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MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday, July 18
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Sunday, July 19
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O
9:00 a.m.* ~ Father Alec
10:30 a.m.** ~ Father Armstrong
12:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

Saturday, July 25
~ Father Ron

Sunday, July 26
~ Father Ron
~ Father Alec
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Alec
~ Father O

*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

**The 10:30 Gym Mass is not scheduled during the summer months.

Weekday and 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 3:30 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, 6-8 p.m.,
with Holy Hour from 7-8 p.m.

*No adoration on federal holidays

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WEEKEND OF JULY 25 - 26

Join Father D'Silva as He Celebrates His Last Mass at Our Parish
Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Mass. A reception for Father D'Silva will take
place in the parish center after the Mass.

THIS MONTH

Poor Box Donations

Donations collected during the month of **July** will benefit Living Wages, a community-based nonprofit that operates two adult education centers in Southeast Washington. To help participants earn wages that can support healthy families, the group assists them in improving their reading, writing and math skills, and in obtaining their high school diplomas. It also offers computer training, personal and career development seminars, and a grassroots literacy project.

Mondays @ the Corbett Café: Fellowship, Coffee & Doughnuts
Come to Apartment 1 of the Chevy Chase Apartments (next to the church) following the 8 a.m. Mass on Mondays. There is a coffee maker to ensure a hot drink to suit your taste and doughnuts and other treats on hand to make you happy. Join fellow parishioners and friends for fellowship any or every Monday, 8:30 a.m. – 'til the coffee runs out!

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism • Baptismal preparation is required of all parents prior to the baptism of their child. We recommend preparation take place before the child is born. For more info: Father O, baptism@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.4617.

Matrimony • All couples who are to be married at Blessed Sacrament must complete our parish marriage preparation program. Please contact one of the parish priests six months in advance of your marriage date.

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 or homebound and would like a priest to visit, contact the parish office at 202.966.6575.

New Parishioners • Welcome to Blessed Sacrament! Please register by stopping in at the parish office, located in the Duffy parish center, and filling out a registration form. Forms also available in the pamphlet rack at the Quesada Street entrance to the church and on the parish website.

Bulletin Announcements • Due Mondays @ 10 a.m. Send announcements to: bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Newsletter Content • Send articles, photos and other content to: newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Website Postings • Send requests for postings for the Blessed Sacrament Parish website to: website@blessedsacramentdc.org.

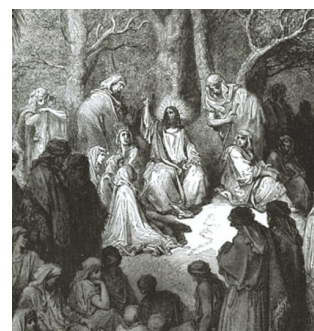
Church Bulletin Boards • The parish secretary maintains the church bulletin boards. Please drop off any flyers for posting to Joan Ward in the parish office, located in the Duffy parish center.

PASTOR'S COLUMN • JULY 19

In today's reading from the Prophet Jeremiah, the Lord declares, "Woe to shepherds who mislead and scatter the flock of my pasture." The Lord had entrusted His people to the kings to guide and care for His flock. The kings were guilty of negligence for the "sheep" were starving and had been scattered. The Lord will take action against these shepherds; he will punish them for their evil deeds and intercedes to rescue His sheep from the bad situation into which the bad shepherds have placed the flock. The Lord will choose and send shepherds charged in His name with leading the sheep on the road to life where they have nothing to fear following the way marked out by the Lord, their only Master. The fulfillment of this promise is realized when the Father sends Jesus to be the Messiah. Jesus is the "righteous shoot" sprung from David—"the Lord our justice."

