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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 14
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Sunday, May 15
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

Saturday, May 21
~ Father John

Sunday, May 22
~ Father Jim
~ Father Armstrong
~ Father John
~ Father O
~ Father Jim
~ 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.

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

Young Adult Potluck Dinner — Sunday after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Readings • 4th Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Peter concludes his address by demonstrating to the crowd that the Jesus whom they crucified was the chosen one of God, the Christ. The people are "cut to the heart," and this emotion leads to action: they accept a relationship with Jesus through Baptism. It is the same for whole Church in these Easter days, our mourning is meant to lead us to action, to conversion of heart.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Peter continues to reflect on the reality of suffering and persecution in the early Christian community. How did Jesus respond to the cruel treatment meted out to him? With patient endurance and forgiveness, without retaliation. By doing so, Christ not only won forgiveness for our sins, but left us "an example that you should follow in his footsteps."

Gospel: John 10:1-10

Jesus is speaking to the Pharisees, who stubbornly resist his words and witness, and he uses language they should understand, for his "figure of speech" is rich in echoes of the Old Testament. The image of God as shepherd reaches back to Genesis. Jesus speaks even more clearly: he is "the gate for the sheep," and his is the unmistakable voice of the true shepherd.

4th Sunday Of Easter

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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,

In the midst of the Easter Season and as we prepare for the end of the school year, I want to congratulate the 147 First Communicants and 120 Confirmandi. These young people completed another big step on their journey last weekend (the First Communicants) and just before Easter (the Confirmandi).

Thank you to all the Catechists in our school and in the School of Religion. Thanks to our Principal, Chris Kelly, and to our Director of Religious Education, Therese Recinella, for their leadership throughout the year. I want to especially thank the parents, the godparents and the sponsors who watched over this next step on the spiritual journey for the children. It is a team that includes everyone listed above to open their hearts on their journey closer to God. Congratulations to all!

I want to mention again two June events that will take place in just a few weeks. The Parish Picnic will take place on the parking lot and on the Field of Dreams just after the 10:30 a.m. Masses on Sunday, **June 5**. (There will be no parking on the blacktop after the 9 a.m. Mass that day.) This is a free event, and all are invited to join us after Mass for some fun and festivities. The 12:30 Mass on June 5 will take place as usual. The major event to celebrate the Centennial will take place after the 10:30 a.m. Masses. Come in casual attire and enjoy some chicken, hotdogs, hamburgers, chips and ice cream. There will be entertainment – music, games and fun activities – for families and friends. Come and help us celebrate these great parish events on June 5.

Father John

P.S. More about the Corpus Christi Mass and Procession with the Cardinal in next week's bulletin.

Poor Box Donations in May will benefit Covenant House Washington, which provides shelter, food, educational and training programs, and other services for homeless and at-risk youth.

Day Star Art Gallery — The artwork of Marjorie Hirano and Michael Graham, former professors of art at American University, is now featured in the Day Star Art Gallery, Duffy Parish Center, until **June 10**. A reception will be held next Sunday, **May 22**, from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Did You Know??

That May is Mental Health Month? In 1963 President John Kennedy signed into law the Community Mental Health Centers Act which mandated the de-institutionalization of mental institutions, asylums, and hospitals. One in 17 people suffer from a serious mental illness. 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 evolzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — How do you make Jesus your example when you feel the pressure of peers, or the dislike of people who don't understand you?
 (Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

2012 Confirmation Orientation Meeting

All rising 8th grade parish students and parents are welcome to attend the confirmation orientation meeting this Tuesday, **May 17**, 7 p.m., in the school auditorium. If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact Mark McCaffrey at 202.449.3978.



Youth Group Calendar Of Events

May 21: Youth Group Car Wash, Blessed Sacrament parking lot 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come out and help support the Youth Group raise money for the summer community service trips and get your car washed.

June 5 - 10: Trip to New Orleans; 2 spots left

June 13 - 18: Trip to New Orleans; 5 spots left

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

**New At Blessed Sacrament!
Athletes & Fun Summer Camp!!!**



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Cost is \$325 per week.
Sign up by Tuesday, **May 31**.

