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MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, April 23
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Andy

Saturday, April 30
~ Father Justin (Scout Mass)

Sunday, April 24
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Ron
9:00 a.m.* ~ Father Regis
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father Ron
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father O
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Andy
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Sunday, May 1
~ Father Regis
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Ron
~ Father Andy
~ Father O
~ Father Andy

*American Sign Language interpreted Mass

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, 6-8 p.m.,
with Holy Hour from 7-8 p.m.

*No adoration on federal holidays

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Thought for the Week From Pope Francis



If God limited himself to only justice, he would cease to be God, and would instead be like human beings who ask merely that the law be respected. But mere justice is not enough. Experience shows that an appeal to justice alone will result in its destruction. This is why God goes beyond justice with his mercy and forgiveness. Yet this does not mean that justice should be devalued or rendered superfluous.... God's justice is his mercy given to everyone as a grace that flows from the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ (The Face of Mercy, 21).

THIS MONTH

Poor Box Donations

Poor Box donations in **April** will benefit the food pantry at St. Thomas More parish in Southeast Washington. St. Thomas More is Blessed Sacrament's sister parish.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SACRAMENTS

Baptism • Baptismal classes are required of all parents prior to baptism. We recommend taking classes before the child is born. Group baptisms are offered every 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday at 2:00pm. For more info on requirements and procedures, visit: www.blessedsacramentdc.org/sacrament-rites

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! Please register by stopping in at the parish office, or using the registration form available online or from the pamphlet rack at the Quesada Street entrance to the church.

Bulletin Announcements • **Hard Deadline:** Mondays @ 9 a.m. Send to: bulletin@blessedsacramentdc.org. Submissions received after deadline will be pushed to the following week.

Newsletter Content • newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org

Website Postings • website@blessedsacramentdc.org

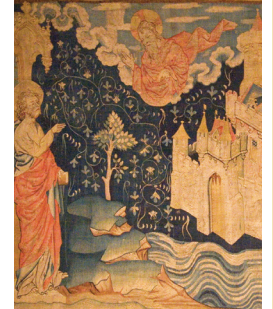
Church Bulletin Boards • The parish secretary maintains the church bulletin boards. Please drop off any flyers for posting to Joan Ward in the parish office, Duffy parish center.

Inclement Weather Policy • The parish center/office follows Montgomery County Schools for delays and closings. All evening activities are cancelled those days the schools are closed.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

In our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for the Fifth Sunday of Easter, Paul and Barnabas continue their missionary journey. They would revisit the communities they had founded to give them encouragement and strengthen them, especially if they were faced with trials. As Jesus had commanded, Peter and Paul not only worked for the awakening of faith but were also concerned with "strengthening the brothers." Paul did this by sending disciples and by writing his letters to each of the churches he established. The apostles gave the churches they founded their own caretakers and continued to watch over and encourage them.

The Book of Revelation is the fruit of John's lengthy meditation and mystical experience. At the end of the book, he shares his vision of "the holy city, a new Jerusalem." The dawning of a new world is the hope of all believers who have suffered. John "sees" a universe and a world that is completely new. "The former heaven and earth," have disappeared and so has the battleground where good and evil and light and darkness fought each other, and where the ancient serpent tried to destroy humanity. The whole universe opens for "the holy city, a new Jerusalem," the dwelling place of God and those who shall be His people. Death, mourning, and pain have been destroyed through Christ's passion, death and resurrection—"See, I make all things new!"



La nouvelle Jérusalem
(Tapestry of the Apocalypse)
14th century

Our passage from John's gospel comes from the night of the Last Supper. Jesus speaks to the apostles "heart to heart" knowing that His "hour" has come. That "hour" is the moment of glory when He will suffer, die, and rise to complete the mission of salvation the Father has given to Him. Jesus prepares the apostles by saying, "My children, I will be with you only a little while longer." Jesus will not leave them orphaned, but the Holy Spirit will be sent to bring them peace, wisdom, and courage. He gives them the command, "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." The love of Jesus is the incomparable standard for the love we must bear for others. To love as Jesus, is to love unconditionally—with no restrictions. Jesus' love for all people is rooted in the love that binds Him to the Father and reveals the Father's love for us. Christian charity has a vertical or mystical dimension. It is a participation in the very life and love of God which will be the law of the new and heavenly Jerusalem. It accompanies faith: without love nothing has value. To love as Jesus is to be "perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:28), to express like Jesus, in our own way, God's holiness.

