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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, September 24
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Sunday, September 25
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron
9 a.m.* ~ Father Armstrong
10:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron (Church)**
10:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva (Gym)**
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Saturday, October 1
~ Father D'Silva

Sunday, October 2
~ Father Ron
~ Father Witczak
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father O
~ Father Ron
~ Father O

*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

**Nursery services, kindergarten room under the school gym

Weekday & Saturday Masses

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

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

Holy Day Masses

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

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

Holy Hour

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

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

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This Weekend

School Of Religion Opening Assembly — Sunday, 8:45 a.m., school auditorium. After opening prayer and welcome, students will be called to their individual classes. Parents can stay for an individual question and answer session.

Open Gym For High School Youth Group — Sunday, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (6:30 to 8 p.m.).

Young Adult Potluck — Sunday, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, parish center, main level.

Preparation For New Moments In Our History



The parking lot will be completely closed beginning **Monday, October 3rd, and will reopen on Monday, October 10th.** The parking lot is the staging area for the tent that will be set up for the Centennial events on October 7th & 8th. Also, please note: there will be no school drop-off or pick-up on the parking lot during this time. Instead, we'll be using Quesada Street for drop-off and pick-up. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and support.

Pastoral Staff

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Duffy Parish Center

Main Office 202.966.6575
(Open Monday - Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)
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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 today's first reading from the Prophet Ezekiel, the Lord says, "You say, 'The Lord's way is not fair!'" This statement sums up the view of the Israelites' view of God's justice. The prophet uses this moment to stress God's justice and mercy. It may seem that God is indifferent to the actions of His children but that is not true. The Lord does not remain indifferent to the good or evil done by human beings. But as long as they are capable of making a free choice, God gives them every possibility to do what is right and good. He does not label those who do evil as the "evil ones" because He believes they can repent with the sincere purpose of amending their lives, ". . . if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life." God never gives up on us but continues to call us to conversion. God's patience and mercy are the basis of our hope and an appeal to our responsibility to live the commandments He has revealed to us.

In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians, he addresses the dissension present in their community. He understands that internal dissension and rivalry can destroy the bond of unity and charity of the community. The Christian community is built on three main characteristics: unity, humility, and solicitude for others. Paul stresses the fact that unity is absolute. The community must be of one mind and heart to accomplish the work of Christ otherwise the community is in great danger. If there is a lack of humility for others, competition takes root leading to factions and rivalries which destroy the foundation of community. We take Paul at his word, ". . . humbly regard yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus." In recognizing the face of Christ in each other, we build up unity within the community thereby eradicating the self-preoccupation that seeks to destroy a community.

In our gospel passage from Matthew, Jesus tells the parable of two sons who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard. The first son begins by refusing the request "but afterwards changed his mind and went." The other son immediately agrees, "Yes, sir, but did not go." There is no doubt that the first son does his father's will. Jesus then goes on to say, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you." Jesus reminds the crowd and us to be busy about the Father's work in the vineyard and not rest on our good intentions. To limit ourselves to good intentions and ignore the work of the gospel that needs to be done is scandalous and closes our entry into the kingdom of God. For those who declare themselves "righteous" and refuse to do their work in the vineyard will be surprised to see tax collectors and prostitutes who have turned from their sins entering into the kingdom of God. We are reminded that God did not only promise salvation He accomplished it. The Father sent His own Son, who did not hesitate to empty Himself of everything through His passion, death, and resurrection to obey the Father's will. There is no other salvation than obedient faith, a loving, living faith showing itself in actions.

May God bless all of you,

Father Ron

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — This Gospel reading is about young adulthood. With which one of these sons do you most identify? Share your reasons. (Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)



2012 Confirmation Reminder

All parish students, 8th grade or higher, who have not registered or had their initial interview in preparation for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, please send an e-mail to Mark McCaffrey at mmccaffrey@blessedsacramentdc.org for instructions.

Open Gym For High School Youth Group

Sundays, **September 25th** and **October 9th** after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (6:30 to 8 p.m.). Please register via the parish website.

