complacent about the loss of life. News reports of shootings, numbers killed on battle fields in attacks in Iraq and Afghanistan, over a million abortions a year, and capital punishment approved by many states pervades our largely secular culture.

It seems that the Church is really a voice calling out in the wilderness when it speaks of just war, an end to abortion, prevention of nuclear proliferation, greater respect for the elderly (particularly those in hospitals and nursing homes) and the need for respect for life from conception to natural death.

There is a wide spectrum of belief on all these issues in our culture. This is also true of our Church! Those in our pews have very different views about what is right and what is wrong when it comes to these major issues of the day.

Throughout this month, the U.S. Catholic Conference of Bishops encourages us to stand up for life and protect it in all aspects of the human experience. Hopefully our sermons will help you reflect on the values that are important to you, and you will take seriously your obligation to stand up for the gift of life in many and various ways throughout the year. While people we know may have had abortions, it is still wrong. While others may approve of capital punishment, the Church challenges us to find a better way. The tragedies of our recent war in Iraq and the present war in Afghanistan are strong reminders that innocent lives are destroyed through the use of sophisticated weapons. Sadly the carnage goes on.

We have lots to pray for, lots to work for and lots to change. May we stand strong for life, not just this October, but throughout the year.

Father John

Poor Box Donations in October will benefit Saint Joseph's House, a daycare and respite home serving school-aged children with multiple and severe disabilities. It offers care before and after school, on respite weekends, during family emergencies, and when schools are closed for vacations, holidays, or weather-related reasons.

Parish Newsletter — The September/October 2010 edition is now available on the parish Web site.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

CYO Basketball Registration — Registration for CYO basketball for the 2010-2011 season is underway. The program is open to boys and girls who are members of the parish and who are in grades 4-12. The high school program is open to all parishioners who are not playing for their school's freshmen, junior varsity or varsity teams. In order to register, please visit www.blessedsacramentsdc.org and click on CYO Athletics under the Youth tab. All the instructions for completing the registration process are included there. Registration must be completed by **October 29**. We are still looking for several coaches and assistant coaches. If you are interested, contact Kathy Gillespie at kgillespie@blessedsacramentdc.org.

CYO Cross Country — Congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament parishioners who participated in the archdiocese's inaugural CYO cross country meet. Owen Marshall, Sydney Spottiswood, Faith Fisher, Chris Delany and Jimmy Joyce all raced hard and were excellent representatives of Blessed Sacrament athletics. There are several more races scheduled. If your child in grades 1-8 is interested, contact Kathy Gillespie at kgillespie@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Online Prenatal Diagnosis Webinar This Tuesday

— **October 5**, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Watch the NCPD webinar on unexpected prenatal diagnosis on the computer in the Blessed Sacrament Parish Library next Tuesday. Join staff and parishioners to learn more about how to support pregnant women who receive an unexpected prenatal diagnosis of a disability. Sponsored by the Blessed Sacrament Disabilities Ministry. For more information, contact Peg Kolm at 240.994.0603.

MOMS Group To Pray The Rosary This Thursday

— Please join the Blessed Sacrament Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) as we pray the rosary at 8:15 a.m. this Thursday, **October 7**, following Blessed Sacrament school drop-off. We will meet in the Duffy Parish Center Chapel for prayer and reflection on the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The gathering is planned to honor not only the Blessed Mother but also all the mothers of our school and parish who have passed away.

LANDINGS Begins This Thursday — Are you, or someone you know, an inactive Catholic who has left or drifted away from the Catholic Church? One way to explore a more active return to the Church is through the LANDINGS Program here at Blessed Sacrament, which will begin **October 7**. To find out more about LANDINGS, please contact Karen Vittone at 301.585.0592 or karen@vittone.com.



Sisterhood and Service in the Sanctuary Sodality! —

Hurry! RSVP now for the fall Sanctuary Sodality Dinner, **October 7**. You won't want to miss the featured speaker, prizes, 50/50 raffle and slide show regarding the Centennial dinner. A surprise will be awarded to the unit with the highest percentage of members at the dinner. Contact Liz Leary at 301.654.2914 or lizleary@comcast.net.



For those who enjoy golf, some great tunes, great fun and company, while contributing to a great cause, the Smyth Fund Golf Classic has the answer!

