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MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, October 1
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Ron

Saturday, October 8
~ Father Alec

Sunday, October 2
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Regis
9:00 a.m.* ~ Father O
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father Ron
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father Alec
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Alec
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Sunday, October 9
~ Father Ron
~ Father Alec
~ Father Regis
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Alec
~ Father Ron

*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 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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Thought for the Week From Pope Francis

For the week of October 2

Today in many places we hear a call for greater security. But until exclusion and inequality in society and between peoples are reversed, it will be impossible to eliminate violence. The poor and the poorer peoples are accused of violence, yet without equal opportunities the different forms of aggression and conflict will find a fertile terrain for growth and eventually explode. When a society – whether local, national or global – is willing to leave a part of itself on the fringes, no political programs or resources spent on law enforcement or surveillance systems can indefinitely guarantee tranquility (Joy of the Gospel, 59).



OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH



Respect Life month is observed each year in October. This year's theme is "Moved by Mercy." Please pray for respect for life from conception to natural death.

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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/sacraments-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 • OCTOBER 2

The setting for today's reading from the Book of the Prophet Habakkuk is Jerusalem as it is besieged by the Babylonians in 600 BC. He tries to console his fellow citizens by encouraging them to have faith in God because they will not be disappointed. The Lord responds to their cry, not by addressing the question put to Him, but by a solemn declaration of faithfulness to the covenant, confirmed in writing. There is nothing more than a simple declaration: the Word of God accomplishes what it says, the vow written by God already begins to be fulfilled. There is no room for impatience, and even less for doubt: "the vision still has its time," the fulfillment will surely come; to wait for it in hope is to prepare oneself to receive it; the just will live "because of faith," solidly based on God's own faithfulness. The words of the prophet give us hope in our present situation no matter how painful or distressing it might be that God is always faithful and we can always rely on Him.

In our passage from Saint Paul's second Letter to Timothy, Paul, who is in jail, encourages Timothy in the face of the persecutions that are coming. He reminds Timothy of the gift of the Holy Spirit he has received through the "imposition of hands" at his ordination. It is through this action that Timothy has received the gift of the Holy Spirit and his mission to lead the community. He is to preach the good news with confidence and bear his "share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God." The words of Paul encourage us to "stir into flame" the gift of grace we have received from the Holy Spirit beginning with Baptism and Confirmation. Many times we can feel overwhelmed by the experiences and circumstances of our lives but we must never forget that the Lord has given us the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit leads and guides us with courage and strength in the most difficult of times realizing that we are never alone—God is always with us.

In our passage from Luke's gospel, the apostles ask Jesus to, "Increase our faith." Jesus responds by proclaiming the extraordinary power of faith. He expresses it in a way that is striking because of its powerful imagery of the seed and the mulberry tree. The illustration of faith and the mustard seed used by Jesus becomes a teaching moment for the apostles to remember that in every situation, whatever trials, difficulties, and hardships one must remember that nothing is impossible with faith. Jesus illustrates "our duty" as His servants by his second story. The faithfulness of the servant, which will have its reward, is a grace given at the initiative of one who calls, brings about a response, and enables one to endure to the very end. Consequently, one has nothing to boast of before God. One has no right to claim a wage, "We have only done our duty" through the grace of the Lord. The extraordinary power of faith—a faith we ask God to increase—which allows us, weak and mortal though we are, to accomplish marvelous things: for God, nothing is impossible! The joy of the believer called to the service of God performed faithfully and in a totally unselfish manner through love. The servant of God claims nothing for himself, not only because he has received all that he has from God but in imitation of his Lord and Master who came not to be served but to serve.

God bless you,
Father Ron

FAITH FORMATION

2016-17 School of Religion Enrollment for Children
 CCD/School of Religion for 2016-17 has begun. Current enrollment for the 2016-17 School of Religion Year is available online at <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/>

2016-17 School of Religion Catechist / Aide Signup:

Have you ever consider becoming a Catechist or helping assist as an aide or a volunteer? If you'd like to volunteer as a Teacher or an Aide, please email mbalch@blessedsacramentdc.org and visit the online registration link on our Blessed Sacrament website, <http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/>

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting

A meeting for parents of children who wish to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time will be held on Thursday, **October 6 at 7:30pm** in the Church. Our program welcomes children in need of this sacrament, including children with special needs and older children. Questions? Contact Rosalie Days at rdays@blessedsacramentdc.org.