Open Gym For 7th & 8th Grade Youth Group

Sundays, **October 2nd & 23rd** after the 5:30 p.m. Mass (6:30 to 8 p.m.). Please register via the parish website.

Keep an eye out for the Haunted Forest Trip, coming soon!!!!

Faith Formation

School Of Religion

Opening Assembly — Today, 8:45 a.m., and Tuesday, **September 27**, 4:10 p.m., school auditorium. After opening prayer and welcome students will be called to their individual classes. Parents can stay for an individual question and answer session.

Registration Is On-going — To register your child for School of Religion classes, contact Rosalie Days at 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

**Sunday Session:
8:45 - 10 a.m.**

1st grade: 1 Aide
3rd grade: 1 Aide
5th grade: 1 Aide

**Tuesday Session:
4:10 - 5:25 p.m.**

6th grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
7th grade: 1 Aide
Sacramental Preparation:
1 Catechist

The Sacramental Preparation Catechist prepares older children for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Sacrament of Holy Communion. Class meets from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the fall and from 4 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays in the winter.

RCIA — Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? Blessed Sacrament will soon begin a new journey of faith to share the richness of the Catholic Church and our parish family. We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and be introduced to some of our parish members. These sessions are also opportunities for you to ask those perplexing and difficult questions you may have about the Church. 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. Questions? Contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Hearts Aflame: Christian Prayer — 7 to 9 p.m., Thursdays, **October 20 & 27** and **November 3 & 10**. Cost: \$20. Contact Rosalie Days at rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Catechesis Of The Good Shepherd — The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will begin training new catechists. The sessions are once a month. For more information and to register, please visit www.cctheo.org.

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.

Early Life: Mary Virginia Merrick was born on November 2, 1866 to a prominent Washington family who were descendents of the Calvert family. Her childhood was marked by privilege; however her parents instilled in Miss Mary and her siblings the responsibility to care for the less fortunate. Miss Mary's spirituality was deeply influenced by her parents who strove always to raise their children in a religious environment. From an early age, the Merrick children were taught the Catechism, attended weekly Mass, prayed daily as a family and were encouraged to see God in creation and in their fellow human beings.



Poor Box Donations in **September** will benefit Rosaria Communities, an archdiocese organization that works in partnership with parishes, service providers, and other public and private entities to provide affordable housing for people with intellectual and physical disabilities.

September/October Parish Newsletter — This latest issue of the Parish Newsletter is now available on the parish website. A limited number of printed copies are available in the parish office and at the main and Quesada entrances to the church.

Did You Know??

The Down Syndrome Network of Montgomery County is sponsoring a Buddy Walk from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, **October 1**, at the south Germantown Recreational Park. Volunteers are needed in many different capacities. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours, and to have some fun! Additional details are available at www.dsnmc.org. Any amount of time appreciated. 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 evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Newly Baptized

Aidan Robert Scheide
Oliver Jurgen Scheide

Rest In Peace

Carmen Iribarren

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

Zachary Balog Stella Kloc
Sara Baron Christine Warner McDaniel
Judy Szot Betsy Toland

Visit Your Parish Library

Join the conversation...

What's the difference between a website and a blog (i.e., Web log)? It's often the chance to interact with others interested in the same topic. Blogs now number about 156 million. The diarists of old would have loved blogs, which began as personal journals and can include photos, videos, music and audio; they rapidly developed into political and social commentary. One list of Catholic blogs (<http://catholicblogs.blogspot.com/>) contains over 2,500 sites ranging from Catholic newspapers to entries of religious orders and individuals. They are listed alphabetically and are easy to access.

The Big Bald Guy (<http://bigbaldguy.com/>)

Scott Maenz invites comments as he posts events and personal views including many links and photos. A recent posting (retrieved 9/16/11) heralds Father Robert Barron's forthcoming TV series, The Story of the Catholic Church (www.catholicismseries.com) due on public television stations this Fall. The earlier postings include plans to counter Planned Parenthood's activities, information on 'must-see' films and a 'new media' network, SQPN.