Thursday, October 7th 2010
at the Worthington Manor Golf Club
All Proceeds directly benefit Blessed Sacrament School

For more info: www.bssgolf.org

Filipino Community Dinner Dance — Blessed Sacrament's Filipino community will hold a dinner dance party on Saturday, **October 9**, at Blessed Sacrament. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Dancing 7:30 p.m. to midnight. Music by: Jhune Licaros. Attire: Casual. Donation: \$12 (please pay at the door).

Singing For Seniors — The Chapel Singers are getting back together for our Christmas set beginning Monday, **October 18**, 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the chapel. We are an a cappella group that sings at area senior residences and hospitals. For more information, contact Ginny Curtin: GUCurtin@gmail.com. We sing mostly carols for Christmas with a few choral pieces to fill out the repertoire. Join us for the Christmas season.

Newly Baptized

Elizabeth Mae Burke
Audrey Alice Grisius
Caleigh Maureen Walsh

Rest In Peace

Joseph P. Augustyn, Jr.
Margaret Godfrey
James G. O'Boyle

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

Zachary Balog
Marilyn DeLapp
Joaquinita Diaz
Eileen Nelson

Visit Your Parish Library

St. Vincent de Paul, yesterday and today.

This year marks the 350th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent (1581-1660) founder of the Vincentians and the Daughters of Charity, whose work, beginning in rural France, now continues on every continent (<http://famvin.org>). His saying 'it is an obligation for us to inconvenience ourselves for the service of the poor' is a fitting comment on the centenary of Catholic Charities USA.

"The Holiness of Vincent de Paul," by Jacques Delarme (B V 492 D251 H654). This anthology of the saint's letters and homilies distills his thought, spiritual insight and humility. The extracts also show his practical gifts and clear vision.

"Saint Louise de Marillac," by Sister Vincent Regnault, D.C. Louise lived during a time of war, when the contrast between rich and poor was all too evident in the treatment of children, the imprisoned and the unemployed. This book describes the turning point in her life of comparative comfort when her family fell into disfavor and her husband died. St. Vincent, her friend and spiritual director, sent her to visit groups of lay workers he had founded wherever he held missions. This was the beginning of her ministry, the Daughters of Charity, whose dynamic work covers every aspect of social need.

"St. Vincent de Paul, Servant of the Poor," by Iginio Giordani (B V452 G467 S145). A vivid and readable biography places St. Vincent in his historical setting, one filled with heresy (Jansenism), disregard for the helpless and poor, and ignorance.

For further information about these and other books, call 202.449.3974 or visit the library.

Update On Haiti — Father Reginald Jean-Mary, Diocese of Miami Coordinator of Relief Effort for Haiti, will speak at all the Masses at Blessed Sacrament next weekend, **October 9-10**, to provide parishioners with first-hand information about the current situation in Haiti and the clinic Blessed Sacrament is building in Jean-Rabel, Haiti. A special collection will be taken up at all the Masses the following weekend, October 16-17.

Meet The Author — Sunday, **October 24**, 11:30 a.m. Elizabeth McClancy, artist and parishioner, will sign her book "Democratic Principles, Portraits and Essays" in the parish library and exhibit some of the oil paintings included in the volume. She will discuss how her political vision gives expression to her painting. You're invited to enjoy refreshments, reflect on the personalities who have shaped recent history and to take home an early Christmas gift.

Sodality Holiday Bazaar — Saturday, **November 13**. Start cleaning out your closets for donations, reviewing your favorite recipes to get ready to bake for the bake sale, and call a friend to invite her to join you for shopping great vendors and enjoying a delicious lunch at the bazaar. If you are interested in being a vendor at the Holiday Bazaar or have a vendor to suggest, contact Shelly Richards, mrich5775@aol.com or 202.966.1843.

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** Chair Aerobics
- Tuesday** RENEW and the Word/
Low Vision Support
- Wednesday** Art Class with Dick Swartz
- Thursday** Bridge for Bridge Lovers
- Friday** Closed

Outreach

St. Thomas More School Supply Drive A Success — Thank you to all parishioners who took time out of their busy schedules to purchase school supplies for the children at our sister school, St. Thomas More. Also, thank you for your very generous financial contributions. Father Moore called to express his gratitude and to comment on how much these contributions help so many St. Thomas More parents struggling with financial challenges. A special thanks to the parents and children who collected the supplies at the Masses and to Wayne Straight for delivering them to St. Thomas More School.

