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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, March 26
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

Sunday, March 27
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O
9 a.m. ~ Father Witczak
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim (Church)*
10:30 a.m. ~ Father John (Gym)*
12:30 p.m. ~ Father O
5:30 p.m. ~ Father John

Saturday, April 2
~ Father O

Sunday, April 3
~ Father John
~ Father Armstrong
~ Father O
~ Father Jim
~ Father John
~ Father Jim

*Nursery services available in the 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 Family Pilgrimage — Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass at the Shrine of the National Basilica in the upper church. A scavenger hunt, lunch and guided tour will follow after the Mass.

100 Years Of Catholic Social Teaching: The Experience Of Lay People — Sunday, noon in the school auditorium.

Readings • 3rd Sunday Of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This is a moment of decision. The people are weary and their thirst makes them desperate. Moses fears for his life and pleads with God. God responds by working a great wonder for the people. Just days before, God parted the waters of the Red Sea to make a passage for them. Now, at God's word, Moses' staff splits the rock and water flows forth for the people to drink.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

This passage from the letter to the Romans is typical St. Paul: dense and complex, with the Pauline vocabulary of justification, faith, hope, and love. Perhaps the key concept for this Third Sunday of Lent is the point on which the passage ends: that Christ died not for the righteous, but for sinners.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The first lines place Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well in the midst of the age-old enmity between Jews and Samaritans. They shared not only a common ancestor, Jacob, but read the same scriptures and worshiped the same God. But their differences drove them apart, and for a devout Jew contact with a Samaritan was enough to incur ritual uncleanness. Their long dialogue is a gradual process of initiation; there is a movement from resistance to acceptance, from literal to symbolic.

3rd Sunday Of Lent

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Duffy Parish Center

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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.



From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

This week, in the middle of the Lenten season, we are asked to reflect on the challenge of Jesus, speaking through our bishops, to be cognizant of the Church's call to reach out in social justice to all. Please reflect on the seven themes taken from Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, which encourage us to be involved in the challenges of the Gospel as placed upon us today. May these statements prepare us for today's 12 p.m. discussion led by Martin Trimble and E.J. Dionne in the Duffy Parish Center.

Ask yourself the question, particularly during this Lenten season; how are you responding to the challenge of the U.S. Catholic Bishops?

Do you have respect for the life and dignity of every person?

Do you see yourself as part of a larger community and promote family as the central social institution of our society?

Do you protect human rights for all?

Are you willing to give a preferential option for the poor and vulnerable?

Do you reverence the dignity of work and the rights of workers?

Do you live in solidarity with all people, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences?

Do you have a healthy respect for our Earth and consciously care for God's creation?

May this day remind us all of the need to consciously live the Gospel in a world filled with war, tension, the loss of respect for family and a wasteful response to the glory of God's creation.

Father John

Poor Box Donations in March will benefit the Dorothy Day Catholic Worker House, which provides a home for up to five formerly homeless families and also distributes food and clothing to those in need.

April/May E-Newsletter — The deadline submitting articles, photos, or other content for the April/May issue of the Blessed Sacrament electronic newsletter is this Friday, **April 1**. Please email all such contributions to newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Did You Know??

That people with dyslexia or other reading disabilities may have trouble understanding written information, and that it may be more helpful to them to receive instructions verbally. For more information about this ministry and 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.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — Share about a time in your own life when you experienced the power of Christ guiding and strengthening you, especially as you grow into young adulthood, facing the range of options before you in life.

(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

Interested In Becoming More Involved In Blessed Sacrament School? — Are you willing to offer some of your time and talent to help Blessed Sacrament School maintain, and improve upon, its standards of excellence? If so, please consider submitting your application for one of three positions that will be open on the school advisory board for the 2011-2012 academic year. A background in education, technology, or fundraising/ development would be particularly helpful. Interested applicants should submit a resume and a cover letter to Chris Kelly by Monday, **April 4**. Chris Kelly can be reached at ckelly@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Calling All Children: Reenact The Passion During The Gym Mass On Palm Sunday — Please join the Gym Mass community on Sunday, **April 17**, as the children of the parish reenact the Passion. All children are welcome to participate. If you are interested in taking part in the reenactment, please contact Heather Conley, 301.215.6673 or conley@starpower.net to sign up. There will be one rehearsal immediately prior to the Palm Sunday Gym Mass beginning at 8:30 a.m. in the auditorium where parts and costumes will be assigned and a light breakfast will be served.

