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## MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

**Saturday Vigil, April 28**  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Alec

**Saturday Vigil, May 5**  
~ Father O

**Sunday, April 29**  
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Regis  
9:00 a.m.\* ~ Father Bill  
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father D'Silva  
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father Alec  
12:30 p.m. ~ Father Bill  
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

**Sunday, May 6**  
~ Father Regis  
~ Father Bill  
~ Father Bill  
~ Father Alec  
~ Father D'Silva  
~ Father Alec

\*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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### 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*



*Single-parent families often result from “the unwillingness of biological mothers or fathers to be part of a family; situations of violence, where one parent is forced to flee with the children; the death of one of the parents; the abandonment of the family by one parent, and other situations. Whatever the cause, single parents must receive encouragement and support from other families in the Christian community, and from the parish’s pastoral outreach. Often these families endure other hardships, such as economic difficulties, uncertain employment prospects, problems with child support and lack of housing” (Joy of Love, 252).*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### PASTORAL STAFF

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#### Assistants on Weekends

Rev. Regis Armstrong, OFM Cap, Catholic University

### DUFFY PARISH CENTER

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    **202.449.3990, evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org**  
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### BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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    **202.966.6682, ckelly@blessedsacramentdc.org**  
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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:

Long before my family moved into our home a few blocks from here there was a grape arbor in the backyard. We frequently pruned the intricate network of vines in November; and, by May, signs of new life would emerge. In late August, if we managed to beat the birds, there would be an abundant harvest. I never made wine; but once I spent a whole day preparing 51 jars of jelly!

Jesus always used imagery with which his disciples would be familiar. They knew all about grape vines and good wine. Today's gospel is part of the lengthy "Farewell Discourse" in chapters 14-17 of John. Jesus was preparing his followers for the fact that he would be crushed like the grapes so as to prepare for them the chalice of the new and eternal covenant. If we want to continue to be nurtured by this blood poured out for us, we have to be "pruned" continually. One of the greatest challenges to any family or community is growth. This is often painful because it requires a constant process of having our horizons expanded. Imagine the difficulty the earliest Christians had in accepting the converted Paul as one of them! Frequently, elders bemoan the reluctance of younger members of the family or community to embrace their particular religious fervor or expression of faith. While it is true, as Cardinal Wuerl states, that there has been a "tsunami of secularism," out of this waste land there are signs of new life and devotion among our youth. Evidence of this new vibrancy can be found in many of our churches during the hours of Eucharistic adoration. What might we as a Catholic community dedicated to the "Blessed Sacrament" do to increase our own appreciation for this the central mystery of our faith?

Blessed Easter,  
*Father Bill Foley*

### 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. 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 would like an email with a link to the survey, please contact John Navolio: [jnavolio@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jnavolio@blessedsacramentdc.org).

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. **Please complete your survey by April 30, 2018.**

### Parish Progress Bulletin Announcement

Thank you to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Cardinal's Annual Appeal. The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament is 61.6% towards our parish goal of \$641,259. If you have not yet made your commitment to the Appeal, it is not too late to help Blessed Sacrament meet our goal by visiting [appeal.adw.org](http://appeal.adw.org) to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

## THE MONSIGNOR CORBETT MEMORIAL LECTURE PRESENTS:



**DR. JOHN KEOWN, DPHIL, PHD, DCL**  
*Euthanasia, Ethics and Public Policy*

**TONIGHT in the School Gym**

**6:30 p.m.**  
Opening Reception

**7:00-8:00 p.m.**  
Lecture

**All are welcome to attend!**  
If possible, RSVP to [events@blessedsaramentdc.org](mailto:events@blessedsaramentdc.org)

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### BLESSED SACRAMENT FACILITIES UPDATE

#### Church Roof Project:

The remaining balance needed for the project has decreased to \$133,150. Please note that this balance is for phase one (\$33k) and the projected amount for phase two (\$100k est). Thank you for your generosity! For online donations, visit: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/givingdonations/roof-fund/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/givingdonations/roof-fund/)

The chimes tower roof is substantially complete, but there is still work to be done in other areas of the roof. The majority of the scaffolding down and a portion of the scaffolding will remain for one area to be completed. The remaining bad areas of the roof will be addressed once the scaffolding is removed. 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)

#### Faith in the Marketplace—Friday, May 4

The monthly First Friday gathering of men who relate how they connect their practical business and professional experiences with their commitment to live by their tenets of faith is on **Friday, May 4**, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Our speaker, Brendan Tuohay, Co-founder and Executive Director, of PeacePlayers International, discusses how this unique basketball program unites and educates young people in divided communities. Please join us on May 4th for another important discussion and also discover myriad ways our faith is tested and at work in the marketplace.