The Archdiocese of Washington (<http://blog.adw.org>)

This blog 'connecting the dots between Catholic faith and culture' has links to the archdiocesan website among others. It's well designed, with illustrations. The recent posting (retrieved 9/16/11) by Msgr. Charles Pope has an interesting piece on the connection between Fulton Sheen's lectures, A Sheen Catechism, the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross, and a TV ad for a Kia car; the web links are given for both tapes and video. Scroll to previous postings and you will find many items, such as a recent research study by CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) which refutes the claim that the way to reach young Catholics is via the Internet.

Ron Rolheiser, O.M.I., Speaker, Columnist and Author (www.ronrolheiser.com/index.php)

The well-known writer's weekly column is syndicated to more than seventy newspapers worldwide. One recent posting on his blog (retrieved 9/17/11) is titled 'Some Personal Mini-Creeds'. He writes 'the great creeds are like huge rivers...we also need mini creeds that anchor us...' and proceeds to give fourteen of these from many people. His blog is one of many in which Catholic authors share their thoughts and opinions.

For more information about these and other blogs, visit the library or call 202.449.3974

Talk & Book Signing October 2 — Parishioner Patrick Malone, the author of "The Life you Save: Nine Steps to Finding the Best Medical Care" will speak about and sign his book on Sunday, **October 2**, at 11 a.m. in the parish library. The book answers many questions about health care in our society: drugs, tests and what to do if you need surgery. As the father of a disabled child, he speaks from experience. For more information, call 202.449.3974.

Join The Drama October 4 — Join the Blessed Sacrament Thespians for a reading of 'The Lion in Winter' at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, **October 4**, in the parish library. Read a part or just listen to the first play reading of the new season. Questions? Call John Dluhy, 202.841.6925.

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.

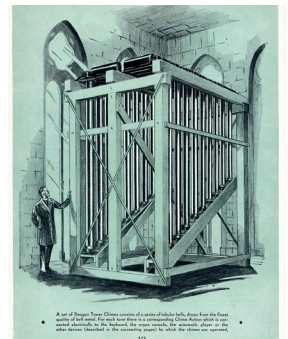
Monday	Bingo, and Prizes!
Tuesday	Scripture Reading and Reflection
Wednesday	Art Class With Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Blessed Sacrament Adult Center: Focus On Wednesday Activities

— We offer a superb art class each Wednesday, led by parishioner Dick Swartz. Dick is an award-winning water color artist who also teaches classes at the historic Washington Arts Club and many local senior living residences. In his teaching, Dick focuses on God's beautiful creations, emphasizing the unique gifts God has given each of us, including artistic abilities we may not even realize. Please come and join us Wednesdays at noon to explore and share yours. Note: because the end time of the 11 a.m. Mass varies, art classes begin at noon. Questions? Contact Rita Killian at r.killian@verizon.net or 202.363.5069.

Chimes Chatter

Although the "Golden Years" for the Deagan Company's tubular installations were the 1920's, 37 systems were installed nationwide during the 1940's, including 9 of the 12 larger 32-tube instruments (only five still operate). Our bell tower has 16 bronze tubes. Deagan employee June Albright Howard, who recorded and hand-keypunched every music roll produced by Deagan, starting in 1940 up until the day she retired (about 1985), was a marvelous musician and a fountain of knowledge. She personally tested every Deagan installation from 1940 on and played the dedication program as well as trained the local organist. She never played a dedication unless she checked the system out completely; and that included climbing the tower and inspecting the work of the installers. Our organist Mrs. John Kieley, continued until the summer of 1947, a nearly twenty-year tenure, to guide the choir and played numerous concerts highlighting our chimes ringing from the special keyboard on her balcony organ. Mrs. Earl Kolb became the Choir Director and organist in October 1947. In December 1947, Mrs. Kolb's role became organist, and Mr. Vincent Morreale became choir director.



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Who knew?: Blessed Sacrament School's Dramatic Class (8th graders) presented "Why the Chimes Sang" play during the December 1941 Christmas Program. Any 8th Grade Class of 1942 alumnus, or anyone else, remember this?