THIS WEEK

This weekend is Coffee & Doughnuts Sunday and Outreach Weekend. This is our monthly collection of food items and monetary donations for our Soup Kitchen Ministry.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi-Blessing of Animals

Please join us on Tuesday, **October 4 at 4pm** in the Rectory backyard for the annual blessing of animals. Bring your two-legged, four legged and even no legged animals for this special blessing.

FROM THE PARISH

Welcome Deacon Harry Prieto!

We are happy to welcome Deacon Harry Prieto who is a fourth year theologian and has been assigned to us for this coming academic year. A native of Bogota (Columbia), he graduated from Fordham University with a double major in mathematics and philosophy. Discerning a vocation to the priesthood, he continued his studies as a graduate student in theology at the Catholic University of America, while residing at Theological College, the Sulpician seminary, Washington, DC. He is studying for the diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut where he started his ministry as deacon this past summer. As a seminarian, he has served in different ministries, including catechesis, hospital ministry, and service to the poor. In the past, he has also served in different parishes in his diocese. He is thrilled to continue his ministry as a deacon with us here at Blessed Sacrament. An avid road cyclist, when Deacon Prieto is not preparing homilies or studying theology, he is out on the road exploring trails and bike paths around the DC area.

BAPTISMS

Evelyn Michelle DiPippo

Isaac Joseph Gerrard Barnes

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

Alejandro Arce

Ana Maria Arce

Evelyn Childs

Marian Middendorf

Fredy H. Ortega

Daniel Ortman

Sandra Sheppard

Nelly Turner

Violeta Turner

Hope Elena Katz-Zogby



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS

BONFIRE NIGHT: On the **second Friday of every month**, all high school students are invited to come and hang out for a bonfire. We will gather with friends and young adults to enjoy music, dinner, and marshmallows. Bonfire nights will begin with 5:30pm Mass in the church and follow from 6-8pm in the rectory courtyard (or Parish Center 2nd Floor in inclement weather).

5:30-8:00pm on Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10. To RSVP, find the link on the parish website or contact Casey Esser (see below).

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS

FAITH & SERVICE: On the **first Friday of each month**, all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited to come for Faith & Service nights. We will attend the 5:30pm Mass, then continue in the Auditorium to eat pizza, play games, discuss our faith, and do a service project. We will have high school students and adult volunteers participating in the leadership of these Faith & Service nights. Each night counts for two service hours.

5:30-8:00pm on Oct 7, Nov 4, Dec 2, Jan 6, Feb 3. To register for this program, find the link on the parish website or contact Casey Esser (see below).

OTHER EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

- **Friday, October 28th:** Back From the Dead Cemetery Walk at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg
- **Friday, December 16th:** Christmas Dinner, Gift Exchange & Ice Skating
- **Friday, January 27th:** Youth Rally & Mass for Life, March for Life - approx. 6am to 4pm
- **Friday to Sunday, February 17-19:** MOUNT 2000 at Mount St. Mary's University (high school only)
- **Spring 2017** (date TBA) Sailing Trip
- Stay tuned for dates for the Middle School Dance and for Vacation Bible School 2017!

Students must submit a permission slip for each event held outside Blessed Sacrament.

Adult chaperones and drivers are always needed, please get in touch!

For more information and to register for these events, please contact Blessed Sacrament's Youth Minister, Casey Esser:
cesser@blessedsacramentdc.org | 202.449.3985

REST IN PEACE

Nabil Boctor

Diego Gomez Martinez

Annemarie Maguire



OUR SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL

On Wednesday, September 14th the school had its second Mass of the new school year, celebrating the feast of the Holy Cross and the 93rd anniversary of the Blessed Sacrament Church. It was also the first mass with the newest members of the school community, the kindergarteners. They were accompanied by their sixth grade buddies. The eighth grade cantors sang a variety of songs including "Digo Si Senor," ("I say Yes, My Lord"). During the meditation in recognition of the September 11th attacks, everyone stood up and sang "God Bless America" and "America the Beautiful." It was very moving. While everyone was singing a 1st grader stood up to wave a small American flag.

At the conclusion of the Mass, Mr. Kelly had all the new teachers stand up so that everyone could give them an official warm welcome of applause. Along with having the new teachers stand up, Mr. Kelly had Sister Marieta stand up to be honored on the feast of the Holy Cross. Everyone stood up and applauded to show our appreciation. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the feast of the Holy Cross and to celebrate the legacy that is Blessed Sacrament on its 93rd anniversary! Here's to a great school year for everyone!

