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## Mass Times

### Saturday, September 11

5:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 12

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

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## This Weekend

**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."



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## Assistants on Weekends

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## Duffy Parish Center

**Main Office 202.966.6575**

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In an emergency, **202.966.6575, Ext. 3988**, to page priest on duty

**Facilities 202.449.4610**

**St. Pius Library 202.449.3974**

**Ray Maning Adult Center 202.363.4512**

**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.

**Bulletin Announcements** — Please send all announcements to bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org. Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.



## From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

Happy Labor Day weekend. I hope you are enjoying the extra day off and are using these moments for a little extra time for the fun things in your life that mark the unofficial end of summer.

Even though the school children began classes last week and most of our parish families are now back in town, many are still using this weekend for a last trip to the beach, to visit family or to gather with friends.

Last week I mentioned the hope that every one of us would take another step on our faith journey by looking for ways to become more involved in the life of the parish. This week Archbishop Wuerl will publish a Pastoral Letter on the "New Evangelization." Please take the time to read it as it sets before us a plan of action for all parishes and parishioners to follow.

A week does not go by that I don't hear about some struggle with the Church! Priests close the door on couples trying to get married because they are not registered in the parish; scheduling of baptisms is made difficult because the parents don't attend church; parents worry about their teenagers who no longer go to Mass. We adults are sometimes frustrated by decisions made by the Church hierarchy. It gives the perception that there is a disconnect between priests and bishops and their people.

It isn't easy to be a Catholic. It is not easy to live the fullness of our faith in a world full of anti-religious institutions, and in many cases, anti-Catholic ones. We need to re-energize our faith, reinvigorate our lives and put Jesus first in all of our decisions for our family and for ourselves.

Let's commit together to make this a great year for Blessed Sacrament, a year that will include the beginning of our Centennial on January 1, 2011. Can we take seriously the call to live our faith as best we can, and to follow the challenge of Jesus to invite others to join us on the journey?

*Father John*

**Poor Box Donations in September** will benefit the Father McKenna Center, which provides services for homeless men at a daytime drop-in center and a winter night shelter. It also provides emergency food, rental, and utility assistance, and operates a hypothermia shelter when needed.

**Note From The Editor:** In the coming weeks, the new bulletin design will continue to evolve as we prepare for our centennial year.

### Youth Corner

**Question Of The Week** — Jesus tells his disciples that they must renounce their possessions in order to be His disciple. If you had to, could you leave everything behind to be with God? What would hold you back? How much of a struggle would it be?

### Religious Education News ...

**Wanted: Catechists and Teacher Aides** — Share your belief in God and the joy of knowing Jesus by becoming a catechist or teacher's aide! We need catechists and teacher aides for the following days and levels:

Sunday Session: 8:45 to 10 a.m.

Pre-K Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: 1 Aide

1st Grade: 1 Catechist, 2 Aides

2nd Grade: 2 Aides

3rd Grade: 1 Catechist

4th Grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide

5th Grade: 1 Aide

6th Grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide

7th Grade: 1 Aide

8th Grade: 2 Aides

**School of Religion** classes begin Sunday, **September 19**, and Tuesday, **September 21**. To register, visit: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/faith-formation/school-of-religion](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/faith-formation/school-of-religion). If you have any questions, contact Rosalie Days at 202.449.3973 or [rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Are You Interested In The Catholic Faith?** Perhaps you have been attending Mass with us and have sensed the presence of God here. Or you may be someone that has family members that are Catholic. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant, Evangelical backgrounds or Catholics in need of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. The first session will be held Monday, **September 20**, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. For more info, contact Therese Recinella at 202.449.3989 or [trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Adult Religious Education — Tuesdays, September 14 to May 10**, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. A course about the Catholic Letters and the Book of Revelation taught by Brother Malachy Broderick, FSC. The so-called "Catholic letters" are James, Jude, I, II, Peter and I, II, III, John. They are called "Catholic" because they are not addressed to any one church but to all the Christian churches in Asia Minor. They are seven of the most interesting letters in the New Testament while at the same time being the least known among Roman Catholics. The Book of Revelation is one of the most misunderstood book in the New Testament. It has received a bad name because of the fundamentalist interpretation given to it by many Christians. Properly understood it is one of the most interesting books in the New Testament.

**Adult Religious Education — Thursdays, September 16 to May 19**, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. A course about the Wisdom Literature of the Old Testament taught by Brother Malachy Broderick, FSC. The Wisdom books of the Old Testament are the least known and understood by Roman Catholics. They encourage the "wise" to be questioning about life, while at the same time analyzing and ordering common experience into rules to live by. Wisdom encourages discipline of thinking, careful reasoning, and the control of passions. While such qualities are valued almost everywhere in the Old Testament, only a few books can be called specifically "wisdom books" because they maintain the focus on intellectual reflection about the world from a human standpoint. The Wisdom Books are the following: Psalms, Proverbs, Song of Songs, Quoheloth, Job, Wisdom and Sirach.

