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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

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

Sunday, March 6
7:30 a.m. ~ Father John
9 a.m. ~ Father Jim
10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Church)*
10:30 a.m. ~ Father John (Gym)*
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Saturday, March 12
~ Father O

Sunday, March 13
~ Father John
~ Father Witczak
~ Father John
~ Father Jim
~ Father O
~ 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

Outreach Weekend — This weekend is Outreach Weekend for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

Outreach Centennial Celebration Collection — First Sunday of each month. Last names ending in: A-D: Peanut Butter; E-H: Meat Based Soup; I-K: Cereal; L-N: Chicken Soup; O-Q: Tuna Fish; R-T: Fruit; U-W: Beefaroni; X-Z: Jelly. Our Sister School, St. Thomas More, will receive the food donations collected today.

Readings For The 9th Sunday In Ordinary Time

First Reading: Deuteronomy 11:18, 26-28, 32

The reading from Deuteronomy comes in the midst of the covenant at Horeb, as Moses addresses the chosen people who are about to enter the Promised Land. Moses urges them to treasure "these words of mine" - the law of God - and to keep them close always. That choice is not made just once, but over and over again by everyone that hears God's word.

Second Reading: Romans 3:21-25, 28

Paul has witnessed God's grace poured out on non-Jews, and people who were never part of God's covenant. He explains: "there is no distinction" between Jews and Gentiles - for all have sinned. Our relationship with God is restored not by "works of the law," but by the free grace of God. Paul goes on to say the law still matters and our actions have consequences, but God's favor and forgiveness are a gift.

Gospel: Matthew 7:21-27

The Gospel today is the end of the Sermon on the Mount, which concludes by contrasting words and deeds. It is not enough to say, "Lord, Lord", Jesus tells his disciples. Unless they act on God's word, doing God's will in their lives, their faith is empty. To hear the word, and to act, is to lay a solid foundation that will withstand the wind and the floods.

9th Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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 ...

It's Time to Put On Your Apron for the Cardinal's Appeal!

There's a connection between a simple apron and the pledge envelope for the 2011 Cardinal's Appeal, Seek First the Kingdom of God. An apron is a symbol of service, doing something special for others. It could be worn by a cook preparing a meal, a waiter serving the meal, a cleaner making the place sparkle, or a blacksmith working his trade. Jesus wore an apron when he wrapped a towel around his waist, got down on his knees to wash the feet and serve his followers. We are called to serve as well.

Our contributions to the Cardinal's Appeal allow us to rely on other "apron wearers" to perform vital services throughout our diocese, our community, on our behalf.

The services provided by the Cardinal's Appeal include: Education: tuition assistance for Catholic school students, support for inner city schools, parish religious education, and CYO activities; Chaplaincies and Special Ministries: support for university, hospital and prison chaplains, and social services for minorities, young adults and disabled; Family Life and Pro-Life: funding pregnancy aid centers, birthing and care facilities, family planning and other pro-life activities; Leadership Formation: assistance for lay leadership development, parish life and outreach programs; Vocations and Clergy: financial assistance for seminarians, post-ordination education, care for elderly and ailing retired priests and nuns; Catholic Charities: support for programs at more than 80 locations throughout the diocese for addressing mental health, impoverished, destitute and financial hardship situations.

Our 2011 goal at Blessed Sacrament is \$599,206, a little more than last year's goal. Our parish goal reflects the added strain placed on the diocese by the growing economic hardship faced by many in our community. They need your help; we need your support.

What can you do? Put on your symbolic apron by using the Cardinal's Appeal envelope and making a pledge to serve those less fortunate in our community. You can pay by cash, check or credit card and can extend your pledge payments over ten months. Then drop the completed envelope in the collection basket at Mass. If you have already pledged this year, thank you.

As you are donning your "apron" keep in mind the lyrics from Richard Gillard's The Servant Song — "Will you let me be your servant, / Let me be as Christ to you."

Thank you for your generous support, and God Bless You!

Tim and Mary Gorman

Parish Co-Chairs for the Cardinal's Appeal

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.

New Show To Open At The Daystar Gallery — Tuesday, March 8. Artwork of parishioner Vicki Malone will be featured. Meet the artist reception Sunday, **March 13**, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Youth Corner

Question Of The Week — How can God forgive us over and over again before we ask? (Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

Coffee & Doughnuts Next Sunday — Join fellow parishioners next Sunday, **March 13**, in the school auditorium following the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for this monthly social event.

