

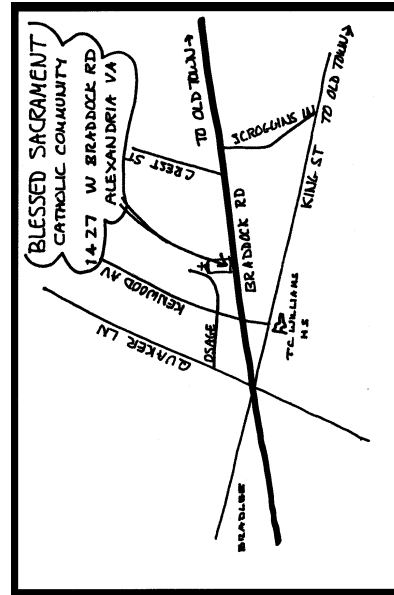
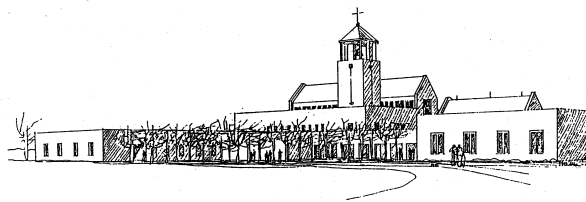
## Concerts at Blessed Sacrament

*Music is the expression of the spirit, of the interior place of the person, created for all that is true, good and beautiful . . .they [artists] transmit the good they have received as a gift, and this spreads in the world. And thus the human being grows, becomes transparent and aware of the presence and action of his Creator*

*- Benedict XVI*

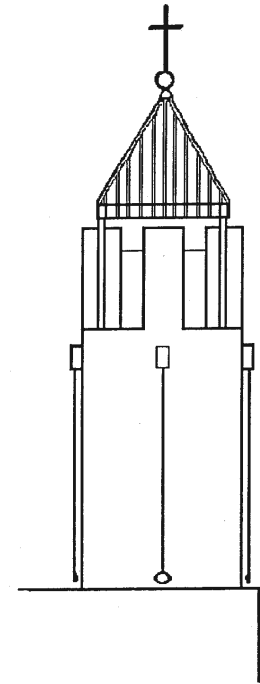
*It is our hope that our performances will in some way stir you to wonder before the marvels of God and the created universe.*

*All concerts are free, however donations are always encouraged to help cover 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



### 2019-2020 Concert Season

*“Every expression of true beauty can be acknowledged as a path leading to an encounter with the Lord Jesus.”*

*Pope Francis*

# Musical Offerings 2019-2020

**September 13 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **The Cecilian Players**

Dr. E.J. Ramos, trumpet, will join the Cecilian Players in a program of works by Arutunain, Dvořák and Saint-Saëns. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

**October 11 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **John H. McCrary, piano**

John McCrary, Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament, will perform a program of works by Chopin, Liszt and Respighi. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

**November 8 – 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 Anton Bruckner. The Bells of Blessed Sacrament will also be featured.

**January 3 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **The Cecilian Players**

2020 marks the 250th anniversary of the birth of Beethoven. Violinist Sonya Hayes and pianist John McCrary will begin the Beethoven year by perform the first and last of his sonatas for violin and piano. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

**February 21 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **Beethoven Mass in C, Op. 86**

Director of Music, John McCrary will conduct the Blessed Sacrament Festival Chorus and Orchestra with soprano Michelle Kunz, alto Sally Mouzon, tenor Phil Pickens, bass Joshua Hong continue our Beethoven celebration with a performance of the Mass in C, Op. 86. The work will be paired with Mozart's *Dauid penitente*, KV 469, featuring sopranos Leslie Kruse and Cindy Gossman. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

**May 8 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **John H. McCrary, piano**

John McCrary, Director of Music at Blessed Sacrament, will perform a program of works by Beethoven, including the two sonatas, Op. 27. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.

**June 5 – 7:30 p.m.**

## **The Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra**

The Blessed Sacrament Festival Orchestra, conducted by Phillip Espe, will conclude our season with a program featuring violinist Sonya Hayes and pianist John McCrary. Donations are encouraged to support the concerts given here at Blessed Sacrament.



Ludwig van Beethoven  
1770-1827

### **For more information:**

**Call John McCrary in the parish office at (703) 998-6100, ext. 103.**

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*Consider becoming a patron by making a generous contribution to our concert series. For information on how to underwrite a performance, contact John McCrary at the Parish Office (703) 998-6100 or [jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org](mailto:jmccrary@blessedsacramentcc.org)*