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

The language of the body calls for a patient apprenticeship in learning to interpret and channel desires…. When we presume to give everything all at once, it may well be that we give nothing. It is one thing to understand how fragile and bewildered young people can be, but another thing entirely to encourage them to prolong their immaturity in the way they show love. But who speaks of these things today? Who is capable of taking young people seriously? Who helps them to prepare seriously for a great and generous love? Where sex education is concerned, much is at stake (Joy of Love, 284).
Dear Parish Family: Consider those called by Jesus to be “apostle.” Consider also the equipment they were to bring on their journey. These twelve were largely illiterate. They represented every known profession, family background, political persuasion and degree of religious devotion. Their only qualification for the job was their willingness to follow the itinerant preacher. The original followers of Jesus remind us of the admonition “God does not call the qualified, but qualifies the called.” Jesus asked them to “take nothing for the journey but a walking stick.” Many priests have just begun new pastoral assignments. I have done this eight times in my 39 years of priesthood. Every experience is unique; each expands my horizons and demands gifts from me which I did not always know I possessed. I am often asked during the first year if I have adjusted well and if I am happy. I usually respond that “I love being a priest!” I am acutely aware of my weaknesses and need for healing. Thus, I find particular joy in bringing the healing presence of Jesus to those for whom I have been called to serve. I resonate with these words of our second reading: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing!”

Yours in Christ,

Father Bill Foley

Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Landscape Between Storms (1874-75)
Are you still looking for school placement next year?

Blessed Sacrament School still has openings in some grades for next year. If you are interested in admission to Blessed Sacrament School, please contact admissions@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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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
Natalia Dombo
Patricia Friend
Bart Hayft
Alexa Hughes
Elizabeth Kennedy
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Save the Date!
The Sanctuary Sodality Bazaar is your parish at work, and coming on Saturday, November 10th. Please SAVE YOUR STUFF for donation.

We collect gently used clothes and household items for sale to local families who rely on us for inexpensive, quality used goods. Last year, we made over $12,000 on used clothes alone and the Bazaar netted over $26,000. That’s money sent to organizations throughout the community - as far away as Syria, and as close as the roof over our heads! We could not do it without YOU! This year, to add to the excitement, we are adding a section for used kids toys and sporting equipment.

We accept clothing for children and adults, including shoes, handbags and jewelry, lamps, appliances, dish ware, small furniture, pictures, and carpets, sports equipment and toys in good condition. No books, no stuffed animals or cushions. Please make sure all items are clean and complete, in good working order.

We also will be looking for donations of baked goods so start testing any new and interesting recipes over the summer. Thank you for your past support and keep watching this space for Bazaar announcements in the fall.

CyO Cross Country

CyO cross country is new at Blessed Sacrament and open to students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Registration is now open for both cross country and soccer. Register online at: www.blessedsacramentdc.org/youth/cyo-athletics. We are looking for cross country coaches and parent volunteers as well as coaches for the 4th grade soccer teams. If you have any questions about the program or are interested in coaching, please email Marilyn Campbell, Athletic Director, at mcampbell@blessedsacramentdc.org.

Boy Scouts Troop 90

Last weekend, our Eagle Scouts went out to help build 9 picnic tables for Rock Creek Park. It was a fantastic day; they finished in just under three hours. The weather cooperated, and the Park Service representatives were very grateful. Thanks to the Boy Scouts for their diligence and dedication!

Question for the Week

When Jesus sent the disciples out, he was preparing them for the future when he would be gone. How are you growing in your own faith and preparing for a life as a Christian disciple?

(Source: http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/)

Sponsor of the Week

We would like to thank Cottage at Curry Manor for placing an ad in our weekly bulletin.
**From the Archdiocese**

**Quo Vadis Camp**
The Office of Priest Vocation’s annual Quo Vadis Camp for high school-aged young men will be held at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary **July 15-18, 2018**. For four days, high school aged young men who are mature and desire to grow in holiness will have an opportunity for Mass, prayer, and Eucharistic adoration, as well time for recreation, sports, and fraternity. Bus transportation is available. 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 or 202.636.9020) with any questions.