#### 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.

### RECENT BAPTISMS

Carter William Allen  
Isla Margaret Allen  
Daniel Jacoby Dickerson  
Charles Arthur Gormley  
Eleanor Mary Gormley

Theodore Kiel Hockett  
William Frawley Oppenheim  
Emi Shea Tepe  
Claire DeHuff Warren

### 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  
Adelaide Miller  
Patrick Adams Murphy  
Freddy H. Ortega  
Daniel Ortman  
Maria Stechschlitz  
Nelly Turner

J.D. Murphy

Nellie Worskey

### REST IN PEACE



### HEALING MASS

Fr. Foley's next Healing Mass will be **Friday, May 4**, at 7 p.m. in the church.



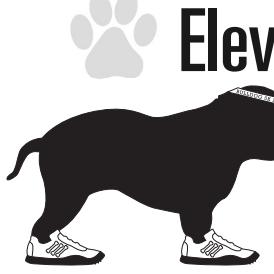
### ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE

- The Stella Maris sodality unit is hosting the annual Diaper Drive, from **April 27th through Mother's Day, May 13th**.
- There are three ways to participate:
  1. Drop off diapers in the boxes at each church exit or in the school lobby. Partial packages are fine!
  2. Cash! The DC Diaper Bank has high volume, low cost diaper buying power. A donation of \$20 will buy over 3 weeks of diapers for a baby. We will be collecting checks and cash after Masses the weekend of May 5th and 6th.
  3. Amazon: [www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMM05V30U](http://www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMM05V30U). Your items will be delivered directly to the DC Diaper Bank. Please 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@gmail.com](mailto:mshimp@gmail.com).

### Amoris Laetitia

On the third Sunday of Lent, his Eminence, Cardinal Wuerl, announced his plan to implement this apostolic exhortation of the Holy Father in the Archdiocese of Washington. He asked priests to preach on Pope Francis' plan for "accompanying" people who face challenges in living up to the Church's teachings on marriage and family life. At that time we mentioned that copies of the Cardinal's plan would be available to parishioners. They will be placed at the Church entrances this weekend. We hope that parishioners will take the time to digest the wisdom contained within the pages of the document. In the months and years ahead, I hope this will be the basis for fruitful adult faith formation initiatives. – Fr. Foley

Lace up your running shoes and meet us at the starting line for the ...



# Eleventh Annual Bulldog 5K & Kids Fun Run

Saturday, May 5, 2018

Register now at [www.bsstoday.org/bulldograce](http://www.bsstoday.org/bulldograce)

For questions, contact:  
**Celine Delany**  
[cmdelany@gmail.com](mailto:cmdelany@gmail.com) or  
**Brendan Delany**  
[BDelany@blankrome.com](mailto:BDelany@blankrome.com)

Partial proceeds from the race will benefit the GirlsUp summer camp founded by Kelly Murray. For more information, visit [www.girlsup.org](http://www.girlsup.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	Scripture Reflections
Wednesday	Art Class with Dick Swartz
Thursday	Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

## DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that the Young Catholics with Disabilities will hold its end of the year dance on **Saturday, May 19** following the 5:30 Mass. Come and dance the night away with Ultra Sound DeeJays and our spirited group of 20 somethings with developmental differences! There is a \$5.00 cover fee. Hope to see you all there!

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



## BLESSED SACRAMENT ★ SCHOOL ★

### Mission Fair is Friday, May 4th from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Get ready for a fun-filled afternoon at the 76th annual Blessed Sacrament School Mission Fair. Kids will love the fun games, food (hot dogs, sno cones, cotton candy and bake sale), fantastic raffle prizes, and the always popular White Elephant Sale. Tickets available the day off the Fair. All proceeds benefit the Holy Cross Mission School in Kirinda, Uganda. Please contact Renee Redpath for more information at [rjredpath@gmail.com](mailto:rjredpath@gmail.com).

