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## MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

### Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 31

### Easter Sunday, April 11

7:30 a.m. ~ Father Alec  
9:00 a.m.\* ~ Father Alec  
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father Bill  
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father D'Silva  
12:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Bill



\*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 or 5:30 p.m. Mass on federal holidays

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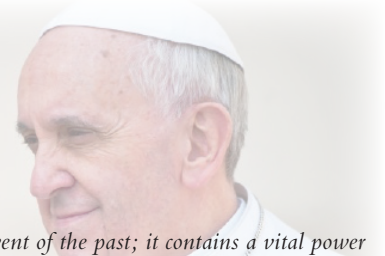
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### Parish Mission Statement

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is a welcoming Catholic community whose people encounter Christ in the Eucharist and serve Him in our neighbor.

### Thought for the Week From Pope Francis



*Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force. [A]ll around us we see persistent injustice, evil, indifference and cruelty. But ... in the midst of darkness something new always springs to life.... However dark things are, goodness always re-emerges and spreads....[H]uman beings have arisen time after time from situations that seemed doomed. Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power (Joy of the Gospel, 276).*

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Parish Office will be **closed** on **Easter Monday**.

The monthly Outreach collection to benefit the Soup Kitchen Ministry will be taken up on the weekend of April 7-8.

## EASTER SUNDAY

### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### Assistants on Weekends

Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap, Catholic University

### DUFFY PARISH CENTER

**Main Office** 202.966.6575 (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

**In an Emergency** 202.966.6575, Ext. 3988 (to page priest on duty)

**Facilities** 202.449.4610

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Ms. Emma Voelzke, Special Needs Coordinator

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Mr. Chris Kelly, Principal

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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 at noon in the chapel and 4th Sunday at 2 p.m. in the main church. For more info visit: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/sacraments-rites](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/sacraments-rites)

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

**Reconciliation** • Saturday, 4 - 5 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

**Altar Server Program:** [altarservers@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:altarservers@blessedsacramentdc.org)

**Eucharistic Minister Volunteers:** [worshipministry@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:worshipministry@blessedsacramentdc.org)

### 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 register as new parishioners, visit [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/new-parishioners](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/new-parishioners). Hard copies of the registration form are available at the parish office or contact Rick Perry: 202.449.3982.

**Website Postings** • [website@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto: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

Dear Parish Family & Visitors:

As the women made their way to the tomb of Jesus early in the morning, a question was swirling around in their minds: "Who would roll back the heavy stone that sealed the grave?" I grew up with the tradition of visiting cemeteries with my parents. The stones that marked the graves of relatives I had never met filled me with questions about the lives they lived. Conversations with my parents and research have provided me with some insight; but one truth will forever evade me until we meet on the other side. What was the very large stone that challenged their faith? We have met various barriers to our faith in the goodness and love of God; but we have yet one more hurdle through which to pass – the valley of the shadow of death! Even here, however, the psalmist tells us "we shall fear no evil." The joy of the resurrection is the simple discovery of the women that the "stone had already been rolled back." The victory is won for us!

The great sign of this victory is contained in a ritual we perform here many times just about every weekend of the year – baptism. The infant model, however, is derived from a much more powerful adult act of conversion. St. Basil described it in this way:

**"We imitate Christ's death by being buried with him in baptism...it means first of all making a complete break with our former way of life."**

(Office of Readings – Tuesday of Holy Week)

There must be a stripping, an anointing, a renunciation, a profession of faith, a plunging into cool flowing water, and an anointing with perfumed oil. We are not our own! We are Christ's! Our robes are white after having been washed in the blood of the lamb! Perhaps you know the story of the ewe who had lost her lamb and the lamb who had lost a mother? The mourning ewe would not accept the orphan lamb unless and until it had had the blood of the ewe's dead lamb rubbed all over it! We are the "adopted" children of the Father who recognizes the blood of the Son made present in us through the power and love of the Spirit! As ones who have some sense of this love and the victory that has been won, we have an obligation to share the joy: "After all, you have died; your life is hidden now with Christ in God!" (Colossians 3:3) Our greeting today and for the next fifty days is to be:

**Christ is Risen Alleluia!  
He is Risen indeed, alleluia, alleluia!**



Yours in the Risen Lord,  
*Father Bill Foley*





## HEALING MASS

Fr. Foley's next Healing Mass will be **Friday, April 13**, at 7 p.m. in the church.