SHARE FOOD CO-OP

SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament, the parish food co-op, has nutritious, price-busting food values. The healthy **Value Package** at \$21 chicken breasts, thighs and drums, ham steak, tilapia filets, white potatoes, onions, and 8-12 fresh seasonal items. The 7-lb **Seafood Spectacular** has 4 different fish for \$29; the **Fall Produce Box** has an array of 5 fresh items for \$16; and the **Shrimp and Black Bean Empanadas** has 40 individual oven-ready empanadas for just \$10.

For more details and/or to place an order, visit the parish website: blessedsacramentdc.org. Please order by Friday, **October 7**, at 5 p.m. Distribution is Friday, **October 21**, 3-6 p.m. For more info, leave a message in the Blessed Sacrament SHARE voice mailbox, 202.449.4611, or send an e-mail to SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Join the Bell Choir!

We're trying to grow our Bell Choir! If you can read music, are 13 or older (and can count up to eight without losing your place) please consider joining. We rehearse on Thursday nights in the Chapel at 7:30pm. If interested, please call Jay Rader at 202.449.3981 or email jayrader@blessedsacramentdc.org.

St. Teresa of Calcutta Lecture

Our parishioner, Susan Feeley, will share her experiences with St. Teresa of Calcutta and her "Missionaries of Charity" on Saturday, **October 8 at 10 a.m.** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The talk, sponsored by the Serra Club of Washington, will be in the Visitors Center—lower level near the Spiritual Director's Office.

Daystar Gallery

Daystar Gallery announces the exhibition of artwork by residents of the Missionaries of Charity Gift of Peace Shelter, from **October 4 to 28**. The work will be available for sale, for \$35 each, and all proceeds of the show will be used to purchase material for this volunteer-run program for the homeless. A reception will be held on Sunday, **October 9 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.** All are welcome.

BE MARY WITH US!!!

The Sanctuary Sodality of the parish will hold its 1st social event of the year on **October 6**. We are always seeking **new members** to join existing units, or form new ones, so if you are a lady ages 18-80+ who likes to pray and play, please come to our October dinner, which consists of Mass at 5:30pm, followed by cocktails/appetizers and dinner in the school auditorium. To **RSVP**, email Tracy Rivers: t1rivers@yahoo.com or call 240.447.3607.



Current Sanctuary Sodality members: RSVP today for the October 6th Mass and Dinner Meeting. Join Sodality at 5:30 Mass in the church followed immediately by our first general meeting of the year in the school auditorium. RSVP through the invite email you were sent last week, or call Tracy at 240.447.3607. Hoping for a great turn out to greet potential new members, hear all the exciting plans for the bazaar, and have a fun time with all sodalists!

Faith in the Marketplace—Friday, October 7

The monthly First Friday gathering of men to discover how others live and practice their professions and faith in the marketplace is on Friday, **October 7**, after the 6:30 am Mass. Our speaker is parishioner Noel Augustyn who has worked as a lawyer, federal court administrator and educator of students at many levels. He will be leading an interesting discussion he calls, "Back to Basics: The Least Every Kid Should Know about the Faith after Eight Years of Catholic Education." It's based on an article he wrote that was published in the April 1999 edition of the *New Oxford Review* under the title, "What's Your Score on the S.A.T. (Salvation Aptitude Test)?" Please join us for this important discussion and also discover myriad ways our faith is tested and at work in the marketplace. For more info, contact Tim: timothy.gorman@verizon.net.



Smyth Fund Golf Classic – Thursday, October 20th Sponsors and volunteers needed!

Whether you are an event sponsor, player, foursome sponsor or volunteer, this is an event that everyone can participate in! The annual Smyth Fund Golf Classic will take place at Worthington Manor Golf Club on Thursday, **October 20th** (Noon shotgun start). Golfers of all levels will play in a "shambles" format. The event includes lunch, green fees and cart, driving range balls, on-course beverages, gift bag and an awards and auction reception following play. There will also be a bus that will pick golfers up and drop them off at the parish center before and after the event (bus leaves promptly at 10am). All proceeds directly benefit Blessed Sacrament School. For more information: www.bssgolf.org.

VISIT YOUR PARISH LIBRARY

St. Therese of the Child Jesus, the Little Flower, Doctor of the Church, Feast: October 1.

