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## Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

### Saturday, June 4

5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

### Sunday, June 5

7:30 a.m. ~ Father John

9 a.m.\* ~ Father Witczak

10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Church)\*\*

10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Gym)\*\*

12:30 p.m. ~ Father John (Church)

5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim



\*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.

### Holy Hour

Thursday before first Friday of each month: 9 - 10 p.m.

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

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## This Weekend

### Centennial Event: Parish Picnic

Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. Masses, school auditorium, school parking lot, and on the Field of Dreams.



## Readings • Ascension Of The Lord

### First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

As Jesus gathers his disciples together, their thoughts are still on an earthly kingdom: "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" But Jesus urges them to think in broader terms. Only God knows when these things will come to pass, but for them there is a mission that reaches far beyond the boundaries of Israel, "to the ends of the earth." Even before he has fully vanished from their sight, angels appear, standing beside them and calling their attention back to earth.

### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul prays for the Christian community at Ephesus, and his prayer is that they might receive "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge." For knowledge and understanding will lead to hope in Christ, who has been raised and now sits at the Father's right hand. Christ has ascended but is not gone.

### Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

This is the first appearance of the risen Christ to the Eleven; he has already appeared to the women. "They worshiped, but they doubted." The two are not mutually exclusive, and there will be fear as well as faith in the life of the Church. Jesus gives to his community of doubt and belief the great commission to teach and baptize, and a great promise as well: "I am with you always, until the end of the age." With these words the Gospel according to St. Matthew ends.

## Ascension Of The Lord

### 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  
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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** — 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).



### From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

Today is our Centennial picnic. Even if you came to an earlier Mass, feel welcome to come back at 11:30 a.m. for some family fun. Our parish is known for its spirit of community.

Each year I interview every new family coming to our school. Our Welcoming Committee reaches out to smooth the way by helping new parishioners feel more comfortable in their new parish. When I ask the younger families, and when the Welcoming Committee asks new members, why they have joined Blessed Sacrament, there is one word that consistently is mentioned: community. In other words, most people join Blessed Sacrament, not because of the priests, or the myriad programs, or the school or the School of Religion, but rather it is because of the spirit of friendship, camaraderie, care and compassion lived so beautifully here at Blessed Sacrament. The community spirit is an instant draw for those who want to become more involved.

Our picnic today is an occasion of fun, family and community. If you were not planning on joining us, please stay or come back. The heart of any parish is the quality of its parishioners. We have the best parishioners! Let's celebrate that today.

*Father John*

**Poor Box Donations in June** will benefit Damien Ministries, an organization that assists people living with HIV/AIDS through transitional housing, case management, a food bank, and a retreat program. It also helps churches and faith communities establish their own HIV/AIDS ministries.

**Outreach Weekend** — This weekend is Outreach Weekend, our monthly collection of food items and monetary donations for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

**Join The Blessed Sacrament Facebook Page** — Here is the link: [www.facebook.com/pages/Blessed-Sacrament-DC/185718194813818](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Blessed-Sacrament-DC/185718194813818) or search for Blessed Sacrament DC.

### Did You Know??

That although people with different abilities are welcome to sit anywhere in the congregation at Blessed Sacrament, they frequently sit in the back or close to the exits. If you are particularly sensitive to noises or motion during Mass, avoiding these areas may be beneficial. 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](mailto:evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org).

### Youth Corner

**Question For The Week** — As a young man or woman, growing in faith, at what point are you challenged to choose: either remain faithful to Christ and the Church, or go the way of society and culture? (Source: [www.harcourtreligion.com](http://www.harcourtreligion.com))



#### Youth Group Calendar Of Events

**June 13 - 18:** Trip to New Orleans

**June 26 - July 1:** Community Service Trip to Tennessee; contact Mark McCaffrey at [mmccaffrey@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:mmccaffrey@blessedsacramentdc.org) if you are interested in attending.

**Summer Art Camp @ Blessed Sacrament** — Blessed Sacrament School art teacher, Ms. Judy Kearns, will be offering a summer art camp at Blessed Sacrament again this year. It is open to all children age five and older. Ms. Kearns will work with younger children on an individual basis. The camp is focused on exploring a variety of subjects and materials; emphasis is on creativity and developing friendships. The camp runs in weekly sessions **June 27 through July 30**, 12:30-3 p.m. Cost is \$225. All supplies and a snack are included. For more info, contact Ms. Kearns at [jkearns@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jkearns@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 301.704.2470.

