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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, October 22

5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Sunday, October 23

7:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva

9 a.m.* ~ Father Witczak

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

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

12:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Saturday, October 29

~ Father Ron

Sunday, October 30

~ Father O

~ Father Armstrong

~ Father D'Silva

~ Father Ron

~ Father O

~ Father D'Silva

*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

Second Collection — World Missions/Propagation of the Faith; benefits missionary work in various parts of the world.

Parish Library Book Sale — Saturday & Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., lower level of the Duffy Parish Center.

School Book Fair — Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., school auditorium. Proceeds help support Blessed Sacrament School, and books donated through this book fair help support the tutoring program at St. Augustine's School.

Parish Mini-Walk — Sunday, after the 10:30 a.m. Masses. The route begins on the kindergarten playground on Chevy Chase Parkway then continues to Nevada and Quesada Streets. Refreshments after the walk, Duffy Parish Center, main level.

Open Gym For 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group — Sunday, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (6:30 to 8 p.m.).

Moments In Our History

"Imbedded in the wall of the Sanctuary at Blessed Sacrament is a bronze tablet with the inscription, Behold Thy Mother. This is a tribute to mother love, actually the theme underlying parish activities. On the tablet in the Sanctuary are engraved the names of many mothers, women who helped get the parish underway, and others who followed. Their sons and daughters contributed to the fund that made possible this memorial near what is undoubtedly one of the handsomest altars in America." (Source: *John Jay Daly's "Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 1911-1961"*)

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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 Content — 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.



Pastor's Column

In our first reading from the Book of Exodus, we find the "Covenant of Mount Sinai" a series of laws and prescriptions that follow from the Ten Commandments. They are transmitted by Moses at God's command and are qualified by this divine origin that distinguishes them from the codes put forth by humans. Here we see the fundamental characteristics of the laws of God's people. They come from Him who remains close to His own, who watches personally the manner in which they are observed or disregarded, and who is intimately involved in His people's fidelity or infidelity. He watches the observance of His law, in particular when it comes to behavior toward the widow, poor, and weak. To mistreat, to oppress, to intimidate them is to insult God, to act as if He does not exist, to render Him evil for good. The defenseless have God as their defender and advocate.

In St. Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians, he marvels at the growth and witness of the church by the Thessalonians who received the word "in great affliction" and have become "a model for all believers in Macedonia and Achaia." Paul knows full well that only the action of the Holy Spirit can explain the results obtained by his preaching. The apostles' faith must have been contagious, because trials have not altered it but have stimulated the growth of their faith. People saw in Paul and his companions a convincing witness of Christ. If they had been preachers similar to so many others, seeking their own glory, they could not have borne what they had to suffer for the Thessalonians. The truth is borne out time and again—the credibility of the message depends on the witness of those who spread it. Paul exhorts them to abandon idols in order "to serve the living and true God" and wait for the fulfillment of the Messiah. The Thessalonians welcome the good news: Jesus Christ, dead and risen, is the Savior and awaits His return in glory when He "delivers us from the coming wrath."

In Matthew's gospel, we find Jesus being questioned by a lawyer regarding the greatest commandment in the law. Once again, a trap is being set for Jesus and He responds, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. A second response is similar: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." This answer reminds us that love is the constant attention given to God and to others. God, who loves all His children, judges the love we say we bear Him by the manner in which we act toward our sisters and brothers. Doing what is contrary to our neighbor's good, in any way whatsoever, never corresponds to God's will, to the love we owe Him. Jesus' answer to the lawyer asking Him about the greatest commandment is also a revelation concerning Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Father, above us, nobody has ever seen; the Son has become our Brother through His incarnation and we find Him in our neighbor; the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are One in the indivisible Trinity. It is impossible to find the Father in prayer and the Spirit in the secret of our hearts if we do not recognize and serve the Son in the sisters and brothers with whom He identifies Himself. It makes no sense at all to look for what distinguishes the first commandment from the second or the second from the first.

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — As you grow into young adulthood, how do you make sure you take with you this Great Commandment of Christ – to love God and to love others?

(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)



Open Gym For 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group
Sunday, **October 23**, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (6:30 to 8 p.m.).

