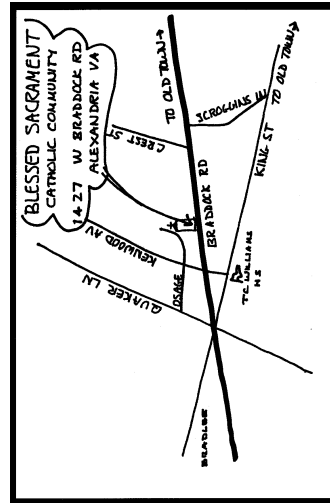
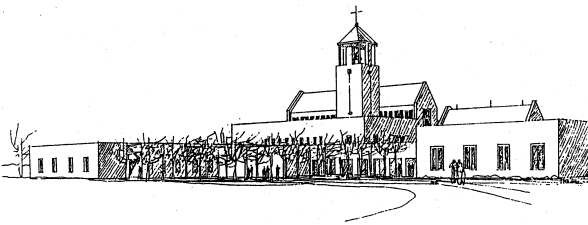


Concerts at Blessed Sacrament

The concerts at Blessed Sacrament are provided in the spirit of Pope John Paul II's Jubilee Letter to Artists, in which he challenges musicians: "May the beauty which you pass on to generations still to come be such that it will stir them to wonder!"

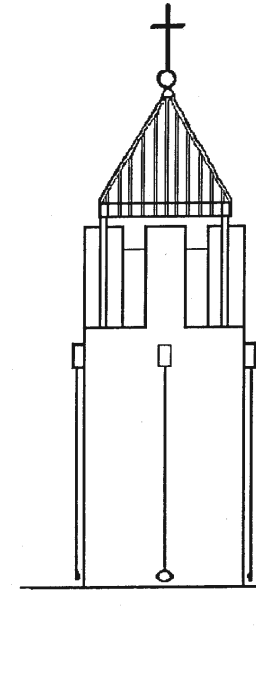
It is our hope that our performances will in some way stir you to wonder before the marvels of God and the created universe.

All concerts are free, however donations are always accepted to offset our expenses.



We are located on W. Braddock Road in Alexandria, about 1/4 of a mile east of Quaker Lane and across the street from Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home.

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community



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September 9 – 8:00 p.m.

Cecilian Ensemble

Blessed Sacrament's Chamber Ensemble will open our season with a concert of piano trios by Beethoven and Turina and the Piano Quartet in c minor by Fauré. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

October 7 – 8:00 p.m.

The Music of Debussy

Violinist Sonya Hayes, soprano Michelle Kunz and pianist John McCrary will perform a concert of works by Claude Debussy. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

November 4 – 7:30 p.m.

Service of Remembrance

The deceased of our parish community will be remembered in prayer and music at our All Souls Day service. The Blessed Sacrament Adult Choir and Festival Orchestra will present the *Requiem* by W. A. Mozart. The Bells of Blessed Sacrament will also be featured.

December 10 – 7:30 p.m.

Christmas Concert

This concert will feature all of our musical ensembles: the Folk Group, the Adult Choir, and the Bells of Blessed Sacrament. Prepare for the Christmas season with an evening of musical favorites, including carols for all.

January 13 – 8:00 p.m.

Cecilian Ensemble

Blessed Sacrament's Chamber Ensemble will be joined by tenor Phil Pickens from the San Francisco Opera. The program includes *On Wenlock Edge* by Vaughan Williams and the Piano Quintet in f minor by Brahms. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

February 17 – 8:00 p.m.

Christ on the Mount of Olives

Beethoven's only oratorio will be performed by the combined choirs of Blessed Sacrament with soprano Michelle Kunz, tenor Tony Torchia and baritone Jonathan Lash and the Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

March 30 – 7:30 p.m.

Via Crucis (The Way of the Cross)

The 14 Stations of the Cross will be prayed in a musical setting for choir and organ by Franz Liszt. The Blessed Sacrament Adult Choir will sing with organist Ann Carney.

April 27 – 8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Gospel Choir

The choir was formed in 1976 to introduce and incorporate Gospel music into the celebration of the Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Alexandria. The ensemble has compiled a wide repertoire of music, consisting of spirituals, hymns, anthems, and traditional and contemporary gospel. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

May 18 – 8:00 p.m.

John H. McCrary, piano

John McCrary, Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament, will close our season with a concert of works by Albéniz, Liszt, Prokofiev, and Tchaikovsky. Donations will be accepted to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

For more information call John McCrary in the parish office at (703) 998-6100, ext. 13; or online at www.blessedsacramentcc.org (click on "Musical Offerings"). Like us on Facebook .