God bless you,
Father Ron

EVERY WEEK

Coffee and Conversation in the Corbett Café

Join fellow parishioners at the Corbett Café, Apartment 1 of the Chevy Chase Apartments next to the church **every Thursday** after the 8 a.m. Mass for coffee and conversation.

The Monsignor Corbett Memorial Lecture Presents

THE FUTURE OF CATHOLICISM IN THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

In light of *Ex Corde Ecclesiae* – “From the Heart of the Church”

**Sunday, April 24th, 2016
6:30–8:00 p.m. in the Gym**

Keynote Speaker:

John Garvey

President of The Catholic University of America

Formally the dean of Boston College Law School, President Garvey also was the President of the Association of American Law Schools. He has practiced law with the firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco, and taught at Notre Dame, Michigan, and Kentucky. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books, including *Religion and the Constitution* (2011), which won the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit book award; and *Sexuality and the U.S. Catholic Church* (2007), which won the Catholic Press Association award.

Opening reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres begins at 6:30 pm

Lecture from 7:00–8:00 pm

Babysitting available upon request

All are Welcome to Attend

If possible, please RSVP to:

events@blessedsacramentdc.org

The Msgr. Corbett Lecture was founded by members of the memorial committee that wanted to create an annual lecture that would be a fitting remembrance of this remarkably dedicated priest who was passionate about continued education and formation for adult Catholics.

BLESSED SACRAMENT Youth Group
SERVANT LEADERS FOR CHRIST
Events for High School and 8th Grade teens

Purple = service events; blue = social events; green = MCYM (Montgomery County Youth Ministries) events, with other youth ministry groups from the area.

MAY
****TIME HAS CHANGED:** Saturday 14th: Cup of Joe at SHARE Warehouse, 7am-11am followed by lunch & social time

JUNE
 Monday 27th - July 1st: Vacation Bible School 9am-12pm. Volunteers from grades 6-12 needed to facilitate activities, crafts, lessons, games for younger students. Please contact Casey for details.

Students must submit a permission slip for each event.
 Adult chaperones and drivers are always needed, please get in touch!

For more info and to register for events, contact **Casey Armand:**
carmand@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3985

Diaper Drive!

The Stella Maris sodality unit of Blessed Sacrament is hosting a Diaper Drive, the weekend of April 30 through May 8th. All parishioners are invited to participate.

Through the DC Diaper Bank and Stella Maris, there are three ways to participate:

1. **Drop off diapers** in the boxes at each exit and at the back of the church or in the school lobby. Partial packages are fine!
2. **Cash!** The DC Diaper Bank has high volume, low cost diaper buying power. \$12 will buy diapers for a baby for two weeks. We will be collecting checks and cash after Masses the weekends of April 30/May 1, and May 7/8.
3. **Amazon.** Purchase diapers and other items at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMMO5V30>. Your items will be delivered directly to the DC Diaper Bank. Specify "Stella Maris" as the organization.

Why Diapers? Lots of reasons, but excessive crying, often the result of diaper rash or discomfort, is the number one cause of child abuse. Diapers and other baby and other hygiene items are not covered by government food subsidies.

Questions? Feel free to call or email Mary Shimp at 703.201.9803, mshimp@alumni.cmu.edu.

REST IN PEACE

James Ausum
 Ruth Dukkony

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Taylor Agostino** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

FAITH FORMATION

Every sacrifice and little act can be offered to God in love, in our own little way like St. Thérèse:

Yes, my Beloved, I wish to spend my life thus... I have no other means of proving my love except by strewing flowers, that is to say, letting no little sacrifice pass, no look, no word—profiting by the littlest actions, and doing them out of love. I wish to suffer out of love and to rejoice out of love; thus I shall strew flowers before your throne. I shall not find one without scattering its petals before you... and in strewing my flowers I will sing (can one weep in doing so joyous an action?) **I will sing, even if my roses must be gathered from among thorns; and the longer and sharper the thorns, the sweeter shall be my song.**

-St. Thérèse's *Story of a Soul*

Confirmation Meeting – Thursday April 28



All current 7th grade parish students (rising 8th graders of BSS, SOR and private independent Catholic schools) and parents are invited to attend the Confirmation Orientation Meeting for 2016-2017 on **Thursday, April 28**, 7-8 p.m. in the school auditorium. For questions about the meeting, please contact Rosalie Days at rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Holy Hour and the ChristLife Program

Six parishioners, including members of the Parish Council and our Director of Religious Education, received training in mid-January for the ChristLife program. This opening to the New Evangelization, already active in 40 parishes of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, is endorsed by the Archdiocese of Washington. Blessed Sacrament will host a pilot session for ChristLife in April/May and, if all goes well, adopt the program parish-wide next September. ChristLife is designed for "seekers," whether they be regular churchgoers, Catholics who have fallen away from practicing their faith, or people who are hearing the Gospel for the first time.