CYO Basketball Registration — Registration is now open for for all boys and girls of the parish in the 4th through 8th grades. To register, visit www.blessedsacramentdc.org and click on CYO Athletics under the Youth tab. If you have any questions or are interested in becoming a coach in the Blessed Sacrament CYO program, contact Kathy Gillespie at kgillespie@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Join The Blessed Sacrament A Cappella Singers This Monday — It's time for the Chapel Singers to get back together for its Christmas season. This is an all volunteer a cappella group that sings at various senior residences and hospitals including: Chevy Chase House, Ingleside, Sibley and Blessed Sacrament's own Adult Center. Rehearsals will take place from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday nights starting **October 24** in the chapel. For more info, contact Ginny Curtin at GUCurtin@gmail.com.

Life After Death Program — At this time of the year when we remember the dead, the Chevy Chase Interfaith Group will present a program on Life After Death, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, **October 27**, Duffy Parish Center, main level. Rabbi Mindy Portnoy of Temple Sinai and our own Father O will be with us to present the Jewish and Catholic understandings of this always fascinating subject. Questions? Call Nan Levine at 202.244.7691.

Annual Mass In Honor Of All Souls — will take place at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, **November 2**, in the church. The choir will sing the Requiem setting composed by Gabriel Faure. Persons who wish to have the names of deceased loved ones placed in that evening's program should contact Jay Rader at jayrader@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3981 by no later than 5 p.m. next Sunday, **October 30**.



Respect Life month is observed each year in October. This year's theme is "I came so that all might have life and have it to the full." Please pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.

Newly Baptized

John Robert Cornelius Coleman
Ruan Paul Kline
Jenson Clayton Reisig

Rest In Peace

Robert F. Kasel

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

Joan Baker	Mildred Malcolm
Sara Baron	Christine Warner McDaniel
Peter Kiss	Helen Potts
Stella Kloc	Judy Szot
	Betsy Toland

Faith Formation

School Of Religion

Registration Is On-going — To register your child for School of Religion classes, contact Rosalie Days at 202.449.3973 or rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org. Our program welcomes all children including children with special needs, and older children who have not received first communion, for sacramental preparation.

Still Need Catechists & Teacher Aides For Religious Education — **Sunday Session**, 8:45 - 10 a.m.: 8th grade–2 Aides; **Tuesday Session**: 4:10 - 5:25 p.m.: 6th grade–1 Catechist; Sacramental Preparation Catechist also needed **Tuesdays** in the fall and winter from 4 to 5 p.m. The catechist prepares older children for First Reconciliation and First Communion.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting — Wednesday, **October 26**, 7:30 p.m. in the church. This meeting is for all parents of children who will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in January.

RCIA — Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? You are welcome to join our sessions on **Monday evenings** at 7:30 p.m. in the parish center, main level meeting room. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These gatherings are for inquirers and are open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant or Evangelical backgrounds. For more information, contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Young Adult Ministry

Fall Theology On Tap Series — **Tuesday's in October**: Celebrate our Catholic "patrons" and learn more about the lives of our saints and the ways they inspire us today! Join the Young Adult Group at Ireland's Four Fields (3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW, just one block south of the Cleveland Park Metro), Tuesday, **October 25**. Father Mark Ivany will speak on "Trust: Discovering God's plan;" Patron: St. John the Baptist. Happy hour starts at 6:30 p.m.; featured speaker takes the stage at 7:30 p.m.

Did You Know??

That the U.S. Census and National surveys have been consistent for 20 years: 10 percent of the population have a severe disability, while an additional 10 percent have a moderate disability that limits one or more essential life functions. 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.

Poor Box Donations in October will benefit the Spanish Catholic Center's Pre-Apprenticeship Green Construction Training Program.

Changes To The Hours For Eucharistic Adoration — Blessed Sacrament is expanding the Thursday before the First Friday Holy Hour to include Adoration from 6 p.m. (after the 5:30 Mass) until 9 p.m. We invite parishioners to come to the Chapel to spend a few minutes, or an hour, in quiet time with Christ. Children are welcome...on the way home, after dinner, or for night prayer. From 9 to 10 p.m. there will be a Holy Hour of prayer and reflection, ending with Benediction. This added time each month is in addition to the daily Adoration from 3 to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, in the church. The next Thursday before the First Friday is Thursday, **November 3**, from 6 to 10 p.m. All are welcome.