**Votive Candles** — The priests and staff kindly request that parishioners do not put money for candles into the poor boxes. Candle offerings should be placed in the envelopes found by the entrances to the church and deposited in the Sunday collection, delivered to the Duffy Parish Center, or dropped in the Quesada Street entrance mail slot. Also, due to an increase in the cost of candles, the offering is now \$3 for a 7-day vigil light.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** — Beginning this Wednesday, **September 8**, the group will meet Wednesdays in the Duffy Parish Center at 8:30 - 9 a.m. for snacks and discussion, followed at 10 a.m. by a speaker on St. John's Gospel. All are welcome for part or the entire weekly program. Questions? Call Nan Levine (202.244.7691) or look for Bread, Book and Brethren under Faith Formation at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Coffee And Doughnuts Next Sunday** — Join fellow parishioners for coffee and doughnuts in the school auditorium next Sunday, **September 12**, 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.

**Second Collection Next Weekend** — The collection next weekend will support Catholic University of America.

### Newly Baptized

Antonio Joseph DiMarco

### Rest In Peace

John Feeley

Mary Romeo

**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**

The Birth of Mary, Feast Day, **September 8**

Tradition going back to the sixth century places Mary's birthday in September when the Eastern church year began. St. Augustine wrote, 'She is the flower of the field through whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley. Through her birth the nature inherited from our first parents is changed'. Our understanding of the legends, symbolism and significance of Mary's birth has grown through the centuries and exploring these in art, literature and theology enriches our understanding. You'll enjoy the following sample:

*Anna, Woman of Miracles: the Story of the Grandmother of Jesus*, by Carol Haenni and Vivian Van Vick (B A71 H118 A71). This historical novel started as a biography based on the life of St. Anne in ancient French, German and Latin documents. In addition, it incorporates the psychic theories of Edgar Cayce, the Christian mystic and draws on the visions of Ann Emmerich, a German nun. For another fiction account, read *Mary*, by Scholem Asch.

*The Life of the Madonna in Art* (O 756 A512 L432) 'In addition to the iconography of the Madonna in Art, this volume includes the life of the Blessed Mother, Mary, the Hope of the World, by James Alberione... with the reflections of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. It concludes with the theology of Mary from The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (Lumen Gentium, Chapter 8'. The chapter 'The Birth of Mary' has full-page reproductions of painting with the accompanying text from Protoevangelium of James, a prime source for our Lady's life.

*Mary: Images of the Mother of Jesus in Jewish and Christian Perspective*, by Jaroslav Pelikan and others (232.91 F675 M323). Three authors from different faiths reveal Mary as the focal point for spirited theological discussions. In addition, excerpts from the apocryphal gospels and Marian traditions accompany 48 pages of unusual photographs and reproductions.

For many other books about the life of our Lady, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.



**Sanctuary Sodality News** — The first meeting of the fall is scheduled for this Thursday, **September 9**, for the executive committee and unit chairs. The meeting in the Duffy Parish Center will begin after the 11 a.m. Mass. If a unit chair cannot attend, please send a representative. All sodalists: please mark your

calendar now for the October 7 Mass, dinner and meeting. The sodality is also starting to prepare for the annual bazaar, which will be on Saturday, November 13. Please start saving items for the white elephant and the used clothes sale. If you are interested in learning more about the sodality or in joining, please contact either Rita Killian (202.363.5069 or [ritamk@prodigy.net](mailto:ritamk@prodigy.net)) or Tracy Rivers (301.951.4949 or [t1rivers@yahoo.com](mailto:t1rivers@yahoo.com)).

**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)**

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



**LANDINGS** — A couple of years ago Blessed Sacrament began a new ministry called LANDINGS, a program for returning or inactive Catholics who want to explore a more active return to their Catholic faith. This past spring we successfully completed our third eight-week LANDINGS session, and all of the sessions have been successful, not only for returning Catholics, but also for the active parishioners who participated. For those unfamiliar with LANDINGS, it is a parish ministry designed to enable small groups of active lay Catholics to meet with returning Catholics to share their spiritual journeys and to explore and update their Catholic faith. To find out more about LANDINGS or to sign up for the fall session, contact Karen Vittone at 301.585.0592 or [karen@vittone.com](mailto:karen@vittone.com).

**Off The Map** — But on your calendar for Wednesday, **September 29**. Join the Blessed Sacrament thespians for this first play reading of the Fall. Joan Ackermann, the contemporary American playwright, tells the story of one summer when an 11-year-old girl comes to terms with love and loss as her father undergoes a crippling depression. Take a part or just listen to the drama and enjoy good fellowship, refreshments and discussion led by John Dluhy. As always, the dramatic reading is in the library at 7 p.m. For more information, call John at 202.841.6925.

**Newsletter Publication Schedule  
2010-11**

Publication Date (Issue)	Deadline
September 18 (September/October)	September 8
November 20 (November/December)	November 10
January 15 (January/February)	January 5
March 19 (March/April)	March 9
May 14 (May/June)	May 4

Send all contributions to  
[newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org)

### From The Social Concerns Office ...

**Canned Food Donations** — The Social Concerns office continues to be low on food served to the poor on weekdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you can assist, please bring food items to the church or directly to the Social Concerns office. Popular requests are: tuna fish, peanut butter, baked beans, Chef Boyardee Beefaroni, cereal and meat/chicken based soups. Thank you.

