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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 27
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Sunday, August 28
7:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva
9 a.m.* ~ Father Ron
10:30 a.m. ~ Father O
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Saturday, September 3
~ Father D'Silva

Sunday, September 4
~ Father Ron
~ Father Witczak
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Ron
~ Father O

*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

Weekday & 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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Moments In Our History • 1990s

- Mother Teresa's visit, June 19, 1995.
- 75th anniversary of Blessed Sacrament School, 1998.
- Brief campaign held to raise funds for a new parish center and for a school renovation; 14 million dollars collected.



*Opening of the Mother Teresa Infant Home on Western Avenue
Msgr. Thomas Duffy, Cardinal James Hickey, Mother Teresa,
First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton
June 19, 1995*

22nd Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Mrs. Patricia Kavanaugh, Social Concerns Minister, **202.449.3987**
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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 Web site.

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

Newsletter — Please send articles, photos and other content to newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Web Site Postings — Please send requests for postings for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Web site to website@blessedsacramentdc.org.



Pastor's Column

In our first reading from the Book of Jeremiah, we see how striking and irresistible the force of God's call is. Jeremiah has answered God's call to become a prophet but he is extremely sensitive, shy, timid, and deeply attached to his country and family. He is obligated to become a prophet of gloom and doom and antagonizes the strong and powerful leaders of his time and he feels he is not cut out for the job. The whole initiative was from God and it is God who will "deliver" Jeremiah and provide him with the words to speak. Jeremiah allowed himself to be "seduced" and God will take this frail and weak instrument and by the Spirit's impulse he will speak the truth to His people.

In today's passage from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, we have a shift in the focus of the last twelve weeks and come to an exhortation to live out our daily lives according to the gospel—the Christian's moral life as worship of God. Christ rendered a perfect worship to the Father by His obedience throughout His life and in His death on the cross. From this point on, true worship is offered to God in Christ's risen body—the new Temple not made by human hands. The only valid worship is in reference to the new life that the Lord communicates to His disciples through baptism. Through baptism, we become one with Christ by dying to sin and rising to new life within Him. This opens us to the life of sanctifying grace through the sacraments and especially the Eucharist. Our worship is intimately bonded to our lives and forms an indissoluble unit. The Eucharist is both source and expression of the charity that builds us into the Church. The Christian's moral life becomes an unceasing search for conformity to God's will, a way of perfection by following in the footsteps of Christ.

Last week in Matthew's gospel, Peter made his profession of faith, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." In today's passage, Jesus tells His disciples that He will "suffer" and "be killed" and "on the third day be raised." In order to understand Peter's reaction, we must remember the mere mention of the cross, an instrument of capital punishment, would frighten any and all of them. Peter cannot bear the thought that his Lord would suffer in such a way and declares, "God forbid, Lord!" Like Peter, how could anyone accept that such an end would come for Him who manifested in His teaching and His acts an authority and a power never seen in a human being? Jesus feels Peter's reaction, though it is a human and a spontaneous one, as an intolerable temptation coming from him. It reminds Jesus of Satan's temptations in the desert. "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." How can Peter say such a thing after the revelation he received from the Father? Because Peter remains a human being. This sincere and enthusiastic faith of the believer had to confront—as must our own faith—in a harsh battle, the scandal of a suffering Messiah who is put to death. This faith of Peter's knew the humiliation of denial during the Lord's passion. Even after Jesus was raised on Easter Sunday morning, Peter had to run to the tomb and verify the story of the women and he was amazed. Remember that Peter and the disciples thought they were seeing a ghost when Jesus appeared to them after the Resurrection. It was only after Pentecost that Peter boldly proclaimed Christ's passion, death and resurrection. To come to this faith, we like Peter must go from our human thoughts to God's thoughts and this is not accomplished in one instant.

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — As you grow in age and wisdom, you face increasingly difficult choices. How do you make sure that one of those choices is to remain faithful to Christ and the Church?

(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

Poor Box Donations in August will benefit the Tenants Empowerment Network, a transitional housing program for homeless families. The program also provides case management services, addictions counseling, guidance in securing employment, and child care assistance. Families may remain in the TEN program for up to two years.

