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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, April 30
5:30 p.m. ~ Father John

Sunday, May 1
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Jim
9 a.m.* ~ Father Witczak
10:30 a.m. ~ Father John (Church)**
10:30 a.m. ~ Father O (Gym)**
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim (Church)
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Saturday, May 7
~ Father Jim

Sunday, May 8
~ Father O
~ Father Armstrong
~ Father Jim
~ Father John
~ Father O
~ Father John

*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

Outreach Weekend — Monthly collection for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

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

Readings • 2nd Sunday Of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

This account of the early Church comes like a brief interlude of peace in the dramatic ups and downs described in the Acts of the Apostles. The believers devote themselves to "the teaching of the apostles," to the "communal life," to "the breaking of the bread and to prayers." Learning, living together, and liturgy are the focus of their lives.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

In the formal blessing with which the letter begins, we hear some of the primary themes of this exhortation. The community rejoices to have found "new birth" in Jesus Christ. However, they have already experienced "various trials," which will prove their faith as gold is tried in a furnace. The paradox of the Christian life - already rejoicing in the risen life, even though we do not yet possess it fully.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The Gospel takes place a week after Easter, when Jesus appears to the disciples. Thomas was absent when the risen Lord appeared and breathed his gift of peace upon the others, and now he stubbornly refuses to believe. Seeing will not be enough, Thomas wants to put his finger into the nail marks and his hand into Jesus' side. Jesus grants his wish and Thomas abandons doubt and grief and proclaims Jesus as Lord and God.

2nd Sunday Of Easter

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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,

What a glorious week we've had! We celebrated the wonder of Easter with the beauty and the scent of lilies filling the church. We welcomed 13 new members to our community through the gift of the R.C.I.A. program. The Catechumens and Candidates are now full members of our faith community. They remind us that we are all on a journey and in need of conversion and a recommitment to the Lord!

I am still overwhelmed by the beauty of our Triduum, the Liturgies, the magnificent music, the special homilies and the joy of celebrating the Lord's Passion, death and Resurrection. The church was filled with a sense of the power of God, not only in the stalwart walls of this building, but in the hearts and lives of the people who make up the body of Christ. I am grateful to all those who made our Liturgies so special: the people who decorated the altar, provided the beautiful music, read so beautifully from the ambo, served so generously at the altar, and greeted our parishioners at the doors. We sometimes take for granted our Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, ushers, altar servers and our choir. Looking back on the week just passed, we remember how blessed we are to have so many willing volunteers sharing their wonderful gifts to help make our Liturgies true moments of prayer. All of us benefit from their generosity.

The Church calls us to sing the Easter Alleluia throughout the next six weeks. May we devote as much effort and commitment to the Easter season as so many of us gave to Lent, when we prepared for the glory and joy of the Resurrection.

This year, the Easter season will end with two Centennial celebrations. On Sunday, June 5th, we have the parish picnic which celebrates our parish family as a joyous community. The hot dogs and hamburgers will be grilled by the Knights of Columbus, and there will be games and activities for the entire family. The picnic will begin following the 10:30 a.m. Mass, so there will be no parking in the parking lot that day.

Three weeks later, on June 26th, we celebrate our parish feast day, Corpus Christi. We will welcome Cardinal Wuerl to celebrate the Mass and lead the procession through our community. I invite as many of you as possible to join us for that very special day. I would love to see 300, 400, 500 people processing towards Chevy Chase Circle. The tangible Body of Christ (all of us) will process with the monstrance containing the Body of Christ (the Eucharist) leading the way for all to see.

Please mark June 5th and June 26th in your calendars. These special events of our Centennial conclude the Easter season at Blessed Sacrament. Thank you.

Father John

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.

Youth Corner

Thought For The Week — Talk about how you make choices which reflect your faith, especially regarding your relationships with others when there is conflict or difficulty.
(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)



Youth Group Calendar Of Events

June 26 - July 1: Community Service Trip to Appalachian
Coming in May: Youth Group Car Wash!!



Sanctuary Sodality News — Our final meeting is this Thursday, **May 5**, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass. New members will be inducted at the Mass. The dinner is being hosted by Queen of Angels and Mystical Rose. Remember to RSVP to either via Evite or to Liz Leary, lizleary@comcast.net or 301.654.2914.

Carnation Sale On Mother's Day — Carnations will be sold after the Masses **May 7-8** to benefit the Northwest Pregnancy Center and Maternity Home. The minimum suggested donation is \$1 each. The Pregnancy Center helps needy women find alternatives to abortion; the Maternity Home provides long-term housing for homeless pregnant women and their children, to enable them to deliver healthy babies, learn child care, and become self sufficient.