Parish Flu Shot Clinic October 17 — MedStar Health Visiting Nurse Association will hold a flu clinic on Sunday, **October 17**, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center on the lower level. Only one flu shot is necessary this year because the 2010-2011 seasonal flu vaccine includes protection against the novel H1N1 virus. Anyone four years of age and older can be vaccinated. There is no cost for Medicare Part B participants (insurance card must be presented at the time of service). If paying by check, please make checks payable to MedStar Health Visiting Nurse Association. For non-Medicare Part B participants, cost is \$30 if there are 30 or more participants and \$35 for less than 30 participants. Appointments appreciated but not required. For a specific time, contact Karen Vittone at 301.585.0592 or karen.vittone.com. For additional information, call Chiquita Brooks, MedStar Health VNA, 240.965.2946.

Annual Parish Mini Walk October 24 — The Social Concerns Office will hold its fifth annual Mini Walk to raise funds for Rachael's Women's Center, which provides services to homeless women in the District of Columbia. The Mini-Walk will begin at the Patterson Street entrance to Blessed Sacrament School's Kindergarten/ Gym after the 10:30 Masses. The walk will continue down Patterson Street for one block to Nevada Street then left on to Quesada Street to the main entrance of the Duffy Parish Center. A reception will immediately follow on the main level of the parish center. The fee is \$25 for adults (\$15 for persons under 25 years of age) and includes a T-shirt. The walk is not an endurance challenge but rather a fun way for parishioners to come together as a community and contribute to a program that is dedicated to end homelessness. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org, 202.449.3987. Note: rain date is November 7.

Blessed Sacrament School News ...

Scholarship Fund Update — Over the summer, we launched a fund raiser for a new scholarship fund at Blessed Sacrament School in memory of Marianne Duffy and her daughter Caroline, parishioners who died in a car accident in 2008. The scholarship money will go to children in the school who need tuition assistance due to tragedies in their own families. We are well on our way to our goal of raising \$25,000. We encourage anyone who has not yet donated, and would like to do so, to contribute. Checks can be left at the Duffy Parish Center and made out to The Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament Church with "The Marianne and Caroline Scholarship Fund" in the "For" line. Alternatively, electronic donations can be made at the following link:

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

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions.

School Book Fair October 21 To 24 — Here's to Our Heroes Reading Saves the Day, Blessed Sacrament's 2010 School Book Fair, which will take place **Thursday, October 21, through Sunday October 24**, in the school auditorium. There will be a large selection of books so don't miss it! Join us Saturday night, October 23, after the 5:30 Mass for book signings and Italian Night Dinner. Start on early Christmas shopping and even buy a chance at some great raffle baskets. Questions? Tracey D'Angelo tmd624@comcast.net or Michelle Wolf wolf3375@comcast.net.

Blessed Sacrament School Open House Dates —

The first and most important step in the admissions process for Blessed Sacrament's 2011/2012 school year is to attend one of our Open House events. Our Open House Schedule is as follows: Kindergarten Only, Wednesday, **November 10**, 9 to 11 a.m.; Middle School, Thursday, **November 18**, 9 to 11 a.m. (presentation in the auditorium); Grades 1-5, Thursday, **November 18**, 9 to 11 a.m. (presentation in the Duffy Parish Center); K-8 Open House, **January 5**, 9 to 11 a.m. There is no pre-registration or sign-ups. A brief presentation will be given by Principal Chris Kelly, followed by a tour of the school. All of the necessary information for the next school year will be available. The school tours will give you an opportunity to see our students and our faculty in actions. The middle school open house will highlight our award winning middle school. Parents of current third through fifth graders who are looking ahead to sixth through eighth grades can come and hear a presentation by Father John, Chris Kelly, faculty and students. Don't miss this opportunity to see what great things our middle school has to offer.

Christine Crouch Milne Fund — Christine was a first grade teacher at Blessed Sacrament School until the birth of her twin boys two years ago. Last week her husband, Jordan Milne, died from injuries received in a tragic accident. As always, our Blessed Sacrament community is coming together to help Christine and her boys in their time of need. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated. Checks should be made out to Blessed Sacrament (Attn: Christine Crouch Milne Fund) and are tax deductible. Please deliver checks or mail checks to the Duffy Parish Center. Thank you in advance. Please keep the family in your prayers.

From The Archdiocese ...

