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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, May 7

5:30 p.m. ~ Father Jim

Sunday, May 8

7:30 a.m. ~ Father O

9 a.m.* ~ Father Armstrong

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

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

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

5:30 p.m. ~ Father John

Saturday, May 14

~ Father O

Sunday, May 15

~ Father John

~ Father Witzzak

~ Father O

~ Father Jim

~ Father John

~ Father Jim

*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

**Nursery services, kindergarten room under the school gym

Weekday & Saturday Masses

Monday - Friday: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m., 11 a.m.

Filipino Mass in Tagalog every 4th Sunday at 4 p.m.

Holy Day Masses

Eve of the Feast: 5:30 p.m.

Day of the Feast: 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m., 11 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Holy Hour

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

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

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This Weekend

Carnation Sale — After all the Masses, to benefit the Northwest Pregnancy Center and Maternity Home. The minimum suggested donation is \$1 each.

Readings • 3rd Sunday Of Easter

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

Acts includes many speeches given by the apostles. The speeches recorded there are not necessarily verbatim records of ancient homilies. Instead, they express the core significance of certain events. This reading is Peter's address following the events of Pentecost, when Jews from every nation witness the descent of the Holy Spirit in tongues of flame, reversing what happened at the tower of Babel.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-21

Our readings from 1 Peter continue with a passage that has much to do with time. We are in between, Peter says. This is "the time of your sojourning," "the final time." The Resurrection has taken place, but the fulfillment is yet to come, and so we live in "faith and hope."

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

The story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus is told only by Luke. It is evening of that first day of the week - Easter Sunday. Two of the disciples are leaving Jerusalem in profound confusion and sadness. When they tell the story to a stranger they meet on the road, they end with the mysterious absence of Jesus: "him they did not see." The stranger explains the scriptures to them, then accepts their invitation to break bread, and when they recognize him, he vanishes.

3rd 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,

Now that the Easter season has begun, many people seem to "take a little vacation from God." With the Lenten schedule behind us, I'd like to share a reflection Pope Benedict XVI wrote during Holy Week. This is part of a talk he gave on April 13, 2011. The reflection on holiness included a wonderful description of the Mass and the way we celebrate it:

What is the most essential? Essential is that no Sunday be left without an encounter with the Risen Christ in the Eucharist -- this is not a burden but light for the whole week. Never to begin or end a day without at least a brief contact with God. And, in the journey of our life, to follow "road signs" that God has communicated to us in the Decalogue [Ten Commandments] read with Christ, which is simply the definition of charity in specific situations. I think this is the true simplicity and grandeur of the life of holiness: the encounter with the Risen One on Sunday; contact with God at the beginning and end of the day; in decisions, to follow the "road signs" that God has communicated to us, which are simply forms of charity.

I believe the Mass is the most essential event of our week. The gift of the Risen Christ in the Eucharist is one that we should never take for granted. I hope the Pope's beautiful words encourage all of us, particularly those with young children, to make sure the Eucharist is a weekly experience, not just during Lent and the Easter season, but throughout the entire year. The Mass is an opportunity for us to encounter the Living Christ and is essential to our everyday lives. Would that all Catholics realized the great gift of Jesus so present to us in his body and blood.

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.

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 This Friday — On the school blacktop and field from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. 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.

Youth Corner

Thought For The Week — In the fast-paced world of school and jobs, talk about ways in which you could set aside time to share meals with your family or friends.

(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

2012 Confirmation Orientation Meeting

All rising 8th grade parish students and parents are welcome to attend the confirmation orientation meeting on 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 14 & 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.

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.

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.

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.

More From The Pastor's Desk ...

Dear Friends,

I hope all of you have heard the announcement about my reassignment from Blessed Sacrament to President and CEO of Catholic Charities. That transition will take place on July 15. Thanks for all your support to me this past weekend and, more importantly, these past six years.

Please plan to attend the parish picnic on June 5 and the Corpus Christi procession on June 26. Both events will be an opportunity for me to greet you in the last few weeks before I leave.

May the month of May, the month of Mary, be a special time for our entire parish community.

Father John

Faith Formation

School of Religion (SOR) News

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

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 Next Sunday — 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.