Father Ron believes that openness to a personal encounter with Jesus is essential to ChristLife's flourishing at Blessed Sacrament. He asks parishioners to pray for the program's success at our monthly Holy Hour, the first Thursday of each month. The next Holy Hour is 7-8 p.m., **May 5**, in the church. For more info about ChristLife, visit ChristLife.org or contact Dave Byers (dbyers4@verizon.net) or Ceil Malphrus (ceilmalphrus@verizon.net).

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Magdelaine Ann Page
 Lyla Simonson Cullen
 Tate Delany Stroud
 Allison Joann Leleck

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

Alejandro Arce	Fredy H. Ortega
Ana Maria Arce	Daniel Ortman
William H. Casson	Richard B. Perry
Linda Defendeifer	Nelly Turner
Marian Middendorf	Violeta Turner
Barrie & Elizabeth Montague	Hope Elena Katz-Zogby

VISIT YOUR PARISH LIBRARY

Family Matters

Amoris Laetitia, The Joy of Love, by Pope Francis (www.vatican.va).

The recent 'Apostolic Exhortation' synthesizes the discussions of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops when lay representatives from around the world expressed views on the challenges facing families today. Reading any of the nine chapters will make you feel you're listening to a pastor perfectly aware of all facets of the society in which we live. Among the comments on this document is a four-part discussion on the *National Catholic Reporter* online.

Love and Responsibility, by Karol Wojtyła (250 J635 L682).

'The incessant confrontation of doctrine with life' (Introduction, 15) is the foundation of this volume, which is why you will find it an excellent companion to Pope Francis' *Amoris Laetitia*. Pope St. John Paul II based this book on lectures given at the University of Lublin. In his analysis of the relationship between men and women, John Paul II contrasts the personalistic and the utilitarian views of marriage.

The Water and the Fire, by Gerard Vann, O.P. (uncatalogued).

This fifteenth book by this renowned author draws on the psychology of Jung in confronting the taxing problems and sad dilemmas of family life. His analysis of the loss of roots, the sense of desolation in a doomed society is contrasted with the pattern of human life at one with God and nature.

To borrow these books, visit the library or call 202.449.3974.

KNOW SOMEONE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS?



Blessed Sacrament is an inclusive Catholic community with an active, well-established (2003) ministry. From our charter:

The DisAbilities Ministry at Blessed Sacrament Parish exists to welcome people with disabilities, and to help integrate them as fully as possible into parish life. The Ministry addresses the spiritual needs of people with disabilities, while considering their physical and social needs as well.

The DisAbilities Ministry is open to deafness and the full spectrum of disabilities (physical disabilities, developmental/intellectual disabilities, mental illness, blindness).

If your family or a family you know includes a person with special needs, please let Emma Voelzke know: evaelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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.

Monday	Lunch and Helen Higgins Art Exhibit in Takoma Park
Tuesday	Strong Seniors Strength and Balance
Wednesday	Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

CHIMES CHATTER

In continuing our earlier description of the chimes' "musical movements" in the Work Sacristy, eight matching contacts displayed in the cabinet, strike the seven "peal" notes of A, A#, C, D, D#, F(high), and G, plus the hour note F (low) (the eighth contact). We know that our chimes system has a total of sixteen bronze tubes (or notes) in the belfry. From where are the remaining eight notes struck (namely B, F# (high), E (Angelus), G#, G, F# (low), C# and E (low)? The explanation rests in the unique "Praise Peal" (Holy God We Praise Thy Name) feature of our chimes (one of only two Praise Peals still operating in the country).



Photo by Joe Bozik

The cylindrical drum is the "Praise Peal" drum and the brains behind this peal sequence. Only seven notes are required to sound out the "on-each-quarter-hour" string of a portion of the Holy God We Praise Thy Name hymn. The sole purpose of the remaining eighth contact on the drum (far right contact in the photograph) is to send a signal to strike the top of the hour's "F" (low) note. Therefore, of the total sixteen notes, there are seven "Praise Peal" notes, one "hour peal" note, one "Angelus E" note, and seven "non-peal" notes. These seven non-peal notes (B, high F#, G#, G, low F#, C# and low E) are indeed struck, but only in conjunction with the other nine notes when using one of our chimes' other two equipment accessories; either the sixteen-note keyboard or our paper-roll, tape-player. Chimes are under temporary maintenance and not striking until work complete.