- Session 1: July 11 – 15
- Session 2: July 18 – 22
- Session 3: July 25 - 29

Weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Soccer, flag football, fitness and other fun games for your sports superstar! Open to all Blessed Sacrament parish boys and girls currently in grades four through seven. If enough sign up for "Before and After Care," it will be available! For more information, see flyer and registration forms in the back of the church and school lobby. Questions? Jeff "Mr. K" Kelly, teacher/Camp Co-Director, and fitness trainer/Camp Co-Director Jeremy Patten at: jkelly@blessedsacramentdc.org, jeremy@xcelfitness.net.

New Parishioner Coffee & Doughnuts — Have you joined Blessed Sacrament parish in the past year? Please join fellow parishioners next Sunday, **May 22**, in the school auditorium for a special edition of coffee & doughnuts after the 10:30 a.m. Masses. It is an opportunity to meet other fellow new parishioners and members of the parish. Representatives will be on hand to help answer questions you might have about getting involved in parish activities. We hope you can join us. Questions? Contact Christy Reap at 202.686.6521 or at christine.reap@gmail.com.

More From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,



Msgr. Thomas G. Smyth

Msgr. Thomas Gibbons Smyth, Blessed Sacrament's founding pastor, died May 19, 1951, after a 41-year tenure. He was an inspiring force for building our current Church structure and for the purchase of our Bell Tower Chimes. We will have a Mass at 5:30 p.m. on **May 19** in his memory.

Over the years since his death, many parishioners have contributed so faithfully to the Monsignor Thomas G. Smyth Endowment Fund for Blessed Sacrament School. In addition to celebrating the memory of Msgr. Smyth, we will remember all the contributors to this very worthwhile program.

Father John



Sanctuary Sodality News — Gracias Ladies! Queen of Angels and Mystical Rose hosted the Sodality's year-end dinner for 119 sodalists on Cinco de Mayo!

The festive theme was carried throughout with colorful decorations, delicious Mexican food and creative libations. During the 5:30 Mass, Father Jim inducted 43 new members! Peg Kolm, Coordinator for the Office of Ministry for Persons with Disabilities of the Archdiocese of Washington, was the featured speaker. Next year's Holiday Bazaar co-chairs were announced; they are: Susie Lively, Karen Gletner, Felice Goodwin and Sheila Menn. The bazaar will be on November 12. Ann Mahony, a new sodalist in Magnificat, was the winner of the 50/50 raffle. Thank you for all your hard work this year. Best wishes for a restful summer and see you in the fall. Laura Beh-Prefect

Dramatic Reading Of 'Picnic' — Wednesday, **May 25**, 7 p.m.

Join the parish thespians for a reading of the Pulitzer prize-winning play, 'Picnic', by William Inge. It's set in Kansas and the characters include Rosemary, a schoolteacher, who decides she should marry Howard, a shopkeeper, who isn't so sure. Also part of the story are two teenage girls whose romantic desires and insecurities make up much of the action of the play. Wine and cheese and a discussion led by John Dluhy will follow the reading. Call John for further information, 202.841.6925.

Rest In Peace

Adelaide Flanagan

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

Visit Your Parish Library

Truth and Fiction in the Spy Novel

The drama of Osama bin Laden’s demise may generate a new series in the long tradition of spy writers ranging from Daniel Defoe to Graham Greene, Somerset Maugham and Alec Waugh. These writers, usually fascinated by espionage, base their stories on personal experience (though often denying this) and portray the loneliness and tenacity of their characters. The library has many such books. John le Carre’s novels are a good example of this genre. He was a spy from his student days at Oxford, a member of the British Foreign Service, and spent years at the operational section of M15. His name was betrayed to the Russians by Kim Philby the famous double-agent of the cold war.

“The Mission Song” (F L46 M68)

Bruno Salvador, of mixed Irish and Congolese parentage, has since childhood ‘collected’ and mastered the many languages spoken in the Congo. Brought to England for his education, he marries into an up-scale family and works as an interpreter. The riveting plot of this novel involves Salvo’s assignment to an anonymous syndicate of international power brokers whose aim is to manipulate a coming election in the Congo. How he uses this knowledge is at the heart of the book.

“A Most Wanted Man” (10 CD set, gift of John Dluhy)

This chilling and compassionate novel tests our assumptions about patriotism, loyalty and conscience. Annabel, a young German human rights lawyer, is determined to save Issa, who’s at risk of deportation having been smuggled into Germany from Russia carrying a large sum of money. She meets Tommy Brue, whose failing bank is in Hamburg. Together, the three find themselves the target of rival spies of Germany, the U.S. and England in pursuit of ‘the war on terror’.

