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## Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

**Saturday, December 3**  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

**Saturday, December 10**  
~ Father Ron

**Sunday, December 4**  
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron  
9 a.m.\* ~ Father Armstrong  
10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Church)\*\*  
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron (Gym)\*\*  
12:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

**Sunday, December 11**  
~ Father O  
~ Father Witczak  
~ Father Ron  
~ Father D'Silva  
~ Father D'Silva  
~ Father O

\*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

\*\*Nursery services, kindergarten room under the school gym

### 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.

### Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

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

Thursday before first Friday of each month: 6 - 10 p.m., with Holy Hour 9 - 10 p.m.

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## This Weekend

**Collection By Little Sisters Of The Poor** — After each Mass. The Sisters will be at the entrances to the church to accept voluntary gifts of support. Thank you for your kindness to them.

**Christmas Giving Tree Gift Collection** — Sunday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., school auditorium. Also next Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Coffee & Doughnuts** — Sunday, following the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses in the school auditorium.

**RCIA Rite Of Acceptance & Welcoming** — Sunday, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church.

## Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive



Thank you to the hundreds of people from our community who supported this annual drive to collect food items and raise money to help the homeless and needy of the D.C. area.

**We Could Not Have  
Done It Without  
You!**

## Second Sunday Of Advent

### Pastoral Staff

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#### Assistants on Weekends

Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap, Catholic University  
Rev. Michael Witzczak, SLD, Catholic University

### Duffy Parish Center

**Main Office 202.966.6575**

(Open Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

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

**Facilities 202.449.4610**

**Pius X Library 202.449.3974**

**Ray Manning Adult Center 202.363.4512**

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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](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.

**Newsletter Content** — Please send articles, photos and other content to [newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Web Site Postings** — Please send requests for postings for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Web site to [website@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:website@blessedsacramentdc.org).



### Pastor's Column

In our first reading from the Prophet Isaiah, the Lord speaks words of comfort to His people through the prophet. These words are spoken when His people no longer had a country, temple, or political power. Nevertheless, the prophet sees the return of the exiles and their gathering before the Lord in glory. The Lord will not abandon His own. Isaiah sees the great return as a new and marvelous Exodus. No more tiring journey through a desolate desert; rather, there is a triumphal procession to the holy city, Jerusalem. No longer is it the cloud that guides the people, but the Lord Himself, like a shepherd leading his flock. "In his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care." Here is the proof of God's care and concern for His own people.

In today's second reading from the second Letter of Saint Peter, we find imagery to describe the awesome event of Christ's coming in judgment. We await the second coming of Christ, when His glory will be manifested for all people of every time and place. We must not live in fear of this day or be lulled into a false sense of security. The Lord is coming again and we must be ready to meet Him. We accomplish this by living our lives as Christ has taught us by loving God and our neighbor. We become witnesses of hope in this world as we cooperate with God's will for us by leading lives of devotion and holiness. Although we do not know the hour or day when the Lord is coming, we will be ready to meet Him.

We have the opening words of the gospel of Mark today. We meet John the Baptist who has been sent by the Father to prepare the way for Jesus by preaching and baptizing on the banks of the Jordan River. Mark describes John the Baptist's clothing and diet because these details describe him as the Elijah figure who would announce the coming of the Messiah. What is most striking about John is his humility. He never does or says anything that would focus any attention on him rather than on Jesus. On the contrary, "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals." We find in this serene humility a certain quality that allows one to recognize a true prophet. John does everything in his power to prepare the people for Jesus and puts himself in the background. He accomplishes his mission and that is enough for him. John the Baptist becomes an example of humility for us as we continue our Advent journey. Each one of us has a mission from God as we live according to His will. Many times we feel we know what is best and do not follow the will of the Lord in our lives. May we follow John's example and be willing to accomplish what the Lord desires of us knowing He will give us everything we need to accomplish His work.