**Carnation Sale** — Good weather, beautiful flowers and your great generosity combined for another great success. Proceeds of \$1,1200 will benefit the Northwest Pregnancy Center and Maternity Home. Thanks to all who supported this annual Mother's Day event.

**Sing For The Summer In June & July** — The 5:30 Sunday Mass choir needs a few extra voices for the summer while our members take some time off. We're also looking for a guitarist, bassist, or other solo instrument. Meet with us at 4:45 on Sunday afternoon in the Duffy Parish Center for that Sunday's Mass. No experience is necessary, just a love of singing and willingness to give a little time. Contact Ginny Curtin ([GUCurtin@gmail.com](mailto:GUCurtin@gmail.com)) for more information or just come on Sunday.

**On The Front Cover** — A photo from the archives: 1970s Gym Mass celebration.

### Newly Baptized

Charles Allen Cleghorn  
Hudson Samuel Leber

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

Zachary Balog  
Jane Collins  
Joaquinita Diaz  
Mary Lou Gomez

Mary Jo Nash  
Judy O'Hara  
Peter Sullivan  
Betsy Toland

### More From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

The Cardinal has chosen Reverend Ron Potts to be the next pastor of Blessed Sacrament, succeeding me on July 6, 2011. I couldn't be more pleased for the parish, as I know Father Potts to be a wonderful priest—kind, loving, compassionate, and perhaps most important of all, caring and loving towards all.

Father Potts has been a pastor in two parishes already in his young priesthood. He took Monsignor Tom Well's place at Mother Seton Parish in Germantown when he died, and more recently, has been pastor at Sacred Heart Parish in La Plata. Father Potts is originally from Southern Maryland, so his family roots run deep in that part of the Archdiocese.

I spoke to Father Potts last week, and he is thrilled to be coming to Blessed Sacrament and is anxious to be a great shepherd to all our wonderful parishioners. He will arrive just after the 4th of July. Please welcome him with open arms. He will be a blessing to us all.

*Father John*

### Food for Thought: "The Perfect Pastor"

While going over my notes, I found someone's ideal portrait of "The Perfect Pastor." As you begin to think about what you would like to have in your new pastor, the following is a 'tongue in cheek' representation of what someone wrote is their ideal pastor if they could have their choice.

—*Father John*

"The results of a computerized survey indicate the perfect pastor preaches exactly 15 minutes. He condemns sin but never upsets anyone. He works from 8 a.m. until midnight and is also a janitor. He makes about \$50 a week, wears good clothes, buys good books, drives a good car and gives about \$50 a week to the poor. He is 28 years of age and has been preaching for 30 years. He has a burning desire to work with teenagers and spends all of his time with senior citizens. The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face because he has a sense of humor that keeps him seriously dedicated to his work. He makes 15 calls daily on parish families, shut-ins and hospitalized; he spends all his time evangelizing the unchurched and is always in his office when needed. If your pastor does not measure up, simply send this letter to six other parishes that are tired of their pastor too. Then bundle up your pastor and send him to the church at the top of the list. In one week, you will receive 1,643 pastors and one of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months."

## Ascension Of The Lord

### Visit Your Parish Library

'The journeys we take to fill in our time and our coffee tables, and the pilgrimages we make to change our hearts, are hard to tell apart', writes Adam Gopnik (Americans in Paris, Introduction). Travel and the books that result have a powerful attraction, fuelling wonder at the marvels beyond our familiar landscape. Each of the following gives us a view of places that have drastically changed: for the better? You must decide.

"The Colossus of Maroussi," by Henry Miller (914.9 M612 C714), gift of Wilson Dizard. Some people consider this account of a visit to Greece just before World War II among the greatest travel books ever written. Miller is transformed by the landscape, the history, and particularly by the people he meets, especially the 'colossus' of the title, Katsimbalis. He writes, 'They brought me face to face with myself, they cleansed me of hatred and jealousy and envy'.

"In Time Like Glass: Reflections on a Journey in Asia," by Evelyn Ames (910 A527 I574).

The author, a poet and novelist, traveled to Iran, Afghanistan, Nepal and India. She describes living on a houseboat in Kashmir, viewing an Indian shrine near a nuclear reactor, and, on a bus tour, observed 'the measured movements of oxen ploughing, like the deliberate movements of cattle in the streets – so exasperating to the hurrying Westerners'.

"The Tree Where Man Was Born," by Peter Matthiessen, and The African Experience, by Eliot Porter (910 M177 T722).

