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MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, October 15
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Saturday, October 22
~ Father O

Sunday, October 16
7:30 a.m. ~ Father O
9:00 a.m.* ~ Father D'Silva
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father Regis
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father Ron
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Alec
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Alec

Sunday, October 23
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father Regis
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~ Father O
~ Father Ron
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*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 16

It is imperative to evangelize cultures in order to inculturate the Gospel. In countries of Catholic tradition, this means encouraging, fostering and reinforcing a richness which already exists. In countries of other religious traditions, or profoundly secularized countries, it will mean sparking new processes for evangelizing culture, even though these will demand long-term planning (Joy of the Gospel, 69).



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.

Newsletter Content • newsletter@blessedsacramentdc.org

Website Postings • website@blessedsacramentdc.org

Facebook Postings • dbyers4@verizon.net

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 16

In our first reading from the Book of Exodus, we find Moses sitting on the mountain with his hands outstretched while the Israelite army fights on the plain below him. This image has become a symbol of the necessity and efficacy of prayer. We cannot lose sight of the fact that Moses has "the staff of God" in his uplifted hands. It is thanks to this that God, through Moses, accomplishes His works: it releases the plagues of Egypt; it divides the Red Sea and it brings forth water from the rock. This "staff" held over the plain by Moses gives the army the strength to drive off the enemy. This battle is not only a military one but a spiritual one against the true hereditary enemy that allows no respite. There can be no victory without the help of God and His angels. The episode of Moses on the mountain is therefore an urgent call to faithful vigilance and incessant prayer to the Lord. We fight our own battle each day and prayer is our weapon as we proclaim that God is our help. He protects us from all evil because He stays near to us and He desires us to share eternal life with Him.

In St. Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul instructs Timothy on how essential it is to preach the word. Paul reminds him how he has received the faith and now he must pass it on to others. Scripture inspired by God is the weapon which allows one to prevail in the fight of faith. Empowered by the strength of the word of God, Timothy and every believer not only can but must proclaim the word. Like Timothy all of us will have to give an accounting of the mission that has been given to each of us.

In our Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus tells a parable on the necessity of praying always and not losing heart. As we know, discouragement can erode devotion and make it purely mechanical and rob it of its joyful spirit. This parable reminds us that our prayer is never in vain. In the parable a widow comes up against a powerful judge. She simply asks, "Give me my rights against my opponent." The judge is not moved and nothing happens. In the end the judge gives her what she wants because she is so persistent. It is clear we are to "pray always and not lose heart." God is the just Judge not like the judge in the parable. How much more will He attend to those who call Him persistently. We are reminded that we must pray "without losing heart" in order to be "justified," or saved. And one has, through faith, the assurance that God will realize the promised salvation "swiftly." Consequently, discouragement can have only one cause: a lack, or weakness of faith. Because we see nothing happening, we begin to doubt God, the coming of His reign, the promised salvation. The Lord leaves us with the question, "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?" Thus the issue is one of faith; faith in God who saves; faith in the Lord, the Son of Man who will come again, faith which must always be reawakened in us, without losing heart, because, without it, there is no salvation.

God bless you,
Father Ron

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.



Diaper Drive

for Layettes of Love

October 16-23

Please drop off diapers sizes 1 & 2
in the back of the Main Church

Join the Christ Child Society for Make a Difference Day

Christ Child chapters nationwide are celebrating the 150th birthday of our founder, the Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who dedicated her life to helping children in need. Be part of her legacy and help babies in need in our community.

Together, we can make a difference. #mdday @nationalchristchildsociety

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FAITH FORMATION

ACTS: The Spread of the Kingdom

This study will be offered at Blessed Sacrament in the school auditorium on Wednesday evenings, **Oct 5-Dec 14, 2016 and Jan 4-Apr 19, 2017** from 7-9 p.m. Register online at www.ascensionpress.com. Your registration includes the student materials, and the ability to stream the study videos online at your convenience. For more information, contact Ceil Malphrus at ceilmalphrus@verizon.net or Mary Donovan at mamadonovan4@gmail.com.

Fall Faith Journey to Baltimore with Fr. Ron
Monday, November 7, 2016



Fr. Ron again leads us on an in-depth spiritual journey which will include Mass in the extraordinary Baltimore Basilica (America's first Cathedral), lunch, and tours of St. Mary's Seminary and Seton House (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's home in Baltimore). **Monday, November 7 at 9 a.m.** Cost: \$55 per person. Reservations: Rita Killian: r.killian@verizon.net, 202.363.5069.

OUR SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL

Are you interested in having your child(ren) attend Blessed Sacrament School? Come to an Open House and see all of the things that make us such a special place!!