God bless you,

Father Ron

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

**Parking Notice** — Please be reminded that the parking lot in front of the Chevy Chase apartment building next to our church is for the residents of that apartment building **only**. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Youth Corner**

**Question For The Week** — John went out to announce the good news of the Messiah's coming. How can you be good news to your friends and family this week? (Source: [www.osvcurriculum.com/lifelong\\_catechesis](http://www.osvcurriculum.com/lifelong_catechesis))

**The 2nd & 4th Monday Club** will meet Monday, **December 5**, to celebrate the feast of St. Nicolas. We have it on pretty good authority that St. Nicolas is going to stop by to see us. The fun will take place in the Manning Center immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. Pre-schoolers from Sacred Heart of Mary Sodality group will help us celebrate. All parishioners are invited to join us for the fun!

**Dramatic Reading This Week** — 'The Last Days of Judas Iscariot' by Stephen Adly Guirgis, 7 p.m., Tuesday, **December 6**, in the parish library. This play presents 'the conflict between divine mercy and human free will' and 'takes a close look at the eternal damnation of the Bible's most notorious sinner.' Join the Blessed Sacrament thespians for a provocative evening, which will include discussion and refreshments. Contact: John Dluhy, 202.841.6925.

**Outreach Weekend** — Our monthly collection of food items and monetary donations for our Soup Kitchen Ministry will take place next weekend, **December 10-11**.

**Simbang Gabi, A Philippine Tradition Of Advent** — The Filipino Community of Blessed Sacrament Parish invites all for a Simbang Gabi, a Filipino Christmas tradition, **December 15 through December 23** from 7 to 8 p.m. in the church. This is a nine-day novena to the Blessed Mother. Completing the nine-day novena is a manifestation of the Catholic faith to most devotees. For more info, contact Perfecto Paras (202.248.1581), Ike Lazo (202.413.7754) or Claudia Diego (202.363.1799).

**Christmas Eve Children's Pageant** — 4 p.m. Mass in the gym. Children of the parish (first through eighth grades) are invited to participate in this Gospel pageant. There will be one rehearsal/signup on Saturday, **December 17**, in the school auditorium from 9 to 10 a.m. Questions? Contact [bforcey@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:bforcey@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Blessed Sacrament's 25th Annual Christmas Tree Sale** is underway. Please come out and support this special holiday event, which benefits a wide variety of parish and community programs. Choose from a great selection of trees and wreaths from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

**Special Deadlines For Announcement Submissions For The Bulletin**

Publication Date	Deadline
December 25	December 15
January 1	December 15*
January 8	December 29

\*Announcements for the New Year's Day bulletin are due at the same time as those for the Christmas bulletin.

**Newly Baptized**

Hugh Francis Al-Jurf                      Mary Evelyn Mitchell  
 Katherine Frances Connolly            Madison Eileen Paniker

**Rest In Peace**

Macauley Howard  
 Jeanne Jacobs  
 Katherine Mullally O'Boyle

**Holy Day Of Obligation This Thursday** — The Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be celebrated **December 8**. This day is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please be reminded that Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day.

**Rorate Mass On The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception** — As is the custom in our parish, the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Thursday, **December 8**, will be celebrated in the tradition of the candlelight Advent Masses offered in honor of Our Blessed Lady. The entrance chant of the latin Rorate Mass begins with the words "Rorate caeli desuper, et nubes pluant iustum..." (Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the Just One...). Even after the introduction of electricity in the late 19th century, the German bishops decreed that minimal artificial light is permitted only for safety. Please join fellow parishioners in this beautiful and moving liturgy. A women's schola will lead the congregation in exceptional music for the feast.

**Did You Know??**

On Friday, **December 9**, at 7:30 p.m. a fellowship dinner will be held in the Duffy Parish Center for parents, family, and caregivers of those touched by disabilities. Please join us for a lively exchange of ideas, dinner, wine and support. R.S.V.P. to Emma Voelzke at [evolzke@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:evolzke@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3990 if you are able to attend or if you would like to find out more about how Blessed Sacrament is becoming a more inclusive community,

**Our Lady's Shrine During Advent** — Every year more than a few new parishioners inquire about the dried flower and herb arrangements at the Altar of Our Lady in the church. The thousand-plus year old custom traces its origins to central and northern Europe when parishioners dried herbs and roses during the summer to be able to decorate the images of Our Lady during Advent when fresh flowers were unavailable. Fragrant herbs were always included to represent the sweetness of the Christ Child in Mary's womb. Please take a moment this Advent to stop by the altar and teach your children about this ancient Catholic tradition.

