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## Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

**Saturday, October 29**  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

**Sunday, October 30**  
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O  
9 a.m.\* ~ Father Armstrong  
10:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva (Church)\*\*  
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron (Gym)\*\*  
12:30 p.m. ~ Father O  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

**Saturday, November 5**  
~ Father D'Silva

**Sunday, November 6**  
~ Father Ron  
~ Father Witczak  
~ Father Ron  
~ Father D'Silva  
~ Father John  
~ 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.

### Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament

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

Thursday before first Friday of each month: 6 - 10 p.m., with Holy Hour 9 - 10 p.m.

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## This Weekend

**Priesthood Sunday/World Priest Day** — A day set aside to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church through the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is also an opportunity for parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for priests.

## Centennial Event



*Join Us in Celebrating*

## The Life and Legacy of Mary Virginia Merrick

**Sunday, November 6**

**12:30 p.m. Mass**

Monsignor John Enzler, *Spiritual Advisor*

**2:00 p.m. Program**

Program, Reception and Displays

### Event Sponsors

*The Mary Virginia Merrick Guild, Washington Chapter, CCS and the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament*

### For more event information

Cleo Tavani, *Moderator*, 301-656-7131

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#### Assistants on Weekends

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### Duffy Parish Center

**Main Office 202.966.6575**

(Open Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

In an emergency, **202.966.6575, Ext. 3988**, to page priest on duty

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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](mailto:bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org). Deadline: Mondays @ 10 a.m.

**Newsletter Content** — Please send articles, photos and other content to [newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Web Site Postings** — Please send requests for postings for the Blessed Sacrament Parish Web site to [website@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:website@blessedsacramentdc.org).



### Pastor's Column

In today's passage from the Book of Malachi, we find a stern admonition to priests and, through them, to all those whose lives are in contradiction to God's sanctity celebrated in the liturgy. The prophet reminds us of God's sovereignty, "A great king am I, says the Lord of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations." This is the faith of the people to which he revealed Himself: outside of Him, there is no God, no King, no Lord. This profession of faith of God's chosen people entails a commitment to honor God through a life consonant with His laws and to witness to the divine majesty among the nations. Then, the worship conducted in the splendor of the Temple will be truly meaningful and not reduced to half-hearted offerings of inferior sacrifices and empty ritual. We are reminded that we too must enter into the spirit of the liturgy with our entire heart, mind, and soul as we worship our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy from the Second Vatican Council states, "The liturgy daily builds up those who are in the Church, making of them a holy temple of the Lord, a dwelling place for God in the Spirit, to the mature measure of the fullness of Christ."

In St. Paul's first Letter to the Thessalonians, he gives us an example of witnessing to the gospel. Paul is absolutely fearless in his preaching and as gentle "as a nursing mother cares for her children." Everywhere he preaches the gospel God entrusted to him, careful to please not human beings but God. He does not boast of his title as Apostle of Christ to impress others with his importance and gives himself without reservation or counting the cost. His humility, unselfishness zeal for the gospel, and his love of the people becomes a powerful witness to those he serves. He does not attribute to himself the success of his preaching; he gives thanks for God's word that has prepared the hearts of the Thessalonians by the gift of the Holy Spirit. By his example, Paul teaches us to give oneself, along with the message, without second thoughts of place of honor or self-glorification on account of the success of one's ministry—here is what makes Paul the model apostle.

In our passage from Matthew's gospel, Jesus takes the scribes and Pharisees to task because their words and actions are far from the law. After having admonished those who betray their charge by conduct contradicting their preaching, the Gospel censures their vainglory: "All their works are performed to be seen." For us, Jesus is not condemning the diversity and distinctions of functions and services in the Church and ecclesial communities; these are indispensable to the smooth functioning of the community and of the liturgical assembly in particular. The Church is like a well structured body that needs diverse members, each one fulfilling its role, without bragging about it. Similarly, there is no radical condemnation here of all titles that usually designate those who exercise a ministry. But they must bear such titles as a demand and not as a mark of honor. Jesus teaches us simply, "The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus calls each of us to serve our sisters and brothers in humble service according to His will without regard to honors and titles so that our hearts remain focused on Him and our mission without being distracted by the pursuit of outward signs of respect.

## Youth Corner

**Question For The Week** — What does it mean to humble yourself? (Source: [www.harcourtreligion.com](http://www.harcourtreligion.com))

**All Saints Day** — This Tuesday, **November 1**, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please be reminded that Catholics are required to attend Mass on this day.

**Annual Mass In Honor Of All Souls** — will take place at 7 p.m. this 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](mailto:jayrader@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.3981 by no later than 5 p.m. today, Sunday, **October 30**.