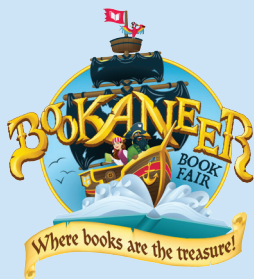
The Open House schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, November 2 for **K-5** students 9 a.m. coffee, followed by 9:15 a.m. presentations and tours

Thursday, November 17 for **K-8** students 9 a.m. coffee, followed by 9:15 a.m. presentations and tours

Wednesday, January 11 for **K-8** students 7 p.m. wine and cheese, followed by 7:15 p.m. presentations and tours

Please register to attend an Open House by going to the school's website at www.bsstoday.org. If you can not attend an Open House and wish to schedule a tour, or have questions about Blessed Sacrament School, please email nryan@blessedsacramentdc.org.



Scholastic Bookaneer Book Fair
October 20th-23rd

The Book Fair is this coming week! Please come and help support our school. The fair will be held in the school auditorium:

Thursday, Oct 20: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct 21: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 23: 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

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

Alejandro Arce
 Ana Maria Arce
 Evelyn Childs
 Rosemary Donnelley
 Marian Middendorf

Fredy H. Ortega
 Daniel Ortman
 Nelly Turner
 Violeta Turner
 Hope Elena Katz-Zogby



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 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).

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 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).

OTHER EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

- **Friday, October 28th:** Back From the Dead Cemetery Walk at the Seton Shrine in Emmitsburg
- 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

All Souls Mass – November 2nd

Our Annual Solemn Mass for All Souls will take place on **Wednesday, November 2 at 7 p.m.** in the church. The Chancel Choir will sing Faure's beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass accompanied by strings, horns, harp and organ. If you would like to place names of deceased loved ones in the program, please send them to jayrader@blessedsacramentdc.org by 5pm October 30, or call 202.449.3981.

REST IN PEACE

Jane Bender
 Joseph Seeger

Sondra Sheppard

VISIT YOUR PARISH LIBRARY

What Are the Magazines Saying?

'Bishop Robert Barron, Evangelist', by Joyce Duriga, St. Anthony Messenger, 29-32, October, 2016.

This profile of the founder of 'Word on Fire Catholic Ministries' describes the changes in his life on becoming auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles.

'Breaking the Chains', by Katie Bahr, Catholic University of America Magazine, 21-27, Summer, 2016.

Human trafficking is alive in D.C. 'What people don't realize is that this is happening on the streets that you walk down every day', said Pam Leary, Professor in the Columbus School of Law, a human trafficking expert.

Visit the library on the 2nd floor of the parish center or call 202.449.3974 for copies of these articles.



The Sodality Bazaar is Only 5 weeks away!

Did you know the Sodality Bazaar has raised more than \$125,000 in the past 5 years for our parish and local charities? Join us and bring your family and friends for a day of fun as we support Blessed Sacrament and non-profits in the Washington, DC area doing great work in our community.

Charities that continue to benefit from Bazaar proceeds include:

Christ Child Society	Washington Middle School for Girls
Bethlehem House	Univ. of MD Neumann Center
St. Anthony School NE DC	The Holy Land Hospital in Bethlehem
Thrive Women's Shelter	St. Jude's Children's Hospital
A Wider Circle	SHARE Food Network
Little Sisters of the Poor	Blessed Sacrament Disabilities Ministry
Horton's Kids	DC Diaper Bank
Cup O Joe	GirlsUP Inc
Maria's Meals	

These acts of charity are not possible without your generous donations. There is still time to clean out those closets and attics and donate that well-loved but rarely used set of china or small kitchen appliance. Donations will be accepted at the parish center the week of the Bazaar from November 8-11. Contact us at sodality@blessedsacramentdc.org if you have any questions.



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.

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

Halloween Party at the Manning Center: Please come and join us for lunch and all the fun on **Monday, October 24** at 12 noon. The costumed children from BS Young Families will entertain us with scary fun; please call Rita Killian 202.363.5069 for reservations.

Symposium on *Amoris Laetitia*

Sunday, November 6, 2-5pm



Who: We will invite parishioners to discuss aspects of this document, the *Joy of Love*, which is the Pope's conclusion to the 2014 general assembly of the Synod of Bishops on 'The Pastoral Challenges of the Family.'

Where: Gym

What: Presentations (see below) on highlights of the Pope's document relating them to contemporary American literature.

Questions? Contact Ellen: eroth@blessedsacramentdc.org

CYO Basketball Tryouts

CYO Basketball registration is now open for 4th-12th graders. If your son or daughter is interested in playing, sign up here: www.blessedsacramentdc.org/youth/cyo-athletics/. Tryouts will be held during the **week of October 24th**. If you or anyone you know is interested in coaching, please contact Kate Ryan: kryan@blessedsacramentdc.org.