MOMS News — Please join the Blessed Sacrament Ministry of Mothers Sharing (MOMS) group for its annual family Lenten service project. The group will be preparing bagged lunches for Martha's Table to distribute to the hungry and homeless in our community next Sunday, **April 3**, at 4 p.m. All parish families are welcome to join them as they make sandwiches and bag lunches. It is a way to prepare our hearts for Easter. Please contact Liz Yost or Brooke Thomas at brookelthomas@mac.com for details.

Tour Of The Baltimore Cathedral – “Back To Our Roots” – A Centennial Event — Enjoy an in-depth Cathedral tour with a group of Blessed Sacrament parishioners next Monday, **April 4**, at 11 a.m. Sponsored by 2nd & 4th Monday Club. All are welcome. Advanced reservations required. Cost \$25 per person, which includes transportation to and from Blessed Sacrament. Call Rita Killian 202.363.5069.

In The Daystar Gallery — Vicki Malone, a long-time parishioner, has completed some wonderful works of art entitled Symbols of the Saints. The pictures are enhanced by a short description of each saint represented. What makes this particular art exhibit on the second floor of the Duffy Parish Center so meaningful is the combination of the artwork with words explaining the symbolism behind the pictures. I highly recommend that all parishioners stop in at the gallery and spend some quiet time reflecting upon the beautiful artwork and magnificent descriptions. Your Lenten season will be enhanced by these beautiful pictures done in water colors. On display all through Lent until Easter. —Father John

Year-End Statements Available Upon Request — The annual contribution statements for tax purposes will be provided only upon request. To request a statement, contact Grace at 202.449.3979 or gpereira@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Lenten Activities This Week

On the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent we participate in the Scrutinies. The universal Church hears the stories of the Samaritan woman, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing. In our faith journey with those seeking Baptism, we must stir our souls, as if they were dying campfires, to expose any parts of ourselves that have not been purified by the burning love of the Holy Spirit. Take this gift of the Church and use this group of readings as Lenten reflections. Read them slowly, asking the Lord to give you the grace to hear what is being said to you.

This Sunday, March 27: First Scrutiny, Gospel Story: The Samaritan Woman at the Well — 10:30 Mass. We are challenged with the Samaritan woman at the well when we thirst for the Lord, who knows what we need and provides it.

Wednesday, March 30: Bread, Book & Brethren Annual Day Of Recollection — 8:45 a.m. to Mass at 2:30 p.m. at the Washington Retreat House. All parishioners are invited to join the Bible Study Group on this day, which will be led by Father Armstrong. \$30 fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. For more info and to register, eniko.basa@verizon.net.

Wednesday, March 30: The Light Is On For You; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. Stop by any parish in the archdiocese during this time (every Wednesday evening during Lent) to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Friday, April 1: Stations of the Cross Followed by Pizza Social; 6:10 p.m. Join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross in the church followed by a pizza social in the Duffy Parish Center, main level.

Faith In The Marketplace Meeting This Friday — Men of the parish are invited to attend first Friday Mass at 6:30 a.m. on **April 1**, then go to the Duffy Parish Center for fellowship, coffee, and muffins from 7 to 7:45 a.m. and to hear guest speaker John Higgins address "Life in the 1980s at Blessed Sacrament and in the World" as part of its Centennial Speakers Program. John is a Boston native and has been a Blessed Sacrament parishioner for over 40 years. He recently retired from the NLRB after 46 years of service and now teaches at Catholic University School of Law. John has been active in the parish Boy Scout program for many years and is currently chairman of Troop 90's Parents Committee.

Newly Baptized

Gloria Jane Brooner
Caroline Kelley Jezior
Michael Victor Vengazo

Rest In Peace

Deacon David Allen William Englert Frank Ross

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

Zachary Balog Mary Jo Nash
Joaquinita Diaz Judy O'Hara
Mary Lou Gomez Peter Sullivan

Visit Your Parish Library

What are the magazines saying?

'All War, All the Time,' by George Weigel, First Things, April, 2011, 29-36. 'The commission for New Martyrs of the Great Jubilee of 2000 concluded that there were likely twice as many martyrs in the twentieth century that in the previous nineteen centuries of Christian history combined.' Weigel writes that the archives recently opened show the extent to which communism regimes through secret police and spies tried to influence church policies and political events. He proposes 'some lessons for the defense of religious freedom in the future'.

'The immolations of the Cure d'Ars' by Fr. Lance W. Harlow, Homiletic & Pastoral Review, March, 2011. 18-23. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, the Cure d'Ars, arrived at his new parish in 1818 'Ars was no gem...there were only sixty households... the parishioners were described as pagans in practice who manifested not only extreme religious indifference but also illiteracy...the young people had grown up during the French revolution and were both ignorant of the faith and proud of that fact'. The story of the saint's life is described in several biographies in the library. However, this article describes, sensitively and graphically five 'immolations' which he bore heroically.

