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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil, September 1
5:30 p.m. ~ Father D'Silva

Saturday Vigil, September 8
~ Father Bill

Sunday, September 2

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

Sunday, September 9

~ Father Alec
~ Father D'Silva
~ Father O
~ Father Bill
~ Father Alec
~ 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 WEEK

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.



Happy Labor Day

The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 3rd. We will have Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. There will be no afternoon Exposition or Benediction.

HEALING MASSES

Fr. Foley's Healing Mass will be held at 7pm in the church on the following dates:

September 7, October 4, November 1, December 7

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BLESSED SACRAMENT SCHOOL

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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:

Over the years, pastors and directors of faith formation programs have been perplexed by the fact that a significant number of our children do not get to Sunday Mass on a regular basis. Other priorities seem to intervene in family life. As I was reflecting on this shift in our Catholic practice during my lifetime, it occurred to me that the word "obligation" is not the "operative" term. The more important word is "relationship." The Scriptures for today remind us that the purpose of the "Torah" or ("Law") is to enhance our bond with the living God who continues to liberate us from bondage. Jesus is the embodiment of that saving "Word." I asked our faculty and staff to reflect on three questions:

- 1) How did your relationship with Jesus begin?
- 2) How is it nurtured or enhanced?
- 3) Who will you invite to Thanksgiving Dinner?

I shared my experience of learning to pray at home – the "domestic Church" – and of being brought to the larger family of the parish Church. Prayer, sacraments, and various retreat experiences build upon that initial encounter with the Lord. Our lives impact more people than we might imagine. Our family frequently welcomed visitors to our home. The vibrancy of our faith ought to attract others to want to learn the reason for our hope. Thus, "religion," in the pure sense, as the Apostle James tells us in today's second reading, drives us towards greater care for all in our environment, especially those who are seeking employment and ways to use the talents God has given them.

Blessed Labor Day,
Father Bill Foley

Faith in the Marketplace . . . in Troubling Times

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, September 7**, after the 6:30 a.m. Mass. Faith in the Marketplace kicks off the 2018-2019 season with a special and necessary round-table discussion of our Church in dark and troubling times. In light of recent and earlier festering revelations, we believe a session is needed where lay persons and clergy, many of whom have spoken forcefully, can be heard in a forum designed to enlighten, heal and provide direction. We believe in dark times, we don't leave, but lead. We hope you will join our round table discussion Friday September 7. This is much more than simply another discussion in our series: it is a jolting challenge to discover myriad ways our faith is tested and at work in the marketplace in troubling times.

Monthly Rosary

The parish Sodality's Stella Maris unit hosts a monthly rosary from 7:30-8 pm in the parish chapel. All women of the parish are invited to join us for a half hour of prayer and meditation as we pray the rosary together. Our upcoming Fall dates: **Monday, September 10, Monday, October 1, Monday, November 5**

For more details, please contact Jocelyn Rowe at jocelynrowe@hotmail.com

TOWN HALL MEETING

Sunday, September 16, 2 pm in the Gym

All of us have been deeply shaken by the accusations this summer concerning Archbishop McCarrick and the revelations of clergy abuse in the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report. We are hurt, angry, and confused. The parish will sponsor a "Town Hall" gathering on **Sunday, September 16 at 2 p.m.** in the gym. Many questions are in our minds. It would be helpful if some of these would be submitted to our office prior to that date so that we might be better prepared to address them. We are all reeling from this news and need to support one another.

Gym Mass History

The 1960s were a time of social change in every sector of society, from government to music to religion including ways to worship. Religious education was beginning to be more about love and joy than about reciting catechism answers. After Vatican II the altar was turned around to face the congregation, Mass was in English, and hymns were written to reflect the changing music of the times.

Cardinal O'Boyle along with Msgr. Quinn, then BS pastor, approved a parent-led CCD program that met in people's homes using a text entitled "Life, Love and Joy". After class, families met at BS for Mass. To accommodate the growing numbers of families involved and to begin using more contemporary music, the Mass began to be celebrated in the gym. The first "Folk" Mass met on February 2, 1969. We celebrate 50 years soon.

