



# SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

OCTOBER 17, 2021 | THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*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.*



## PASTOR'S COLUMN

Dear Parish Family:

Although we live hurried lives and often eat on the run, some of us on occasion still have special meals to celebrate key events or holidays. The late Dutch priest Father Henri Nouwen recalled his own experience of these special celebrations from his youth in a beautiful little book that took its title from today's gospel. The question of Jesus ought to reverberate in our souls: "Can you drink the cup?" Father Nouwen suggested that we answer that question slowly. Take the glass in your hand and examine it carefully. It is your life thus far. Raise it, accepting the good, the bad, and the ugly. Toast one another; then consume the drink. Accept the degree to which you do or do not identify with the Savior on your journey to the Father. There is a moving film from 2010 called "Of Gods and Men" that portrays the true story of French Cistercian monks whose lives were threatened by Algerian nationalists. At one point the film portrayed the monks sharing what they knew might be their final meal. Classical music played in the background. Words were not used; but the brothers shared glasses of wine and lovingly toasted one another in a scene reminiscent of the Last Supper. That night all but one were executed.

Jesus continues to ask those who want to follow him if they are willing to pay the cost. Whatever our struggle on this journey of faith, we ought to take consolation in these words from the "Letter to the Hebrews:"

**"So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."  
(Hebrews 4:16)**

Yours in Christ,

*Father Bill Foley*

## SUNDAY MASS PRESIDER SCHEDULE

	OCTOBER 16-17	OCTOBER 23-24
Saturday Vigil 5:30 PM*	Father D'Silva	Father Armstrong
7:30 AM	Father Magro	Father Armstrong
9:00 AM	Father Armstrong	Father D'Silva
10:30 AM* (church)	Father Magro	Father Armstrong
10:30 AM (gym)	Father D'Silva	Father Magro
12:30 PM	Father Armstrong	Father D'Silva
5:30 PM*	Father D'Silva	Father Magro

\*Livestreamed

### DAILY MASS†

<b>Monday–Friday</b> 6:30 AM   8:00 AM   5:30 PM	<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>Federal Holidays</b> 10:00 AM
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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT†

4:00-5:15 PM in the Church

†No adoration on federal holidays. Mass is at 10:00 a.m. only. Daily Mass is currently not livestreamed.

### CONFESSION

Saturdays from 4:00-5:00 PM in the main church or by appointment.

### LIVESTREAMED MASS

Watch our livestreamed Mass through our YouTube Channel. You may find the link on the parish website. The videos will remain posted there after the Mass has ended, should you miss it live.

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## PARISH SERVICES & INFORMATION

**New Parishioners • WELCOME!** We are so glad you are here! To register visit [www.blessedsacramentdc.org/new-parishioners](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/new-parishioners) or contact Rick Perry: 202.449.3982, rperry@blessedsacramentdc.org.

**Sign Up for Parish Emails** • To receive emails and updates from the parish, please email Joan Ward: jward@blessedsacramentdc.org

**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.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism** • Baptismal classes are required of all parents prior to baptism. Please contact one of the parish priests before the baptismal class. We recommend taking classes before the child is born. 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NEW STAFF POSITIONS

#### NEW PARISH SECRETARY

On Friday, October 8, we welcomed a new parish secretary, Julia Gilbert. She has had extensive experience as a diplomat and, most recently, as a pre-school teacher in Cabin John, Maryland near where she lives. Julia is the mother of five children, was born in Germany, and grew up in suburban Maryland. She will take Joan's place at the front desk.

#### NEW BUSINESS MANAGER

Joan Ward has been the parish secretary and office manager for many years at our parish office; but prior to her employment here, Joan had extensive managerial experience in a variety of companies. Her new job here will focus on the many contracts we have with vendors and the permitting process required by the Archdiocese for our various projects.

#### NEW CATECHETICAL LEADER

Regina Thibeau has accepted our invitation to follow Jane Baily as "Director of Faith Formation for Children." Regina has been a "Director of Religious Education" for two large parishes in the suburbs of Chicago and has worked in administrative positions at the diocesan level. She is currently "Director of Administrative Services" for the Society of the Divine Word – Chicago Province. She looks forward to moving to our area and being closer to family members who live nearby. Regina plans to begin her ministry here November 8.

#### FRONT DOORS ARE OPEN!

At long last, the main doors of the church can be opened! The new railings are installed! The pews are in the process of getting cleaned; but we can always use more help. Thank you to all the many volunteers and staff who are working to make the church and its surroundings more beautiful and welcoming!

#### MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE ENRICHMENT SERIES

Knowing the difference and the importance between THOUGHTS AND FEELINGS and expressing yourself properly can make or break a relationship. Whether you are engaged, married, with or without children or celebrating your 50th Anniversary, take the time to attend a 90-min virtual session on **Monday, October 25**, 8:00-9:30 p.m. For more info. contact Jim & Ann Hoffman at 202.486.8291 or **visit [blessedsacramentdc.org/marriage-family-life](http://blessedsacramentdc.org/marriage-family-life)**. To receive a link, email: [hoffmanja2@msn.com](mailto:hoffmanja2@msn.com) by October 24.

#### STEWARDSHIP

**Faith Direct** • We are most grateful for those who have continued to support the parish financially, especially during these challenging times. You may sign up online at <https://membership.faithdirect.net/DC11>.

**SMYTH FUND GOLF CLASSIC: MONDAY OCTOBER 25****Kenwood Country Club, 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start**

The Smyth Fund Golf Classic is a fundraising golf tournament that brings Blessed Sacrament supporters together for an enjoyable afternoon of golf, games, prizes, food, and beverages to benefit the Monsignor Thomas G. Smyth Endowment Fund. The Endowment Fund is used for the support and aid of the school; primarily in the form of tuition relief and teacher enrichment. Golfers of ALL abilities and skill levels are encouraged to play! There will be a post-round happy hour and great giveaways for all participants, so start putting together your foursome (or register as an individual and we'll pair you up)! If you aren't able to participate, please consider sponsoring this event. Visit [bssgolf.org](http://bssgolf.org) for registration and sponsorship information. For more info, contact Chris Connolly at [chris.connolly@bfsaulco.com](mailto:chris.connolly@bfsaulco.com).

**NEW: BS WALKERS, MONDAYS 9:30 A.M.**

Join a group of fellow parishioners in walking around our neighborhood! No previous experience necessary, no registration necessary. We step off from the circular driveway in front of the rectory. Questions? Contact Rita Killian 202.363.5069 or [r.killian@verizon.net](mailto:r.killian@verizon.net).

**WALKING TOUR OF HISTORIC CHEVY CHASE DC****Monday, November 8 at 11:00 a.m.**

The 2nd & 4th Monday Club cordially invites everyone in the parish to join us for our annual Fall "Trip". This year because of the Covid virus, we will not be leaving our neighborhood. Rather our "trip" will be a leisurely 90-minute walking tour, combining the history of Chevy Chase DC and the culture of our community. Often confused with the Village of Chevy Chase, the Chevy Chase DC neighborhood has a distinctive culture that we will discuss as we walk the tree lined streets and peer over back yard fences from the alleys and will culminate with lunch at a Connecticut Avenue restaurant (TBD). The tour will be led by William Hopper, founding board member of Historic Chevy Chase DC. We will step off from the circular driveway in front of the Rectory, 6001 Western Ave. NW. Registration: please contact Rita Killian 202.363.5069 or [r.killian@verizon.net](mailto:r.killian@verizon.net).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

We just celebrated the beginning of fall, a time of seasonal change... maybe it's time for a change in your relationship as well! Wouldn't you love to have a richer, fuller life together as husband and wife? Sign up for the virtual DC/Baltimore experience on **November 5-7, 2021**. Visit [moments4marriage.org](http://moments4marriage.org) to apply.

**POOR BOX DONATIONS**

Poor Box donations in **October** will benefit the Father McKenna Center, which provides services for homeless men at a daytime drop-in center and a winter night shelter. The center's food pantry provides supplemental groceries for low-income families and seniors residing in Ward 6.

**PEW CLEANING PROJECT**

The pews are looking good but we need your help! Please come and help your favorite church pew unstuck on **Saturday, October 16** from 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.! "Many hands make light work." RSVP to Patty Myler, [PWMyler@gmail.com](mailto:PWMyler@gmail.com).

**BLESSED SACRAMENT LOVES LIFE!**

In this "Year of St. Joseph", proclaimed by Pope Francis, our parish's Respect Life Ministry—Blessed Sacrament Loves Life!—seeks to imitate the example of St. Joseph's humility, courage and perseverance, even amidst the uncertainty of how all would unfold. To learn more or to join these efforts, visit [blessedsacramentdc.org/respect-life-ministry](http://blessedsacramentdc.org/respect-life-ministry) or contact [BlessedSacramentLovesLife@gmail.com](mailto:BlessedSacramentLovesLife@gmail.com).

**THE RETURN OF ALTAR SERVERS**

**THANK YOU** to all who have served as Altar Servers and hope you will come back with the return of Altar Servers. If you are in the 5th grade or above, please consider being an Altar Server. Altar Server trainings will be announced soon. For more information please contact Khary Cauthen at [Kisiahc@gmail.com](mailto:Kisiahc@gmail.com)

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

All middle and high school students are invited to join our Youth Ministry. Our activities are based on the three pillars of our of the mission of our group: faith, service and social. For more information, visit: [blessedsacramentdc.org/youth-ministry](http://blessedsacramentdc.org/youth-ministry).