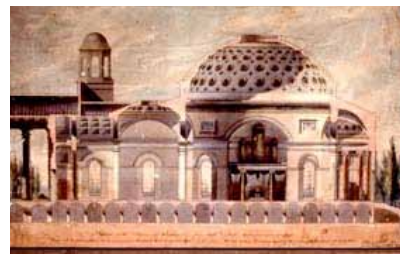
“The Russia House” (F L494 R92)

Although a reviewer referred to ‘the simplistic inevitability of the plot’ in this spy and anti-spy story, it once again contrasts ‘corporate attitudes of habitual belligerence’ with the love and feeling of individuals. As the ‘Iron Curtain’ is crumbling, at a trade fair in Moscow a document containing military secrets of world-changing importance is mysteriously addressed and delivered to Barley Blair, heavy drinker, saxophone player and unsuccessful publisher. He’s enlisted by British intelligence to trace its source. Also involved is a Russian physicist weighed down by his secret knowledge, and Katya, the bearer of the secret papers. The story moves through Moscow, Leningrad, London and Lisbon, as well as an island in Maine that belongs to the CIA. You will love this book.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tour Of The Baltimore Cathedral, “Back To Our Roots” – Centennial Event

— Enjoy an in-depth tour of this historic Basilica with a group of Blessed Sacrament parishioners on Monday, **May 23**, at 9:30 a.m. (rescheduled from April 4) Sponsored by the 2nd & 4th Monday Club. All are welcome. Advanced reservations required. Cost \$25 per person, includes transportation to and from Blessed Sacrament. Contact Rita Killian at r.killian@verizon.net or 202.363.5069.



Brief History Of The Basilica:

In 1959 upon the consecration of a new Cathedral in Baltimore’s northern suburbs, the church in Baltimore proper was no longer the seat of the Archbishop

of Baltimore and therefore no longer a Cathedral. It is now known by the rather cumbersome name “The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.” The designation “Basilica”, a term applied by Papal brief to important churches, confers certain rights and privileges and gives the church ecclesiastical ranking above those churches that have not been so honored.

One hundred ninety years of history had seen various church leaders try their hands at enhancing Latrobe’s work. Some, such as the completion of the portico in the 1860’s, were in keeping with the original plans, but others were misconceived meddling that have been described as insults to the grand design of Latrobe. In the year 2002 the building was closed to the public and a multi-million dollar refurbishment was begun in anticipation of its 200th anniversary. Stained glass windows were removed and replaced with clear glass. The 24 skylights at the base of the dome that had originally bathed the Cathedral with a mystical light and subsequently been covered over were restored and the accumulation of dirt and grime from decades of candle smoke was cleaned away, the walls returned to the pastel colors of the initial design. The result is dramatic. Again one can enjoy the quiet dignity of a building that for two centuries has provided the Catholics of our Nation with a fitting centerpiece for the practice of their religion.

Calling All Photographers! We need more volunteer photographers for upcoming Centennial events. If you are able to help out, contact Tom Howe in the parish office at 202.449.3977 or thowe@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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** Coffee and Conversation
- Tuesday** RENEW and the Word
- Wednesday** Art Class With Dick Swartz
- Thursday** Bridge for Bridge Lovers
- Friday** Closed



Chimes Chatter — Perhaps you chanced viewing “sparking phenomenon” on the Web site mentioned in last week’s article? Sparking actually is a combination of electrical and chemical reactions; electrical is indicative of a “mini-lightning bolt” although only 50 volts of energy traverse in our tower chimes; and the chemical reaction results in creating ozone, a colorless

unstable gas with a pungent odor and powerful oxidizing (corroding) properties, formed from oxygen by electrical discharges. **Who Knew?:** May 19 marks the 60th anniversary of Msgr. Thomas Gibbons Smyth’s death (May 19, 1951), Blessed Sacrament’s first pastor (a 41-year tenure); an inspiring force for building our Church structure, AND motivating dynamo for acquiring our Deagan tower chimes. One of seven siblings, three other brothers also became priests and one sister became a nun. In Pastor Smyth’s notes of his first Sunday Bulletin publication in November 1935, he wrote: “Chimes arrive for 10th anniversary – several huge crates have replaced Fr. Smyth’s car in the garage back of the rectory. There are long crates and short ones, thin crates and fat ones. All bear important markings: ‘Chimes – from J.C. Deagan, Inc., Chicago.’ And thus an idea begins to take form in reality.” Requiescat in pace Msgr. Smyth. (Chimes Committee meets Saturday, **May 21**, 8 a.m.; Call 202.244.4833)