29th Annual Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive - December 3

Returning families: please register on the website to confirm your territory and contact info. **New families:** sign up on the website to be a leader or helper in a territory. If you want to make a new territory, let us know on the signup page. **Need Confirmation hours?** Go to the parish website, under the "Parish Communities" tab, click Blessed Sacrament, and complete the online form. For more ways you can help, please email Meredith Ficca: mzficca@gmail.com.

DID YOU KNOW??

Changing the Face of Beauty empowers people living with disabilities by advocating for inclusive imagery, thus changing perceptions and igniting futures in the media and advertising industries. Changing the Face of Beauty will be achieved through partnerships with both private and commercial retailers, penetrating the creative and business world! For more information go to: www.changingthefaceofbeauty.org.

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

OUTREACH



Walk the Block for Social Justice! Make an Impact on Hunger & Homelessness

The Walk on **Sunday October 30 after the 10:30 a.m. Masses** will benefit the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament Social Concerns Office which provides outreach services to a needy population.

The Walk begins on Patterson Street in front of the Kindergarten entrance of the School and ends with a Reception in the main level of the Duffy Parish Center. Adults \$20 and Families \$30. See you there for this fun event! Halloween is the next day. Children wearing a costume will receive a Halloween treat. Go to the Blessed Sacrament web www.blessedsacramentdc.org to sign up for the walk or sign up the day of the walk.

Blessed Sacrament Social Concerns Canned Food Donations

The Social Concerns Office thanks all parishioners who donated so generously to food items requested by the Social Concerns Office. As we return to fall schedules, the Office confronts many more individuals and families seeking food assistance. As previously stated in last week's bulletin, without the summer Gym Mass, and many parishioners vacationing during those months, food donations traditionally dwindle. Again, please consider donating the following items that are most frequently requested by a needy population: tuna fish, meat & chicken soup, brown beans, cereal, Beefaroni, peanut butter, jelly and Vienna sausage.

Food may be placed in the large wooden containers located in the Church front entrance and the Quesada Street bell tower entrance or brought up during the offertory at both the gym and church Masses. Donations may also be brought directly to the Social Concerns Office. *Thank you.* Please contact Pat Kavanaugh with any questions, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY MOVEMENT MINISTRY

From the Book of Habakkuk 1:2, "I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene." We have been saying the following prayer for the end of violence for some time, but violence continues. Still we pray, and, like Habakkuk, say "Yet will I rejoice in the Lord." 3:18.

Let us pray.

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.

EVERY WEEK

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.

On **October 20**, at the usual gathering for Coffee and Conversation following the 8 a.m. Mass, parishioner and numismatist Bill Mullan will present his "Money" talk, complete with samples of primitive monies and examples of exotic coins.

CHIMES CHATTER

Who services rare bell tower chimes these days, you ask? Yes, it is a very extraordinary niche with even fewer customers. Our 16-tube chimes are maintained and preserved by our small group of volunteers over the last 35 years. Prior to 1976, personnel of the Verdin Company (a large manufacturer of bells) headquartered in Cincinnati, OH, were involved with occasional road trips to inspect and apply needed repairs to maintain the chimes. In 1975, Verdin acquired



Photo by Joe Bozick

the floundering Deagan Tubular Chime Company, as Verdin had established regional service representatives to allow ease of visits to their bells' clients, including their tower chimes customers. The nearest Verdin contacts to service our chimes were once located in Columbia, MD, and Cherry Hill, NJ. However, after all remaining Deagan spare parts were exhausted, Verdin developed a smaller, electronic striker mechanism to replace the larger Deagan electro-mechanical striking hammer. In a December 1977 correspondence, Verdin provided a bid of \$25,273.00 to refurbish our chimes to their smaller strikers. The Chimes Committee declined the proposal and developed a successful plan to maintain our chimes in-house, thus avoiding large renovation costs. Verdin celebrated its 173rd year in business last year.

Who Knew?: Locally, Verdin Company bells installations may be found at the carillon at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, the carillon at the National Zoo and bells at the Smithsonian Castle.

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

FROM THE COMMUNITY

Benedictine Discernment Weekend at St. Anselm's Abbey

Join the monks of St. Anselm's Abbey for COME SEEKING GOD, a Benedictine discernment weekend for Catholic men. **November 4-6** at St. Anselm's Abbey, 4501 S. Dakota Ave. NE, Washington, DC 20017. For more info, contact: Br. Ignacio, 202.269.2335 or vocations@stanselms.org. Website www.stanselms.org.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Lynn A. Stewart, Realtor** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.