**LIVESTREAM VOLUNTEERS**

Have you ever dreamed of being a cinematographer? You can have that chance now as a Blessed Sacrament live-stream volunteer. It's fun, it's not hard and most of all, you will be filling a vital ministry at Blessed Sacrament. For more information, send an email to Jeffrey Porter at [jporter@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:jporter@blessedsacramentdc.org).

**PLEASE INCLUDE THE SICK IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Ann Geraghty  
Judith McDonald  
William McNamara

Oscar Ortega  
Nelly Turner

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank **Mitch Carr's Auto Service** for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.

BLESSED SACRAMENT SODALITY

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In an effort to ensure the health and safety of all, **attendees are required to register in advance**. Please visit [www.bsstoday.org](http://www.bsstoday.org) to complete the Open House registration. A COVID screening will be required for admittance and masks must be worn at all times.



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## 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC & LITURGY

During the first months of COVID-19, we decided to move the choir (at that time the 4 staff singers) to the transept near the statue of St. Joseph. This placed them near the organ console and made communication between singers and myself a bit easier. Now that some other members of the choir are returning this location has become problematic for two reasons:

1. The area is not flexible enough to allow for safe distancing (Pews are not movable but chairs are)
2. The resulting loss of seating space for the congregation will become increasingly problematic when more parishioners return to mass, especially at times like Christmas and Easter.

To that end, we will be moving the choir back to the Sanctuary in chairs set up in rows facing each other on either side of the High Altar. This is generally known as English Choir style. The Choir will sing from their places on either side of the Altar and will not be standing on the steps in front of the Tabernacle. I think most people will agree that the Blessed Sacrament should never be blocked visually.

Because the current pipe organ is failing and has been for 15 years or so (many sections of the organ are unusable) we hope to seek funding for a new pipe organ that is more in concert with the needs and physical reality of the church building as well as being architecturally beautiful.

In the mean time, we would like to purchase a used Digital Organ that would be located in the Sanctuary where the Choir is. We can find one to temporarily fill our needs for around \$15,000. We hope to find some donors who can help us make this a reality.

The Choir of the Shrine as well as the Contemporary Music groups have served the congregation faithfully and will continue to do so well into the future. These steps can help us continue to grow in numbers and musicality for the future of the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

In Christ,  
Jeffrey Porter  
Director of Music and Liturgy

### INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Our RCIA ministry has resumed! We meet twice a week. On Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm we discuss the main tenets of our faith via Zoom. On Sundays we attend the 12:30 pm Mass together in the church and are dismissed after the homily to continue our reflection on the Scripture readings in the parish center. Please email Fr. Magro at [emagro@blessedsacramentdc.org](mailto:emagro@blessedsacramentdc.org) or call him on 202.449.4617 if you are interested in answering God's call to become a Catholic Christian or to be a sponsor for one of our candidates.

### SODALITY MONTHLY CHARITY

Magnificat sodality has nominated the San Miguel School as our charity of the month. San Miguel School is an independent, Catholic middle school dedicated to providing students with a high-quality, tuition-free education that broadens opportunities for academic, spiritual and physical growth. To learn more and to donate, visit [blessedsacramentdc.org/sodality-monthly-charity](https://blessedsacramentdc.org/sodality-monthly-charity).

### LECTIO DIVINA

In the coming year, Fr. Bill is encouraging parishioners at Blessed Sacrament to explore and learn how to pray with *lectio divina*. In addition to suggesting that individuals and families to use *lectio divina*, Fr. Bill's goal is that various parish gatherings will use *lectio divina* for opening prayer; as a start the parish staff has led the way with *lectio divina* at their weekly meetings. For more information on how to pray using the practice of *lectio divina*, please visit [blessedsacramentdc.org/lectio-divina](https://blessedsacramentdc.org/lectio-divina).

## FROM THE COMMUNITY

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

We are grateful for your continual support towards Catholic Charities. Here are some Catholic Charities' volunteer opportunities to share with you this Fall. We are especially excited to recruit volunteers for our Holiday Projects that will happen between November through January. Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities programs and events!

- SHARE
- Mona Farms
- Coat Drive 2021
- Holiday Volunteer Events

For details on these events, please visit: [blessedsacramentdc.org/news/catholic-charities-volunteer-opportunities-this-fall](https://blessedsacramentdc.org/news/catholic-charities-volunteer-opportunities-this-fall).

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