Day Star Art Gallery — The artwork of Marjorie Hirano and Michael Graham, former professors of art at American University, will be featured at the Day Star Art Gallery from **May 11 to June 10**. A reception will be held on May 22nd from 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Newly Baptized

Marco Vicente Aldaz
Katherine Elizabeth Benhard
John August Edward Formuzis
Thomas John Gmuer

Caroline Lilly Johnson
William Ryan Smith
Ellery Marlene Thomas

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

Zachary Balog
Jane Collins
Joaquinita Diaz
Adelaide Flanagan

Mary Lou Gomez
Mary Jo Nash
Judy O'Hara
Peter Sullivan

Visit Your Parish Library

What are the magazines saying?

'The bearable lightness of Dignity' by Mary Ann Glendon, First Things, May, 2011, 41-45. The question of the dignity of the human person 'as a concept, or a mere slogan' has haunted the entire human rights project since those who drafted the UN Charter began with a statement of faith in 'the dignity and worth of the human person'. However, dignity was nowhere defined and the concept left vague. Glendon shows that by the end of the twentieth century, special interest groups sought to co-opt the concept for their own purposes targeting family protection provisions which were established as part of many dignitarian constitutions.

'Hollywood Adjustment?' by Steven Greydanus, The Catholic World Report, April, 2011, 20-24. Are religious themes and influences becoming more prominent in recent films? Asks the author. He gives many examples of last year's and current movies all of which reflect aspects of spirituality. In The Book of Eli, for example, Denzel Washington' wanders a post apocalyptic wasteland on a mission from God to save the last copy of the King James Bible while keeping it from those who would use it to create a false religion'. In The Adjustment Bureau, Mark Damon plays a man who discovers that the lives of men are governed by a master plan. The best and most interesting of this group, the author writes, is True Grit, made by the Coen brothers. All these films are worth seeing.

'The Other Mother's Day', by Kathy Coffey, St. Anthony Messenger, May 2011, 21-22. Coffey, the author of Women of Mercy (282 C654 W842) writes about ' the other side of Mother's Day: the heartbreak'. From her personal experience she describes the teenagers whose mothers have died and the moms whose sons have died prematurely. 'Within the Catholic community, we should discover ways to make this holiday less painful for those who don't fit the prefabricated mold.' She continues by meditating on our Lady's less than idyllic life, her tension and excruciating loss. Finally, there are many ways which Coffey suggests to recognize in practical ways those whose Mother's Day celebrations are tinged with grief.

SHARE Menu For May — A great Grill Package and a Chicken Cordon Bleu Special, each for just \$16. In addition to this offering from SHARE, the food co-op at Blessed Sacrament, the May Value Package, for \$20, has chicken drumsticks, flame-broiled chopped beef steak, meatballs, hot dogs, turkey breast deli meat, brownies, spaghetti, fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables. Ordering deadline is Monday, **May 9**, at 5 p.m.

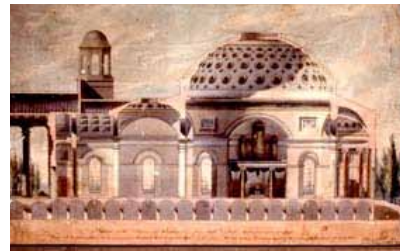
Did You Know??

Did you know that the Disabilities Ministry Teen Club is sponsoring a 100 Teens Dancing for Inclusion and Friendship Neon Disco Dance Party as part of our Centennial Celebration? The dance will take place here at Blessed Sacrament on **May 13**, from 7 to 10 p.m. in the school auditorium. Bring \$10 and a friend to help celebrate the 100 years of worship, friendship, and inclusion at our parish. R.S.V.P. to Christie Anne Short, Cashort2002@yahoo.com. 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.