**School of Religion**

**SOR Class Schedule:** All classes take place in Blessed Sacrament school Sundays or Tuesdays:
- Sundays: 8:45-10:00am. PreK–8th grade
- Tuesdays: 4:30-5:45pm. K–8th grade

**SOR Registration:** For more information or to register, please see the School of Religion page on our parish website: [http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/](http://www.blessedsacramentdc.org/school-of-religion/).

**Did You Know??**
Most children needing Durable Medical Equipment (DME) outgrow it long before its useful life is exhausted. Lollipop Kids Foundation’s equipment closet functions to collect outgrown/no longer needed DME, refurbish it, and match it to a child in need. DME such as hospital beds, lifting devices, specialized wheelchairs, gait trainers, adapted standing devices, prone boards, adapted seating systems, adapted bicycles, portable ramps, adapted bathroom equipment and diapers. A licensed Physical Therapist fits each piece of DME to the child before it is donated and trains the parent on the proper way to use the equipment. Lollipop Kids Foundation understands the importance of DME and believes that each child, regardless of ability to pay, should have access to this medically necessary equipment.

For more info on how Blessed Sacrament is becoming inclusive, contact evoelzke@blessedsacramentdc.org.

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**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.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE - JUNE 25–SEPTEMBER 7**

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The Center will be closed the week of August 6-10th. Activities will resume the week of August 12.

**Labor Day 2018 Family Retreat**
Interested in growing your faith, having fun with family and friends while creating lasting memories all in the same weekend? Then the Labor Day Family Retreat at Camp Maria is what you are seeking! This annual three day family retreat in Southern Maryland overlooking beautiful Breton Bay (about two hours from DC) is celebrating its 50th year in 2018 and we are looking for new families to join our group and past families to reconnect. The retreat features daily outdoor mass, adult faith formation sessions with a priest and supervised crafts and sports for the children. Lots of down time for family swimming, canoeing, crabbing and old fashioned fun. Please contact BS parishioners Barbara Butler FericolaB@aol.com or Dan Fericola DJFericola@gmail.com for more information.
From the Community

The Class of 1968 Is Planning 50 Year Reunion

The Our Lady of Lourdes Class of 1968 is planning to celebrate the 50th anniversary of their eighth grade graduation. The reunion date and details are still being finalized. If you are interested in attending the reunion, are in contact with anyone from the Class of 1968, or if you want to share photos, memories or mementos from your years at Lourdes, please contact Mr. Bill Glacken at william.glacken@yahoo.com.

Save the Date

Mark your calendars for the Gabriel Network 5K 2018 on September 29th, 2018! More information will be available on www.gabrielnetwork.org/events.

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.

Domestic Church Day with the Visit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Join fellow Catholic couples and families for a Domestic Church Day on Saturday, July 21 at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. This half-day family retreat will include engaging catechesis for parents, teens, and children, an ice cream sundae bar, and the opportunity to pray together as a family. The keynote speaker for married and engaged couples is Fr. Larry Swink who will be giving a talk titled, “God’s Plan for Marriage – Not Your Plan.” The day will also include a special visit by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton as part of our Visit of the Saints children’s series that brings the saints to life in a fun, dramatic, and interactive way. The cost of attendance is $20 per family and $10 per couple. Parking is free. To register please visit domesticchurchneday.eventbrite.com.

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WITH THE VISIT OF

SAINT ELIZABETH
ANN SETON

SATURDAY

July 21st

1:30PM - 6:30PM

Marriage Preparation Weekends

Upcoming weekends: Aug 23-26, Sep 20-23, Oct 18-21

Are You Ready?! You’re not just planning a wedding, you’re preparing for a lifetime! Our marriage preparation course is an intensive preparation experience true to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Convenient one-weekend schedule. FOCCUS Inventory included! $295 per couple. Registration required. www.ourladyofbethesda.org 301.365.0612. These weekends fill up quickly, so reserve your spot today! Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center (7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817).

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