**The Altar Guild** is looking for volunteers to help with the small altar linens. Duties include washing and ironing the linens on a rotating basis. If you are interested please contact Michele Bowe at [Michele.bowe@verizon.net](mailto:Michele.bowe@verizon.net). Or call 301-951-6427. Volunteers are also needed to mend vestments and help with the polishing and cleaning of liturgical items.



**Sanctuary Sodality News** — What is Sodality? Sodality is defined as an organized society or fellowship; specifically: a devotional or charitable association of Roman Catholic laity. The Sanctuary Sodality is a society of women dedicated to fostering Marian virtue in daily life. There are 13 active units at Blessed Sacrament with women of all ages and each unit supports a local charity. We host the annual Holiday Bazaar, the second Saturday in November, our largest fundraiser. Interested in learning more? Contact membership chairs: Rita Killian (202.363.5069, [r.killian@verizon.net](mailto:r.killian@verizon.net)) or Tracey Rivers (301.951.4949, [t1rivers@yahoo.com](mailto:t1rivers@yahoo.com)).

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

Joan Baker                                      Christine Warner McDaniel  
 Sara Baron                                      Helen Potts  
 Jean Chambers                                Peter Ross  
 Peter Kiss                                        Judy Szot

Visit Your Parish Library

Feast of the Immaculate Conception, **December 8**

Ever since the 4th century, Christians have believed that Mary was born free of sin. Many artists, such as El Greco and Murillo, expressed this mystery in their paintings; especially eloquent is Reni's 17th century painting 'Fathers of the Church Disputing the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception ([www.arthermitage.org/Guido-Reni/Fathers-of-the-Church-Disputing...](http://www.arthermitage.org/Guido-Reni/Fathers-of-the-Church-Disputing...))' where you can see St. Jerome, St. Augustine and others in deep thought below a group of angels looking up to heaven. Pope Pius IX, in defining the dogma on December 8, 1854, 'Ineffabilis Deus', wrote of our Lady's 'original innocence' as 'a doctrine which is so perfectly in harmony with her wonderful sanctity and preeminent dignity as Mother of God...' ([www.newadvent.org/library/docs\\_pi09id.htm](http://www.newadvent.org/library/docs_pi09id.htm)). She herself in appearances at Lourdes and Fatima, spoke of herself as the 'Immaculate Conception' to children who must have puzzled over what this meant.

**"The Hours of Catherine of Cleves"** (Gift of Grace Bitondi, uncatalogued) 'Catherine's manuscript...is a Book of Hours, the most popular devotional book of the later Middle Ages, and the most common of all types of illuminated manuscripts' (introduction); its illustrations, miniatures of amazing detail, symbolism and color, accompany prayers for each of eight hours of the liturgical day.

**"The Life of Mary as Seen by the Mystics,"** compiler Raphael Brown (232.9 B818 L1). This book is based on the visions of four women: St. Elizabeth of Schoenau (1127?-1164), St. Bridget of Sweden (1303-1373), Mother Mary of Jesus of Agreda (1602-1665) and Sister Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824). In a vision to St. Bridget our Lady stated: 'It is a truth that I was conceived without Original Sin (sic) and not in sin. A golden hour was my conception' (p. 32).

**"The Life of the Madonna in Art"** (O 756 A512 L432). 'Every picture is accompanied by corresponding quotations from Scripture, from the writings of the Church Fathers and Doctors, or from apocryphal texts, which extend the narration to the childhood of Mary, not found in the evangelical texts'... included is one of the first representations of the Immaculate Conception, dating from the second half of the third century' (introduction).