Special Collection This Weekend For African Drought Relief — The Holy Father has asked that Catholics throughout the world respond generously to the desperate needs of the people of Somalia and other parts of eastern Africa who have been affected by the recent drought and famine in their part of the world. A second collection will be taken **this weekend** to help support those in need.

Outreach Weekend — Next weekend is Outreach Weekend. This is our monthly collection of food items and monetary donations for our Soup Kitchen Ministry. When making a donation by check, please make the check payable to "Blessed Sacrament Outreach—Soup Kitchen." If you would like to learn more about this ministry, visit: <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/soup-kitchen-ministry/>.

Rite Of Installation Of Our New Pastor — Cardinal Wuerl will formally install Father Ron Potts as our pastor on Sunday, **September 11**, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church. During the Rite of Installation, Father Potts will reaffirm the promises he made as a priest, and be encouraged to work with and pastorally care for our parish community. All are invited to attend this special Mass. A reception will follow in the Duffy Parish Center, main level.

The 5:30 Sunday Choir Needs You! — There's no time like the fall to join the choir, which is preparing for a new season beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, **September 18**. The 5:30 group is multi-generational and welcomes all. If you can carry a tune and like to sing, please join them! The group also needs instrumentalists who play bass guitar, flute or other solo instrument. Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 4:15 in the Duffy Parish Center prior to that evening's Mass. Contact Ginny Curtin for more info at GUCurtin@gmail.com.

Rest In Peace

Kathleen Allshouse

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

Zachary Balog	Stella Kloc
Sara Baron	Christine Warner McDaniel
Jane Collins	Judy O'Hara
Joaquinita Diaz	Peter Sullivan
Mary Lou Gomez	Betsy Toland
Judy Szot	

Faith Formation

School Of Religion

Wanted: Catechists & Teacher Aides for Religious Education in 2011-12 — Share your belief in God and the joy of knowing Jesus by becoming a catechist or teacher aide!

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

1st grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
3rd grade: 2 Catechists, 1 Aide
4th grade: 1 Aide
5th grade: 1 Catechist, 2 Aides
6th grade: 1 Aide
7th grade: 1 Aide

Tuesday Session: 4:10 - 5:25 p.m.

2nd grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
4th grade: 1 Catechist
6th grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide

Substitutes are also needed for both Sunday and Tuesday sessions. Contact Therese at 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

RCIA — Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Blessed Sacrament will soon begin a new journey of faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions are also opportunities for you, and others that you may wish to invite, to 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 or Evangelical backgrounds. Contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Wanted: Team Members For RCIA — Some important qualities for a team member include: love for Christ and his Church, flexibility, a desire to continue your own formation, desire to meet new people, an openness to questions and, witness to faith. Our RCIA community will soon need a few individuals to serve as godparents and sponsors for those discerning to become Catholic. The Lord continues to bless our parish with a wonderful group of inquirers. Are you being called to walk with them on their journey of faith? If you are interested, please contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Looking For Two Religious Education Session Coordinators — Session coordinators are needed for our Sunday and Tuesday School of Religion programs. The session coordinator is responsible for the basic operation and overall maintenance of the Religious Education Program while classes are in session. The goal is to create a welcoming atmosphere for parents and students, as well as an environment of support for the catechists. This person should be able to handle a multi-faceted, fast-paced environment and work well with people. Excellent organizational skills are a must. This is a paid part-time position during the period September-May. The total time commitment would be two hours per week; some meeting times are scheduled at the discretion of the Director of Religious Education. If interested, contact Therese at 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Visit Your Parish Library

What are the magazines saying?

'Exit Strategy: the plight of Afghan Women,' by David Cartwright, Commonweal, August 12, 2011, 8 – 10. Since 2001, women in Afghanistan have made amazing progress in many directions including access to education, political rights, health care and micro credit opportunities for business ventures. But the drawdown of U.S. forces announced this summer, together with the opposition to a Western military presence threatens these advances. The author offers realistic suggestions for maintaining and solidifying women's progress in the future.

'South Sudan: a Country is Born,' by Robert Moynihan, Inside the Vatican, August-September, 2011, 12 – 15. 'The Republic of South Sudan became an independent state on July 9 after a referendum held in January.' The many ethnic groups living in these previously 10 southern states largely follow traditional religions including a minority of Christians. Grassland and tropical rain forest make up the terrain; oil may be a source of revenue in the future. After more than twenty years of fighting and one and a half million dead a new era has begun.