In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he expresses the division of those who believe in God through the Mosaic Law and all others—pagans who believed in many gods. From these two factions, Jesus, who "is our peace . . . made both one and broke down the dividing wall of enmity, through his flesh, abolishing the law with its commandments and legal claims," which in fact closed the access of salvation to the pagans. Jesus did not abolish the Law; on the contrary, He brought it to fulfillment. God did not send His Son to promulgate new juridical prescriptions. But in Him, He created "one new person," the firstborn of a new humanity. By His cross, Christ has reconciled human beings with God—He has personally become our reconciliation. In Him, all human beings form "one body" and "have access in one Spirit to the Father." To build walls of division and hatred between human beings is to rise up against God, blaspheme Christ, and seek to oppose the Spirit. As Christians, we cannot in anyway cooperate in such undertakings. We have a strict duty to work at abolishing, in and around ourselves, everything conducive to divisions—our faith demands this of us.

In today's Gospel passage from Mark, the apostles have returned from their mission and "reported all they had done and taught" by proclaiming repentance and expelling demons, and curing the sick. They have done all that Christ commanded them to do and must give an account of their service. Jesus invites them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest



Gustave Doré, *The Sermon on the Mount*, 1866 (fragment)
 Source of Image: <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

a while." This thoughtfulness of Jesus toward the Twelve enables Jesus to teach them about balance in their lives between time generously given to others and solitude. As they arrive at their destination, the people are already waiting for them and the heart of Jesus is moved with pity. This pity is not condescension but a deep feeling of benevolence that impels one to do everything possible to relieve the sufferers by a total commitment of self. It is this "pity" that stirs within the heart of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, to "teach them many things."

God bless you,
Father Ron

Youth Corner

Question for the Week

Week of July 19: Jesus was moved with pity for the people who were gathered. Who are the people you are moved with pity for? What can you do to help them?

Week of July 26: Generosity is key to today's Gospel. What do you have that you should be sharing with others? Think of your possessions, your talents, and your time. How can you use these for the good of others?

(Source: www.osvcurriculum.com/lifelong_catechesis)

SUNDAY READINGS/QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION FOR JULY 19 . . . from the Faith Formation Commission

Jeremiah 23:1-6: Imagine that you are a caretaker of people like a shepherd is for sheep. What can you do about the fear people experience all over the world due to injustice? Are you able to do anything to remedy any of the injustices? Is there anything you can do about unfair situations in your own living area?

Ephesians 2:13-18: Paul, a Jew preaching to Gentiles, was now a Christian preaching to Jews. There were a lot of barriers or dividing walls as Paul calls them. Think about dividing walls present today among peoples of different beliefs, races or cultures. Also, which dividing walls seem most impenetrable to you? Using this reading as a guide, what might people do who would like to resolve their differences or in other words break down walls that divide them? For instance, on June 17th a white man in Charleston, SC, killed nine black people in a Bible study group. The families of the victims forgave the killer. Is this the kind of action that will break down a dividing wall?

Mark 6:30-34: Pope Francis addressed the priests of Rome on the topic of mercy by calling to mind the scene in which Jesus is moved with pity for the vast crowd for they were tired and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd. How does his statement illustrate the line from the Gospel?

(Source: Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University)

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Luke Mathias Martino	Benjamin Emil Meyers
Susan Renee McLaughlin	Decker Ray Yarber

REST IN PEACE

Thomas Carolan	Marilyn Conroy McCann
Michael Leon Fleming	Lana Shao
Frances L. Higgins	

PLEASE INCLUDE OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE HEALING AND COMFORT

Theresa Szot Anderson	Daniel Ortman
Alejandro Arce	Richard B. Perry
William H. Casson	Rev. Barbara Schlachter
Kieran Kelley	Nelly Turner
Markie Daly McKaig	Violeta Turner
Brady Nelson	Hope Elena Katz-Zogby
Fredy H. Ortega	

FAITH FORMATION

School of Religion

Registration for 2015-16 Classes

Registration is now open. To register your child or for more info, contact our Coordinator of Faith Formation, Mrs. Gina Schulz: gschulz@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Catechists and Catechist Aides Needed for 2015-16 School Year

For all grade levels for both Sunday and Tuesday sessions.