Visit Your Parish Library

“Spreading the faith in ‘novel’ form” inspired Father Gary Coulter to post a list of fiction ‘with a Catholic/Christian perspective’ (www.fr.coulter.com/books/novels.html) ranging from contemporary authors such as Michael O’Brien to those who are now sadly neglected. You may agree or disagree that novels reinforce our faith; however, their authors’ enduring legacy lies in their power to tell a good story. Many of these books are reissued by Ignatius Press and you may find them in the library or as e-books. Below is a sample from Father Coulter’s list:

“**In This House of Brede,**” by Rumer Godden (F G662 I573). Philippa Talbot is a successful career woman in her forties who decides to enter a Benedictine Abbey of contemplative nuns. The book tells the story of her life before and after she enters the order up to the time ten years later when she becomes the head of her community.

“**Lies of Silence,**” by Brian Moore (F M667 L427). The prize-winning author of many books, Moore always conveys the mind and soul of his afflicted protagonists, both men and women. His writing is sparse and fast-paced. In this book he tells of Michael Dillon, manager of an elegant hotel in Belfast, who plans to separate from his unstable wife. Suddenly he is taken hostage by a group of young IRA members. The tension, moral dilemmas and suspense make this an intricate thriller.

“**North of Hope,**” by Jon Hassler, introduction by Amy Welborn (F H177 N677). This story is set in northern Minnesota, where Father Frank Healey has grown up and returns to bring the faith to Native Americans living on the Basswood reservation. He finds a dilapidated church, few believers and Libby, a woman whom he had loved when they were both teenagers whom he never expected to see again. Hassler’s compelling description of his characters’ lives in this small and cold town is both heart-rending and often humorous: we see into their hearts.



Sanctuary Sodality News — Over 80 sodalists attended the fall dinner. Susan Timoney, Director of Evangelization and Family Life at the Archdiocese of Washington, was the guest speaker and discussed Mary and Martha and “the art of being.” Next meeting is a coffee on Thursday, **November 3**, after the 8 a.m. Mass.

Sodality Holiday Bazaar — Saturday, **November 12**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament. This fabulous day will be filled with fun for all ages! Start making your Christmas list so you can shop our awesome vendors!! The vendor lineup includes Adornment by Shelly Richards, Design in a Day, Great Glass Creations, Matthew’s Whyte Apparel Co., Paper and Ink Design, Sigrid Jewelry Collection, Stella and Dot, Whyte House Monograms, Tootle Lu, Spunk Wear, Cross My Heart Design, Toomeyland painted glass, Ready Set Fete bake ware, and The Surrey Too! This year’s Bazaar will also include a delicious lunch, baked goods for sale, children’s activities and the ever popular white elephant sale. Start saving your money now to shop our vendors and plan to spend the day with us!

Calling On Santa’s Little Bakers — Break out the ginger and nutmeg and help support the bazaar bake sale! Please bring your freshly baked donations to the Blessed Sacrament School auditorium the day of the bazaar, Saturday, **November 12**, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. All baked goods should be pre-wrapped and labeled if they contain nuts, dairy or other allergens. Questions? Contact Monica Ludwig, 202.258.8797.

THE ADULT CENTER

All parishioners, 39 and holding, are invited to gather in apartment 1 in the Chevy Chase apartment building next to the church for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Bring a sandwich (beverages and desserts provided) and join the activities. For more info or for transportation, call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

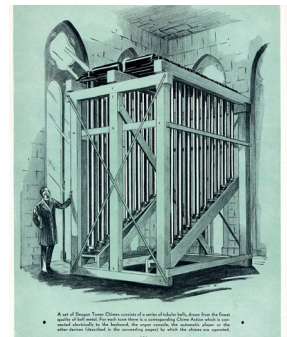
Monday	Bingo
Tuesday	Scripture Reflections
Wednesday	Art Class With Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Blessed Sacrament’s Annual Ruppert Liturgy — Saturday, **October 29**, 5:30 p.m. Mass, honoring the Ruppert Family, advocates for persons with special needs, for recognizing the gifts all persons bring to the Body of Christ. Reception in the Duffy Parish Center after the Mass. Contact: Emma Voelzke, evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Halloween Party At The Corbett Adult Center — Join the Adult Center group for lunch and fun next Monday, **October 31**, in the former Manning Center following the 11 a.m. Mass. Viewing of the school Halloween parade will take place after the lunch. Contact Rita Killian at 202.363.5069 to make your reservation for this event.