Outreach

Blessed Sacrament Parish Disabilities Ministry Meeting This Week — The Disabilities Ministry at Blessed Sacrament Parish exists to welcome people with disabilities; to address their spiritual, physical and social needs; and help to incorporate them as fully as possible into parish life. To learn more, please join us for our next open ministry meeting at 7 p.m. this Monday, **May 16**, in the parish library.

Tithe Proposals For 2011 — Proposals are now being accepted for the 2011 Parish Tithe Fund **until Wednesday, June 1, 2011**. Tithe guidelines and application forms are available in the main office of the Duffy Parish Center and at the church entrances. Proposals are limited to one per agency and must be sponsored by a Blessed Sacrament parishioner. Agencies may submit proposals every three years. Please contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office with any questions: pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org, 202.449.3987.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Sunrise Senior Living** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Blessed Sacrament



Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 3, 2011

Administration Commission

The Administration Commission, after consultation with Father John, has reformulated its mission statement as follows: “The Administration Commission coordinates strategic planning for the parish. The commission also coordinates the repair, maintenance and enhancement of the parish’s physical plant, including fundraising efforts in support of such work. Finally, the commission coordinates efforts to keep parishioners informed about what is happening in the parish. Its role is to tie together the ministries of the Strategic Planning Group, the Buildings and Grounds Committee, the Centennial Capital Campaign, and the Communications Team, providing a unified vision and a common direction.” The commission will take up its new duties in the fall. Administration also discussed and approved a Parish Council proposal to enhance the spiritual dimensions of all the commissions’ work through individualized prayer services.

Community Life Commission

The Community Life Commission discussed preparations for several upcoming events, including: May 22 - Coffee and Doughnuts to welcome new Parishioners; May 22 - Mayflower Celebration; June 5 - Parish Picnic; and June 26 - Corpus Christie Celebration (commission will arrange refreshments). The commission also discussed additional ways in which the Welcoming Committee could be refocused and whether the community would be better served by merging Community Life with another commission next year.

Formation Commission

The Formation Commission discussed the continuation of its successful Faith on Tap series. The commission will continue to refine its efforts in order to reach an even wider audience, especially those who may have experienced a falling away from their faith or those who have unanswered questions about what it means to be Catholic. The Formation Commission also discussed the ongoing efforts toward a parish spiritual renewal project. At the request of the Parish Council, members considered whether the structure of the commission meetings should be altered to allow for a period of prayer and discussion with representatives of the various ministries (as opposed to the current practice of opening with a Gospel reading and brief discussion among commission members. The Formation Commission is in favor of following the new approach. It was also suggested that another way to reach out to the members of our ministries might be to invite them join the commission members once a month at a daily Mass. In addition, suggestions for CDs or podcasts focusing on spiritual practices that could be listened to in the car, on metro, etc. could be passed along.

From The Archdiocese

Men’s Discernment Dinner Next Sunday — Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual Men’s Discernment Dinner for men in their 20’s – 40’s, on Sunday, **May 22**, 5 to 8 p.m, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other young men from the Washington, D.C. area. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301.853.4580 or vocations@adw.org.



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*The Family Mass and Picnic • June 5th FREE
The Feast of Corpus Christi • June 26th
100th Birthday Party • October 7th (details below)
Reunion • October 8th (details below)*



**Buy your tickets
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Seating limited!**

100th 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 30th/ \$150 after June 30th.

Bring your family/friends.

I would like to purchase a table of ten available thru June 30th @ \$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 30th /\$90 after June 30th.

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100th Birthday Party AND Class Reunion!!! Only \$165 per person

Number of Birthday Party tickets _____	@ \$125 = _____
Number of Tables _____	@ \$1,200 = _____
Number of School Reunion tickets _____	@ \$65 = _____
Number of Combo tickets (both events) _____	@ \$165 = _____
	Total = _____

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.