**Lecture On The New Roman Missal** — 7:30 p.m. this Thursday, **November 3**, school auditorium. Parishioner Mildred Edwards will present an hour-long lecture/discussion on the translation of the New Roman Missal. Please plan to attend this lively offering on the how's, why's and wherefore's of the New Roman Missal, which is to be fully implemented on the first Sunday of Advent.

**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 **church** 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 this Thursday, **November 3**. All are welcome.

**Join The Altar Linen Team!** — We are in desperate need of volunteers to iron the church linens. If you would like to help and join the altar linen team, please call Claudia Diego: 202.363.1799.

**Parish Completes 2010-11 Archdiocesan Missionary Cooperative Plan** — In a recent appeal to assist the community of Fundacion Arco Iris, LaPaz, Bolivia, proceeds of \$17,733.62 were collected from our parishioners. Thank you all for your generous contributions.

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



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

Thomas Raphael Pellarini  
Charles Hugh Rigby  
Zean Michaelangelo Tejada

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

Joan Baker	Christine Warner McDaniel
Sara Baron	Helen Potts
Peter Kiss	Judy Szot
Mildred Malcolm	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](mailto: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** — **Tuesday Session:** 4:10 - 5:25 p.m.: 6th grade—1 Catechist.

**RCIA Godparents, Sponsors** — Our RCIA community will soon need a few individuals to serve as godparents and sponsors for those discerning to become Catholic. Again we have been blessed with a wonderful group of inquirers, some of whom are ready to take the first major step towards becoming one with us in the Catholic faith. To share this gift of faith with another is also such an awesome privilege. Please let us know if you are able to share your time and your faith with us this year. If you feel called to this ministry, we look forward to hearing from you. Call Therese, 202.449.3989.

**The Profession Of Faith In The New Roman Missal** — The new translation of the Nicene Creed has some substantial (and consubstantial) changes, which are marked in bold type below.

**I believe** in one God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all **things visible and invisible**.

**I believe** in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the **Only Begotten** Son of God,  
**born** of the Father **before all ages**,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, **consubstantial with the Father**;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
**and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate**  
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he **suffered death** and was buried,  
**and rose again on the third day**  
in **accordance with** the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**I believe** in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
**who** with the Father and the Son  
**is adored** and glorified,  
**who** has spoken through the prophets.

**I believe** in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
**I confess** one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
**and I look forward to** the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Visit Your Parish Library

Gifts for the book sale held last weekend have crowded the spaces in the library for many weeks thanks to the generosity of parishioners. Among those books were some, which will remain in the library, filling gaps in the collection or adding, further dimension to an author's work. The following are three such titles, gratefully received and as yet uncatalogued:

**“The Little Catechism of the Curé of Ars: St. John Vianney, the Curé of Ars (1786-1859)”** ‘had a unique, profound and penetrating understanding of the pitfalls we all face in trying to save our souls – and the ease with which we can...’ The introduction to this small book speaks of the Curé’s unpolished French and his simple eloquence, which won over all his listeners, whatever their social position.

**“Pompeii,”** by Robert Harris. Harris, author of several other books, in this novel writes of one of history’s most dramatic natural disasters, the eruption of the volcano Vesuvius and the resulting destruction of Pompeii on the Bay of Naples in A.D. 79. A young Roman engineer, Marcus Atilius Primus, plans the repair of a complex aqueduct, the sixty-mile Aqua Augusta. Why does he meet so much resistance? We meet many richly drawn characters in this book, including Pliny, the famous scholar, who commands the navy; we also observe a society smug in its wealth and uncaring in the face of disaster.

**“The Queen of the Seven Swords,”** by G.K. Chesterton. This, a first edition, is an unusual book of poems published in 1926. Chesterton was steeped in history, particularly that of the Church. These 25 poems each describe one event transformed by our Lady. The title of the book refers to the seven patron saints of Europe whose legends Chesterton blends with Mary’s intercession in nine of the poems.

**Drama In The Parish Library This Week** — Join the Blessed Sacrament thespians for a continuation of a dramatic reading of ‘A Lion in Winter,’ this Tuesday, **November 1**. Take part or listen to the drama, which will be followed by refreshments and discussion. Contact: John Dluhy, 202.841.6925.

**Faith In The Marketplace (FIM)** — This monthly gathering of men to discover how others live and practice their professions and faith in the marketplace takes place this Friday, **November 4**, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Parishioner Patrick Haggerty presents insights about the interaction of his faith and his work as a journalist covering national politics, as an advisor for Congressional campaigns, as a Capitol Hill staff member and currently as a speech writer and speech coach to national figures. For more info, contact Dean Packard at [dean\\_packard@ml.com](mailto:dean_packard@ml.com).

**Tour Of Woodrow Wilson House & Lunch** — Please join members of the 2nd and 4th Monday Club for a guided tour of the Woodrow Wilson House, followed by lunch at Alfio’s next Monday, **November 7**. A bus reserved for the tour event will leave from the apartment building parking lot (adjacent to the church) at 10:30 a.m. Please call Rita Killian at 202.363.5069 for reservations.