Contact:

Therese Recinella:
202.449.3989;
trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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

Kindergarten: 1 Aide
2nd Grade: 2 Catechists, 2 Aides
4th Grade: 1 Aide
5th Grade: 1 Catechist; 2 Aides
6th Grade: 2 Catechists; 2 Aides
8th Grade: 2 Catechists; 2 Aides

Tuesday Session: 4:30 - 5:45 p.m.

Kindergarten: 1 Catechist
1st Grade: 1 Catechist; 1 Aide

Please note the new time for the Tuesday session.

Sacramental Preparation Catechist Needed

The catechist will teach older children preparing for First Penance and First Communion. This class meets four to five Tuesdays in the fall and four to five Tuesdays in the spring. If interested, contact Therese: trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3989.

Catechist and Catechist Aide Orientation

Saturday, **September 19**, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

School of Religion Opening Mass and Potluck

Sunday Session: **September 20**, 9 a.m. Mass in the church.
Tuesday Session: **September 22**, 4:30 p.m. Mass in the church.

RCIA: Fall Session Begins Monday, September 14, 7:30 p.m.

We invite you to learn what the Church teaches, and ask any questions you may have about the Church. Open to people who are unbaptized, as well as those who are baptized Christians from Protestant, Evangelical backgrounds, or Catholics in need of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. For more info, contact Therese Recinella: 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD



This catechetical method based on Maria Montessori's research and The Religious Potential of the Child will once again be offered for children three to four years of age beginning in September 2015. To that aim, we are calling for volunteers: one person to serve as one the two catechists, and another person to serve as an aide. The Office of Faith Formation will contribute towards half the tuition for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training. Blessed Sacrament is requesting donations in order to assemble a full set of materials as church owned, therefore part of the permanent resources for our parish and School of Religion program. The total cost of the nine liturgical pieces for the pre-K atrium is \$9,100. All those interested in serving as a catechist or aide and/or contributing to the funds needed for the pre-K atrium should contact Therese Recinella, 202.449.3989 or trecinella@blessedsacramentdc.org.

VISIT YOUR PARISH LIBRARY

What Are the Magazines Saying?

“Canada and Assisted Suicide,” by Donald DeMarco, Ethics & Medics, July, 2015, 1-2.

The Canadian Supreme Court earlier this year reversed the Criminal Court’s ban on assisted suicide. The author, a senior fellow of Human Life International quotes a compendium of ethics: “the erosion of the moral ethic begins when the nearly-dead are equated with the dead; this...is extended to encompass the inferior, the mentally retarded, the disabled or the incurably ill...the unproductive, or the alien are then also excluded from their inalienable right to life.” Although many hailed the above decision as inspired by compassion (feeling another’s pain), “by no means is killing another person included in the meaning of the word.” Successful pressure by church leaders has again halted the implementation of this legal reversal.

“In Polls We Trust,” by Robert Wuthnow, First Things, August/September, 2015, 39-44, www.firstthings.com.

This fascinating and shrewd analysis of the polling industry, its history, veracity and results, points out that “public confidence <in it> has dropped dramatically...fewer and fewer of us answer the phone when pollsters call.” The religious findings are particularly questionable insofar as these can’t be substantiated as can political polls, which often miss the mark and make us wonder about “erroneous methods and potential biases.” The author warns that “from the beginning, polling was in the business to make headlines” but it “should not be confused with painstaking research that takes months and years to complete....”

“The Persecuted Church,” by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, America, June 22-29, 19-21.