**Photos Of The Centennial Birthday Party & School Reunion**

— Photos taken by Freed Photography of the Centennial Birthday Party are now available for viewing and ordering online. Visit [www.simplephoto.com/SC/index.cfm?fuseaction=Vendor&vid=21864&n=FreedPhotography](http://www.simplephoto.com/SC/index.cfm?fuseaction=Vendor&vid=21864&n=FreedPhotography) and enter the password: SMBS8230. Photos taken by Karen Leonard Photography of the School Reunion are available at: [www.karenleonardphotography.com](http://www.karenleonardphotography.com). Click on: "Galleries," then "Client Galleries," and "View Your Images." Gallery name: BSS Reunion 2011; Password: Bulldogs. Please Note: Karen Leonard will donate 25% of the proceeds from reunion print sales to the Blessed Sacrament School's annual fund!!!

**From The Archdiocese**

**Witness To Life With Cardinal Wuerl** — Saturday, **December 10**, Mother Seton Church, Germantown, MD. Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a candlelight rosary procession to Germantown Reproductive Health Services, where late term abortionist LeRoy Carhart has terminated over 700 babies since his arrival last year. Please join us as we memorialize these precious lives and pray for an end to this barbaric practice. Questions? [mcarper@adw.org](mailto:mcarper@adw.org) or 301.853.4555.

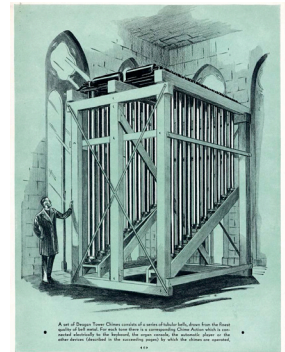
**THE ADULT CENTER**

All parishioners, 39 and holding, are invited to gather in apartment 1 in the Chevy Chase apartment building next to the church for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Bring a sandwich (beverages and desserts provided) and join the activities. For more info or for transportation, call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

- Monday** St. Nicolas Party
- Tuesday** Scripture Reflections
- Wednesday** Art Class With Dick Swartz
- Thursday** Bridge for Bridge Lovers
- Friday** Closed

**Chimes Chatter**

Chimes "sparks" interest in Deagan Company's designers. So why this interest in addressing "sparking" when our tubular chimes were patented? Deagan understood that when energy is going through electrical circuits, this "moving" energy builds-up and must dissipate when the circuit is "interrupted" (or contacts "opened" in electricity vernacular), and hence, sparks appear. One may experience this spark phenomenon when pulling an electric cord out of a wall socket for a toaster or other small appliance. A common application of controlled sparking is for our cars' ignition systems. The spark's light, and sometimes sound, present are caused by ionization of heated air from "excess" electrical energy. The light emitted is from fluorescence in electrons, and the sound is due to the abrupt burst of ionization. The problem with frequent sparking in our chimes is pitting and deterioration of the contacts' materials, namely copper components. Deagan ingeniously designed "blow-out coils" that are so aligned that an energized coil directs a magnetic field across the main relay contacts. When the contacts remain open, the engineered magnetic field causes sparks to take long, controlled arching paths through air, thus dissipating energy stored in forms of heat and light, and reducing (but not eliminating) damage to contacts. To see a demonstration of spectacular sparking, search "Deagan Chimes in Kingsburg, California playing Angels We Have Heard On High," a 10-tube Deagan chimes installation. Call to learn more at 202.244.4833



**From The Community**

**23rd Annual Gonzaga D.C. Classic Charity Basketball Tournament** — Friday, **December 9**, at Gonzaga; Saturday, **December 10**, and Sunday, **December 11**, at Bender Arena on the campus of American University. Tournament proceeds support the school's social awareness and service programs as a means to promote the Jesuit ideal of being "Men for Others."

**Luminarias @ The Franciscan Monastery** — Donations are now being accepted until **December 14** for the hundreds of luminaria candles placed throughout the Monastery's Gardens during the "Seven Nights of Lights" program. A minimum \$10 donation for each luminaria is suggested. For more info, contact Joe Bozik 202.244.4833 or visit <http://myfranciscan.org>.

## Outreach

**SHARE Holiday Savings For December** — For Christmas, SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament has three offerings...the Value Package, just \$20, has a whole chicken, fish fillets, beef sandwich steaks, breakfast sausage, chocolate cake, stuffing mix, sweet and white potatoes and vegetables and fruits; an 8-9 pound honey-cured, spiral-cut ham for only \$27; and, combination Value Package and 12-14 pound Turkey Package for just \$38. To place an order, fill out an order form at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org). Ordering deadline is Monday, **December 5**, at 5 p.m. Questions? 202.449.4611 or [SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org). Food distribution is Friday afternoon, December 16.