The present day Gym Mass works well with a Steering Committee that recruits host families, ushers and gift bearers. We support our parish community by helping organize coffee and donut socials after Mass. We support our Washington community with weekly food donations every Sunday. Most weeks the Gym Mass includes a Children's Liturgy during Liturgy of the Word when children are invited to the auditorium with a liturgist. They use the Children's Lectionary so children can better understand the scripture if the day. Be aware, however, that the Gym Mass is not a children's Mass, but rather a liturgy that uses more contemporary music and all are welcome. Contact Ginny Curtin if you would like to join the Gym Choir (gucurtin@gmail.com).

Come join us on our first Sunday back on September 9. We welcome everyone with open arms!

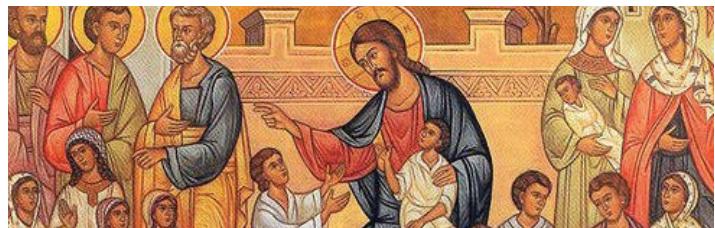
PLEASE INCLUDE OUR SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS THAT THEY MAY EXPERIENCE HEALING AND COMFORT

Ana Maria Arce	Natalia Dombo	Patrick Adams Murphy
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Armand Brignola	Bart Hayft	Daniel Ortman
Evelyn Childs	Alexa Hughes	Maria Stechschlitz
James Curran	Elizabeth Kennedy	Nelly Turner
Joan Devine		

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Michele Spratt

SCHOOL OF RELIGION



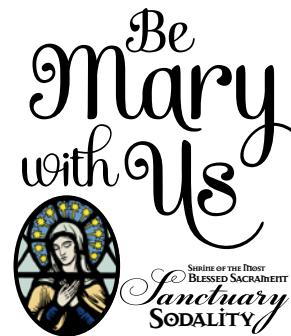
SOR Catechist Volunteers Needed

The School of Religion Program (SOR) is a weekly program of Faith Formation for children ages 3-8th grade to learn about their Catholic Faith and share community here at Blessed Sacrament!

There are 2 scheduled sessions: **SUNDAYS 9:00–10:15am (NOTE TIME CHANGE)** and **Tuesday afternoons from 4:30–5:45pm**. All sessions are held at the school building. We are also in need of Catechists and Aides both adults and teens.

The following grades have needs for Catechists: Grades 1,3,4, 5, 6 (SUNDAY), Grade 2 (TUESDAY). ALL potential volunteers must complete VIRTUS (child protection training) and have an interview with Jane Baily, the Director of Faith Formation for Children. For more information contact Jane Baily: jbaily@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3989.

Please note: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program is almost full.



Save the Date!

Sanctuary Sodality will hold a recruiting event for potential new members on **Thursday, September 20 at 7pm**. All interested Parish women welcome. Keep reading bulletin for more details.

XCEL FALL 2018 AFTER SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Early Registration Deadline is **August 31**. Classes begin as early as **September 10th**.

Mondays, 3:15pm-4:15pm:

Hip-Hop Dance in the Auditorium, Grades K-2
Flag Football in the Gym/Field, Grades PreK-2

Thursdays, 3:15pm-4:15pm:

Fitness for Athletes and Health in the Auditorium, Grades K-3

Friday, 3:15pm-4:15pm:

Irish Dance in the Auditorium, Grades K-2
Soccer in the Gym/Field, Grades PreK-2

Contact Jeremy Patten for more information: 202.577.4089 or Jeremy@xcelfitness.net, www.xcelfitness.net

SOCIAL CONCERNs/OUTREACH

Blessed Sacrament Social Concerns Office Outreach

Parishioners and Parish friends. The Social Concerns Office is open 10am-1 pm daily Monday through Friday and by appointment to provide Direct Service and Outreach to needy individuals and families in our community. Also, the Office works directly with Catholic Charities which is officially designated as the Social Service Representative of the Archdiocese on Washington. A Parish Partners Program was specifically created as a resource for Archdiocesan Parishes. Please refer all individuals seeking assistance to Pat Kavanaugh, 202.449.3987, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org. The Parish and Catholic Charities have many assistance programs some of which are now conveniently listed on tables located in the main entrance to our Church. Please refer individuals requesting personal or financial assistance to Pat Kavanaugh or the resource list in the main Church entrance. Please call Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office for more information. Thank you.

