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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, August 20
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

Saturday, August 27
~ Father O

Sunday, August 21
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron
9 a.m.* ~ Father Ron
10:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva
12:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

Sunday, August 28
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Ron
~ Father O
~ Father Ron
~ Father D'Silva

*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.

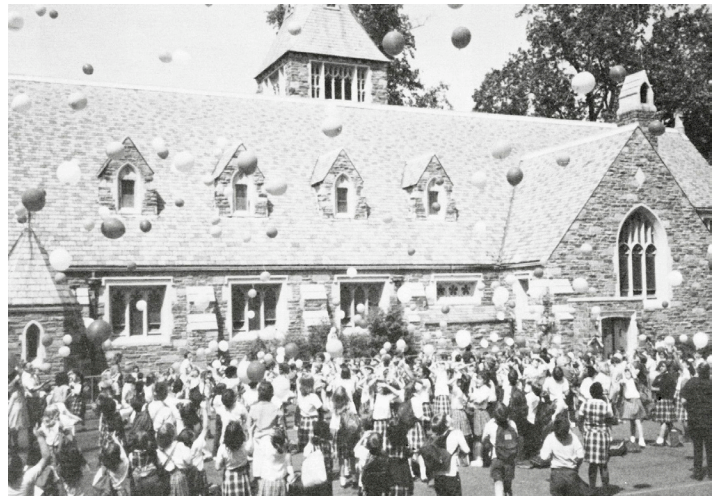
Exposition: Monday - Friday, 3 - 5:15 p.m., in the church

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Moments In Our History • 1980s

- Monsignor Thomas M. Duffy became Blessed Sacrament's fifth pastor on May 28, 1981.
- Youth Ministry established in 1982.
- First session of RENEW held in 1982.
- Diamond Jubilee celebrated in 1986.



*"Balloons with a Message Day," May 1, 1985
Sponsored by the RENEW Coordinating Committee*

21st Sunday In Ordinary Time

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Duffy Parish Center

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Facilities 202.449.4610

Pius X Library 202.449.3974

Ray Manning Adult Center 202.363.4512

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Ms. Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Coordinator, **202.449.3990**

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 passage from the Prophet Isaiah, we find a story about Shebna and Eliakim and the succession of the master or steward of the palace. We know very little about them and the circumstances surrounding this change in position. However, we see the hand of God at work as He continues the work of salvation as He works to bring it to fruition. In every age, God desires faithful and trustworthy stewards who, in His name and according to His intentions, administer the house of which He is and remains Lord. The passage also reminds us that one steward will be sent who will not be a tyrant but shall accomplish what the Father has in store, "He will be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah." He will be trusted with "the key of the House of David . . . when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open." Christ is the fulfillment of this promise for He opens the gates to the kingdom of God through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

In our reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, we come to the end of the long exposition on the mystery of salvation: a hymn to God's wisdom. This hymn wells up from Paul's heart, "For from him and through him and for him all things are. To him be glory forever." Paul teaches us a very basic point about our faith and how we are lead to understand, believe and practice the revelation we have received from God. Simply understood, theology and catechesis are activities of the believer who investigates and develops things pertaining to the faith. These activities lead to prayer, contemplation, and praise. The structure of the Mass follows this same outline. During the Liturgy of the Word, God's Word is announced in order that it might be better understood in its meaning and scope in our daily lives. The preaching during the homily is meant for the conversion of our hearts, based on a better knowledge of God and His mystery and how it relates to our daily lives. This is why the proclamation of the Word leads to prayer and the Eucharist, the great prayer of thanksgiving.

In today's gospel from Matthew, we find Peter's confession about the identity of Jesus, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Peter's faith arouses the admiration and thanksgiving of Jesus, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father." Jesus invests Peter as the visible rock of the Church, the stone solidly set upon the unique foundation, Christ Himself, joined to it by the mortar of the faith that the Father has given to Peter. Peter is entrusted with keys that are the symbols of teaching and governing—that are to be exercised according to the example and in the spirit of the Lord. Jesus has entrusted Simon Peter with the keys of the kingdom of heaven, which is being built in this intermediary time from Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection until His return. The Church will know crises, persecutions, and storms, but the "gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it," because its leader is the Risen One, who has definitely conquered sin and death. Although Peter suffered martyrdom, the keys have been transmitted to his successors and the ministry of Peter continues with Pope Benedict at the present time.

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — How do you respond to Jesus' pithy and personal question from today's Gospel: Who do you say that he is?

(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.