Communication Workshop For Couples...Why Attend?

This is what a young husband who participated in last year's workshop had to say: "I am busy with work, children and a house renovation and I don't have time to waste, so learning to communicate effectively and efficiently made sense to me. But in addition, I became even more appreciative of my marriage and my wife's many qualities." This workshop will be held on four consecutive Tuesdays, beginning next Tuesday, **March 15**, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. Registration deadline is this Tuesday, **March 8**. For more info or to register, contact Jim & Ann Hoffman at 202.362.4510, 202.486.8291 or hoffmanja2@msn.com.

Stations Of The Cross & Pizza Social — Join us every **Friday** during Lent for Stations of the Cross in the church at 6:10 p.m., followed by a pizza social in the Duffy Parish Center, main level.

St. Patrick's Party — Monday, **March 14**, noon in the Manning Center, sponsored by the 2nd and 4th Monday group. Come join the fun. Irish favorites: food, drink and song! All are welcome. Reservations: call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

Don't Forget To Register For The Women's Retreat Weekend

— Most of the hot pink brochures for this year's women's retreat are gone, so there must be a lot of women out there who are considering participating in this year's retreat weekend **March 18-20** at the Loyola Retreat House. We are only a couple weeks away. Please make the decision to make this retreat weekend a part of your Lenten journey this year! This year's theme is *By His Wounds We Are Healed*. This retreat is open to anyone who is seeking a deeper relationship with God in prayer. For information about the retreat schedule or a description of the program, visit www.loyolaretreat.org or call Jessica Walsh at 301.385.9713. We promise it is worth whatever it takes to get you there! We want you to join us!

Chapel Singers — We're getting back together for our spring/summer set and will be heading back to the senior residences and Sibley to entertain our neighbors with some of their favorite songs. Chapel Singers is an a cappella group that meets on Monday nights in the chapel from 7:30 to 9 p.m. We'll be starting on **March 21**. Contact: Ginny Curtin at GUCurtin@gmail.com.

Did You Know??

That at the Third Annual Conference on Faith, Deafness and Disabilities, being held here at Blessed Sacrament on March 19th, noted musician Tony Melendez will give the afternoon keynote presentation and perform. 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.

Faith Formation

Faith On Tap This Thursday — **March 10**, 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Sister Anne Elizabeth Fiore will be speaking on the topic of "Prayer - Why and How to Pray." Sister Fiore is a nun with the Monastery of Visitation in Georgetown where she teaches Latin, coaches JV softball, and moderates the school's Club Dodge Ball. If you have wondered if your faith could mean more, this is an opportunity to explore faith issues in an open, relaxed atmosphere. Join us for a beverage and light hors d'oeuvres to go along with this thought-provoking talk. Childcare will be available. Let us know if you are coming so we can plan for childcare: Mary Shimp at mshimp@alumni.cmu.edu or 703.201.9803. This event is an outreach of the Centennial Faith Formation Committee.

Ash Wednesday

Liturgies

6:30 a.m.

8 a.m.

11 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

7 p.m.

(Ashes will be distributed at all the Masses after the Homily.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

7 to 8 a.m.

9:45 to 11 a.m.

11:45 to 5:30 p.m.

6:30 to 7 p.m.

8 to 9 p.m.

(We hope to have at least three or four priests hearing confessions during each of the time periods listed above.)

A Reminder — All Catholics from their 18th birthday until and including their 59th birthday are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. One full meal is allowed on the days of fast. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, are allowed. Together the two meals should not exceed the full meal. Drinking of ordinary liquids does not break the fast. In addition, Catholics over the age of 14 are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays of Lent. Source: www.adw.org

Newly Baptized

McKenna Christine Borger
Joaquin Conner Gaertner

Kate Louise Rowan
John Spenser Schutten, IV

Rest In Peace

Eugene McCarthy Kathleen Ann McEvoy Benjamin Ossi

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

Zachary Balog
Joaquinita Diaz

Mary Lou Gomez
Mary Jo Nash
Peter Sullivan

Visit Your Parish Library

John Main (1926-1982), Benedictine monk, priest and founder of the Benedictine priory in Montreal, insisted on the need for 'personal verification of the truths of our faith.' With the authority of a great teacher he wrote of the 'renewal of modern Christian life through the tradition of Christian meditation,' the theme of his many books. He first experienced the power of meditation from the Swami of Kuala Lumpur, as a young member of the British foreign service in Malaysia, as described in an article: (<http://www.spiritualitytoday.org/spir2day/884043harris.html>). While headmaster of St. Anselm's Abbey School in Washington he gave a retreat for the lectors of our parish.