## Request for Dyed Eggs



Dyed eggs for the meal the Soup Kitchen Ministry will prepare on Easter Monday should be dropped off on the front porch of Ann and Kent Cooper, 6004 Nevada Ave. NW (202.362.9719) anytime on **Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday**. Many thanks for brightening this meal for the hungry in our community!

**Faith Formation Transitions:** Our current DRE, Ms. Michelle Balch, will be our new Director of Adult Faith Formation - a new position added to aide the Faith Formation Office. We have successfully found a new DRE who will be in charge of the School of Religion, and we will announce the new hire publicly at the end of the school year!

**We are currently seeking a new Youth Minister!** We were very blessed to have had Mrs. Casey Esser as our Youth Minister and Coordinator for Confirmation Prep for the past two years, but she has taken an offer at another parish closer to where she lives. The ideal candidate for the Youth Ministry position would hold a BA in religious education, theology or catechetics and have a minimum of two years of experience in parish ministry, staff and volunteers. If you know of a qualified candidate, please have them contact Fr. Foley.

James Strahota is the newest addition to the Faith Formation Office and is working as an Administrative assistant, while Mrs. Rosalie Days continues to coordinate preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion.



## Welcome Brunch for New Parishioners!

All new parish members are invited to brunch following the 10:30 a.m. Masses on **Sunday, April 15** (location TBD). Join us for a fun time with your family, and to meet priests and members of the parish!! If you have registered as a new parishioner, you will get an email invitation with all of the details. If you do not receive your email invitation, or have any questions please contact Nancy Ryan: [nryan@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:nryan@blessedsacramentdc.org).

## OUR SCHOOL IS YOUR SCHOOL

Each year, Blessed Sacrament School collects money for the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. This annual drive is called Pennies for Patients and raises funds for blood cancer patients. Before students are given boxes to collect money, a representative of the Society comes in to teach everyone about blood diseases and how to treat them. We learn about white blood cells, cancer cells, and chemotherapy. Each class raises their collection of money-and not just pennies. So, many different people know that Pennies for Patients is putting money put towards a just cause; we raise money to help improve cancer research and save lives. The class with the most money wins a pizza party! Our collection has just ended, and some classes raised 200 dollars or more!

Not only is Pennies for Patients ringing in our minds, but our superhero-themed auction sold over 500 items! These included a house blessing by one of the priests, a new bike, and baskets from each class. This fun-filled night transforms the gym as the parents bid for items from a real auctioneer. Bidders out bid each other for baskets, and all of the other items. Hero food was on the menu, and decorated tables filled the room for the occasion. The Blessed Sacrament auction gets better each year in many ways. Even the kids are excited to hear what their parents won and participate in the week before the event by dressing in pajamas or jerseys and other costumes during the Spirit Week lead up. The Blessed Sacrament auction is a night with joy as friendships form.

-Mary Williams, 7th grader

## Poor Box Donations

Poor Box donations in **April** will benefit the Center for Employment Training operated by SOME (So Others Might Eat). The program aims to move people out of homelessness and poverty and into living-wage careers. Students are prepared for jobs as medical administrative assistants, electronic health records specialists, and building maintenance service technicians.



### PARISH SURVEY- All Parishioners Urged to Participate

One of Father Bill Foley's initiatives after becoming our new pastor has been the design of a Parish Survey to assess our strengths and opportunities for growth. The Survey will provide a basis for setting long-term goals. Working in conjunction with the Pastoral Council and with the expertise of volunteer parishioner Rita Thiron, the survey will be available via both email and hard copy in early March. It is vital to hear from all members of the parish community. If you are not currently receiving emails from the parish, please send your email to the Parish Secretary/Office Manager, Joan Ward, [jward@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jward@blessedsacramentdc.org), to ensure you receive the survey.

We hope to have the results of the survey sent to parishioners by this coming fall. We strongly urge all parishioners to participate in this important work.



Your SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament food co-op gives you the opportunity to save up to 40% from grocery store prices with a selection of nutritious, healthy food.