Blessed Sacrament Nights @ Ledo Pizza — Monday and Tuesday, **May 9 & May 10**, 5 p.m. until closing. Dine in or take out from Ledo Pizza on River Road (near Whole Foods) to support Blessed Sacrament School. Ledo's will give our school 20 percent of all dine-in sales and 20 percent of takeout sales by those who mention Blessed Sacrament. Call Ledo Pizza at 301.656.5336. (Sponsored by the Home and School Association)

Blessed Sacrament School Mission Fair — Get ready for an exciting afternoon on the school blacktop and field from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. on Friday, **May 13**, at the 69th annual Blessed Sacrament School Mission Fair! All families, parishioners and friends are welcome to attend. Don't miss the fun games, food (hot dogs, cotton candy and sno cones), spectacular raffle prizes and the always amazing White Elephant sale. Tickets are available on the day of the fair. All proceeds support the Holy Cross Sisters' religious, educational, health and social ministries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Questions? Contact Maria Roginski at mroginski@starpower.net or 301.654.6415.

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 21 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 or 301.704.2470.

Faith Formation

School of Religion (SOR) News

The last day of classes for the SOR are **May 1 & 3**. Sunday SOR parents, children and catechists will meet in the school gym for our May Crowning and Awards Assembly on May 1. A potluck will follow in the school auditorium. Tuesday SOR parents, children and catechists will meet in the church for the May Crowning on May 3. This will be followed by a potluck in the school auditorium.

On-line Registration For 2011-2012 — will begin **May 10**.

First Eucharist — Eucharist Day of Preparation is Thursday, **May 5**, in the Duffy Parish Center, main level. Schedule:
Group 1: 9 -10:30 a.m.; Group 2: 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.;
Group 3: 1 - 2:30 p.m. Centennial First Eucharist is Saturday, **May 7** in the Church. Group 1: 9:30 a.m.; Group 2: 11 a.m.;
Group 3: 1 p.m.

Adult Confirmation Classes — **May 15, 22**, and **June 5** 9 - 10:30 a.m. in the parish library, Duffy Parish Center. Please register by May 10. To register, contact Therese Recinella at 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Young Adult News: Potluck Dinner — If you are in your 20s or 30s, single or married, you are invited to share in the fellowship of the Young Adult group at Blessed Sacrament. Join us for a potluck dinner after the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, **May 15**. We will meet in the Duffy Parish Center, main level. Bring a dish to share! Dishes can be dropped off right before Mass. Contact Erin Vranish: evranish@gmail.com or Andrea De Pinto: theonlyandrealea@hotmail.com.

Did You Know??

Parents report that only 11 percent of adult children with disabilities are employed full time compared to 48 percent without disabilities. 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.

Newly Baptized

Rose Madalena Kimball
Elizabeth Frances Newkirk

Rest In Peace

Carmel Semmes

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

Zachary Balog	Mary Lou Gomez
Jane Collins	Mary Jo Nash
Lynette Gilmour Crouch	Judy O'Hara
Joaquinita Diaz	Peter Sullivan
Adelaide Flanagan	

Visit Your Parish Library

The date chosen for the beatification of Pope John Paul II, **May 1**, the Feast of Divine Mercy, reflects the love that John Paul II had for St. Faustina Kowalska and the Divine Mercy devotion she inspired (Meet Saint Faustina, by George W. Kosicki, B F275 K846 M47). The Decree of Beatification states, 'John Paul II often spoke in his homilies of the mercy of God ... he was aware that modern culture <tries> to inscribe everything in the categories of justice and law. But this does not suffice, for it is not what the reality of God is about'. The following is a sample of the library's many books by and about John Paul II:

"The Encyclicals in Everyday Language," by John Paul II, Joseph G. Donders, ed. (240.351 J635p2 E529). Twelve encyclicals, including those on 'The Mercy of God', 'On Human Work', and 'The Splendor of Truth', are arranged in an abbreviated format and a layout that helps the reader to grasp their essence. This book shows, better than any biography, the thought and teaching of John Paul II about the many topics that still concern us.

"John Paul II: a Light for the World." (Not yet cataloged). This book, an anonymous gift, contains short essays by many eminent people about the Pope's life as pastor, pilgrim and prophet. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, for example, writes of meeting him as Archbishop of Krakow in an essay, 'He Never Forgets a Joke.' The photographs are an outstanding part of this 'coffee table' book.

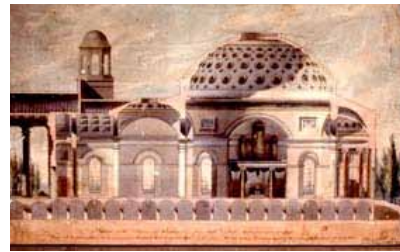
"Man of the Century: the Life and Times of Pope John Paul II," by Jonathan Kwitny (BJ635p2 K847 M156). The author of this long biography, an award-winning journalist, considered John Paul II the most significant figure in the fall of Soviet totalitarianism. The political events of his time, the Pope's early life and the development of his thought are extensively described. In addition, a large part of an early book, 250 copies of which were secretly distributed in Poland, is reproduced.

For further information on these and other titles, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

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:

The historic Baltimore Basilica, built from 1806-1821, was the first great metropolitan cathedral constructed in the United States after the adoption of

the Constitution. America's First Cathedral, officially known as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, quickly became a symbol of the country's newfound religious freedom.