Christian Meditation: Our Oldest and Newest Form of Prayer (Three Cassettes) An important element of John Main's teaching is adoption of a mantra, a significant phrase or word, constantly repeated. The first tape gives the rationale for this in the context of our need for complete silence. He continues with the theological foundation of meditation in the light of St. Paul's teaching before describing the method and tradition of this form of prayer both for the individual and the community.

John Main: Selections (252 M145 S252) This anthology has an introduction by Laurence Freeman, O.S.B., who continued John Main's work in fostering meditation groups in many countries. The extracts give a real sense of Main's teaching about the self, our yearning and hindrances to becoming closer to God, and the crucial part that meditation plays in contemporary action.

Word into Silence (252 M145 W572) As an introduction to John Main's teaching, the third section of this book, 'Twelve Steps for Meditators,' is both clear and persuasive. It emphasizes the importance and simplicity of saying the mantra, and describes its biblical foundation. In addition John Main confronts the common problems of our lives: the feeling of fragmentation, alienation and lack of 'personal harmony.' The book ends with two essays on 'Christian Community.'

Save The Date To Meet The Author — Sunday, March 20, 11:45 a.m., parish library. Parishioner John Mueller will speak about his book "Redeeming Economics: Rediscovering the Missing Element." This highly-acclaimed study shows that how we cherish and give to our families is an essential part of modern economics and goes back to St. Augustine & St. Thomas and how many contemporary books distort the discipline of economics.

Outreach

The Archdiocese Of Washington & Catholic Charities "Share in the Hope" Lenten Food Drive — will take place at Blessed Sacrament again this year. Bags will be available to parishioners next weekend, **March 12-13.** Please take a bag home and fill it with canned goods and return it the following weekend, March 19-20. Questions? pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

Mission Speaker To Speak At Masses March 13 — Every three years each parish is visited by a missionary. Next Sunday, Blessed Sacrament will receive Father Jose Neuenhofer from the Missionary organization of Fundacion Arco Iris, which is located in La Paz, Bolivia.

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

Some's Empty Bowls Soup Supper — SOME (So Others Might Eat) in partnership Blessed Sacrament and the Corcoran College of Art & Design will present an empty bowls supper in the school auditorium on Tuesday, **March 15,** from 6 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$20. Empty Bowls is a evening of fun where local artists donate beautiful handcrafted bowls and local restaurants donate soup, bread and desserts. Guests may select and take home a handcrafted bowl. This bowl will serve as a reminder that although we helped alleviate hunger on one evening, someone's bowl always remains empty. Tickets may be purchased online (www.some.org) before the event or at the door. For more info, contact Megan Gannon at mgannon@some.org or 202.797.8806 x1010.

Workshop On Life Issues And Prenatal Diagnosis — Saturday, **March 19 @ 10 a.m.,** Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Part of the Third Annual Conference on Faith, Deafness & Disabilities. As Catholics we believe that every person is willed and loved by God, with inherent gifts and dignity. However, with new technologies in prenatal testing, this dignity is being called into question. Our region is fortunate to have a local peer ministry, Isaiah's Promise (www.isaiahspromise.net) that provides direct support to mothers, helping them carry to term following a prenatal diagnosis of a disability or lethal condition. At the March 19 workshop, medical providers will discuss ways their professional communities can work with Isaiah's Promise and others to support these families. Panelists include Eileen Ludden, RN, a labor and delivery nurse at Holy Cross Hospital, Dr. Amina White, an OB/GYN from Howard University, and Dr. Constance Battle, a developmental pediatrician who teaches at GW and is a consultant with the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute of Catholic Charities. Register at www.adw.org (yellow box on left). For more information, contact Peg Kolm at 301.853.4560 or at mkolm@adw.org. Updates daily on Facebook — Faith, Deafness & Disabilities: Archdiocese of Washington

Blood Drive...Help Save Lives...100 Pints For The Centennial!! The Social Concerns Office has scheduled Med Star Health to provide blood donor services in the lower level of the Duffy Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sunday, **March 20.** Online registration is available on the parish Web site, or contact Karen Vittone, karen@vittone.com or 301.585.0592. Walk-ins also welcome.