Sanctuary Sodality News — Mark your calendars now! The Sodality holiday bazaar will be held on Saturday, **November 12**. Vendors: Please contact co-chair Felice Goodwin at 202.244.9662 or fmgoodwin@yahoo.com, for more information.

Meeting Information: Executive Committee and Unit Chairs meeting on Thursday, **September 8**, starting with 11 a.m. Mass. Meeting to follow in the Duffy Parish Center. The luncheon will be hosted by Hospitality. Unit Chairs: if you are unable to attend, please send a representative.

Special Collection For African Drought Relief — In recent weeks there has been heartbreaking news about the drought and famine in Somalia and other parts of eastern Africa. Thousands of people are being forced from their homes, walking for days through rough terrain to seek food, water and shelter. Many men and woman and children have died. The Holy Father has asked that Catholics throughout the world respond generously to the desperate needs of the people of East Africa. Next weekend, **August 27-28**, a second collection will be taken to help support those in need.

Newly Baptized

Aisely Grace Holahan
Quinn Lillian Muller
Owen Luke Schofield

Morgan Allison Stacks
Francesca Marie Zuylen

Rest In Peace

Robert Nelson
Eleanor Olive

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

Zachary Balog
Sara Baron
Jane Collins
Joaquinita Diaz
Mary Lou Gomez
Judy Szot

Stella Kloc
Christine Warner McDaniel
Judy O'Hara
Peter Sullivan
Betsy Toland

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: 2 Catechists, 1 Aide
2nd grade: 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
8th grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide

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

2nd grade: 1 Catechist
4th grade: 1 Catechist
5th grade: 1 Aide
6th grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
7th grade: 1 Aide
8th grade: 1 Catechist, 2 Aides

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

Pope St. Pius X, 1835-1914, Feast Day, **August 21**

When Pope Leo XIII died in 1903, Joseph Cardinal Sarto was chosen Pope and took the name of Pius X. He became known as the pope who loved the Holy Eucharist and made a rule permitting young children to receive Holy Communion. His fame in promoting religious instruction and his generosity to the poor ('I have lived poor and I wish to die poor' he said) were based on his childhood experience and his seventeen years of work as a parish priest. Read some of the books about this saint, who is also the patron of the parish library.

"Pius X: a Country Priest," by Iginio Giordani (B P487te G467 P487).

This biography portrays a compelling personality. Apart from great humility and personal sanctity, Giuseppe Sarto had the gift of intellectual brilliance and political skill. This book shows the saint's development as a boy and as the priest of a poor parish who became known for his generosity and was made chancellor of his diocese and then Patriarch of Venice and a Cardinal before becoming Pope. The book describes his achievements in promoting music and art in the Church and his major writings to combat heresy.

"St. Pius X: a Pictorial Biography," by Leonard von Matt and Nello Vian (B P487te M177 S145).

The photographer Leonard von Mattt, after extensive research in archives and museums, photographed many places associated with the life of the Saint, including documents and relics, and the portraits of him as a young priest and subsequently as Pope. These photographs give us an eloquent picture of the Saint's time and environment.

"A Symposium on the Life and Work of Pope Pius X" (B P487te C653 S956).

The introduction to this volume, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Saint's encyclical 'Acerbo Nimis', explains that the contributors 'made it their aim to stress' the important themes in his life: the Eucharist, the Catechism and the Crucifix. Each essay highlights the practical application of these, such as the lay apostolate, the integrity of doctrine and the Eucharistic formation of children. This is a powerful book which truly emphasizes the relevance and importance of Pope Pius X in our time.

Did You Know??

Many people who are deaf, blind or have low vision use a service animal to assist them with daily living. It is important to ask permission prior to touching or interacting with the dog in any way. 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 evolzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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 for the remainder of the summer.** 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.



Chimes Chatter — Continuing the 1936 story: battle of the chimes. Prosecuting attorney Bowie advocated the chimes' abolishment which riled Father

Smyth. The pastor had raised \$11,000 for a musical treat of chimes for the parish. Defense attorney Doyle contended that the chimes gave forth the sweetest music his ears had ever heard. In harmony with their function and the playing of the Angelus, they were somewhat akin to angelic voices that announced to Mary on that historic morning she was to become the Mother of God. "What more would humanity want than this, the Angelus?" asked Doyle. Requested to enjoin this practice, the ringing of the Angelus—morning, noon and evening—Justice Bailey remarked: "I'd rather hear these chimes than some noises usually disturbing me of a morning." "Once," said the learned justice, "I lived across the street from a fraternity house. The boys in there would not get going good until about one o'clock in the morning. You should have heard them from that time on. Between the two, I'd take chimes any day." Justice Bailey saying this in open court, gave an inkling of what his decision might be, but those opposed to "clanging of the chimes", kept on battling. Gist of the argument against the ringing of the Angelus, especially at six o'clock in the morning, was this: it disturbed the peaceful slumber of the 22 nearby property owners who had lined up in battle array. To be continued... (source: John Jay Daly's "Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 1911-1961") Questions about your chimes? 202.244.4833