**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. The first one is scheduled for next week—Kindergarten: Tuesday, **November 8**, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the school auditorium. Questions? Contact Colleen Ryan, Director of Admissions, at [cryan@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:cryan@blessedsacramentdc.org) or 202.449.4614.

## THE ADULT CENTER

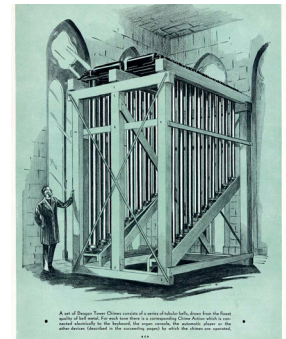
All parishioners, 39 and holding, are invited to gather in apartment 1 in the Chevy Chase apartment building next to the church for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Bring a sandwich (beverages and desserts provided) and join the activities. For more info or for transportation, call Rita Killian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

<b>Monday</b>	Halloween Party
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tuesdays With Maury (Father O)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Class With Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed

**More About Tuesdays With Maury** — Maury, Father O, leads a gathering of interested parishioners in discussing “Life’s Great Lessons: Learned From Experience.” The topics include the world, love, work, community, family, aging and forgiveness. Join the discussion the first and third Tuesdays of each month immediately following the 11 a.m. Mass. The group gathers in the Chevy Chase apartment building, Apt. #1.

## Chimes Chatter

Firstly, the decade of the 1970s evidenced the Second Vatican Council’s promulgations with altar and organ repositionings in Churches. With the removal of our organ console (and chime’s keyboard) in the choir balcony, the chimes were no longer played using the keyboard, but continued to be operated mechanically from the automatic chiming device located in the Sacristy. From



the time of installation in 1935 to the mid-1970’s, the chimes were studiously maintained by technicians from the Deagan Company. These technicians traveled great distances either from headquarters in Chicago or from regional offices, such as Clarence Jonas from the Wilmington, Delaware office. Such “house-call” repairs became increasingly costly for the parish, especially as the system was now in its fortieth year, needing more frequent repairs by knowledgeable technicians who were becoming fewer in number, as tubular chimes were being replaced by more modern electronic systems. Chimes volunteer Ed Dent met up with Clarence Jonas one April 1976 morning, and more on this happenstance in next week’s article.

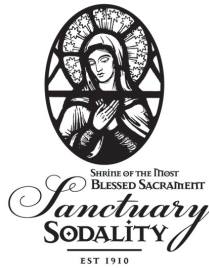
**Did You Know?:** 1975 was the 50th anniversary of the placing of the cornerstone for our current beautiful church building and bell tower. This Thursday, **November 3**, will be the 76th anniversary of the dedication of our chimes. Also, this being our 50th Chimes Chatter article, the Chimes Committee hopes that you have found the information interesting and enjoyable during this past year honoring the 75th anniversary of the installation and dedication of the tubular chimes. The committee is looking for more volunteers interested in learning about the chime’s workings and preservation. Interested? No formal electrical or mechanical background is required, only a desire to learn about the system and a capability to climb some ladder rungs. Call 202.244.4833 to learn more.



**Join Us for the Holiday Shopping Event of the Season!**



Mark your calendar! Tell your neighbors! Bring your friends!  
Don't miss this fabulous **"shoppportunity!"**



**2011 Sanctuary Sodality Holiday Bazaar**

**Saturday, November 12, 2011  
10:00 am to 3:00 pm**

**Blessed Sacrament School  
Gym, Auditorium & Parish Center**

- Vendors of beautiful gifts items—gorgeous jewelry, accessories, clothing for men, women and children, and home décor
- Delicious lunch and bake sale
- New fun activities for kids including Wonder Jars and great raffle items for kids and adults
- 50/50 raffle
- Huge White Elephant Sale featuring Polly's special clothing boutique
- Bazaar proceeds benefit 20 local charities and the Blessed Sacrament parish

**Bazaar Vendors**

*Adornment by Shelly Richards • Aurora Bath • Cross My Heart Designs • Decorating Den Systems Design in a Day • Fine Swine • Great Glass Creations • Matthew's Whyte Apparel Co. • Ollie and Bess • Paper and Ink Design • Rock Paper...No Scissors • Ready Set Fete Bake Ware Rodan and Fields Dermatologists • Sigrid Jewelry Collection • The Surrey Too! • Toomeyland Painted Glass • Tootle Lu • Whyte House Monograms • Zermatt Outerwear*

Bring your White Elephant Sale donations of **gently used** women's and children's clothing as well as kitchen and home décor items to Parish Center starting Tuesday, Nov 8. Please, no men's clothes, electronics or books. For further information, please contact: Karen Gletner, [theglets@verizon.net](mailto:theglets@verizon.net).