A visiting delegation to the Middle East from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ Migration and Refugee Services reported at the end of 2014 that 4 million people, including 700,000 children, were forced from their native countries. This article calls to mind the frequent images of violence brought upon innocent people by ISIS, or ISIL, for no other reason than their faith. The author writes that now is the time to reflect what the church in the U.S., and each person can do: “We must increase our witness, our prayer and our giving.” Those who have visited the Middle East recently bring back stories of hardship and efforts to persuade national leaders in protecting the rights of religious minorities. The Archbishop continues this article by describing the opportunities for special prayer and the great generosity shown by parishioners who recently gave more than 7 million dollars across 111 dioceses for aid to afflicted communities.

For more information, visit the library on the second floor of the parish center or call 202.449.3593.

Play Reading in September

The next dramatic reading will combine comedy, 12th century history and family rivalry. “The Lion in Winter” is a fascinating portrait of Henry II of England and his wife Eleanor of Aquitaine and their three sons. Mark your calendars for Tuesday, **September 15**, 7 p.m. For more information, call 202.449.3974.

THE ADULT CENTER

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

Summer Schedule

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	11:30 a.m.: Strong Seniors—Strength and Balance Class 12:30 p.m.: Watercolor Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed



CHIMES CHATTER

Are Deagan tower chimes considered a carillon? ... Do you sometimes think our chimes sound like a carillon? According to the World Carillon Federation, 23 or more bells (or tubes) mechanically played from a keyboard, defines a carillon (ours has 16 tubed-shaped bells). That is right, an international organization just for carillons and carilloneurs, the expert keyboardists of carillon instruments! Considered a musical instrument, carillons are the heaviest of all instruments, having bells weighing in at more than 100 tons (ours is over 2 tons). The oldest and greatest concentration of carillons is actually in Belgium and in the Netherlands, where John Deagan had traveled. Some of the most stunning are protected as world heritage sites under UNESCO. There are 182 carillons in the Netherlands and 178 in Belgium. Here in the United States, 164 carillons exist, although our research has not turned up any Deagan towers officially designated as carillons (Deagan installed dozens with more than 25 tubes). Of these 164 in the United States, three carillon towers in the District of Columbia are sanctioned members of the World Carillon Federation, namely Knights Tower of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception with 56 bells, Kibbey Carillon of the Washington National Cathedral with 53 bells, and the 35 bells of the Pelzman Memorial Glockenspiel at the National Zoo. Curious about a carillon or glockenspiel you hear if you travel to Europe, why not ask if it is a member of the Carillon Federation?



Photo by Joe Bozik

Have a chimes story? Contact 1RetroJoe@gmail.com.

PASTOR'S COLUMN • JULY 26

In our reading from the second Book of Kings, we find Elisha at the center of our passage. He played an important role in the northern kingdom and was known for many miraculous incidents. In today's passage there is a great famine in the land. A man brings twenty barley loaves to Elisha. He instructs his servant to distribute the bread to all one hundred people. The small number of loaves is enough to feed everyone and there are leftovers. The Lord remains faithful to His people, "They shall eat and there shall be some left over." Once again, we are reminded that in the Scriptures bread is God's gift to strengthen His people.

In St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, he exhorts them to "preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace." Paul is stressing the unity of all members found in the Body of Christ. Christ has suffered, died, and risen to reconcile us to the Father and to each other. By our very baptism, "our call," we are given the grace to overcome the selfish tendencies of the flesh. We grow in humility, gentleness, and patience through the Lord's grace so that we are able to bear with "one another through love." These gifts enable us to break down the walls of selfishness that are the result of the problems and difficulties we face in our lives. Finally, Paul reminds us that aggressive and selfish behavior is not acceptable in our lives because we are the children of the same Father.



Giovanni Lanfranco, *Miracle of the Bread and Fish*, fragment, 1620-23
Source of Image: <http://liturgy.slu.edu>

We find the miraculous multiplication of the loaves and fishes in the Gospel of John. The crowd has followed Jesus and His disciples because of the miracles they have witnessed. As they follow Him to the

mountain, their messianic expectations are strong for the "mountain" has always been a symbol of an encounter with God. The crowd is so great and the people are hungry—it is an impossible situation. A boy with five barley loaves and two fish is the only food that is available. He commands the apostles to have the people be seated, "five thousand in number." "Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted." The people eat until they are filled. The apostles gather up twelve baskets of fragments reminding us of the abundance of the bread multiplied by Jesus. The abundance of this miracle points to the Eucharist that Jesus will give the Church the night before His death. The Eucharist is the Bread of Life that has and will sustain the Church until the Lord returns.