Affirming Life Symposium This Tuesday — 2:45 to 5 p.m., **October 5**, The Catholic University of America, Pryzbyla Student Center. Every person is willed and loved by God, and has inherent gifts and dignity. However, with new technologies in prenatal testing, this dignity is being called into question. Upon receiving an unexpected prenatal diagnosis, about 90 % of women decide to terminate their pregnancies. The Archdiocese's Affirming Life Initiative is partnering with a local ministry, Isaiah's Promise, to reverse this trend, by providing information, resources, training and support. The symposium will bring together clergy, medical personnel and ministry staff to help equip them to support these couples throughout the pregnancy and after the birth. The symposium will also address the needs of the 90% of families who did not know of these resources and who may now need support. For more info, contact Peg Kolm at 301.853.4560 or at mkolm@adw.org.

And From The Community ...

PeaceMeal Community Seeking Volunteers — The PeaceMeal Community serves a hot meal to 2-300 people in need each Wednesday evening, and has been doing so for over 20 years. It operates in the basement of St. Aloysius Church, 900 North Capitol Street, NW. (next to Gonzaga College High School, and a few blocks from Union Station). New volunteers are needed to help with the following: preparing the meal, by sharing duties with our current two cooks (occasional Wednesdays, 2 to 8 p.m.); cleaning up after the meal (Wednesdays 7 to 9 p.m.); cutting up potatoes and other veggies for the following day's meal (Tuesdays 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.). Help is also needed Wednesday evenings to serve the meal, which begins at 6 p.m. If you would like to volunteer or if you have questions, call Dave Belli at 202.329.1910, or Ronde Baquie at 301.266.5919.

Our Lady of Good Counsel H.S. Open House — Sunday, **October 17**, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for all 7th and 8th grade students and their parents. For more information about the school, visit www.olgchs.org.

Eunice Kennedy Shriver (EKS) Challenge 20 Mile Cycle -5K Run -3K Walk October 23 — Come celebrate the life and legacy of Eunice Kennedy Shriver and her vision to show the world that people with intellectual and developmental disabilities can achieve and thrive in society. This inaugural event will demonstrate the importance of sports, acceptance, friendship and inclusion. The EKS Challenge will be much more than a ride, a run or a walk. It will be an invitation to citizens across the country to rededicate themselves to the simple principles on which our nation rests: equality, dignity and justice for all. To register, go to www.ekschallenge.org. All funds raised support Special Olympics and Best Buddies.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **FaceTime Strategy** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



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Dear Friends,

After months of consultation with the Worship Commission, the Liturgy Committee and parish staff, and after prayerful consideration by our priests, we can now publish our new parish guidelines for Eulogies During Funeral Masses. The document is printed below in its entirety. These guidelines are in compliance with the new Sacramental Norms as issued by the Archdiocese of Washington and are designed to give families an opportunity for personal expression within the sanctity of the funeral Mass.

Father John

Parish Policy On Memorial Remarks During Funeral Liturgies

When a loved one dies, there is a natural desire to share some memories of the loved one with the family and friends who come to the funeral Mass. If your family wishes to do this, our parish policy is that the family designate only one person to give a few words spoken in remembrance of the deceased loved one on behalf of the family, and that these remarks be limited to no more than five minutes. The remarks are appropriate after communion and before the final commendation, and not at any time during the funeral Mass. The above policy is consistent with the new Archdiocesan policy on memorial remarks during funeral liturgies. Please let the parish priest know if you are going to have a speaker, so that the presider will know to expect these remarks.

If your family wishes to have more than one person make remarks, there are several options.

- The family could invite speakers to make memorial remarks at the wake. Your family is welcome and encouraged to hold the wake in the parish chapel or in the church. In the tradition of our church, the wake is an appropriate place to have speakers remember your loved one. In fact, it is the preferred venue for such remarks.
- The family could invite speakers to make memorial remarks in church before the funeral Mass begins. The parish will work with your family to make sure that the church is open and ready for early arrivals, if you choose this option. The funeral notice in the newspaper could list an earlier start time, to encourage attendees to come in time to hear the memorial remarks. We ask only that the speakers ensure that they finish their remarks before the appointed time for Mass to begin.
- Third, the family could invite speakers to make memorial remarks after the funeral mass ends. Again, the parish will work with your family to make sure that the church remains open and available to your family for any post-liturgY speakers. We ask only that the family make a reasonable estimate of the time that will be needed for post-liturgY speakers, particularly if the family intends to go to the cemetery immediately following the remarks, so that the clergy can make reasonable scheduling plans.
- Finally, it is always appropriate to invite speakers to make memorial remarks at the cemetery after the committal prayers or at any reception that may be held in honor of the loved one.

Please know that your grieving family is remembered in the prayers of the entire parish family of Blessed Sacrament.