**Sanctuary Sodality News** — Next meeting is a coffee this Thursday, **November 3**, after the 8 a.m. Mass.

**Please note:** Non-clothing items for the bazaar's White Elephant Sale may be dropped off at the parish center, lower level, and clothing for the sale may be dropped off at the parish center, main level (parking lot entrance), between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Tuesday, **November 8**, through Friday, **November 11**.

**Did You Know??**

That 53 million Americans have disabilities that fall into the following categories: intellectual (5 percent); sensory (9 percent); medical (twenty-eight percent); physical (fifty-eight percent). 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 [evaelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:evaelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**We need lots of baked goods...**

**...Breads, Cakes, Pies, Cookies, Cupcakes, Muffins, Scones**



*Artwork by Gioia Grenfell*

**to support the**

**Sanctuary Sodality's  
Holiday Bazaar  
Bake Sale**

**Saturday,  
November 12**

**Please drop off baked goods:**

**Friday, November 11  
12:30 to 4 p.m.**

**Saturday, November 12  
8:30 to 11 a.m.**

**Questions? Contact  
Monica Ludwig  
202.258.8797**

Dear Friends of Blessed Sacrament School:

It's that time of year again time to register your Giant and Safeway cards to earn cash for Blessed Sacrament School. These two companies pay the school a percentage of every dollar our registered shoppers spend. Chevy Chase Supermarket is the third participant in our Grocery Program, paying the school a percentage of spending based on our saved receipts. Safeway donated the most money of the three groceries last year. The Grocery Program is our Home and School Association's second most lucrative fundraiser—last year we received close to \$16,000—and it costs the shopper nothing. Here's all you need to do:

- Fill out the form below and put it in the Grocery Program box at the school office or boxes at the church entrance doors. Please include numbers for all the cards used by your family members, friends and caregivers. If you requested to be automatically re-registered, we will do so. If necessary, you may download additional forms from the school website [www.bsstoday.org](http://www.bsstoday.org) and click on "News and Events."
- If you don't have your Giant or Safeway card numbers handy, please contact the grocery store, they will not release card numbers to us on your behalf. You may phone Giant (1.877.275.2758) or Safeway (1.877.723.3929) for your Bonus Card information.
- Save your Chevy Chase Supermarket receipts and deposit them periodically in the Grocery Program boxes at the church doors.
- Use your Giant and Safeway cards when you shop there.

Thank you for taking the time to complete the form below. It will generate lasting support for Blessed Sacrament School.

Lisa Flores  
Grocery Program Coordinator

**GROCERY PROGRAM SIGN-UP FORM**  
For the benefit of Blessed Sacrament School

Please complete this form and return to Lisa Flores at (1) school office or the boxes at the church doors or (2) e-mail [memflo@msn.com](mailto:memflo@msn.com). Please do not hesitate to contact Lisa at 301.718.0708 if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

Customer name: \_\_\_\_\_

I registered last year, please use that information: \_\_\_\_\_  
(New to the program or can't remember, please continue)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be used only if we need additional information)

Giant Bonus Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not your telephone number)

Safeway Bonus Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not your telephone number)

May we re-register you in future years: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Saint Among Us**

*A Look Into The Life and Legacy of Mary Virginia Merrick, Founder of the Christ Child Society, and Candidate for Sainthood.*

Christ Child Society Across The United States: By 1908, the work of the Christ Child Society became known outside Washington—Christ Child Society Chapters began to form across the United States. By 1912, 24 chapters had been established. Today there are 40 chapters in 17 states and the Washington, D.C. area, with over 7,000 members and friends.



In collaboration with local agencies, chapter members create programs designed to best meet the needs of at-risk children and families in their communities. These programs provide opportunities for education, mentoring, parent support and relationship building as well as provision of basic needs such as clothing, food and shelter.

Miss Mary was the founding president of the National Christ Child Society (NCCS) and remained in that position until 1948. She continued as president of the Washington, D.C. chapter until her death. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament was again honored in 2010 when longtime parishioner and Christ Child volunteer Patty Myler became National President, succeeding a former parishioner.

Next, a look at the spirituality of Mary Virginia Merrick.

**Outreach**

**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](mailto: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.

**Thanksgiving Selections From SHARE** — November offerings from SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament include the Value Package, \$20; a 12-14 pound Turkey Package, \$28, with all of the fixings and side dishes for a sumptuous holiday meal; or choice of a combo package—Value and Turkey Packages—\$38. To place an order, fill out an order form at [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org). Ordering deadline is Monday, **November 7**, at 5 p.m. Questions? 202.449.4611 or [SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Sponsor Of The Week**

We would like to thank **Sandra L. Address, CFP** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.