Chimes Chatter

As we continue chimes history from the 1960’s, the parish celebrated its Golden Jubilee in the summer 1961. The chimes tolled each daily hour, the Angelus and phrases of “Holy God We Praise Thy Name,” but repairs were required to operate the accessory keyboard and the paper roll, tape player. Msgr. Roach oversaw the commencing of the repairs of the chime’s keyboard console, but retired in



1968 before the recitals once again exulted from the organ loft in time for the Feast of the Assumption in August 1968. Msgr. Quinn was the new pastor. Mr. Leon Bethea, the sacristan, also kept the automatic timing device in the beveled glass cabinet in the sacristy well oiled and in good running condition. Leon would manually turn off the switches that automatically plays “Holy God,” so that the organist could play the chimes from the organ loft. In addition to Lawrence Sears, there were five additional organists sharing the playing of our chimes in the late 1960’s, namely, Martha C. Aubrey, Robert W. Bishop, Phyllis H. Norris, Lawrence P. Redmond and Mary L. Sullivan.

Did You Know?: In a February 1969 Parish News citation, a memorial volume entitled “Chimes Record” lists benefactors who contributed for the chimes. Laced with a golden cord and bound in simulated leather, the book bears the signature “Rev. Thomas G. Smyth” dated November 1, 1935, perhaps in appropriate commemoration of the feast of All Saints. Can you solve help us this mystery of the missing volume?

Questions about your chimes? 202.244.4833.

Outreach

Bilingual Volunteers Needed — Volunteers fluent in Spanish are needed at the Spanish Catholic Center to interview families and enroll children in the center's programs on **Mondays**, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., and **Tuesdays**, 8:30 a.m. to noon, **during October**. Questions? Chris and Rebecca Anzidei, 301.229.2866 or chrisanzidei@anzideilaw.com; Matt & Cindy Dowd at mdowd@wileyrein.com.

Outreach Sunday Volunteer Collectors Needed — Volunteers are occasionally needed to help take up the Outreach collection before and after Mass on the **first Sunday of each month**. It involves a commitment of only about 20 or 30 minutes a month. Parishioners confirmation-age and older or younger children with an adult are welcome to help with this important job which benefits the Blessed Sacrament Soup Kitchen Ministry and other outreach efforts. For more info, contact Pat Kavanaugh at 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Cooks Needed For Martha's Table — Volunteer cooks are needed to prepare a meal for approximately 25 residents of Martha's Table the **second Friday of each month**. The menu includes Sloppy Joes with hamburger buns, green salad with dressing, pasta salad and cake. Recipes are provided. Volunteers may drop off meals at 6408 31st Place, NW (just a mile from Blessed Sacrament) on Thursday afternoon/evening or anytime Friday before 1:30 p.m. To volunteer, contact Rosemary at 202.244.9393. Thank you.

Washington Interfaith Network Lays Plans For December 5 Assembly — The Blessed Sacrament WIN team met with WIN leaders from all across the city October 6 at Asbury United Methodist Church for a workshop and training session on jobs and affordable housing. We are focusing on the epidemic of unemployment in the District and the lack of affordable housing which are both driving the increase in homelessness. WIN has the goal of engaging the city's business and political leadership at an assembly of up to 2000 committed members from WIN congregations on **December 5**. Between now and then, WIN leaders will be working out the details of its proposals for the Jobs/Affordable Housing Agenda to be presented at the assembly. Care will be taken that these proposals are relevant, specific and affordable. Besides being engaged in this planning process, the Blessed Sacrament team will also be talking with as many parishioners as possible to discuss the agenda and encourage broad parish participation in the December 5 assembly. Contacts: Joan Lee, JRC20815@aol.com and Margaret Ahmann, mahmann@mindspring.com.



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Dear Parishioners:

Below are guidelines for church attendance during the 2011-12 flu season:

- **According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), influenza viruses are spread when a person with the flu coughs or sneaks, which spreads viruses into the air for others to inhale. If you have an elevated temperature, you should probably not attend Mass.**
- **When you are in attendance at a worship service or any other gathering, cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. No tissue? Cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve not into your hand.**
- **No one is ever under an obligation to shake hands during the Sign of Peace. A wave or nod or similar gesture is appropriate.**
- **Christ is fully present in each species when the bread and wine have been consecrated into His Body and Blood. There is no obligation to receive from the chalice. Anyone who is ill, or suspects he or she may be ill, should not receive from the chalice.**
- **Keeping yourself healthy is an act of charity to your neighbor. Wash your hands often. Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated and then touches his or her eyes, nose or mouth. Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose or mouth.**

**Rev. Ronald A. Potts
Pastor**

WE CAN DO IT!

Donate cans to the 2011 Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive and help support Blessed Sacrament's goal of collecting 100,000 cans for the poor and marginalized who visit the Social Concerns office.

