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MASS TIMES ~ PRESIDER SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil, May 5
5:30 p.m. ~ Father O

Saturday Vigil, May 12
~ Father Bill

Sunday, May 6
7:30 a.m. ~ Father Regis
9:00 a.m.* ~ Father Bill
10:30 a.m. (Church) ~ Father Bill
10:30 a.m. (Gym) ~ Father Alec
12:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva
5:30 p.m. ~ Father Alec

Sunday, May 13
~ Father Alec
~ Father Regis
~ Father Alec
~ Father Bill
~ Father O
~ Father D'Silva

*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.

THIS WEEKEND



Outreach Collection: The monthly collection for our Soup Kitchen Ministry will be taken up this weekend. Your food and monetary donations will support the meal the ministry prepares and serves at a local soup kitchen on Monday mornings, as well as other parish efforts to feed the hungry.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PASTORAL STAFF

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Assistants on Weekends

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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

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

Eucharistic Minister Volunteers: 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. Hard copies of the registration form are available at the parish office or contact Rick Perry: 202.449.3982.

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

Dear Parish Family:

Last Sunday I had a fascinating conversation with two young women who are students at a nearby private high school. They were interviewing me as part of a research project on religion. Neither of them belonged to any particular religious denomination, although one had attended a Catholic elementary school for a short time. They first wanted to know why I chose the priesthood. I told them that I first became aware of an attraction to the priesthood when I was in fourth grade at Blessed Sacrament School. I added, however, that my choice was ultimately a response to God's invitation, as we hear on today's gospel:

**"It was not you who chose me,
But I who chose you..."
(John 15:16)**

Then they asked me to define the word religion. I said that at root it comes from the word "rule." The purpose of religion is to promote a "rule of life" that leads one into an intimate relationship with God—the source of all being. They were particularly interested when I stated that all human beings have a fundamental longing for this God. One might compare God to that magnetic force towards which we are all attracted but often resist. God is always the one who initiates a relationship with us:

**"In this is love; not that we have
loved God, but that he has
loved us and sent his Son
as expiation for our sins."
(1 John 4:10)**

Was theirs simply an academic exercise, or were these women genuinely seeking a more profound meaning to life—like those Gentiles who engaged Peter in conversation and all of a sudden received the gift of the Holy Spirit?

Yours in the Risen Lord,
Father Bill Foley

Parish Progress 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 to learn more and donate! In supporting the Appeal you join with others in nurturing the faith throughout the Church of Washington.

Poor Box Donations

Poor Box donations in **May** will benefit St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Southeast Washington, Blessed Sacrament's "sister" parish. The money will help the parish provide assistance to people in their community who are struggling to meet their daily needs, which might include help with utility bills, rent, health costs, groceries, and the like.



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: Your items will be delivered directly to the DC Diaper Bank. Please specify "Stella Maris" as the organization. www.amazon.com/gp/registry/1G9IJMMO5V30U

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.

ChristLife Informational Session, June 6

Does managing the demands of work, home and family life leave you feeling emotionally exhausted, overwhelmed and spiritually adrift? Do you want your children to grow up to be faithful, well formed Catholic adults but don't feel well prepared to help them get there? You are not alone. 79% of "former Catholics" leave the Church before their 25th birthday, and only 7% of millennials raised Catholic actively practice their faith. If you wonder how your "Catholic identity" fits in today's conversations, and how you can help your family find time for God, we want to help.

Coming this fall, the DiscoveringChrist adult faith formation program, will be an opportunity to share a free dinner, make new friends, and learn tips on how to grow in faith with your family. Learn more about DiscoveringChrist at our informational picnic on **June 6th** at 7pm at the Parish Center, main level.

SOCIAL CONCERNS/OUTREACH



2018 MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE

- **SATURDAY, MAY 12, 5:30pm**
- **SUNDAY, MAY 13, 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am (Church & Gym) & 12:30pm**

Carnations costing a dollar will be sold at church entrances after Mass. Donations are also appreciated. Carnation Sale proceeds will benefit St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville, MD and the Northwest Center in DC. Volunteers are needed to sell carnations at after each Mass. Questions or to volunteer to sell carnations, please contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.

DID YOU KNOW??

Did you know that the School of Religion is seeking volunteers to serve as catechist for special needs students? We are looking for high school students to act as classroom buddies, and individuals who are interested in working one on one with children who have special needs. Training, support and assistance provided!