**\$22 Value Package:** 1 lb. all beef burgers, 1.5 lbs of BBQ chicken sausage, 1+ lb. Tyson's chicken breast tenderloins, 3/4 lb seasoned tilapia, fresh potatoes and onions, 8-12 lbs of fresh seasonal produce

**\$24 Breaded Shrimp:** 4 lbs of breaded shrimp

**\$23 Chicken Nuggets:** 10 lb. plump chicken nuggets

**\$23 Pork Chops:** 15 center cut boneless pork chops

To order, visit the parish web site: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org). Ordering deadline is **Monday, April 9**, at 4 p.m. Pick up your food on **Friday afternoon, April 20**, 3-6 p.m. For more information, leave a message in the SHARE Voice Mailbox: 202.449.4611 or email [SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:SHARE@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**Gift and Donation Idea:** SHARE packages make great "Thank You" or "Thinking about you" gifts for a friend or someone who has helped you. Make yourself and others happy with nutritious food from SHARE @ BS! **And we always appreciate donations so we can provide those in need.** Thank you!

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

Ana Maria Arce  
Armand Brignola  
Evelyn Childs  
James Curran  
Joan Devine

Patricia Friend  
Bart Hayft  
Katharine M. Heck  
Alexa Hughes  
Elizabeth Kennedy  
Marian Middendorf

Patrick Adams Murphy  
Fredy H. Ortega  
Daniel Ortman  
Maria Stechschlte  
Nelly Turner

### VETERANS AND MILITARY SERVICE MINISTRY



The Veterans-Military Ministry is co-hosting an evening of storytelling by and for veterans, friends, family and members of the community on Saturday evening, **April 14, 6-9 p.m.** at the Knights of Columbus Council #224, 5034 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, 2nd Floor. Please join us for food, fellowship and stories of hope and healing with two combat veterans, Rebecca and Luis and Luis's wife, Claudia, as they share their stories of military service, deployment, the path to healing and the role of faith in their personal journeys. This is a free event but RSVPs are encouraged via EventBrite: <https://veteransvoicesapril28.eventbrite.com>

The Veterans-Military Ministry Team is holding a half-day retreat on Saturday, April 28 from 11 am to 3 pm at the St. John Paul II Shrine, 3900 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC. If you are interested in learning more about the Ministry and would like to learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Jocelyn Rowe at [jocelyn@roweglobalgroup.com](mailto:jocelyn@roweglobalgroup.com). The retreat will include Mass and lunch as well as some planning and reflection.

### DAMIAN BUCKLEY'S ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST, 9-11 A.M. IN THE PARKING LOT**

Follow the signs for entry

What Can be Recycled:

White or colored paper / Copier and Computer paper  
Letterhead, stationery & envelopes / Manila file folders  
Green bar & multi-stripe paper / NCR forms

### DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know McLean Bible Church is sponsoring a lecture on Surprising Connections between Diet and Behavior. The lecture, which is taking place on April 9, from 7:30-9:30, features Kelly Dorfman, a clinical nutritionist and author. The presentation is free and open to all.

For more information on how Blessed Sacrament is becoming inclusive, contact [evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org).



## BLESSED SACRAMENT FACILITIES UPDATE

## Church Roof Project:

Dear Parishioners,

The Season of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving is upon us! This Lent, I want to invite you to direct a portion of your sacrifice towards the house of prayer we call the church building. Some months ago, we asked your assistance with the necessary repairs to the tower and the roof. Thirty households responded very generously; but we still need \$183,000! If half of the 3,400 registered households gave \$125, we would have more than enough to pay for the project. The attached photos of the damage to the wood underneath the slate portrays clearly the desperate need. I assure you that I, too, am participating in this special drive and thank you in advance for your kindness!

Sincerely in Our Lord,  
*Father Bill Foley*

Update: The remaining balance needed for the project has decreased to \$146,625. Thank you for your generosity! For online donations, visit: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/givingdonations/roof-fund/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/givingdonations/roof-fund/)

The construction areas and grounds around the fencing remain off limits to pedestrians for safety reasons. Sidewalk areas may be temporarily blocked periodically for safety reasons, but all church entrances should remain open. Also, for safety reasons, all work areas, especially inside the fencing, is off limits to everyone except contractors. If you have any additional questions about these projects, please contact [jnavolio@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jnavolio@blessedsacramentdc.org)

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



## 2018 Annual Jubilarian Mass

Cardinal Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years on **Sunday, June 17** at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please use the sign-up forms in the back of the church and on the pamphlet rack side of the church to register and drop them off at the parish office by **Monday, April 16**.