God bless you,

Father Ron

SUNDAY READINGS/QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION FOR JULY 26 . . . from the Faith Formation Commission

2 Kings 4:42-44: Twenty loaves won't be enough to feed the crowd. Elisha knows this. He has to trust God over his own logic. Is this leap-of-faith kind of trust ever required in your life? Does this kind of trust become easier with practice? And, both Elisha and the man from Baal-shalishah had to trust that a miracle would happen. Do you consider anything as a miracle besides "something that breaks the laws of nature"? What are some everyday miracles in your life?

Ephesians 4:1-6: Paul reminds the brothers and sisters to "preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit." Was this a directive only for the Ephesians? What do you do to preserve unity? Also, which would be better, to preserve the peace by not talking to anyone we disagree with, or to preserve the unity by staying at the table and talking it out?

John 6:1-15: Pope Francis says that the "food was shared fairly . . . no one was deprived." What are the implications for us regarding the inequality of resources and starvation all over the world?

Jesus fed the multitude with five loaves and two fish. And the end of this passage is important: "and all ate and were satisfied. And they took up what was left over, twelve baskets of broken pieces" (Lk 9:17) and (Jn 6:12). Jesus asked the disciples to ensure that nothing was wasted: nothing thrown out! And there is this fact of 12 baskets: why 12? What does it mean? Twelve is the number of the tribes of Israel. It represents symbolically the whole people. And this tells us that when the food was shared fairly, with solidarity, no one was deprived of what (s)he needed. Every community could meet the needs of its poorest members. Human and environmental ecology go hand in hand.

Pope Francis, General Audience Saint Peter's Square, Wednesday, June 5, 2013

(Source: Center for Liturgy at St. Louis University)

OUTREACH

Canned Food Donations Needed

The Social Concerns Office is in need of canned food donations for the summer months. Donations may be placed in the large wooden containers located at the main and Quesada Street bell tower entrances to the church, or they can be brought to the altar at the offertory during Mass. The most frequently requested items are tuna fish, chicken soup, brown beans, cereal, Beefaroni, Vienna sausage, sardines, and peanut butter and jelly. Donations may also be brought directly to the Social Concerns Office. Thank you for your support. Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh: 202.449.3987 or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Calling All Gardeners and Stewards of the Earth

The Blessed Sacrament Community Garden, located on the rectory grounds, offers fresh produce to the less fortunate in our community, including clients from Shepherd's Table. There are numerous volunteer opportunities such as planting, watering, weeding, etc. Students who volunteer may earn service hours. This is a fun activity to do with friends or as a family. All volunteer schedules are flexible. Questions? Interested in tending the garden? Contact Sandra Address, address@aol.com.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT MINISTRY

A Prayer for Help in Ending Violence

District Mayor Muriel Bowser and Police Chief Cathy Lanier say that domestic violence is a rising concern. The organization Everytown for Gun Safety reports that the presence of a gun makes it five times more likely that domestic disputes will turn into murder. Churches can help: the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops advises that a person experiencing such abuse is likely to be allowed to go to church and that churches should make it known they are available to help. Let us pray that we will offer the witness of Christ to those threatened by violence:

Loving and faithful God, through the years the people of our archdiocese have prayed in times of war, disaster and illness. We come to you Father and ask you to help us in the battle of today against violence, murder and racism.

We implore you to give us your wisdom that we may build a community founded on the values of Jesus, which give respect to the life and dignity of all people.

Bless parents that they may form their children in faith.

