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Mass Times ~ Presider Schedule

Saturday, September 3
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Saturday, September 10
~ Father Ron

Sunday, September 4
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron
9 a.m.* ~ Father Witczak

Sunday, September 11
~ Father Ron
~ Father Regis

10:30 a.m. ~ Father D'Silva

~ Cardinal Wuerl (Church)**

Gym Mass resumes Sept. 11

~ Father D'Silva (Gym)**

12:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

~ Father O

5:30 p.m. ~ 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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Moments In Our History



Blessed Sacrament's Sanctuary Choir of Men and Boys, circa 1955

"There is quite a bit of singing and praying in this congregation. The choir is the impetus. Incidentally, it is the first parish choir ever to sing in the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception...." In December 1960, the choir appeared on national television with President Eisenhower on the occasion of the lighting of the national Christmas tree in front of the White House. Later that month some of the choirboys traveled to Rome to sing at the World Congress of Little Singers. While in Rome, the group also sang at the Pontifical Mass on New Year's Day, 1961, in Saint Peter's Basilica.

(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 Prophet Ezekiel, the image of the sentinel is used for his role as a prophet. They have the duty of warning people for having strayed from the commandments of the Lord but most of all they are given the charge of sounding the alarm. The "alarm" is the very message of God that they must announce to the people—the message is God's not the prophet's—they speak on His behalf. The Lord does not wish for anyone to perish but for all to be converted and live. The mission of the prophet is awesome and they will answer with their lives for having completed or not completed what the Lord has asked of them.

In St. Paul's Letter to the Romans, today's passage instructs us how to live the law of love as taught by Jesus. To pay off one's debts is a demand of justice. But when it comes to mutual love, this rule does not apply in our daily lives. Love is not a possession that one receives or gives in an exactly measured quantity. Therefore, each one of us remains and will always remain in the debt of others as to the love that is due them. This is especially true for us as God's daughters and sons as He calls us to love as He loves. Lacking the infinity of God's love, the disciples' love toward others must still be without measure. Therefore, it is impossible to ever be without debt with regard to anybody as we live out the law of love in our daily lives.

In today's gospel passage, from Matthew, we find the guidelines as give by Jesus for fraternal correction. This correction is inspired by mercy and the spiritual welfare of the individual. First of all, one must speak privately to the person in order to help them to become aware of the peril they are incurring. We know that only God's grace can change hearts and effect conversion. An initial failure must not discourage us. We must model our behavior on God's trust, compassion and patience and accept not to see the result of our efforts. When the efforts of one person are not enough, we are encouraged to bring others to help persuade our sisters and brothers and in the end to turn to the church. The brother or sister who refuses "to listen even to the church" is excluded from the community when their hearts are closed to the truth. However, the community still prays for those who have excluded themselves from the church leaving those individuals to God's mercy and the power of His grace. This concern about others' salvation must be at the heart of every cell of the Church, especially the heart of the family. Like the prophets of old, the Lord calls us to help each other to turn from our sinful ways and follow Him in truth and love.

God bless all of you,

Father Ron

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.

Youth Corner

Question For The Week — As you learn more and more about life and love, what strategy do you follow to make love a priority in your life, over greed, selfishness, rejection of others, and similar things?

(Source: www.harcourtreligion.com)

Please Note — The parish office will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, **September 5**.

Outreach Weekend — This weekend is Outreach Weekend. This is our monthly collection of food items and monetary donations for our Soup Kitchen Ministry. When making a donation by check, please make the check payable to "Blessed Sacrament Outreach—Soup Kitchen." If you would like to learn more about this ministry, visit: <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/soup-kitchen-ministry/>.



Sanctuary Sodality News — The Executive Committee and Unit Chairs meeting is scheduled for this Thursday, **September 8**, starting with 11 a.m. Mass. Meeting to follow in the Duffy Parish Center. The luncheon will be hosted by Hospitality. Unit Chairs: If you are unable to attend, please send a representative. Reminder: Mark your calendars now for the Sodality holiday bazaar, Saturday, **November 12**. Vendors: Please contact co-chair Felice Goodwin at 202.244.9662 or fmgoodwin@yahoo.com, for more information.

Rite Of Installation Of Our New Pastor Next Sunday — Cardinal Wuerl will formally install Father Ron Potts as our pastor next Sunday, **September 11**, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the church. During the Rite of Installation, Father Potts will reaffirm the promises he made as a priest, and be encouraged to work with and pastorally care for our parish community. All are invited to attend this special Mass. A reception will follow in the Duffy Parish Center, main level.