## Quo Vadis Hiking Trip

On **Sunday April 15**, all high school aged men who are interested in learning more about the priesthood are invited to go on a Quo Vadis hiking trip on Sugarloaf Mountain in Montgomery County. The day will include Mass, lunch, Eucharistic adoration, dinner, and the opportunity to spend time with priests, seminarians, and other high school aged men who are open to the priesthood. The day will run from 10 a.m.–5:15 p.m., and the meeting location is St. Mary's Parish in Barnesville, MD. Bus transportation is available from throughout the archdiocese. More information is available and registration is open at [www.DCpriest.org](http://www.DCpriest.org)! Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations ([vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 202.636.9020) with any questions.

## 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.

<b>Monday</b>	Closed for Easter Monday
<b>Tuesday</b>	Strong Seniors Strength & Balance Exercise Class
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art Class with Dick Swartz
<b>Thursday</b>	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
<b>Friday</b>	Closed



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**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

**Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center**

Cocktails at 6:30 pm - Dinner, Awards & Dancing at 7:30 pm

*Featuring the music of Bittersweet  
Special Appearance by Long Lost Cousins*

**Tickets are \$250/person**

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## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Jim Wood** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.



# Youth Ministry



## HIGH SCHOOL



### High School Service Trip to NYC, June 25–29

Teens age 14 to 18 (at the time of the trip) are invited to apply for this summer's high school service week! Joined by teens from Our Lady of Mercy and Little Flower parishes, we will go to New York to work with organizations including the Sisters of Charity (Mother Teresa's order), the CFR Franciscans, Cabrini Immigrant Services, and more. For more info and to apply, please see the youth ministry page of the parish website, and click on the **High School** page.

The **High School SOR class** is now meeting on **Sunday mornings, 8:45-10 a.m. in the Blessed Sacrament School**. Check in at the front desk, the class is accepting new students on a regular basis!

**High School Youth Nights** take place every **Wednesday night, 7-9 p.m.** on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center. Dinner and games included!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Faith & Service nights** take place on the first Friday of every month. Meet at the 5:30 Mass, followed in the Auditorium 6pm-8pm. All middle school students are welcome! Adult and high school volunteers are always needed to help out.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is back this summer! Two sessions will be offered: **June 11-15** and **July 9-13**. Partial week attendance IS an option for those still in school during the beginning of the June session. Information and registration can be found on the parish website: [blessedsacramentdc.org/youth/youth-ministry/](http://blessedsacramentdc.org/youth/youth-ministry/)

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 Instagram: @blessedyouthdc  
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## FROM THE COMMUNITY

CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
**NIGHT LIVE**  
 Finding Joy in Serving Others  
**GALA 2018**  
 Saturday, April 7, 2018



### 33rd Annual Catholic Charities Spring Gala

April 7, 2018  
 at the  
 Marriott Marquis  
 901 Massachusetts Avenue

Last year we served more than 142,000 people. We sheltered them, we cared for them, we counseled them, we nourished them, and tonight we invite you to join us in celebration of the many successes and accomplishments over the last year.

\*This event is black tie

#### Tickets:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/event/gala>



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#### SUMMER 2018 SESSION DETAILS

Session 1: June 25-29	9am-1pm	Washington School for Girls
Session 2: July 9-13	9am-1pm	Stone Ridge School
Session 3: July 16-20	9am-1pm	Chevy Chase Elementary School

Program Fee \$295/session  
 Early Bird Registration: \$245 by April 1, 2018

Day 1: **Self Awareness**: "To Thine Ownself Be True"  
 Day 2: **Self Image**: "To Be and Not To Seem"  
 Day 3: **Self Expression**: "Looking the World Straight in the Eye"  
 Day 4: **Self Reliance**: "Standing Strong When It Counts"  
 Day 5: **Self Giving**: "A Girl For Others"

To learn more and to register, please visit [www.girlsup.org](http://www.girlsup.org)