Bless and protect our youth that they may be the peace-makers of our time. Give consolation to those who have lost loved ones through violence.

Hear our prayer and give us the perseverance to be a voice for life and human dignity in our community.

We ask you this through Christ our Lord.

Help Make Baby Afghans for the Christ Child Society

If you knit or crochet and would like to help make baby afghans for the Christ Child Society, please join a group of knitters and crocheters who get together from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. **every other Wednesday** in the parish library. This summer the group will meet on **July 22** and on **August 5 and 19**. Just bring needles or a crochet hook; they will provide the yarn. They can also provide instructions if you need them, but your own designs are also welcome. For more information, contact susaned1042@gmail.com.

**BULLETIN PUBLICATION SCHEDULE
SUMMER 2015**

Publication Date	Deadline
August 2	July 27
August 16	August 10
August 30*	August 24

*Weekly publication of the bulletin will resume with the August 30 issue. Send bulletin announcements to bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Chevy Chase House** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

Summer Theology on TAPtalks

All young adults (21 - late 30s) are invited to this summer's TED-talk inspired rooftop Theology on Tap series: Theology on TAPtalks, co-sponsored by DCCatholic and the Catholic Information Center. Tuesday evenings, **July 7-August 11**, at the Catholic Information Center rooftop, 1501 K Street, NW, Washington, DC; Happy Hour 6 - 7 p.m., with TAPtalks and Q&A to follow, 7 - 8 p.m. For details and to register, visit adw.org/tot.

National Natural Family Planning Awareness Week

July 19 - July 25. *ALL NATURAL: Natural Family Planning: Good for the body, Great for the soul!* is the theme of this year's National Family Planning Awareness Week, a national educational campaign of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to celebrate God's vision for marriage and promote the methods of Natural Family Planning (NFP). These methods reflect the dignity of the human person within the context of marriage and family life, and promote openness to life and the gift of the child. By complementing the love-giving and life-giving nature of marriage, NFP can enrich the bond between husband and wife. For more information about NFP, pick up a brochure after Mass or visit, www.adw.org/nfp.

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Natural Family Planning Class

An introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of natural family planning will be offered Tuesday, **July 21**, at 8 p.m. in the library of Our Lady of Lourdes School, 7500 Pearl Street, Bethesda, MD. There is no fee for this class, but a one-time donation of \$25 is welcome. Follow-up appointments are arranged individually and are available as long as needed to understand and follow the Billings Method. To reserve a place: 301.897.9323 or hannaklaus@earthlink.net.

Maryland Catholic Women's Conference

Saturday and Sunday, **October 10 and 11**, Mt. St. Mary's University Emmitsburg, MD. Relax, refresh, discover. Bring your friends! Quiet your soul and mind! Listen to His voice! Seek Him through talks, Mass, sharing, journaling, music, walking, reflecting, and spending time alone or with others. As in all relationships, we must seek to nurture our relationship with God. Keynote speaker: Elizabeth Ficocelli; Opening Mass: Archbishop William Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore Diocese; Six breakout sessions, plus so much more. Register online: www.marylandcatholicwomen.com or call Jeanne: 443.324.8487. Scholarships available for those in need of help.

Benefit for St. Michael's School and Mother Catherine Academy

It's time to get your tickets for the 5th Annual Cash Bash. Buy your ticket before July 31, 2015 to be entered in the Early Bird drawing of \$10,000. This year, the grand prize will be \$100,000! One ticket for \$75 will enter you in more than 50 drawings. Buy 3, get 1 free! Prizes include a Chevy Camaro, Toyota truck, MayCraft Boat, a John Deere lawn tractor, gift cards and cash ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000 and more. You do not need to be present to win but are welcome to come enjoy community vendors, food vendors, games live entertainment and free food. The event will be held at the St. Mary's County Fairgrounds on **October 24**. More information available at smscashbash.org or by calling 240.587.7111.