Join The 5:30 Sunday Choir — There's no time like the fall to join the choir, which is preparing for a new season beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Mass Sunday, **September 18**. The 5:30 group is multi-generational and welcomes all. If you can carry a tune and like to sing, please join them! The group also needs instrumentalists who play bass guitar, flute or other solo instrument. Rehearsals take place on Sundays at 4:15 in the Duffy Parish Center prior to that evening's Mass. Contact Ginny Curtin for more info at GUCurtin@gmail.com.

Newly Baptized

Lorenzo James Dilorio
Dylan Anthony Rogers

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

Zachary Balog	Stella Kloc
Sara Baron	Christine Warner McDaniel
Jane Collins	Judy O'Hara
Joaquinita Diaz	Peter Sullivan
Mary Lou Gomez	Betsy Toland
Judy Szot	

Faith Formation

School Of Religion

Wanted: Catechists & Teacher Aides for Religious Education in 2011-12 — Share your belief in God and the joy of knowing Jesus by becoming a catechist or teacher aide!

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

1st grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
2nd grade: 1 Aide
3rd grade: 2 Catechists, 2 Aides
4th grade: 1 Aide
5th grade: 1 Catechist, 2 Aides
6th grade: 1 Aide
7th grade: 1 Aide
8th grade: 1 Catechist

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

2nd grade: 1 Catechist
6th grade: 1 Catechist, 1 Aide
7th grade: 1 Aide
8th grade: 1 Catechist, 2 Aides

Sacramental Preparation:
1 Catechist

Substitutes are also needed for both Sunday and Tuesday sessions. Contact Therese at 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Adult Religious Education With Brother Malachy Broderick — Tuesdays & Thursdays this fall, beginning **September 13 & September 15**, 8:45 to 10:45 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center. Tuesday's class will examine the Creed and its context: the scriptures, movements, heresies and councils that created its words. Students will examine the historical debates, contemporary challenges and modern ecumenical convergences. Thursday's class will study the Deuteronomistic History: Joshua, Judges, I and II Samuel; also included in this course will be the study of some of the famous women in the Old Testament: Ruth, Esther and Judith.

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, and others that you may wish to invite, 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. Contact Therese at 202.449.3989.

Looking For Two Religious Education Session Coordinators — Session coordinators are needed for our Sunday and Tuesday School of Religion programs. The session coordinator is responsible for the basic operation and overall maintenance of the Religious Education Program while classes are in session. The goal is to create a welcoming atmosphere for parents and students, as well as an environment of support for the catechists. This person should be able to handle a multi-faceted, fast-paced environment and work well with people. Excellent organizational skills are a must. This is a paid part-time position during the period September-May. The total time commitment would be two hours per week; some meeting times are scheduled at the discretion of the Director of Religious Education. If interested, contact Therese at 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Visit Your Parish Library

The Bible Through History

The 400th anniversary of the King James Bible is celebrated this year with many exhibits and conferences. Leland Ryken, author of "The Legacy of the King James Bible," points out in an article (Wall Street Journal, Aug. 27-28, A13) that this authorized version, as it is known (though it was never officially authorized by King James) is the most quoted book in the English language, 'simple in vocabulary, while majestic in effect.' Do most people realize that such phrases as 'labor of love,' 'the salt of the earth,' 'at their wit's end' are quotes from this translation of the Bible? The world's greatest book is a cornerstone of our faith; read some of the books about its many translations and journey through the ages:

"The Bible: a Biography," by Karen Armstrong (220 A57 B47). Armstrong, a former nun and professor of literature, has as her theme 'how, when, and by whom the Bible was written.' Her book also describes scholarly interpretations from varied perspectives and faiths. This book is valuable for the general reader and the addition of explanatory notes for each chapter and the helpful indexes, both of subjects, people and cited biblical passages, make it a wonderful foundation for further bible study.

"God's Secretaries: the Making of the King James Bible," by Adam Nicolson (220 N52 G54). This is a fascinating account of forty-eight scholarly men of sterling reputation, divided into six groups, two at Westminster, two at Cambridge, and two at Oxford, who, at the behest of King James I, created a new English translation of the Bible for everyone in order to foster unity in a divisive realm. Amazingly, the work was accomplished in two years and seven months. Most important, it describes a king who, as James VI of Scotland, had waited in the wings for many years to inherit the throne of Queen Elizabeth I in 1603: he 'was obsessed with words...words as instruments of government were part of a King's service to God'.