"Chime-in" with your comments-Contact 1RetroJoe@gmail.com

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know the Young Catholics with Disabilities Group will end their year with a far out dance? The Outer Space themed dance will take place after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the school auditorium on Saturday, May 7. Ultrasound Dee-jays will be there, dancing, games, food and fun! Come and learn more about this exciting part of our parish life!

For more information on how Blessed Sacrament is becoming inclusive, please contact evaelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

BEHIND THE ALTAR

Sodality at Blessed Sacrament

Sodality—*noun* so-dal-i-ty \sō-'da-lə-tē\

A devotional or charitable association of Roman Catholic laity. From the Latin sodalitas meaning comradeship.

The Blessed Sacrament Sanctuary Sodality is a society of women dedicated to fostering Marian virtue in daily life. It is comprised of 13 individual Units, each with its own distinctive charitable and spiritual focus. All unit members are also members of the full Sanctuary Sodality.

Sodality members, or sodalists, attend monthly Masses and meetings from September to May, participate in charitable work, clean the altar and sanctuary (known as Altar Duty), serve as Honor Guard at sodalists' funerals, and host the Annual Fall Bazaar. Sanctuary Sodality meetings are usually held on the first Thursday of each month. A calendar of meetings and events can be found on the parish website at www.blessedsacramentdc.org/sodality

All women of the parish are invited to join the Sanctuary Sodality. For more information, please contact sodality@blessedsacramentdc.org or call Marcella Townsend at 703.517.5347.

Sodality in the United States began in Washington

Following its origin in the Jesuit College in Rome in 1563, interest in a lay society devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary caught on quickly. By 1584 Pope Gregory XIII acknowledged the Sodality in the Roman College, and granted it a list of special indulgences. This Sodality was made the mother Sodality for the world, and was given the title *Prima Primaria*. Sodalities spread quickly throughout the world. Women and girls were finally admitted to the Society in 1751 by Pope Benedict XIV.

Sodality came to North America in 1739 when Clement XII issued a Papal Bull, or charter, approving the Sodality founded in 1730 at the Ursuline School in New Orleans, then a French territory. Washington's very own Georgetown University was the site of the first Sodality in the newly formed United States of America. It was established shortly after the founding of the college in 1789. *To be continued...*

Sanctuary Sodality May Dinner
Thursday, May 5th



Sanctuary
SODALITY

We will hold a rite of induction for new members during the 5:30 p.m. Mass, followed by a meeting and dinner in the school auditorium. Those interested in joining sodality or learning more about sodality are welcome to attend as guests. Hosted by Queen of Angels and Mother of Grace.

RSVP to Tracy Rivers: t1rivers@yahoo.com or 240.447.3607.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE – a Catholic Bible Study for women that applies Scripture to challenges we face each day. This is an informational coffee and there is no obligation to join. RSVP to Pam Kelly: 202.320.3340 or pamelagkelly@gmail.com.

Please join us for coffee and refreshments on **Thursday, May 12** from 9-10:30 a.m. in the Duffy Parish Center, 2nd Floor, to learn about **WALKING WITH PURPOSE**

FROM THE COMMUNITY



Helping girls to decide who they are, before the world tells them who they should be.

GirlsUP offers extraordinary summer programs for girls age 10-13 years focused on developing character, confidence and critical thinking through an innovative journey toward self-discovery. GirlsUP is a proud partner of the United Nations Foundation Campaign for Girls.

SUMMER 2016 SESSION DETAILS

- Session 1: June 27-July 1, 2016 9am – 1pm Georgetown Visitation School
- Session 2: July 11-15, 2016 9am – 1pm Stone Ridge School
- Session 3: July 18-22, 2016 9am - 1pm Chevy Chase Elementary School

Program Fee \$295/session
Early Bird Registration: \$200 by April 30, 2016

To learn more and register, please visit www.girlsup.org

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT MINISTRY

Time to Act on Gun Violence: Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church is offering a program on how to prevent gun violence. Discussion leaders are from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America and Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence. Wed., April 27, 7:30-9 p.m.

A Prayer For Help In Ending Violence

Let us pray:

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.

Caregiver Conversations

Caregiver Conversations are open to anyone caring for a family member or friend with dementia. Conversations are facilitated by a trained professional in aging services. The group meets the 4th Thursday of the month from 7-8 p.m. at All Saints Church (3 Chevy Chase Circle, Chevy Chase, MD 20815). Upcoming topic:

April 28-How to be an Effective Advocate in the Medical Setting
Sessions are free, but please call 202.364.0020 or email CMInfo@seaburyresources.org to register.