Food Donations Needed for Social Concerns

The Social Concerns Office Food Pantry needs food donations especially during the summer months when there is no Gym Mass. Items in most demand are as follows: tuna fish in water, Beefaroni, meat and chicken soups, peanut butter and jelly and cereal. Donations may be placed in containers located in the main Church entrance, Quesada Street entrance or brought up to the altar during Communion. Thank you for your support of our less fortunate brothers and sisters. Please call Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office with any questions, 202.449.3987. Thank you.

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. Also 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.

St. Thomas More School Supply Drive: September 8 & 9th

The Social Concerns St. Thomas More School Supply Drive is scheduled for Saturday 5:30pm and all the Masses on Sunday the weekend of September 8th and 9th. The next time you see an ad for school supplies on sale, please consider purchasing school items for a child in need at St. Thomas More, The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament's "Sister School/Parish" in Southeast DC. The children need Construction Paper, Scissors, Glue Sticks, Binders, Notebooks, Pens, Pencils, Crayons, Colored Markers and Highlighters. Volunteers will be outside of church entrances to collect donations.

Service Hours: please contact Pat Kavanaugh in the Social Concerns Office to volunteer to collect supplies at one or more of the Masses, pkavanaugh@blessedsacramentdc.org or 202.449.3987.



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.

Value Package - \$22: Chicken Drumsticks: 3 POUNDS! 1 lb. Pollock Filets, 1 lb. Pork Chops, plus 8-12 lbs. of fresh fruits and vegetables

BBQ Turkey - \$16: Two BBQ-seasoned Turkey Breast Roasts. Total weight: 9-10 lbs, ready for your grill or oven. Limited supply.

Coleman Chicken Breast - \$22: 10 lb. box of boneless, fully cooked, Breaded Chicken Breast. Heat & serve. Limited supply.

Breakfast Box - \$28: 2 lb. Thick Cut Bacon, 2 lb. Canadian Bacon, 3 boxes Blueberry Pancakes, 3 boxes Buttermilk Waffles, blackberries and strawberries. Limited supply.

To order, visit the parish web site: www.blessedsacramentdc.org. Please order by **Monday, September 10th** at 12 Noon. Food distribution is **Friday, September 21st**, 3-6pm.

Credit Card Option: To pay online by credit card or to make a donation to SHARE @ Blessed Sacrament go to the parish website www.blessedsacramentdc.org/parish-organizations/share. Recurring monthly donations by credit card can be arranged with a one-time processing by going to the parish website and click on "GIVING" and select "Click Here to Give Online." Thank you for your support of SHARE @ BS.

Monsignor Thomas G. Smyth Endowment Fund

The Monsignor Thomas G. Smyth Endowment Fund is currently accepting applications to fill 2 board member vacancies. The members serve for 3 years and the board meets quarterly. The Smyth Fund was created to support and aid the School, its faculty and students (primarily for tuition relief and teacher enrichment). The mission of the Board is to act as an advisor to the Pastor in overseeing the investment and administration of the Fund assets. Annually, the Fund makes a contribution to Blessed Sacrament School, subject to specific requests by the school board, principal and availability of funds. A background in development/fundraising, finance or investments is helpful but not required.

If you are interested in learning more or would like to apply please contact Linda Herman at lindaannherman@gmail.com or by phone at 301.564.5331.

Poor Box Donations

Poor Box donations in **September** will benefit Living Wages, a community-based nonprofit providing adult education in Southeast Washington. The organization helps adults obtain their high school diplomas, and offers computer training and workforce preparation services.