"Whose Bible Is It? A History of the Scriptures Through the Ages," by Jaroslav Pelikan (220.09 P31 W62). The author, a distinguished and erudite theologian who died last year, describes how the Bible evolved from oral tradition to the present multitude of translations and languages. This profound and eloquent book has much to teach us about every aspect of the Bible.

Parish Newsletter — The submission deadline for articles, photos, etc. for the September/October issue of the Parish Newsletter is this Friday, **September 9**. Please send all contributions to newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org.

2nd & 4th Monday Club Luncheon Next Week — A "Welcome Back" luncheon will be held next Monday, **September 12**, at noon in the newly refurbished Manning Center. All are welcome to see how beautiful the redecorated space is, enjoy a delicious lunch and celebrate the start of a new season with the club.

THE ADULT CENTER

All parishioners, 39 and holding, are invited to gather at the Chevy Chase Apartments, #1, for fellowship after the 11 a.m. weekday Mass. Weekly activities include coffee and conversation on Mondays, RENEW and the Word on Tuesdays, Art Class with Dick Swartz on Wednesdays, and Bridge for Bridge Lovers on Thursdays. **Please note that weekly activities are suspended until September.** The usual full schedule of weekly activities will resume beginning the week of **September 12**. For further information, contact Rita Killian at 202.363.5069.

Blessed Sacrament Adult Center: Focus On Tuesday Activities — We are introducing something new this year, Tuesdays with Maury, which will be conducted by our very own Maury, Father O (Msgr. Maurice V. O'Connell). His subject will be "The Meaning of Life: taught from experience." Topics such as love, work, community, family, aging and forgiveness will be covered. Sessions will take place immediately after the 11 a.m. Mass on the first and third Tuesdays of the month beginning **September 20**. Please bring a sandwich and join us. On the alternate Tuesdays we will continue our Scripture readings and reflections. Have suggestions about other things you would like to see offered? Contact Rita Killian at r.killian@verizon.net or 202.363.5069. New participants are always welcome to join the fun each week.

New Exhibit Opens In The Day Star Gallery This Week — The paintings by the late William H. Calfee entitled "A Visual Symphony" will be on display in The Day Star Gallery, Duffy Parish Center, from this Tuesday, **September 6**, through the end of the month. A reception will be held on Sunday, **September 18**, from 2 to 4 p.m. All are invited to attend.

Faith In The Marketplace Group Meets This Friday — The monthly gathering of men to discover how others live and practice their professions and faith in the marketplace resumes this Friday, **September 9**, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass with Tim Shriver's lively and introspective presentation about his father's founding of the Peace Corps and his work with the Special Olympics. Faith in the Marketplace is an informative forum which fosters camaraderie among a cross-section of parish members from a diverse array of professions. For more information, contact Tim Gorman at timothy.gorman@verizon.net.

Parish Book Sale To Be Held Next Month — 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.

Did You Know??

That the first Disabilities Ministry meeting this fall will take place on Tuesday, **September 20**, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish library. All are welcome! 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.

Outreach

Collection Of School Supplies For St. Thomas More School

— St. Thomas More in Southeast Washington, D.C. is our sister school. School supplies for the students of St. Thomas More may be dropped off at Blessed Sacrament School, the Social Concerns Office or at the parish office in the Duffy Parish Center. Next weekend, **September 10-11**, school supplies will be collected at all Masses. Items needed are: construction paper, notebooks, scissors, pens and pencils, glue sticks, binders, crayons, highlighters and colored markers; other new school supplies are also welcome. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or at 202.449.3987.

Learn More About JustFaith Next Week

— JustFaith is a spiritual journey that offers individuals a chance to become agents of God’s compassion and healing in a wounded world. Through workshops and programs, this course empowers participants to expand their commitment to social ministry within their faith communities. For more information, consider attending a JustFaith reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in the parish library Wednesday, **September 14**, or after the 10:30 a.m. Masses Sunday, **September 18**, in the Duffy Parish Center, main level. RSVP to Pat Kavanaugh at pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

Share Your Homegrown Produce

— Share your homegrown food with neighbors who have less...bring in fresh produce from your garden and place it in baskets labeled “Fresh Produce for Shepherd’s Table.” Shepherd’s Table is a local non-profit serving the poor and marginalized. Baskets are at the main and Quesada Street entrances to the church.

Volunteers Needed


— The director of the Social Concerns office is looking for volunteers to commit to any one of the following duties: drive fellow parishioners to weekly and Sunday Masses; work from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Social Concerns office serving the marginalized and homeless; bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound and residents of nursing homes; or, offer pastoral care to fellow parishioners. Training required. For more information, contact Pat Kavanaugh at 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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Can-Do!