Celebrations for the August canonization of St. Teresa of Calcutta included a holy card portraying her with three Carmelite saints who share her name, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, and St. Therese of Lisieux. Each of the four was an impressive woman and each underwent extraordinary suffering. The Little Flower's autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, is immensely powerful and illuminates her 'little way', doing the ordinary things of life with extraordinary love. 'Everything is grace' she wrote.

***Accidental Theologians*, by Elizabeth A. Dreyer (282.09 D825 A21).**

A contemporary theologian describes the 'history-changing' effect of four women (all with the title 'Doctor of the Church') in the world. None of these women 'fits neatly into what we normally think of as theology,' Dreyer writes.

***Love in the Heart of the Church: The Mission of Therese of Lisieux*, by Christopher O'Donnell (B T327 O265 L682).**

This book shows Therese's contribution to today's evangelization, specifically her 'self-identity as "love in the heart of the Church."' The saint's understanding of charity, vocation, suffering, martyrdom, and many other aspects of faith are a witness and encouragement to today's Catholics. The conclusion of the book quotes her profoundly moving thoughts on the communion of saints.

***Therese*, by Dorothy Day (B 327 D19 T327).**

This author's short biography of Therese is a personal memoir based on many years' thought. It differs from the titles mentioned above by describing the saint's development from childhood to maturity.

Please call the library, 202.449.3974 to borrow these books.

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	Strong Seniors Strength & Balance Exercise Class
Tuesday	Tuesdays with (Fr.) Maury
Wednesday	Watercolor Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Tuesdays with (Fr.) Maury is back! Please join us on Tuesday, **October 4** to participate in our delightful program which features lively discussions with Fr. O. This week's topic is **"What I Like Best About St. Francis."** We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. If you can't make it this time, please come on another Tuesday.

Coffee and Conversation @ the Corbett Café Every Thursday

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

CHIMES CHATTER

What does a company's logo embody? How does a logo evoke a statement? Our bell tower chimes were manufactured by Chicago's John C. Deagan Company, founded in 1880, and perhaps epitomized marketing strategies associated with successful logos. The word "logos" is of Greek origin and conventionally means "word" or "thought". Logos are recognizable and unique graphic designs a company uses for product recognition. Several distinct "Deagan" logos are

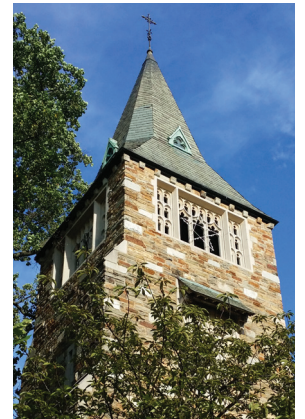


Photo by Joe Bozik

stamped prominently at key locations throughout our chimes system. On the patent plate of the automatic chiming device in the Work Sacristy, the logo is simply the word "Deagan" with the two "A's" in upper case, notably larger font and all letters connected with underscore. Perhaps the significance of the two prominent A's suggests a "double A-rating" for quality.

Who Knew?: One of Deagan's earliest logos was a monkey ringing musical bells. Deagan, a master clarinetist, incorporated his business in 1913 as J. C. Deagan Musical Bells, Inc. associating his products with the musical monkey icon. Why a monkey? Perhaps inspiration came from Deagan's extensive southeastern Asia travels, encountering unusual musical instruments, while many revered local monkeys frolicked about. Three years later during World War I, the name was changed to J. C. Deagan, Inc., and the logo emblem became simply "Deagan" with the word "Quality" imbedded within the Deagan letters in smaller font. The Deagan name quickly became synonymous with premiere quality products.

Share your chimes' memory? Contact 1RetroJoe@gmail.com

**Save Your 2nd Saturday in November for the Bazaar!**

Join us for a day of fun for all ages: shopping, great food from local food trucks and fun activities for the kids! We will have local merchants selling their wares for holiday shopping, the Chic Boutique and Better Bits, the White Elephant, our amazing Bake Sale, Raffle Baskets and other fun activities across the parish campus.

All proceeds from the Bazaar will support the work of the Blessed Sacrament Sodality in our parish and local charities in our community.

THIS MONTH

Poor Box Donations

Poor Box donations in **October** will benefit Sacred Heart Parish's Dinner Program, which provides an evening meal five days a week to homeless and low-income men and women in the Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan and Mount Pleasant neighborhoods.