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:

John Carroll, the first Bishop of the Nation, grew up in Upper Marlboro in Prince Georges County, Maryland, left his home to study overseas in 1748, and returned to his home as a Jesuit priest in 1774. He built a small chapel on his mother's estate in Rock Creek, (now Forest Glen) and began to serve the growing needs of the church throughout that area. His election by his peers as the first Bishop of America was confirmed by Pope Pius VI and Baltimore (then the fourth largest city in the United States) was selected as his seat. He enlisted as architect for the cathedral Benjamin Latrobe, noted designer of the Capitol building in Washington, who agreed to serve without fee. His plan for the structure was a bold combination of the cruciform style common to Christian churches of the time with a central dome that created a simple but dramatic space in which to worship. Twice Latrobe quit, vexed by poor construction and the interference of the building committee and twice John Carroll convinced him to return to his labors. Beginning in 1806, the work continued until in 1821 the finished Cathedral graced the City of Baltimore with what many architectural critics consider second only to the Capitol building in its importance to American Architecture. Neither John Carroll nor Benjamin Latrobe lived to see their building completed. More to follow.....

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

Cardinal Wuerl Places Former Blessed Sacrament Parishioner Mary Virginia Merrick On Path To Sainthood

In an article in the April 28 "Catholic Standard," Cardinal Donald Wuerl as archbishop of Washington announced that he is initiating the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick. "Miss Mary", as she was known, was born in Washington and became disabled for life following a childhood accident. But her physical limitations did not stop her from founding the Christ Child Society to help poor children in the Washington area following up with the establishment of the National Christ Child Society. She went on to establish chapters in 40 cities throughout the United States. The National Christ Child Society, whose current president is also ad longtime Blessed Sacrament parishioner Patricia (Patty) Myler, is the petitioner for the cause.

The last part of Miss Mary's life was spent in her family home on Melrose Avenue in Chevy Chase Village. Longtime parishioners remember her being pushed in her wheelchair along Brookeville Road to attend Sunday Mass at Blessed Sacrament. A ramp was placed on the front steps to bring her inside.

To acquaint parishioners with the life and legacy of Mary Virginia Merrick, convocation has been planned for Sunday, **November 6**, as one of the final events of the celebration of the parish centennial. A brief film on her life will be shown and the postulator for her cause Kathleen Asdorian will describe the steps toward sainthood. Washington Chapter President Melanie Mbuyi will describe the society's programs in the local area and Patty Myler will give an overview of Christ Child programs in other communities. A special feature will be a display of the baby blankets which are made by hand by a group of parish women who gather each Wednesday morning in the Duffy parish center library. The blankets are for the layettes for the newborns of disadvantaged mothers which are a signature program of the Christ Child Society. The convocation is being sponsored by the Mary Virginia Merrick Guild of the Washington Christ Child Chapter. Cleo Tavani is chairing the convocation and can be contacted for further information at 301.656.7131 or cleotava@verizon.net.

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.



Chimes Chatter — When we last wrote about coiled wires (solenoids) becoming energized to create engineered magnetic fields "swiftly moving hammer rods" to strike a tube, one wonders where all the "excess energy" goes? Upon observing the striking sequence, one will quickly witness lots of sparking on-going, which is actually the release of excess energy in the form of light and heat. To train the

direction of the sparking, Deagan designed "blow-out coils" that are connected in series with their respective solenoids. They are mounted in simple open frames so aligned that an energized coil directs a magnetic field across the main relay contacts. When the contacts remain open, the engineered magnetic field causes the spark to take a long, arching path through the air, thus dissipating the energy stored in the magnetic field of the solenoid (in the form of light and heat), and reducing (but not eliminating) damage to the contacts. To see a demonstration of spectacular sparking, search "Deagan Chimes in Kingsburg, California playing Angels We Have Heard On High." This system happens to be a 10-tube Deagan chimes installation. The Chimes Committee extends a Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. (What would you like to know about "your" chimes? Call 202.244.4833)

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

St. John's Football Camp — is offering a \$45 discount to all Blessed Sacrament parishioners. There are four separate weeklong sessions in **June and July**. For more info, visit www.stjohnsfootballcamp.com or call 202.380.1711.

New Summer Tennis Camp At St. John's — Merritt Johnson, coach of St. John's champion tennis players and teams and pro player, will run four camp sessions this summer at St. John's. Each session is designed to develop tennis skills for boys and girls, ages 9-14, including high school players. Each camper starts with a personalized assessment, plays at their competitive level and receives individual match training. Sessions are offered **June 20-24, June 27-July 1, July 11-15 and July 18-22**. Contact Merritt Johnson at 757.343.8006 or at dc1mj@yahoo.com.

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Number of School Reunion tickets _____	@ \$65 = _____
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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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