Two well-known naturalists join 'to evoke the African experience from the upper Nile in Sudan, south through Tanzania and north-west to the Kenyan frontier.' This book has over one hundred color photographs of lands and scenes that are now changed. The travelers describe animals, people and places and observe field scientists and anthropologists who have given new insights into man's origins.

To borrow these and other travel books, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

### Outreach

#### Elder Issues: Facilitating Difficult Family Conversations

— This Tuesday, **June 7**, 7 p.m., NNV and IONA Senior Services are sponsoring a special program, which is designed to assist families in discussing, planning for and taking action on the difficult issues that can come with the aging process and many are dealing with currently in their families. The program is intended to identify issues that should/could be discussed, provide suggestions and tips on how to conduct the conversation, and explore how and when the presence of a third party can be helpful. If interested, please RSVP to 202.797.8852 or [events@fawcettaw.com](mailto:events@fawcettaw.com). Questions? Contact the Social Concerns, 202.449.3987 or [pkavamaugh@blessedsacramentdc.com](mailto:pkavamaugh@blessedsacramentdc.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.

<b>Monday</b>	Coffee & Conversation
<b>Tuesday</b>	RENEW and the Word
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Class With Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

Blessed Sacrament Adult Center — As mentioned last week, 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. Over the next few weeks we will highlight some of our activities. On Wednesday's we offer a superb art class, which is led by parishioner Dick Swartz. Dick is an award-winning water color artist who also teaches classes at the historic Washington Arts Club and many local senior living residences. In his teaching, Dick focuses on God's beautiful creations, emphasizing the unique gifts God has given each of us, including artistic abilities we may not even realize. Please come and join us Wednesdays at noon to explore and share yours. (Because the end time of the 11 a.m. Mass varies, specific activities, such as art classes, bridge, etc. begin at noon.) Contact Rita Killian at [r.killian@verizon.net](mailto:r.killian@verizon.net) or 202.363.5069.



**Chimes Chatter** — As noted last week, there is no known depiction of the Crucifixion (as is prominent on our Bell Tower) until after the time of Constantine the Great (4th C.). Absence of symbols of the Cross may be attributed to persecutions of the first Christians for visible portrayals of their faith. We find the two earliest Christian signs of the Crucifixion being: one on a panel of an ivory casket (circa 400 A.D.) now in the British Museum, and the second, a wood carving on one door of the Church of Santa Sabina, Rome (circa 430 A.D.). **Who Knew?:** Two other prominent churches having an "outside Crucifix" come to mind, namely Notre Dame de la Garde Basilica (1864), Marseille, France. The other being St. Vincent Ferrer (1918) on Lexington Avenue, NYC. By placing the crucifixion outside the church, the builders created an extremely new and unique design. Up until that time in this nation, the crucifixion had never been placed outside of the church, and even today it is a rarity. Do you know of other examples? (What would you like to know about "your" chimes? Call 202.244.4833)

### Bulletin Schedule Summer 2011

Publication Date	Deadline
June 12	June 6
June 26	June 20
July 10	July 5
July 24	July 18
August 7	August 1
August 21	August 15

**Athletics & Fun!**  
**Sports Conditioning Summer Camp**  
**@ Blessed Sacrament!**

**Registration is still open for the following sessions in July:**

**Session 1: July 18 – 22**

**Session 2: July 25 - 29**

Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost is \$325 per week.

Soccer, flag football, fitness and other fun games for your sports superstar! Open to all Blessed Sacrament parish boys and girls grades five through eight by 2011 fall semester. No matter what your sport, you will have fun at the Sports Conditioning Camp with Xcel fitness expert and former collegiate football player, Jeremy Patten and Blessed Sacrament School Coach Jeff Kelly. Whether it's through body strength-training, speed and agility drills, and sport-specific training, your athlete will learn skills that will help them throughout their sports life. Learned skills will be put to the test with a multitude of fun, organized sports games, where coaches will stress techniques necessary to take your competitor's fitness to the next level. We will evaluate strength, speed, and skills at the beginning and end of each week in order to set goals and chart progress.

Questions? Jeff "Mr. K" Kelly, teacher/Camp Co-Director at [jkelly@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jkelly@blessedsacramentdc.org) or fitness trainer/Camp Co-Director Jeremy Patten at: [jeremy@xcelfitness.net](mailto:jeremy@xcelfitness.net).