**Citywide WIN Action On Jobs & Housing** — This Monday, **December 5**, 7 to 9 p.m., Metropolitan AME Church, 1518 M Street, NW. Two thousand leaders from WIN member institutions will come together and demand of the Mayor and other elected officials present that jobs and affordable housing be at the top of the agenda for the leaders of the city. Be a witness on December 5 for supportive housing for our homeless neighbors, affordable homes for the working poor and good jobs for D.C. residents. For further info, contact Joan Lee, [JRC20815@aol.com](mailto:JRC20815@aol.com) or 301.654.8171.

**Blessed Sacrament Christmas Giving Tree** — Volunteers are needed to collect/deliver gifts on Sunday, **December 11**. To volunteer or for more information, contact Chris and Rebecca Anzidei, 202.489.7182, [Rebecca.anzidei@kirkland.com](mailto:Rebecca.anzidei@kirkland.com), [chrisanzidei@anzideilaw.com](mailto:chrisanzidei@anzideilaw.com); or, Matt and Cindy Dowd, 202.719.7343, [mdowd@wileyrein.com](mailto:mdowd@wileyrein.com).

**Alternative Giving Catalog** — See page 6 for details. Deadline to place an order is Sunday, **December 18**. Questions? Contact Michele Bowe at [james.f.bowe@verizon.net](mailto:james.f.bowe@verizon.net) or 301.951.6427.

**Toiletry Collection For The Homeless** — Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen and 6th grade advisories are collecting regular-sized soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant and chap stick. As a service project, the students visit classrooms to educate fellow students about homelessness and stuff over 700 winter socks with toiletries. On Advent Sundays parishioners may place toiletries in boxes located at the church entrances. Needy individuals and families will receive these gifts. Collection ends Monday, **December 19**. Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Kavanaugh at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3987.

**Secret Santa** — The Social Concerns Committee and the Home and School Association collect donations to purchase grocery gift cards for needy individuals and families at Blessed Sacrament's Sister School and Parish, St. Thomas More, located in Southeast Washington. Previous donations have helped less fortunate families with a Christmas meal, as well as have helped those struggling with illness, unemployment, or other difficult circumstances. Please make checks payable to Blessed Sacrament and include the notation "Secret Santa" on the check. Checks may be delivered to the parish office in the Duffy Parish Center, the school office, or dropped into the collection baskets by the deadline, Monday, **December 19**. Questions? Contact coordinator Pat Kavanaugh at [pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3987.

**New Exhibit In The Daystar Gallery** — Now through **January 13, 2012** the exhibit "Icons for Advent and Christmas" by icon artists, parishioner Delphia Dirks and Maria Manley, will be on display in the Daystar Gallery. All are invited to a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, **December 18**, Duffy Parish Center, main level.

## 2011 Christmas Liturgy Schedule

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

- 4 p.m. Children's Liturgy (Gym)
- 4 p.m. Vigil Mass (Church)
- 8 p.m. Vigil Mass
- 12 a.m. Midnight Mass

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

- 7:30 a.m. Mass of Dawn
- 9 a.m. Mass of the Day
- 10:30 a.m. Mass of the Day (Church Only)
- 12:30 p.m. Mass of the Day

**Note:** There will be no 5:30 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.

### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, Sunday, January 1

#### Vigil 5:30 p.m. (Saturday, December 31)

- 7:30 a.m.
- 9 a.m.
- 10:30 a.m. (Church & Gym)
- 12:30 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m.

Calling all donors!  
Auction items needed!



### Will you donate to the Blessed Sacrament School's auction?

Donations are tax-deductible. Proceeds support school programs.

Think about...

- Vacation homes & airline tickets;
- Dining & entertainment;
- Sporting events & concerts;
- Electronics & jewelry; or
- Other products & services.

To donate, contact Caren Carven at [ccarven@verizon.net](mailto:ccarven@verizon.net).