WIN Centennial Event Sunday, March 27 — Mark your calendar for noon on Sunday, **March 27,** for a discussion of social justice and social action featuring journalist and Brookings Institution Senior Fellow, E.J. Dionne Jr., and Martin Trimble, lead organizer of WIN (Washington Interfaith Network), who has a Master of Theological Studies from the Harvard Divinity School.

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



Chimes Chatter — In with March's winds! Ever wonder why sometimes we hear chimes during a windy day and not on calm days, if you live beyond "sound" distance from our bell tower? It is possible to hear bells from a distance a mile away, but with strong sustained winds, this sound or "audibility" distance may be much improved. When our chimes strike, sound waves travel radially from the tower source, much like a stone's resultant ripples in a pond. Take an example of sustained west-to-east winds: some chimes' sound waves traveling against the winds (traveling westerly) are actually forced upward and bend easterly with the sustaining winds' same direction, thereby boosting audibility for listeners living east of the tower (essentially adding to or multiplying sound waves already traveling easterly), and one hears chimes on a windy day. For this same observance, listeners living west of our tower may not hear chimes as well on windy days for they are against the "headwinds." Another phenomenon enhancing this effect is wind velocity increases as height above the ground increases. **Who Knew?:** When winds are erratic and gusty, sounds can come through in "shreds" which may lend a special charm to our "a-pealing" chimes! (Chimes questions? 202.244.4833)

It's Not Too Soon To Start Grilling — This month's SHARE Food Co-op menu includes a variety of meats ideal for satisfying the meat-lover's appetite: sirloin steaks, pork chops, chicken breasts, and hamburger patties . . . all for just \$20. The standard SHARE Value Package includes chicken, turkey, Italian sausage, Canadian bacon, beef ravioli, cookies and a variety of other grocery, fresh fruit and vegetable items, also for just \$20. To order, visit the parish Web site: <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org>. Orders due by Monday, **March 14**.

From The Community

Prime Time Single Catholics Event — Saturday, **March 12**, 6 p.m. Happy Hour at Kate's Irish Pub, 1631 Backlick Road, Springfield, VA. A social for both members and non members. PTSC is open to all single Catholics, 40 and older, who have never married, are widowed, or are divorced with a Church annulment. Questions? Jack Emery, 703.971.8665.

Archbishop Carroll High School Open House — Thursday, **March 17**, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Carroll is accepting applications for all grades (9 through 12) and has a limited number of spaces available for juniors in its International Baccalaureate Program. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available. Archbishop Carroll is located at 4300 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, D.C. Please contact the Admissions Office at 202.529.0900 Ext. 134 for more information.

The Georgetown University Learning Community — non-credit, short courses on the Georgetown University campus for persons "55 or better" during **March and April**. Registration now open. Come join your neighbors and enjoy an intellectual feast. Find more information and to register, visit <http://emeriticourses.georgetown.edu> or contact Kimberly Woolf at lifelonglearning@georgetown.edu or 202.687.1514.



Blessed Sacrament's Home and School Association (HSA) along with the 2011 Benefit Committee wishes to thank the following event sponsors for supporting our spring event, A Night At The Races! We would also like to thank everyone who participated and contributed to our success. What a great demonstration of faith, community, service and scholarship. We are blessed to be a part of this wonderful Blessed Sacrament Community.

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With sincerest gratitude for all of the time, talent and treasure which was shared,

Jessica Walsh & Pat Richitt Mary & Ron Slimp
2011 BSS Benefit Co-Chairs 2010-11 HSA Presidents

Sponsor Of The Week

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

JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF CHRIST



Throughout this very unique and entertaining parish mission, Father Jim Greenfield, OSFS and Father Kevin Nadolski, OSFS, will lead us on a journey to the Sacred Heart. With a fresh focus on saints and symbols, they will present us with new ways to see our broken heartedness in the light of God's love.

**March 14 to 16, 2011
7 to 8:15 p.m.**

**The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament
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