'The Longing for Union, Justice, Freedom and Peace for Venezuela', by the Venezuela Bishops, Origins, March 17, 2011. In July, the people of Venezuela will celebrate the bicentennial of the country's Declaration of Independence. A 'pastoral exhortation' criticized recent laws which 'seek to impose...a totalitarian socialist system that only increases the circle of poverty...' More power will be concentrated in the hands of Hugo Chavez. Those who do not share the president's proposals, which were rejected in a referendum in 2007, will face discrimination.

Donations Of Stock

To make a donation of stock to Blessed Sacrament, please follow these instructions:

Securities Held by Broker:

Deliver to Wells Fargo Securities as follows:
Field of Dreams/Capital Campaign: DTC 141
Account No.: 15958205
General Fund: DTC 141; Account No.: 76906850
Your Broker should notify (1) John Talbott, Wells Fargo Securities, 301.961.0119 and (2) Blessed Sacrament Parish Development Office, 202.966.6575, of the amount and type of security being transferred, as well as the donor's name.

Securities Held by Parishioner:

Do Not Sign Certificate.
Mail to: Mr. John Talbott, Wells Fargo Securities, 7600 Wisconsin Ave., #900, Bethesda, MD 20814
Under separate cover, sign and mail a stock power with letter of instruction to deposit the security in either of the above accounts. Notify the Parish Development Office, 202.966.6575, of amount, type of security, and donor's name.

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.

Monday	Chair Aerobics
Tuesday	RENEW and the Word
Wednesday	Art Class With Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Outreach

Social Concerns Day Of Recollection Sunday, April 10 — Join members of the Social Concerns Office and Outreach Commission for a Day of Recollection to discuss "Homelessness and Hunger in our Community Today." Speakers from Mary House and the Community Council for the Homeless at Friendship Place will conduct this seminar, which will begin after the 10:30 Masses, on the main level of the Duffy Parish Center. Lunch provided. RSVP to Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

Community Garden/Fresh Food for Shepherd's Table — Thanks to the Scouts, Environmental Action Ministry participants, and gardening parishioners who cleaned up the community garden, prepared the soil in the plots, and planted cool weather crops on a beautiful morning last Saturday. We ask all parishioners to consider growing a potted vegetable plant or a row of fresh produce in a home garden to donate to Shepherd's Table throughout the summer. There will be baskets for home-grown fresh vegetable donations in the front vestibule of the Church every Sunday during the summer.

Dramatic Reading Of 'Arcadia' — 7 p.m., Wednesday, **March 30.** Join the parish thespians in the parish library for a reading (or listening) of Tom Stoppard's greatest play to date. It begins in 1809, at the Derbyshire, England, estate of the Coverly family where a thirteen-year-old is studying an algebraic puzzle. It bounces back and forth in time; with wit and humor Stoppard explores the nature of truth and history and many other universal themes, all in the framework of the same family. Discussion and refreshments. For more info, John Dluhy at 202.841.6925.

2011 Annual Jubilarian Mass — The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, **June 5**, at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Donald Cardinal Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Registration forms, available in the back of the church and in the parish center, should be turned into the parish office by Monday, **April 11.**

Vehicle For Sale — Deacon Jeff Lewis is heading back to his home diocese in Spokane, Washington. As a part of his transition, Jeff is putting his car up for sale. It is a 2002 Dodge Stratus (a red, four-door sedan). It has only 89,000 miles on it, half of which are highway miles. Deacon Jeff bought the car when it was only a year old, so he's basically its only owner. He is asking for \$6,500. If you're interested, contact Father John in the parish office.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **FAB Electric** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



Chimes Chatter — “I hear chimes every day. They must be automatic,” you state, “so what kind of things could go wrong?” Well if I were rattled and vibrated every 15 minutes, over 150 times each day (or yearly over 56,000 times), I too would start to show signs of wear and breakage. Our chimes have been playing for most of these past 75 years, but there have been “down times.” We have experienced

broken wire connections, burned-out copper-wound coils, frayed wire rope harnesses hanging bronze tubes, blown fuses, loosened/missing bolts and screws, corroded contacts from sparking, severely compacted rawhide plunger tips, worn bearings, and shrunk carbon brushes on motors, to name a few. Sacrificial components were ingeniously engineered to be user-friendly-identifiable and efficiently replaceable, but parts are difficult to find as Deagan Company closed 40 years ago. As a testament to the superb quality of original materials and cleverness of Deagan’s engineers, the permanence of chime’s machinery is validated in the robustness of components over these years. With continued volunteerism, appropriate care and observation to lubrication, there is every reason to believe that our chimes are capable of operating for another 75 years and more. Learn how to play our paper roll, tape player at our next meeting Saturday, **April 2**, 8 a.m. (Call 202.244.4833).