Parish Book Sale To Be Held October 29-30 — Mark your calendars for the book sale. Do you own books, DVDs and CDs which you no longer wish to keep? They may be of great interest to other parishioners. Please donate them for this biennial event, a major fund-raiser for the library. Fiction, travel, gardening, history, religion, children's books, cookbooks, decorating and biographies are all welcome if they are in good condition and unmarked. Note: no textbooks or magazines. Please bring your donations to the library on the second floor of the parish center. Plan to bring the family and friends to spend an hour at the sale and maybe win the raffle which will feature new books, DVDs and gourmet treats. Look forward to what is always a wonderful collection of good reading, viewing and listening.

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 located 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 by training or re-training to become a Stephen Minister. 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, contact Pat Kavanaugh at 202.449.3987.

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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

Please remember to donate cans and complete pledge cards throughout the summer months to support Blessed Sacrament's goal of collecting 100,000 cans for the poor and marginalized who visit the Social

Concerns office. There are two stations set up in the church to receive donations—please drop off cans in the containers located at the main and Quesada Street entrances. Pledge cards are also available at these 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. Thank you.

From The Archdiocese

Catholic Veterans Town Hall Meeting — 6 to 9 p.m Monday, **August 22**, Holy Redeemer Church, 206 New York Avenue, NE, Washington, D.C. Catholic veterans, especially those with a service-related disability or PTSD, can benefit from pastoral care at the local parish level. Veterans and active duty Catholics are invited to reflect on how parishes can meet these spiritual and temporal needs, as well as link them to supportive members of the parish and social service providers. Information will be shared about an online training on Catholic veterans issues from the National Catholic Partnership on Disability on Tuesday, **October 18**, at 4 p.m., as well as new resources and related Veterans' Day activities. This event, which will begin with a light dinner, is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington Departments of Special Needs Ministries, Evangelization & Family Life and Charity and Justice. To RSVP, or for more information, contact Peg Kolm at mkolm@adw.org or at 301.853.4560.

Faith And Light Training — Faith and Light is an ecumenical faith formation for persons with disabilities, their families and friends. The Faith and Light training will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, **August 27**, at Blessed Sacrament in the Duffy Parish Center, lower level. The session will be led by Dolores Wilson, Faith and Light Leader and Director of Bethlehem House. Register by August 24. For more information, contact Ms. Wilson at bhmdwilson@hotmail.com or 202.526.3222.

From The Community

An Evening With Local Author Kevin Wells — 7 p.m. Thursday, **September 15**. The Fr. Rosensteel Council of Silver Spring (near Forest Glen Metro) invites all parishioners from Blessed Sacrament to an evening of inspirational words, wit and wisdom by Kevin Wells, a local D.C. area guy who's written a wonderful book about how to keep God in the equation in times of stress, despair and sorrow. "Burst: A Story of God's Grace When Life Falls Apart" is not only a story of Kevin's comeback from a life threatening brain aneurysm that literally burst his blood vessels, it's a spiritual autobiography of how he faced this challenge and others such as the murder of his favorite uncle, Msgr. Tom Wells (former Blessed Sacrament parishioner), to trying to make his mark as a struggling sportswriter, to dealing with heart wrenching adoption scams and other curve balls that life has thrown him. You'll find his humility and his Irishman humor infectious. This evening event will be kicked off by the D.C. Firefighters Emerald Society Drum and Pipe Corps. Snacks and refreshments will be served in the upper hall, and a book signing by Kevin will follow his talk.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Yardbuilders, LLC** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

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Centennial Birthday Party

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

SEVEN O'CLOCK COCKTAILS EIGHT O'CLOCK DINNER
AFTER DINNER DANCING

Cocktail Attire ♦ Limited Seating ♦ On Parish Grounds
RSVP by September 16

Thanks in part to the generous donations of
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Centennial Birthday Party

■ TICKETS PRICE

Birthday Party \$125 (individual)

Birthday Table \$1200

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CENTENNIAL. Click on Register: RSVP and follow
the steps

■ ORDER TICKETS BY MAIL

Mail your check (payable to Blessed Sacrament
Centennial)

NUMBER OF BIRTHDAY PARTY TICKETS

AMOUNT _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

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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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Reunion Party \$65

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