Questions about your chimes? 202.244.4833

Blessed Sacrament  Pastoral Council

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 13, 2011

Administration Commission

The Administration Commission had limited attendance due to a conflict with Back-to-School Night. The members discussed the Commission's Mission Statement, adopted last spring, and their hopes and dreams for the coming year. The Chair later reported this conversation to the Parish Council, which expressed an interest in stabilizing the work of the Commission and making it more effective.

Community Life Commission

After introductions were made, we revisited the mission of the Community Life Commission: (a) to integrate newcomers to our parish community; (b) to support participation throughout the parish by recruiting and reinvigorating volunteers; (c) to connect parishioners who feel peripheral to the community with programs, services and people to include them as part of our parish family. Our practical priorities include: (1) rejuvenating our Welcoming Committee and recruiting volunteers to support its goals (interested volunteers should contact CJWButler@aol.com); (2) linking our initiation programs such as Marriage Prep, Baptism Prep, Landings and RCIA so that integration into our parish family is closely shepherded; (3) linking Blessed Sacrament School and School of Religion families through parent support programs such as PEP and other programs already in place; (4) building spiritual development into all of our ministries and small communities.

We invite any parishioners willing to welcome new parish families to contact Chris Butler at CJWButler@aol.com.

Formation Commission

The Faith Formation Commission welcomed several new members. Time was spent on introductions and discussing the purpose of the Commission. Ideas for a spiritual renewal initiative were discussed, with agreement that there are simple things that we can do to begin this, including having the Commission members meet on Thursday mornings for Mass. Ideas for a spring session of Faith on Tap were also discussed.



Sanctuary Sodality News — Our fall dinner meeting is on Wednesday, **October 12**, following the 5:30 Mass. The dinner is being hosted by Mother of Grace and Sancta Maria. There will be a guest speaker. In addition, the sacramental books that were restored by the sodality as a centennial gift will be presented. Remember to bring canned food to help the parish reach its 100,000 can goal for 100 years! Interested in joining Sodality? Please contact our membership chairs: Rita Killian, 202.363.5069 or r.killian@verizon.net; or Tracy Rivers, 301.951.4949 or t1rivers@yahoo.com.

Sodality Holiday Bazaar — A hallmark of the Christmas season, this annual fundraising event will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, **November 12**. This fabulous day will be filled with fun for all ages! For shoppers, there will be more than 20 vendors of jewelry, apparel, home furnishing and other gift items. Unique vendors include Paper and Ink Designs, Sigrid Jewelry, Design in a Day, Whyte House Monograms, Tootle Lu and Ready Set Fete! This year's bazaar will also include a lunch, baked goods sale, children's activities and the ever popular white elephant sale. Proceeds raised benefit local charities and enables the Sodality to contribute financial support to parish projects. We have a few vendor slots left. If you are interested in being a vendor, contact Felice Goodwin at fmgoodwin@yahoo.com or at 202.494.2433.



For those who enjoy golf, some great tunes, great fun and company, while contributing to a great cause, the Smyth Fund Golf Classic has it all.

Thursday, October 6th, 2011
at the Worthington Manor Golf Club
All proceeds directly benefit Blessed Sacrament School
For more info: www.bssgolf.org

2011 Sponsors



Saturday, October 8

School REUNION Party

6:30 PM TO MIDNIGHT

Under a big tent on the blacktop, in the gym and in the auditorium too! Beer, wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and getting re-acquainted.

Details & tickets at www.blessedsacramentdc.org. Click on: CENTENNIAL.

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE

<http://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentDC>



Parish Book Sale — Don't forget to mark your calendars now for the book sale **October 29-30**. In addition, do you own books, DVDs and CDs which you no longer wish to keep? They may be of great interest to other parishioners. Please donate them for this biennial event, a major fund-raiser for the library. Note: no textbooks or magazines. Please bring your donations to the library on the second floor of the parish center.

Outreach

Bilingual Volunteers Needed For Blessed Sacrament's Christmas Giving Tree Program — For years this program has provided Christmas Tree presents for hundreds of underprivileged children through the Spanish Catholic Center in D.C. This year the center needs volunteers fluent in Spanish to interview families and then enroll their children in the program. Volunteers are needed at the center during September and October on Mondays, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Questions? Chris and Rebecca Anzidei, 301.229.2866 or chrisanzidei@anzideilaw.com; Matt & Cindy Dowd at mdowd@wileyrein.com.