For more information, contact voelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org or mbalch@blessedsacramentdc.org

Eucharistic Ministers/Parish Volunteers

The Social Concerns Office is inviting parishioners to serve as eucharistic ministers and parish volunteers to assist in providing support services to fellow parishioners in our parish community. Generally requests would include: transportation to church and appointments, and home bound eucharistic minister services. To expand inclusiveness in our parish, if you or you know of a parishioner(s) who would like to receive a visit from a priest or any of the services above, please contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office, 202.449.3987, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org. If you are providing a particular service to a parishioner please let us know so we may offer prayers and support to you and the parishioner. Thank you for your efforts to expand inclusiveness in our Blessed Sacrament Parish Community.





- SUNDAY & TUESDAY -
SOR May Crowning & Awards

Sunday: May 20th 2018 | 8:45-10 AM

Opens in BS School Gym with Reception Immediately following in Auditorium

Tuesday: May 15th 2018 | 4:30-5:45 PM

Opens in Blessed Sacrament Church with Reception in Auditorium

Children are encouraged to wear their "Sunday best" and **2nd Graders who have just received 1st Communion are invited to wear their white dresses and suits!**

All Parents and friends are welcome to attend!

*****To nominate a teacher or child for an award, please email:**

events@blessedsacramentdc.org





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. To order, visit the parish web site: www.blessedsacramentdc.org.

Easter Season Blessings and Thanks for Your Generosity

With humble thanks and pride in our parishioners, the SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament Team was able to provide Easter hams to 70 persons for their holiday dinners. This was in addition to the monthly SHARE food packages donated by our parish to those in need. The deep appreciation expressed by recipients included prayers of gratitude for our parishioners and their generosity. This weekend’s Second Reading and Gospel focus on love . . . the love of God for us and the encouragement to love one another. Truly, your continued generosity is a demonstration of love. Thank you and may God bless you.

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. 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.

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** Closed
- Tuesday** Tuesdays with (Fr.) Maury
- Wednesday** Art Class with Dick Swartz
- Thursday** Bridge for Bridge Lovers
- Friday** Closed

Tuesdays with (Fr.) Maury: Blessed Sacrament has our very own Maury, Msgr. Maurice O’Connell—Father O, and his subject, like the book, is *The Meaning of Life, Taught from Experience*. Like the book, many topics are covered, including: love, work, community, family, aging, and forgiveness. Fr. O conducts these sessions immediately after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The next session will be on **Tuesday, May 8th**. Please join us in Apt #1 of the Chevy Chase Apartments. Everyone (all ages) is welcome!

*Thought for the Week
From Pope Francis*



The Church is called above all to be a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. From the heart of the Trinity, from the depths of the mystery of God, the great river of mercy wells up and overflows unceasingly. It is a spring that will never run dry, no matter how many people draw from it. Every time someone is in need, he or she can approach it, because the mercy of God never ends (The Face of Mercy, 25).

RECENT BAPTISMS

Ford J. Walsh

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

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| Ana Maria Arce | Bart Hayft | Adelaide Miller |
| Armand Brignola | Katharine M. Heck | Patrick Adams Murphy |
| Evelyn Childs | Alexa Hughes | Fredy H. Ortega |
| James Curran | Elizabeth Kennedy | Daniel Ortman |
| Joan Devine | Marian Middendorf | Maria Stechschlte |
| Patricia Friend | | Nelly Turner |

REST IN PEACE

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| J.D. Murphy | Nellie Worsley |
| Deborah Veith | Agnes Zane |

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE



Youth Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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VBS is back this summer! We need High School and Junior High volunteers as well as adults! 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/

Website: blessedsacramentdc.org/youth
Instagram: [@blessedyouthdc](https://www.instagram.com/blessedyouthdc)

Ever considered the priesthood?



Join us for a Men's Discernment Dinner

Evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and an opportunity for young men, college age and up, to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians from the Archdiocese of Washington

Sunday, May 13 from 5:00-8:30 p.m.

**Saint John Paul II Seminary
145 Taylor Street, NE**

PLEASE REGISTER TO ATTEND AT WWW.DCPRIEST.ORG

For additional information contact:
Fr. Mark Ivany
Director of Priest Vocations
202.636.9020
vocations@adw.org



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

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**.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

We would like to thank **Maplewood Park Place** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

Theology on Tap: Q+A with Cardinal Wuerl

All young professionals (21-late 30s) are invited to our monthly DCCatholic 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.