

July 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Each year, parishes throughout the United States take up a collection to assist our fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean—who are rich in faith, but often lack material resources—to participate more fully as disciples and to respond to their call to mission.

The proceeds of the annual **Collection for the Church in Latin America, to be taken July 26-27**, are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries and other Catholic institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. These essential funds assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral agents, catechists and youth ministers.

Last year, as a result of your generosity, the Church in the United States was able to support 476 pastoral grants in 23 countries, as well as the work of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Department of Social Development and World Peace (now the Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development) on behalf of the Church in Latin America. This year, I ask you to contribute generously again to this worthy collection. Further information can be found at www.usccb.org/latinamerica.

Together, let us ask the Lord to continue to bless us in all that we do.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Msgr. Barry C. Knestout
Vicar for Administration

Didn't Pick Up Your Reserved Copy of the Holy Cross Photo Directory Yet? Any family whose photo appears in the Holy Cross Photo Directory has a free copy reserved for them. If you did not pick up your free copy after one of the recent Masses, please contact Mary Stuart in the Rectory (301-942-1020) to arrange to pick up your reserved copy.



Didn't Participate in the Photo Directory, But Want a Copy Anyway? If you did not participate in the Holy Cross Photo Directory but would like a copy, please contact Mary Stuart in the Rectory (301-942-1020) to add your name to the list. If any copies of the photo directory remain after distribution of reserved copies to participating families, a list of these requests will be referenced to make distribution decisions. Copies are not for sale and Holy Cross can't accept donations for them as our contract with Olan Mills does not allow Holy Cross to use the photo directory as a fundraiser in any way. Please note that it is unlikely that copies will be available as Olan Mills restricts the number of copies printed based on the number of families with photos in the directory.



Journey With Saint Paul in August:

Our summer seminarian, Brian Zawiski would like to invite you to study Saint Paul's Letters together to celebrate this special year dedicated to Saint Paul. We will meet in the rectory conference room on Monday evenings from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in

August. We will meet August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th. Pope Benedict XVI opened this special Jubilee Year of Saint Paul on June 28, 2008 at the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls in Rome to celebrate the 2000th anniversary of the birth of Saint Paul -- the great Apostle to the Nations! Saint Paul lived to show us Christ, help us grow in our faith and lead us to salvation. There is no better way to honor this Jubilee Year of Saint Paul than to study his letters together with our fellow parishioners!

"Over 50!" DID YOU KNOW? Holy Cross has an **Club** that meets every 1st Friday of the month (THAT IS THIS FRIDAY). We attend the 8:30 AM Mass, and then go to breakfast. It is a good opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners for a nice meal and conversation. We are a warm and friendly group, and would like to have you join us. If interested, call Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.



The Hour That Makes My Day

'One reason I keep up the Holy Hour is to grow more and more into his likeness. As Paul puts it; "We are transfigured in to his likeness, from splendor to splendor." We become like that which we gaze upon. Looking into a sunset, the face takes on a golden glow. Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour transforms the heart in a mysterious way as the face of Moses was transformed after his companionship with God on the mountain. Something happens to us similar to that which happened to the disciples at Emmaus. On Easter Sunday afternoon when the Lord met them, he asked why they were so gloomy. After spending some time in his presence, and hearing again the secret of spirituality - "The Son Man must suffer to enter into his Glory" - their time with him ended and their "hearts were on fire." To be continued....

Excerpts from Archbishop Fulton Sheen

All are welcome to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament this Thursday afternoon in the Church beginning at 1:15 PM. Benediction will be celebrated at 5:45 PM.



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on July 5. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month, so the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

“COME TO ME, ALL YOU WHO LABOR AND ARE BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST.” A day retreat with Fr. Clement Machado, S.O.L.T., Sunday, August 3, 2008 from 8 am to 6 pm at Georgetown Prep School, North Bethesda, Maryland. Cost \$30.00 Pre-registration is required. Fr. Machado is well known on five continents for his apostolic preaching, evangelization, healing and deliverance ministries. For more information, please call Vicky at 301-670-1028; Susan 301-926-8335 or email: vhschneier1@aol.com.

Three to Get Married Marriage Preparation Weekend : Upcoming weekends: July 31 – Aug 3; Sept 4-7; Oct. 30 – Nov 2; Dec 11 – 14. 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. Registration required. \$275 per couple. FOCCUS Inventory included! Advance registration required. 301-365-0612 or by email register@bethesdaafd.org. The CFD is located at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD.