For more information about the Blessed Sacrament School auction, visit <http://bss.maestroweb.com>.



### Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Rachael's Vineyard Retreat** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## 2011 Alternative Giving List

*For it is in giving that we receive. —Saint Francis*

Instead of spending too much time and money buying material items for loved ones, you can give gifts of sharing benefiting others. The following list designates organizations identified by the Social Concerns office at Blessed Sacrament who have specific needs. This method of giving provides the opportunity to sponsor services while reducing the commercialism of the Advent and Christmas Seasons. When you place an order from this list, you receive a card specifying the charitable service which you are sponsoring in honor of your loved one. Simply present the card to your loved one as your gift. You may use this page to circle your choices and submit for processing as indicated below.

### **Spanish Catholic Center: Provides services to the immigrant community, including dental, medical, education, job training, immigration assistance and employment referrals.**

SCC-1	One mammogram to detect breast cancer	\$25
SCC-2	One well baby exam and vaccinations	\$25
SCC-3	One pre-natal visit for expectant mothers or dental exam and cleaning	\$50
SCC-4	Tuition for pre-apprentice carpentry program; job training for the under and unemployed	\$100-250

### **St. Patrick's Parish in Barbados: Our Sister Parish**

SPB-1	Catechism books for adult and child religious education	\$25
SPB-2	Uniforms for the school children	\$30
SPB-3	Tuition assistance for the school children of St. Patrick's School	\$50-\$200

### **Prison Outreach Ministry: Provides spiritual counseling and skill training at the D.C. jail; assists those being released from prison in making a successful transition.**

POM-1	Fee for GED or literacy training	\$25
POM-2	Bus passes for ex-offenders to attend job interviews and training	\$40
POM-3	For needy released, a set of clothes in which to return home	\$50
POM-4	Rent subsidy so inmate incarcerated briefly won't lose apartment	\$100-500

### **CIHN Capital Interfaith Hospitality Network: Shelter for families served by Blessed Sacrament volunteers share dinner with the families in residence.**

CA-1	Diapers for an infant, or application fee for birth certificate or photo ID	\$25
CA-2	Shoes for those in the shelter	\$30
CA-3	Car seat and infant snow suit	\$50

### **Holy Family Hospital Bethlehem: Celebrate the birth of the Christ Child by offering impoverished mothers and babies quality medical care only 500 yards from his birthplace. Holy Family Hospital provides state-of-the-art health care to thousands of women, infants, and children in the Holy Land.**

HFH-1	Medical care for expectant mother	\$50
HFH-2	Equip mobile clinic serving the poorest families in remote desert areas	\$75
HFH-3	Sponsor a day in neo-natal ICU for a preemie	\$100
HFH-4	Deliver a baby in Bethlehem	\$250

### **L'Arche Community: Sponsors family like homes where people with and without disabilities share their lives together, give witness to the reality that persons with disabilities possess inherent qualities of welcome, wonderment, spirituality, and friendship.**

ARC-1	A evening outing for two residents	\$25
ARC-2	Sponsor a day at UMD Adult Health Program	\$50
ARC-3	Contribute towards a much needed new fridge	\$100

### **Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen: Blessed Sacrament parishioners have been volunteering in this ministry for over 35 years. Please affirm their work by supporting them and those they serve.**

SK-1	Contribute toward toiletries and other items to be placed in Christmas stockings for the needy	\$25
SK-2	Help feed 20 hungry, homeless people after the Christmas season is over	\$50

### **Father McKenna Center: Provides meals, showers, laundry facilities, counseling, support group meetings, job search assistance and a hypothermia shelter for men.**

MC-1	Hot lunch for seven homeless men in from the cold	\$25
MC-2	Overnight shelter for three homeless men	\$50

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## Order Form

Your name as you wish it to appear on the card and your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and address of the recipient if you wish your card to be personalized and sent directly to the recipient: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail or deliver this form and payment by **December 18** to: Michele Bowie, c/o The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20015-2423. Questions? Contact Michele Bowie at 301.951.6427 or [Michele.bowe@verizon.net](mailto:Michele.bowe@verizon.net).

Note: Your name and address will not be shared with the participating organizations.