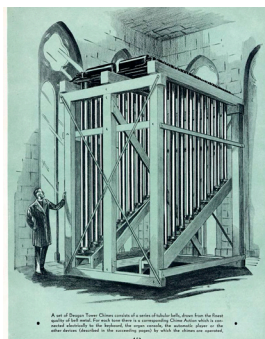
'Spiritually Healthy Children,' by Alicia von Stamwitz, St. Anthony Messenger, August 2011, 18 – 22. Robert Coles, the psychiatrist and author, has written extensively on the spiritual lives of children and interviewed many children in the course of his research. The author of this article has also used interviews to develop seven tips which parents and teachers will find useful at a time when spirituality not always equated with religious practice. They range from exploring their own beliefs to establishing family customs; telling stories; showing compassion to the needy and above all, 'never stop talking - and listening.'

If you would like a copy of these articles, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

THE ADULT CENTER

All parishioners, 39 and holding, are invited to gather at the Chevy Chase Apartments, #1, for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Weekly activities include coffee and conversation on Mondays, RENEW and the Word on Tuesdays, Art Class with Dick Swartz on Wednesdays, and Bridge for Bridge Lovers on Thursdays. Please note that weekly activities are suspended until September. The usual full schedule of weekly activities will resume beginning the week of September 12. For further information, contact Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

Blessed Sacrament Adult Center — The Adult Center was created in 1981 by then-pastor, Msgr. Corbett, as a gathering place for the retirees of the parish to meet for fellowship and camaraderie on weekday afternoons after the 11 a.m. Mass. As was done earlier this year, some of the center's activities will be highlighted during the next few weeks. A variety of activities take place on Mondays. The 2nd & 4th Monday Club meets at the Ray Manning Center and offers a diversity of events: parties, speakers, trips and scenic drives. The alternate Mondays (first and third) are filled with fun activities such as bingo and other games, movie/book revues or focused discussions. If you have suggestions about other things you would like to see offered, please contact Rita Killian at r.killian@verizon.net or 202.363.5069 and let her know. New participants are always welcome to join the fun each week.



Chimes Chatter — More of the 1936 story: To support the case that chimes could not be the only disturbance that might have awakened these neighbors, the old "Washington Herald," under the managing editorship of Michael W. Flynn, a member of the parish, made a scientific sound test of chimes and of traffic noises near, around and beyond Chevy Chase Circle. The tests' results: at seven in the morning, from 250 feet away from the church, sounds made by the chimes registered four decibels (a decibel being a unit of sound). Shortly after, the team of recorders moved to a point at Chevy Chase Circle, 350 feet away from the bell tower. There noise made by trucks also registered four decibels. Later a number of automobiles passed the same spot. The instrument registered six decibels. This proved that the automobiles made more noise than the chimes. To clinch the argument, recording instruments were taken downtown and placed at what was then a strictly residential section, the corner of Connecticut and Wyoming Avenues. At 7:30 one morning, the meter registered 39 decibels. That accounted for all noise combinations, including a passing bus that registered 32 decibels on the meter. This evidence, shown in court, provided proof that buses and automobiles (not church chimes) make more noise than boys in a fraternity house. To be continued... (Source: John Jay Daly's "Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 1911-1961") Questions about your chimes? 202.244.4833

Parish Newsletter — The submission deadline for articles, photos, etc. for the September/October issue of the Parish Newsletter is Friday, September 9. Please send all contributions to newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes Next Month — The Bread, Book & Brethren Bible Study group will begin meeting again Wednesday mornings starting September 14 in the Duffy Parish Center, first floor. Join them at 8:30 a.m. for snacks and coffee, followed by a commentary on the Book of Wisdom to prepare for enlightening guest speakers and group discussions in the following weeks.

Next Day Star Gallery Exhibit — The paintings by the late William H. Calfee entitled "A Visual Symphony" will be displayed in The Day Star Gallery from September 6 to September 30 in the Duffy Parish Center. A reception will be held on Sunday, September 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Outreach

Share Your Homegrown Produce — Share your homegrown food with neighbors who have less...bring in fresh produce from your garden and place it in baskets labeled "Fresh Produce for Shepherd's Table." Shepherd's Table is a local non-profit serving the poor and marginalized. Baskets are at the main and Quesada Street entrances to the church. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or at 202.449.3987.