**Community Garden** — 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](mailto:eogreenberg@gmail.com). In addition, collection baskets for fresh produce from your own garden will be made available after Masses **now through the end of September**. Please donate any extra produce from your own personal garden for the Metro D.C.'s most vulnerable.

**School Supply Drive For Sister School, St. Thomas More** — Please consider donating school supplies to the Social Concerns office annual school supply drive for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. Items needed are: scissors, glue sticks, binders, notebooks, colored markers, highlighters, and crayons. Donations will be collected before and after the Masses **next weekend**. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987 or [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com).

**Student Volunteers Needed** — Blessed Sacrament's annual school supply collection for our sister school, St. Thomas More Parish School in Southwest D.C., is scheduled for Sunday, September 12. Students of all ages (young with adult supervision, older for service hours, if needed) are asked to contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns office at 202.449.3987 or at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com) to volunteer by this Tuesday, **September 7**. Students are requested to arrive 15 minutes before Mass to collect donations at the church entrances as well as collect donations again after Mass. All set up and signage are prearranged so students need only to collect supplies, checks and cash donations.

**JustFaith Begins This Month** — Join hundreds of Catholics across the United States as they enroll in the JustFaith program. In partnership with the United States Conferences of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Relief Services etc., the program offers participants the privilege of becoming a small faith community and sharing a journey of deepened spirituality, education and compassion. Over thirty weeks, through foundational insights from the Bible and Catholic Social Teachings, participants are guided through prayer, book and video discussions, guest speaker presentations, retreats and immersion experiences. JustFaith graduates and the Social Concerns office will host an informational reception on Thursday, **September 23**, at 7 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center Library. Questions? Call 202.449.3987.

**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.

**SHARE News For September** — Seafood Spectacular Package and the Value Package from SHARE Food Co-op are real bargains with a tasty assortment of seafood delights. The seafood spectacular and the separate monthly SHARE Value Package are each just \$20; the normal retail price would be about twice that amount. You can order either or both of the packages separately or in combination. Please see the September menu and order form at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org) (click on "Community" and then SHARE.) 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](mailto:SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org).

### And From The Community ...

**Seeking Volunteers** — Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School is one of the newest schools in the Archdiocese. It is located in Takoma Park and will graduate its first class in 2011. It is one of several such schools operating across the country, all founded on a work/study model first used by the Jesuits in Chicago. All of the schools are college preparatory schools located in inner city urban areas, catering almost exclusively to minority kids who probably would not have a college preparatory alternative. Almost all of the graduates go onto college and graduate at a higher rate than non Cristo Rey students. This school is run by the Salesian Fathers, but Father John and other Blessed Sacrament parishioners are very actively involved. The concept is fairly simple: a team of students, usually four, act together to work one full time equivalent job at a local business. Each student works one day a week and they rotate on the 5th. Their pay is given to the school to provide for tuition, transportation etc. Getting jobs is the critical factor as to whether the school and kids are successful. We have dozens of leads for jobs, but are constrained in following through as we have only two very overworked staff persons to write the e mails, make the calls, set up the visits, explain the program, and get an actual signed contract. This request is for volunteers to help with that specific effort. We would like to have a team of several Blessed Sacrament parishioners work together to provide that kind of logistical and administrative support to make sure we take full advantage of the job opportunities we have in hand. A day or two a week would be wonderful! If you are interested please contact Alicia Bondanella, [bondanellaa@dbcr.org](mailto:bondanellaa@dbcr.org) or 301.891.4750, X116.

#### **Sponsor Of The Week**

We would like to thank **Glickman Design Build** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



September 1, 2010

Dear Friends,

Even though I have written about the upcoming Centennial a number of times in the parish bulletin, the excitement is now building for a spectacular celebration of 100 years of service and ministry by the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

I would like to highlight a number of activities and efforts taking place. I hope you will begin to mark your calendars now for some great events. This is an opportunity to look back as well as look forward with the hope the parish will use the Centennial to become an even better community, more service oriented and more committed to spreading the Gospel over the next 100 years, particularly during our time here over the next decade. We can lay the groundwork for the next century by the good work we do over the first ten years of the parish's second centenary. Let us do it well, working together to make this a real community in the image and likeness of the early Church when Christians were known for their belief in Jesus and their love for one another.

Here are the major events I want to highlight for 2011:

- March 8: Eve of Ash Wednesday: Tridentine Mass
- June 5: Parish Family Picnic
- June 26: Feast of Corpus Christi—Anniversary Mass & Procession led by Archbishop Wuerl
- October 7: 100th Anniversary Birthday Party
- October 8: Blessed Sacrament School Reunion

Please mark these major events on your calendar. We hope to fill the campus with a spirit of community, faith and joy for each of these events and throughout the entire year.

It's going to be spectacular!

God bless you,

*Father John*