OUTREACH

Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Outreach Commission

Beginning in October, the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Outreach Commission will adopt a thematic approach to focus Blessed Sacrament's outreach efforts, selecting a new theme every two months. For October and November, the commission will highlight homelessness in the District. A census this year identified nearly 8,400 persons as homeless and an increase of about 32% in homeless families (T.C.P.P.H., 2016). We see them—from busy intersections and Metro stations to our own storefronts and Parish—the homeless in our midst. We cannot put them out of sight and out of mind. Help us do our part to care for our brothers and sisters who are unsheltered or lack permanent housing.

Please pray for District Leaders who legislate to increase Affordable Housing in the city and District residents of all ages confronted with finding appropriate housing. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' website provides a great resource to Catholics seeking to understand the complex problems of homelessness and affordable housing, www.unitedstatesconferenceofcatholicbishops.com as does www.goodfaithcommunities.org.

Questions? Contact Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987, or pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT MINISTRY

In our anxiety about the violence around us and in the world, perhaps we could pause, reflect, and put ourselves in the hands of Christ.

A Prayer For Help In Ending 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.

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that we offer a specialized exercise program here at Blessed Sacrament for persons with DisAbilities called Spirit Club? Classes offer exercise, nutrition, balance, confidence, and more! Classes take place from 9:30-11am on Saturday mornings. The cost per class is \$25, and no advance reservations are required. Parents, siblings, and caregivers are welcome. For more info, go to www.spirit-club.com.

For more information about how Blessed Sacrament is becoming a more inclusive community, contact evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE MINISTRY

The newly formed Veterans and Military Service Ministry Team is starting an intercessory prayer initiative. Are you or a loved one (family or friend) on active duty, or are you a veteran, having serving in the military? May we pray for you? The Ministry will display a parish prayer board in the church for our parish family to see and hold in prayer. Please send or email a photo of yourself, your military or veteran loved one to the Veterans Ministry team. For photo submission, please send to Mary Pulido at merrydfrancis@gmail.com. If you are interested in joining the Veterans Ministry and getting involved in our upcoming events please contact Jocelyn Rowe at jocelyn@roweglobalgroup.com.

Blessed Sacrament Prayer Group

The Blessed Sacrament prayer Group invites anyone who would like to join us in prayer. We are into our 6th year of joining the Marion Movement of Priests Cenacles. We say the rosary following the Cenacle format. After the rosary we enter into a time of praise, worship, and intercession. We feel the Lord wants us all to have a closer relationship with Him, to seek His will and guidance in our lives. Bring your Rosary, your prayer requests and your excitement to know the Lord in a closer way. We meet every Wednesday evening at 7:30-9 p.m. in the Parish Center chapel. Contact: Linda Tavenner: 202.244.3736 (leave message if no answer) or email lstavs@aol.com

FROM THE COMMUNITY

St. Mary's 87th Annual Ham and Turkey Dinner

St. Mary's in Barnesville invites you to join in their annual Ham and Turkey Dinner on Saturday, **October 22 from Noon to 6:30 p.m.** Full course dinners served inside are \$16 for adults; children 10 and under are free. Good food and fellowship is the focal point of the day. There will also be a craft table, baked goods, cake wheel, Christmas shop, hay rides, pumpkins, cider, and more! St. Mary's Church is located at 18230 Barnesville Rd, Barnesville, MD.

Nostra Aetate Book Launch

The School of Theology and Religious Studies at The Catholic University of America and the Office of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to attend the following event on Monday, **October 3 from 4:30-6:00 p.m.** at the Catholic University of America Barnes and Noble. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the release of *Nostra Aetate; Celebrating Fifty Years of the Catholic Church's Dialogue with Jews and Muslims*, a compilation of essays presented at the Nostra Aetate Conference in May 2015.

6th Annual Maryland Catholic Women's Conference

Continue in the Holy Father's Jubilee Year of Mercy with a retreat weekend **October 7-9** at Mount St. Mary's University! Weekend includes Mass with Archbishop William E. Lori, talks with Sr. Tracey Matthia Dugas and Fr. Chris Alar, live praise and worship music, and a wine and cheese social. For women 18 and older. Cost: \$75 or \$60 for Saturday only. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. More info at www.marylandcatholicwomen.com

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank [Laura McCaffrey, Realtor](#) for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.