Boy Scout Troop 90

All boys aged 11 and up or have completed 5th grade are invited to join Boy Scout Troop 90 sponsored by the Shrine of Most Blessed Sacrament. Our first meeting of the year will be **Wednesday night September 5th** at 7:30 pm. Troop 90 holds weekly meetings Wednesday nights in the Parish Center and monthly campouts. Our emphasis is on building leadership, learning outdoor skills, creating friendships, and having fun! Activities have included rock climbing at Seneca Rocks, camping in Gettysburg National Military Park, High Adventure trips to Philmont and scuba diving in St. Croix, and service projects such as the Greg Gannon Canned Food Drive and an Ice Cream Social at the Armed Forces Retirement Home. Please come Wednesday night and check it out. No obligation! No scouting experience necessary. Any questions please contact Scoutmaster Keith Morrison at 202.236.1624 or kmorrison@vsadc.com. You can also see our website at troop90dc.org which was created and is updated by the scouts.

Young Family Ministry

The Blessed Sacrament Young Family Ministry invites all young families of the parish with children between newborn and 5 years to our Annual Meet & Greet on **Sunday, September 9** after the 10:30 a.m. Masses. Please join us in the School Auditorium to help us welcome new members, greet familiar faces and learn about the group and the activities that are planned for this year. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Anthony and Elizabeth Angelo at bsyoungfamilies@gmail.com.

Veterans-Military Ministry Upcoming Events

The Veterans-Military Ministry has exciting plans for the Fall! If you would like more information about these upcoming events, please contact Ministry chair Jocelyn Rowe, jocelyn@roweglobalgroup.com. New volunteers are always welcome!

Saturday, September 15: Team BBQ at 5 pm: Our Fall Kick-Off!

Saturday, September 22: Writing from the Heart and Soul: A Workshop for Veterans and Active Duty Military, 10 am–1 pm, 5034 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC, Knights of Columbus Council 224. Open to all veterans, active duty and reserve military, and care givers.

Calling all MOMS

The Ministry of Moms is looking for interested participants to complete a spiritual and uplifting eight week journey this fall starting the evening of **Monday, September 24**. We are excited to welcome new women into this ministry of over 350 MOMS who have completed this amazing program here at Blessed Sacrament. Please email Mary and Connie for more details at blessedsacramentmoms@gmail.com.

Daystar Gallery

Daystar Gallery announces an exhibition of the paintings of the late Adelaide Miller, "The Art of Adelaide Miller." September 5, 2018–September 28, 2018. A reception will be held on **Saturday, September 22** from 1:00–4:00 pm in the Gallery. All are welcome.

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	Closed
Wednesday	11:30am: Strong Seniors Strength & Balance Class 12:30pm: Watercolor Art Class
Thursday	12:00pm: Bridge for Bridge Lovers
Friday	Closed

Attention: Mark Your Calendars!

Welcome Back Luncheon: Please join us for a delightful lunch which will be held on **Monday, September 10** at 12 noon in the Manning Center for the 2nd and 4th Monday Club. If you're not already a member of this fun group of active seniors, come and see what we're all about and enjoy a delicious lunch with us as we celebrate the start of new season. We have been waiting to connect with you! All are welcome!! Please RSVP to Rita Killian 202.363.5069.

Tuesdays with (Fr.) Maury Returns! Please join us on **Tuesday, September 18** for lunch with Fr. O and to welcome back our delightful program which features lively discussions with Fr. O on a variety of topics related to life and spirituality in the 21st Century. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. If you can't make it this time, please come on another Tuesday.

Would You Like To Have Your Home Blessed?