### Would You Like To Have Your Home Blessed?

A long time tradition in the Catholic Church is having our home blessed with the new waters of Easter. The blessing prays that your home is filled with God's Peace and Holiness. The Blessing Ritual takes only a few minutes to perform. Ideally, as many family members who reside within your residence should be present when the blessing is given.

If you wish to have your home blessed then kindly e-mail Deacon Leo Flynn and include your name(s), address, phone number, and e-mail address and send it to [leo@theflynnteam.com](mailto:leo@theflynnteam.com). Also, specify which days/dates and times may work best per your schedule to have your home blessed (week days are available!) and whether you are or are not a registered parishioner of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Those without computers may contact Deacon Leo directly at 703.328.4762 and leave your name and telephone number (speak slowly and clearly) in his voice mail and he will return your call.



## SHARE PARISH FOOD CO-OP

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. chicken breast filet, 1 lb. smoked thick-cut bacon, 1 lb. ground beef, 1 lb. southwest grilled chicken strips, 8–12 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables

**\$25 Seafood Box:** 8–10 portions of tuna, 4–6 portions of salmon

**\$22 Marinated Skirt Steak:** Eight 6 oz. steaks, 3 lbs total

**\$25 Chicken Wings:** 10 lbs. of heat & serve pre-cooked wings

Ordering deadline is **Monday, May 7**, at 4 p.m. Pick up your food on **Friday afternoon, May 18**, 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). To order, visit the parish web site: [www.blessedsacramentdc.org](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org).

### Daystar Gallery

Exhibition of the paintings of Anne Lee will be on display at the Daystar Gallery, "Peaceful Places," **April 11 to May 11, 2018**. A reception will be held on **Sunday, April 15th** from 1:30–3:30 p.m. All are welcome!

# 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/)

Website: [blessedsacramentdc.org/youth](http://blessedsacramentdc.org/youth)  
Instagram: @blessedyouthdc

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Blue 44** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

## FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

FEATURED SPEAKER:  
**CARDINAL DONALD WUERL**  
"Q+A WITH THE CARDINAL"

**DCtheologyON TAP**

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 6-8 PM | BUFFALO BILLIARDS, DUPONT CIRCLE

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#TOTDC



### Theology on Tap: Q+A with Cardinal Wuerl

All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DC Catholic Theology on Tap at Buffalo Billiards in Dupont Circle to explore the role of faith in our daily lives. On **Tuesday, May 8th**, Cardinal Wuerl will join us for a "Q+A with the Cardinal." Join us the 2nd Tuesday of each month to grab a drink and hear straight talk and honest answers to your questions about faith, love, work and other real life experiences. All are welcome, Catholic or not! Bring your friends and meet other young professionals for Happy Hour specials from 6-7pm with a talk and Q/A to follow from 7-8pm. #totdc +Co-hosted by the Catholic Information Center +Must have valid 21+ ID to enter

### 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.

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

**Domestic Church Day**  
Parenting in the Modern World

### Domestic Church Day: Parenting in the Modern World

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on **Saturday, May 5**, from 1:00–6:00 p.m. at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will feature a talk by Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki, on "Parenting in the Modern World: Balancing Bonding and Boundaries." The retreat will also include fun catechesis for children and teens, a Sunday Vigil Mass, and Cinco-de-Mayo themed family games and food (a substantial snack, but not a full meal). The cost of attendance is \$20 per family and \$10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit [www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com](http://www.domesticchurchday.eventbrite.com)

### Music at the Monastery

Music to uplift your soul! Enjoy Music at the Monastery on **Sunday, May 13**, 4 p.m., with organist Carol Feather Martin. Held at the historic Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017, this monthly series is cosponsored with the DC Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. A light reception follows; free-will offering. For information: [myfranciscan.org](http://myfranciscan.org) or call 202-526-6800; free parking; Brookland/CUA Metro and H6 bus toward Fort Lincoln.