CENTENNIAL EVENT

Sponsored by the Wellness Committee

Phyllis Theroux, noted author, columnist and former Northampton Street resident, will share with us her remembrances of Blessed Sacrament and the surrounding neighborhood. Copies of her 1988 Washington Post essay, “Funeral for a Bag Lady,” highlighting Msgr. Duffy’s pastoral spirit of generosity in the community will be distributed. Please join us for these reminiscences:

**A Celebration Of Aging
1911 – 2011**

**Saturday, April 16
11 a.m. – Noon**

**Duffy Parish Center
Main Level (off parking lot) Large Room**

Refreshments and Book Sales/Signing: 10:30 – 11 a.m.

***Exclusive Opportunity for Journaling Seminar*
9:30 to 10:30 a.m.**

Interested in learning more about journaling? Phyllis will conduct a journaling seminar from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center, parking lot level (large meeting room). The cost for the journaling seminar, including a hardcover copy of her book, is \$30. Registration and payment are only required for the journaling seminar, so please register and pay at: www.blessedsacramentdc.org/event/2011-04-16-book-journaling/. Questions? Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987/pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.



More than 20 years ago, Greg Gannon, a parishioner at Blessed Sacrament, started a food drive to help the poor in our area. Together with his wife, “Mo,” and a small group of friends, they went door to door, collecting cans and boxed food items, delivering help and hope to those in need—and in the process, energizing and inspiring their own community.

A special tradition was born, and it grew to exceed anyone’s expectations: In the two decades since Greg Gannon and his friends began knocking on doors, hundreds of people have participated in the yearly Advent drive, and more than 720,000 cans of food have been collected and donated to area food banks. Once people participate, they tend to make it an annual family ritual: 75-80 percent of the volunteers have participated more than once, with many participating for years.

The drive is now named for Greg, who continued to be involved even after his diagnosis of brain cancer in 2001, right up until his death in 2006, at the age of 55. The community’s commitment to his legacy has never wavered and is in fact growing: In the past three years, the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive has collected more than 25 percent of all the food items amassed during the drive’s entire history. In 2010 nearly 600 people participated, collecting 61,114 cans of food items on one day—a new record!

This year, we would like to do even better. For the Centennial of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, we are launching a new campaign: “100,000 cans for 100 years.” Please help us reach our goal by pledging 50, 100, 200 or more cans between now and December. We hope that the pledged food items will double our annual total, allowing us to celebrate 100 years as a community of faith in a manner truly befitting Jesus’ commandment to “love one another.”

It will be a tremendous effort; we need your help. Please fill out the pledge card and mail it back to us or leave it in the back of the church on Sunday. Canned food items can be donated at any time and dropped off at the parish center. Online donations can be made at www.blessedsacramentdc.org/giving. We will use these donations to purchase canned food items.

Thank you for your generous support as we continue to celebrate 100 years of our church, faith and community

Gratefully,

Msgr. John J. Enzler

Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh
Director, Social Concerns Office, at 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.



Look for your pledge card in the mail.

Tickets To The 2011 Emmy Awards Or To The Final Caps Game Can Be Yours...



His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington and His Excellency Edwin O'Brien, Archbishop of Baltimore, Honorary Co-Chairs, and the Catholic Coalition for Special Education (CCSE) are honored to invite you to CCSE's 6th Anniversary Spring Benefit:

If you believe in me... I'll believe in me!

**Saturday, April 2, 2011
Cocktails & Hors d'Oeuvres at 6:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.
Cocktail Attire; Valet Parking**

Master of Ceremonies: Reverend William Byrne; Spring Benefit Chair: Carin Collins

Live and silent auctions featuring 2011 Emmy Awards ticket package including limo and two nights at the Ritz Carlton, Marina Del Rey; 'On the glass' tickets to the final Capitals game.

For location and more information, visit www.ccse-maryland.org or call 301.977.2544.

JOIN OUR STREAM TEAM

Clean Up Rock Creek Park With Fellow Blessed Sacrament Parishioners



Take out the trash!

April 9, 2011

8:45 a.m. to Noon

Meet at intersection of Broad Branch Rd and Linnean Ave; park on nearby streets

Clean up will follow Broad Branch tributary to intersection with Rock Creek at Beach Drive

Bags, gloves, and maps provided.
Children should be accompanied by an adult.

Register at
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/april85>

Questions? Jon Foley 301-585-5991
jfoley5east@gmail.com



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