Two prominent Americans guided the Basilica's design and architecture: John Carroll, the country's first bishop and cousin of Charles Carroll, a signer of the Declaration of Independence; and Benjamin Henry Latrobe, father of American architecture, and Thomas Jefferson's Architect of the U.S. Capitol.

The Catholic Faith in the United States began in the British Colony of Maryland when a group of English men and women landed on St. Clement's Island, Maryland, March 25, 1634. They established a colony which was dedicated to the idea of religious tolerance as set forth in an "Act Concerning Religion" passed by the colony in 1649. The British Parliament and its adherents in the new colony repealed that Act and replaced it with one that refused religious freedom to Catholics. Thus began a time of troubles for the first settlers that did not end until the Constitution of the United States guaranteed freedom to all religions. Anti-Catholic fervor waned somewhat over the years, however, as the government turned a blind eye to the establishment of new parishes with small churches throughout the area. In fact, in 1765, when Rome first considered sending a Bishop to lead the growing number of Catholics in the colonies a petition signed by 260 prominent Catholics was sent to Rome suggesting that such a visible sign of Papal control would enflame the government into renewed attempts to suppress "Popery." Twenty-two years later, in 1787, Maryland was ready to embrace just such a move. To be continued....

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



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Share 100 Years of Faith!

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
NOW & save!
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.

BEST DEAL - BUY BOTH EVENTS!

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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Chimes Chatter — When DC current passes through a coil of wire, electrons align with the wire creating an electro-magnetic field; and the ingenious part is this magnetic field/force can be “directed to do work.” This is the essence of how our strike machines work. When the AC-to-DC conversion happens quarterly in the power room of our bell tower, a strike machine relay assembly is activated. The

strike contacts become connected, energizing the strike coil, creating a magnetic field, and the hammer is “driven” forward (actually the magnetism “pulls” the steel rod through the strike coil in the direction of the chime tube thus striking the tube). When it is at the end of the strike stroke, about one inch of the steel end is still in the retract solenoid. During this travel, another switch is activated triggering the retract coil to become “magnetized” and “pull” the rod in the reverse direction, ready for the next strike. **Who Knew?:** In 1950, Deagan Company was selling a replacement system (“modernized version”) for tower chimes called “Celesta Chimes.” This used 25 small chime tubes and electronic amplification to loud-speakers. This system was small enough to fit in station wagons by sales representatives. The Chimes Committee meets next on Saturday, **May 7**, at 8:30 a.m. (Call 202.244.4833).

Outreach

Blessed Sacrament Parish Disabilities Ministry, Looking For A Few New Members!! — 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. on Monday, **May 16**, in the parish library.

New Deadline For 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.

From The Community

Concert To Benefit Holy Redeemer Parish — Please help support Holy Redeemer parish by attending a concert entitled “Bible 101” on Sunday, **May 22**, 5:30 p.m. at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (right next to Gonzaga at 19 I Street, NW). The concert proceeds will support the works of education and family life in a very difficult area of our community. Father David Bava, Pastor at Holy Redeemer, has asked for our help and support by buying tickets to this splendid event. For tickets and information, please contact Holy Redeemer Rectory at 202.347.7510. Thanks for your support of this effort. —Father John

Art Show & Auction @ St. Ann’s Academy — Friday, **May 6**, at 6 p.m. in Kernan Court at Saint Ann’s Academy, 4404 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. Under the direction of art teacher Heidi Bittman, St. Ann’s talented students have created almost 500 pieces of art including paintings, painted glass, vases, stained glass windows, sculptures and more. Please support this wonderful event by buying tickets, placing an ad in the art program, or sponsoring the event. Additional information is available at <http://www.stannsacademyartshow.com> or by calling 202.363.4460.

Prime Time Single Catholics Events During May — Prime Time Single Catholics is open to all single Catholics, 40 and older, who have never married, are widowed, or are divorced with a Church annulment. Some events scheduled for May include:

May 1, 10:15 a.m. Mass at Missionhurst, then lunch, in Arlington, VA. Contact: Jack at 703.971.8665

May 8, 5 p.m. Dinner Dance at the Elks Lodge in Fairfax, VA. Contact: Tom at 703.313.8388

May 15, 2:30 p.m. Dance at Glen Echo Park in Glen Echo, MD. Contact: Jack Emery at 703.971.8665

May 22, 2:30 p.m. Enjoy a Social Day in Occoquan. Contact: Tom at 703.313.8388

May 29, 4 p.m. Dine at Phillips Seafood Buffet in Washington, DC. Contact: Beth at 703.683.0222

Faith Direct — Faith Direct participation eliminates paper waste and makes giving a snap. If you haven’t signed up yet, please visit FaithDirect.net. Signing up is simple, and Faith Direct will automatically track your giving and provide you with a record of your tax-deductible contributions. Please sign up today!

Sponsor Of The Week

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