WIN At Blessed Sacrament Planning Meeting — Nine of your neighbors on the Blessed Sacrament Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) team met Wednesday evening September 14 to plan if fall action and organizing. We remain focused on giving voice to those most vulnerable in the current economic recession and seek to create living wage jobs for D.C. residents while preserving and expanding the city's stock of affordable and supportive housing as development widens throughout the city. One area of concern close by is development at the Walter Reed Hospital site. Our team will meet with other WIN congregations on **September 26** at the Asbury United Methodist Church to further develop an action plan for WIN city-wide. For more information, call Joan Lee, 301.654.8171, or Margaret Ahmann, 202.966.1983.

LANDINGS: An Invitation To Take Another Look — Are you, or someone you know, an inactive Catholic who has left or drifted away from the Catholic Church? There are many inactive members of our Catholic family out there. Did you know: Catholics remain the largest religious group in the country, but inactive Catholics are the second largest religious group. Let's help them come home by inviting them to take another look at their baptismal faith. One way to explore a more active return is by participating in the LANDINGS Program here at Blessed Sacrament which will begin **October 6**. To find out more about LANDINGS, please contact Karen Vittone at 301.585.0592 or karen@vittone.com. LANDINGS flyers are at the church entrances.

Glean With Blessed Sacrament, October 15 — Join your Blessed Sacrament neighbors from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, **October 15**, to gather unharvested produce from Maryland farm fields and renew a Blessed Sacrament tradition started by Greg Gannon. The Environmental Action Ministry with the School of Religion will cosponsor a family service activity to share food resources with our neighbors in need by restocking local food banks. Watch the bulletin and the website for more information, and register your interest by sending an e-mail to BSGlean@gmail.com.

Parish Mini-Walk, Sunday, October 23 — In honor of our former pastor and new Catholic Charities CEO, Msgr. John Enzler, the annual Blessed Sacrament Parish Mini -Walk will raise funds for Mt. Carmel House, a Catholic Charities family homeless shelter. Please save the date, walk to eliminate homelessness, and support Father John at Catholic Charities. More details to follow. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org, 202.449.3987 or Eileen Dombó, eileen@eileendombo.com.

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.

From The Archdiocese

Dining & Rock 'N' Roll Fundraiser — Join Msgr. John Enzler for this fundraiser to benefit Rosaria Communities of the Archdiocese of Washington and Jubilee Association of Maryland, two organizations that work to provide community-based homes for people with developmental disabilities. Blessed Sacrament parishioners Patrick & Vicki Malone are the hosts for this event, which will be held at Rock Creek Mansion in Bethesda at 7 p.m. on **October 14**. Suggested donation is \$100 per person; all proceeds benefit Rosaria and Jubilee. More details and registration form at www.jubileemd.org, or contact Alycia Alexander at 301.949.8628, Ext. 114 or aalexander@jubileemd.org.

From The Community

News Alert From The U.S. Conference Of Catholic Bishops — On August 1, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an "interim final rule" that will require virtually all private health plans to include coverage for all FDA-approved prescription contraceptives, sterilization procedures, and related "patient education and counseling for all women with reproductive capacity." These are listed among "preventive services for women" that all health plans will have to include without co-pays or other cost-sharing, regardless of whether the insurer, the employer or other plan sponsor, or even the woman herself objects to such coverage. Concerned Americans have until **September 30** to send their comments to HHS. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/conscience.

Radio For The Soul — The Metropolitan Washington area now has an all Catholic, radio station, WMET 1160 AM. Its programming is quite varied, very informative and thought-provoking. Great for listening while driving, walking, exercising, cooking, gardening, etc. For more info and a schedule, visit www.grnonline.com.

27th Annual CYO Crab Feast/Fundraiser — 6 to 10 p.m., Saturday, **October 1**, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Bethesda, MD. For ticket information, contact Desiree Chavez @ 240.506.3796 or visit www.bethesda-lourdes.org.

Sponsor Of The Week

We would like to thank **Joy Stevens Vocal Studio** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.