100,000 Cans for 100 Years

Donate to the **Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive**
To Celebrate 100 years as a Community of Faith

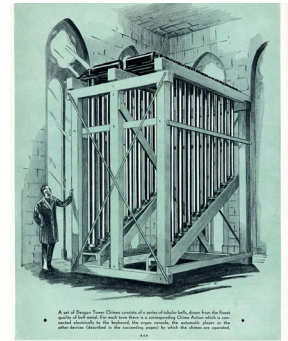


Donate cans to support Blessed Sacrament’s goal of collecting 100,000 cans for the poor and marginalized who visit the Social Concerns office.

Two stations are set up in the church to receive donations—please drop off cans in the containers located 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.

Chimes Chatter

We have been, over the last three “chatters,” retelling the 1936 story: battle of the chimes. What follows is the conclusion to this story.



After presenting the results of scientific sound metering tests to the court, Judge Bailey agreed with the defendants. He contended there could be, and are, many noises louder than church chimes. Justice Bailey added, “Well, if the Angelus has been ringing throughout centuries, almost as long as the Catholic Church has been in existence, I see no reason for silencing it now.” Upon exiting the room, defense attorney Doyle told Donald Bowie, opposing counsel, who still considered the chimes a nuisance, “You have offended our pastor – Father Smyth – by contending his chimes are harsh. After paying \$11,000 for them, he considers their music gorgeous, the sweetest sound on earth.” Father Smyth, supported by a committee whose leading members were the late Leven Handy, Herman Schulteis and Frederick E. Altemus, all former active parishioners, won the decision. Prior to the suit, instead of ringing the Angelus at six each morning, he had moved the hour up to seven in deference to the slumbering complainants in the suit. “Suppose, in the morning, someone is awakened by this?” Father Smyth asked. He answered his own question with another, “They can get back to sleep again. Can’t they?” Answer to that was, “Why, certainly!” A number of Protestant neighbors, some living in the nearby Chevy Chase apartment house, had written to the pastor before the hearing. They said the chimes did not disturb them and that they rather liked hearing the Angelus. Today the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament and their tolerant neighbors enjoy the pleasant tones of the Angelus: musical chimes that measure the passing hours... now they belong. They are part of the atmosphere that makes up the spirit, the soul of Blessed Sacrament. So ended the Battle of the Chimes. (Source: John Jay Daly’s “Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament: 1911-1961”)

Questions about your chimes? 202.244.4833

From The Archdiocese

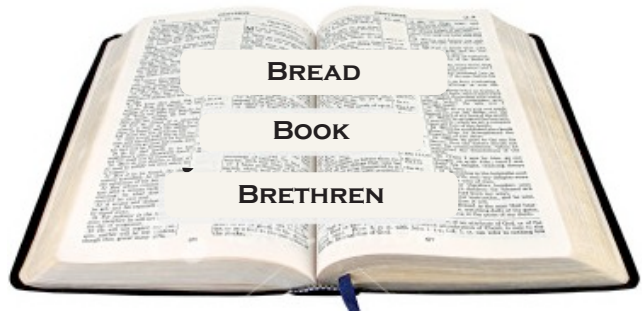
End Of Summer Luau & Dance — 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Saturday, **September 10**, Blessed Sacrament School Gym. Sponsored by St. Thomas the Apostle Young Adult Group for persons with and without disabilities. For more information, contact Nancy Raitano Lee: nancyraitanolee@gmail.com; 516.884.3458 or Peg Kolm: kolmm@adw.org; 240.994.0603.

Sponsor Of The Week
We would like to thank **Happy Hauling** for sponsoring an ad in our weekly bulletin.



"Now that Wisdom is, and how she came to be, I shall relate: and I shall hide no secrets from you." Wisdom 6:22

Join the Wednesday Morning Bible Study



beginning September 14
for fellowship & enlightenment
as they begin exploring
The Book of Wisdom
snacks & coffee at 8:30 a.m.
Guest speakers after group discussion
Duffy Parish Center, main level



You are invited
SHRINE OF THE MOST
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Centennial
Birthday Party
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

SEVEN O'CLOCK COCKTAILS ♦ EIGHT O'CLOCK DINNER
COCKTAIL ATTIRE ♦ ON PARISH GROUNDS

Limited Seating ♦ RSVP by September 19

For the details and tickets, please contact Tom Howe
202-449-3977, thowe@blessedsacramentdc.org
or visit www.blessedsacramentdc.org, click on: CENTENNIAL

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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.

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