Two stations are set up in the church to receive donations—at the main and Quesada Street entrances. The most popular food requests are for chicken soup, tuna fish, Beefaroni, brown beans, peanut butter, jelly, fruit, cereal and all meat-based soups. For more information contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns office at 202.449.3987 or at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.



Drama In The Parish Library Next Month — Join the Blessed Sacrament thespians for a continuation of a dramatic reading of 'A Lion in Winter,' Tuesday, **November 1**. This play is full of wit and a family of medieval royals, each of whom struggles for dominance. Take part or listen to the drama, which will be followed by refreshments and discussion. Contact: John Dluhy, 202.841.6925.

Corrections Re Blessed Sacrament School Open House Dates — The first and most important step in the admissions process for Blessed Sacrament's 2012/13 school year is to attend one of the open house events. Kindergarten: Tuesday, **November 8**, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school auditorium; Middle School: Tuesday, **November 15**, 9 to 11 a.m. in the school auditorium; Grades 1-5: Tuesday, **November 15**, 9 to 11 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center; Grades K-7: Thursday, **January 5**, 9 to 11 a.m. in the school auditorium. Questions? Contact Colleen Ryan, Director of Admissions, at cryan@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.4614.



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Join Us in Celebrating a Centennial Event

The Life and Legacy of Mary Virginia Merrick

Sunday, November 6

Event sponsored by the Mary Virginia Merrick Guild, Washington Chapter, Christ Child Society and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament

12:30 p.m. Celebration of Holy Mass in Church*

Monsignor John Enzler, *Spiritual Advisor*, Washington Chapter, Christ Child Society

2:00 p.m. Program in School Auditorium

Program, Reception and Displays

*** Parking:** If you are coming to the Mass AND the program, please park on the street NOT on the parking lot.

For more event information: Cleo Tavani, *Moderator*, 301-656-7131

From The Community

“Falling Upward: A Spirituality For The Two Halves Of Life”

— This book by Franciscan Father Richard Rohr will be discussed in a series led by Presbyterian Rev. Ed White from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on five Sundays, **October 23, 30, November 13, 20, and December 4**, at Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Geneva Hall, second floor of the Education Building. Father Rohr posits that in the first half of our lives we are preoccupied with achieving and performing, but as we get older we need to see ourselves on a further journey, one that involves challenges, loss of control and necessary suffering. Eventually we need to see ourselves in a different and more life giving way.

Are You Pro-Life? Are you willing to join us in peaceful & prayerful witness to the Lord’s love for the helpless, unborn? If so, you are invited to contact Mr. Fenner Urquhart, a Blessed Sacrament parishoner, at fenneru@juno.com or 202.362.2238. Another 40 Days for Life Campaign is now ongoing. Your support is welcome in any number of abortion “clinics,” perhaps especially in Germantown, MD where very late-term abortions are being provided in a state named after the Blessed Mother.

Back From The Dead Cemetery Walk: Teaching The Faith In The Cemetery — Next Sunday, **October 30**, the National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Emmitsburg, MD. For ages 14 and older. An encounter with saints and others telling their stories about “the last things” and the afterlife. This is a living catechesis based on the Catholic faith, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and the living tradition of the saints. Continual tours begin at 7 p.m. For more info, call 301.447.6606 or visit www.setonshrine.org.

The 32nd Annual InterFaith Concert — Tuesday, **November 15**, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., Washington National Cathedral, Massachusetts & Wisconsin Avenues, NW. Concert will feature the Hindu and Jain, Jewish, Latter-day Saint, Protestant, and Sikh faith communities, the Washington Revels and a combined choir. Tickets are \$15 and \$30. To purchase, visit www.tickets.cathedral.org or call Cathedral Box Office at 202.537.2228.

Tune In To Radio For The Soul — WMET 1160 AM, an all Catholic radio station. For more info and a schedule, visit www.grnonline.com.

From The Archdiocese

Day Of Prayer & Healing November 19 — Have you experienced shame, isolation, sadness, or fear after abortion? You are not alone. Any woman who has gone through the abortion experience is invited to attend a Day of Prayer and Healing. You will find the sacraments, a caring retreat team, and a non-judgmental atmosphere, to heal from this sadness and other negative emotions that come after abortion. Exact location is confidential, due to the personal nature of this experience. For more information, contact Julia Shelava, Project Rachel Ministry, at 301.853.4565 or ProjectRachel@adv.org. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Glickman Design Build** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.