**Caring For The Parish Gardens** — The grounds of the parish have been especially colorful this Spring with abundant flowers and lush grass because of the plentiful rainfall. But a hot Washington summer is already upon us along with the need to supplement unpredictable rain with water from hoses held by dedicated volunteers. If you can spare about an hour a week at a time convenient to your schedule, please contact Cleo Tavani, the lead gardener for the Guild of Parish Gardeners at 301.656.7131 or [www.cleotava@verizon.net](mailto:www.cleotava@verizon.net). Volunteers interested in special grounds projects such as rehabbing flower beds, building patios, picking up trash, etc. are also welcome.

### Faith Formation

**Registration For School Of Religion 2011-2012 Classes** is now open. Please register at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/) and get an early start for the fall. If you would like a paper version of the registration form, please stop by the Religious Education Office, second level, Duffy Parish Center, Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and pick one up. Religious education classes will begin September 18 (Sunday) and September 20 (Tuesday).

**Catechetical Methodology:** Training course to implement the new ADW curriculum. Catechists will learn valuable skills in lesson planning with the curriculum. Dates: **June 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 & 21**; 7 to 9 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament School. To register: [rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org).

### From The Archdiocese

**Family Support Ministry Day for Persons with Special Needs** — The Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries invites persons who are Deaf and/or disabled and their families to learn more about spiritual and social service supports available to them on Saturday, **June 11**, from noon - 3:45 p.m. The keynote address on insights into keeping the faith and navigating the unique challenges of raising a child who has a disability will be given by a father of a teen with autism. Parents can sign up that day to meet privately with archdiocesan clergy who can offer spiritual direction and religious educators who can answer questions on special needs catechesis. Families can also meet directly with a range of social service providers who offer programs in the area of education, housing and employment for those with special needs. Interpreters will be on hand in ASL and Spanish and the location is wheelchair accessible. However, for this event, child care is not available. A Vigil Mass for the Feast of Pentecost will follow at 4 p.m. The Center for Deaf Ministries is located at 7202 Buchanan Street, next to St. Mary's Landover Hills. The event is free, but registration is requested. Find the link on Facebook at Faith, Deafness and Disabilities: Archdiocese of Washington. For more information, contact Peg Kolm, Department of Special Needs Ministries, at 301.459.7464 or at [mkolm@adw.org](mailto:mkolm@adw.org).

**2011 Run For Vocations Marine Corps Marathon & 10K** — Join the "Run for Vocations" team on Sunday, **October 30**, to support our seminarians of the Archdiocese of Washington. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. Besides supporting our seminarians, this is a unique experience to meet others, grow in faith and get in shape. For more information and to register, visit [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org), or contact Jenny Mulhare at 301.853.4580 or at [mulharej@adw.org](mailto:mulharej@adw.org).

### From The Community

**Courses Offered By Washington Theological Union (WTU)** — Spiritual growth is a hope for most of us who are serious about our relationship with God. To respond to this desire, WTU trains women and men, lay and religious, in the art of Christian Spiritual Direction. If you feel called to be a spiritual director, the WTU Spiritual Direction Studies Program may be the place to start. If interested in pursuing this training, contact Sister Carol Ries at [ries@wtu.edu](mailto:ries@wtu.edu) or call her at 202.541.5220. If you would like to receive spiritual direction for your own spiritual growth, you can request a list of local directors from Sister Carol also.

#### Sponsor Of The Week

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*The Feast of Corpus Christi • June 26<sup>th</sup>*  
*100th Birthday Party • October 7<sup>th</sup> (details below)*  
*Reunion • October 8<sup>th</sup> (details below)*



**Buy your tickets  
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## 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party

Sit down dinner, drinks and dancing under the tent on school/church grounds.

I would like to purchase my ticket at \$125 per person before June 30<sup>th</sup>/ \$150 after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bring your family/friends.**

I would like to purchase a table of ten available thru June 30<sup>th</sup> @ \$1,200 per table.

## School Reunion at Blessed Sacrament

In the tent, under the stars and in your old classroom.

Beer and wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dancing, get re-acquainted.

I would like to purchase my ticket at \$65 per person until June 30<sup>th</sup> /\$90 after June 30<sup>th</sup>.

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Number of Birthday Party tickets _____	@ \$125 = _____
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Number of School Reunion tickets _____	@ \$65 = _____
Number of Combo tickets (both events) _____	@ \$165 = _____
	<b>Total = _____</b>

I would like more information. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

I won't be able to attend but would like to make a contribution.

Make checks payable to: Blessed Sacrament Centennial

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For more information, contact Tom Howe at 202-449-3977, [thowe@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:thowe@blessedsacramentdc.org).