A long time tradition in the Catholic Church is having our home blessed. 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.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE**RUN for VOCATIONS**

Registration is open for these two fun opportunities to help support our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood. The "Run for Vocations"/Marine Corp 10K will be held on **October 28, 2018**. Visit www.DCpriest.org/promote for more information and to register. It is not necessary to be part of a parish team to run. Plan to register soon, as the race fill quickly. All funds raised will support vocation promotion and seminarian formation in the Archdiocese of Washington. Please email RFV@adw.org with any questions.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WITH BROTHER MALACHY BRODERICK, FSC

The Gospel of Luke & The Acts of the Apostles

Tuesdays, 8:45–10:45am in the Duffy Parish Center
Classes begin September 11, 2018–May 21, 2019

Luke's desire is to show that Christianity belongs to the larger world of the Roman empire. For example, he links the birth of Jesus to the Emperor Caesar Augustus. Luke calls his work a narrative account, not a history; his gospel is a faith narrative, not a biography or history of Jesus Christ. Luke's purpose is to show that what the church preaches is rooted in the ministry of Jesus and the preaching of the Apostles.

Luke provides authenticity of the Christian message by showing that the Holy Spirit has guided the entire process from the Old Testament through the ministry of Jesus and the development of the Church in the early Christian community.

The text for this course is the *Bible*. There is no need to register, if you are interested just come.

The Torah: The First Five Books of the Bible: Genesis Through Deuteronomy

Thursdays, 8:45–10:45am in the Duffy Parish Center
Classes begin September 13, 2018–May 23, 2019

The text for this course is the *Bible*. There is no need to register, if you are interested just come.

Beginnings are important. If we want to know what kind of book we are reading, we skim over the first few pages to see its type. If we want to know what point of view the author takes, we examine how she or he starts out. For these reasons, among others, it is important to recognize the special character of the first five books of the Old Testament, i.e., the *Torah*, the Law of Moses. They stand apart as an introduction to the entire *Bible*, and more importantly both the Jewish and Christian faiths recognize them as the foundation on which all of Holy Scripture is built.

For further information you may call Brother Malachy at 202.364.2575.

Wednesday Morning Scripture Study

"When I was young we weren't allowed to read the *Bible*." Whether this was your experience or not, the Church did shift gears at the Second Vatican Council when it produced a ground breaking document entitled *The Word of God*. The document emphasized a self-revealing God who initiated loving contact with humanity and encouraged the faithful to respond in a thoughtful study of the sacred texts.

Little Rock Scripture Study has prepared a study guide to accompany a recent publication by Ronald Witherup, SS entitled; *The Word of God at Vatican II*. The book guides us through events leading up to Vatican II, the document itself, and the impact it has had on Church life. Scriptural references abound and subjects such as "inspiration", "tradition", and "inerrancy" are taken up as well.

The Wednesday Morning Scripture Study (now in its 30th year) will begin this study on **September 12th** after the 8am Mass. We warmly welcome all newcomers and returnees to join us in this endeavor. Coffee and snacks are followed by prayers, small group discussion and at 10am our vision is broadened by professional scholar speakers. If you have any questions call Nan Levine 202.244.7691 or email seekings7@yahoo.com.

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible!

Unlocking the Mystery of the *Bible* is a 4-week study that makes reading the *Bible* not only easy, but exciting! You will learn the major people, places, events and themes of the *Bible*—the "big picture" of salvation history. This study will be offered at The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the **school auditorium** on **Wednesday evenings, September 5, 12, 19, 26 from 7-9pm**. Mark your calendars and come learn more about the "greatest story ever told." 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 mamadonovan@gmail.com.

Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance

Paul's letter to the Ephesians reveals many remarkable gifts that we as Christians are given in the Church. This letter tells us about the nature of the Church—as a body, as a household, as a mystery, as a communion, as a bride, and as an army. It shows us the great inheritance that awaits us as sons and daughters, adopted fully into the family of God. It reveals how God's great love for us can transform our daily lives—if we allow it. Ephesians will enrich your faith—and show you how to live it out. **Dates: 8 Wednesdays, October 3–December 12, 2018 from 7-8:30pm in the School Auditorium.**

Register online at www.ascensionpress.com. Your registration includes the student materials and the ability to stream the videos online at your convenience during the course of the study. \$19.95 plus shipping. For more information, please contact Ceil Malphrus: ceilmalphrus@verizon.net or Mary Donovan: mamadonovan@gmail.com.

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