Collection Of School Supplies For St. Thomas More School — The Social Concerns Office, along with Blessed Sacrament School and Parish, will collect school supplies for students at our sister school, St. Thomas More in Southeast Washington, D.C. School supplies may be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament School, the Social Concerns Office or at the parish office in the Duffy Parish Center. School supplies will be collected at all Masses the weekend of **September 10-11**. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or at 202.449.3987.

Volunteers Needed — The director of the Social Concerns office is looking for volunteers to commit to any one of the following duties: drive fellow parishioners to weekly and Sunday Masses; work from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Social Concerns office serving the marginalized and homeless; bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and residents of nursing homes; or, offer pastoral care to fellow parishioners. Training required. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh at 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

JustFaith Course To Be Offered This Fall — JustFaith is a spiritual journey that offers individuals a chance to become agents of God's compassion and healing in a wounded world. Through workshops and programs, this course empowers participants to expand their commitment to social ministry within their faith communities. For more information, please consider attending a JustFaith reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the parish library Wednesday, **September 14**, or after the 10:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, **September 18**, in the Duffy Parish Center, main level. RSVP to Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

Did You Know??

That the second annual White Mass honoring the giftedness of persons with special needs will be celebrated by His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, **October 23**, at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle, Washington, D.C. For more information about how Blessed Sacrament is becoming a more inclusive community, contact Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Program Coordinator, at 202.449.3990 or at evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

From The Archdiocese

End Of Summer Luau & Dance — 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, **September 10**, Blessed Sacrament School Gym. Sponsored by St. Thomas the Apostle Young Adult Group for persons with and without disabilities. For more information, contact Nancy Raitano Lee: nancyraitanolee@gmail.com; 516.884.3458 or Peg Kolm: kolmm@adw.org; 240.994.0603.

From The Community

A Lifeline For Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on **September 9-11**, call 301.468.6764 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

Spanish Classes At Catholic Charities — Catholic Charities is offering Spanish classes on Tuesday evenings beginning **September 13** and continuing for 10 weeks. Classes will be held from 5:45 to 7:45 p.m. at Anchor Mental Health, 1001 Lawrence Street, NE. Free and easy parking is available, and the location is very close to the Brookland/CUA metro station on the Red Line. Two levels are being offered: Beginning, for fundamentals of grammar, pronunciation and speaking, which is best for those new to Spanish or those who have had some Spanish classes; and, Intermediate/Advanced, for emphasizing grammar, speaking, understanding, reading and writing Spanish. Classes are taught by experienced, Spanish-speaking instructors. Cost is \$150. To register, contact Dr. Nancy Butler at 202.772.4316 or nancy.butler@catholiccharitiesDC.org.

Special Holy Mass For Peace & Unity In Sri Lanka — The Sri Lankan American Catholic Association of Metropolitan Washington will hold its 23rd annual Special Holy Mass for 'Peace and Unity in Sri Lanka' at 3 p.m. on Sunday, **September 18**, at Blessed Sacrament. Father Percival L. D'Silva will be the presider. All are welcome.

Sponsor Of The Week


We would like to thank **Wheat's Landscape** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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Can-Do!

100,000
Cans for
100 Years

Donate to the **Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive**
To Celebrate 100 years as a Community of Faith



Donate cans to support Blessed Sacrament's goal of collecting 100,000 cans for the poor and marginalized who visit the Social Concerns office.

Two stations are set up in the church to receive donations—please drop off cans in the containers located at the main and Quesada Street entrances. The most popular food requests are for chicken soup, tuna fish, Beefaroni, brown beans, peanut butter, jelly, fruit, cereal and all meat-based soups.

You are invited
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Centennial Birthday Party

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

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COCKTAIL ATTIRE ♦ ON PARISH GROUNDS

Limited Seating ♦ RSVP by September 19

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Click on Register: RSVP and follow the steps

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Mail your check (payable to Blessed Sacrament Centennial)

NUMBER OF BIRTHDAY PARTY TICKETS

AMOUNT _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Saturday, October 8



School REUNION Party

6:30 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Under a big tent on the blacktop, in the gym and in the auditorium too! Beer, wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and getting re-acquainted.

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School REUNION Party

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