Mother & Daughter Overnight Retreat Aug 2-3: The Center for Family Development invites you to spend a summer evening coming closer to your daughter and to Christ! An overnight retreat for Moms and girls ages 8-12. Includes spiritual and practical talks for Moms and girls, games, opportunity for confession, Eucharistic Adoration and Sunday Mass. Bring comfortable clothes and sleeping bags for the girls. \$95 per Mother/Daughter pair, \$20 for each additional Daughter. Space is Limited! For more info or to register please call 301-365-0612 or by email register@bethesdaafd.org. The CFD is located at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD.



RCIA SESSIONS will start again in September. Know anyone who wants to join the Church or know more about the Faith? Leave your name and number with Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020, x10, and the Religious Ed Office will get back to you. No obligation!

VOLUNTEER TEACHER NEEDED: The fifth-graders in our Sunday-morning School of Religion still need a teacher. Is God calling you to this important work? Leave your name and number with Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020, x10, and the Religious Ed

SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION: Registration for our Sunday-morning School of Religion (SOR) will begin in mid-August. Returning SOR families will receive their forms in August by e-mail or regular mail. New families can leave their name and number at the Religious Ed Office (301-942-8790) or send an e-mail to keeney@hcrosschurch.org to be put on the list.

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP: Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 PM in Quinn Hall. We'll be discussing *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. All adults are welcome. Why not read the book and join us?

CATHOLIC JUNIOR LTP DAY CAMP for boys and girls ages 6-9. This camp runs from 9 AM – 2 PM daily from August 4 – 7, 2008 (Monday –Thursday) at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. The camp is sponsored by the Leadership Training Program and Challenge. Daily activities include morning Mass, saint of the day, virtue formation talks, skits and sports. For more information please contact Maribeth Harper at 301-365-0612 x113 or mhaprs@comcast.net.

Holy Hour to pray for our service men and women: Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio and the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA cordially invites you and your family to a Holy Hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament to pray for all of our service men and women, deceased, wounded in action and deployed. The Holy Hour will be held on Sunday, August 3, 4:00 PM-5:00 PM, Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 400 Michigan Ave, NE, Washington, DC 20017. Light reception to follow. (Free parking and Metro Red Line: Brookland/CUA stop). Please RSVP by contacting Mr. Mammias Habtegiorgis at 202-719-3607 or MammiasH@milarch.org by **July 28.**



Coming soon to a Church near you. September 14th, the Triumph of the Holy Cross.



Holy Cross Bearers Society: Over the years many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we will offer a monthly Mass for them. In this small way, we can express our continuing gratitude for their generosity toward the parish in the past and in the future. Please remember them in your prayers. *(See Monday Masses)*

Our Lector **Jim Babcock's** brother David Babcock was killed suddenly in an auto accident last Tuesday, July 15th, in Toledo, Ohio. Please pray for the family.

Are You Looking For A Housekeeper/Nanny/Worker?

The Spanish Catholic Center of Catholic Community Services is a charitable non-profit organization founded by the Archdiocese of Washington. The Center provides employment services as part of its ministry to the immigrant community of the metropolitan area. Among the clients who are seeking employment, there are many qualified and willing workers looking for jobs in childcare, housekeeping, general construction, gardening, restaurant service, janitorial services, and more. There is no charge for employers who wish to use their service to find workers. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Alyson Rhodes in Employment Services at 202-939-2415 or workersnow@yahoo.com.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations: The Archdiocese of Washington is forming this year's team to "Run for Vocations" at the Marine Corps Marathon in October. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, meet new people, and support our seminarians. For more information and to register, contact Carol Flannery at cflannery@adw.org or 301-853-4584.

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Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 1st Weekend 8/2/08 & 8/3/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jim or Coleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:30 AM	George Tamerlani; Annemarie Rogers
11:30 AM	Hubbard's; Lynda Gage or Jennifer Ivory

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, September 20 2008. The Seton Guild of St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home will have a luncheon and fashion show at Willow Tree Inn in Gaithersburg to benefit St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home on the above date. The fashions will be presented by Draper's & Damon's of Bethesda, MD. For further information, please contact Isabella Donnelly at 301-460-4932. Seating will be limited.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

27 SUNDAY 11:10 AM 12:30 PM	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sung Morning Prayer (Lauds) Rock Creek Knights of Columbus Installation
28 MONDAY 6:45 PM	Matthew Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
29 TUESDAY 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	St. Martha Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
30 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM - 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
31 THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM - 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM - 11:00 PM:	St. Ignatius of Loyola Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Church</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
1 FRIDAY	St. Alphonsus Liguori , First Friday
2 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	First Saturday Confessions
3 SUNDAY 11:10 AM	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sung Morning Prayer (Lauds)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 28, 2008			
6:45 AM	Holy Cross Bearers	8:30 AM	Hans Finke (Living)
Tuesday, July 29, 2008			
6:45 AM	Anne Hranicky	8:30 AM	Rupert Finke (Living)
Wednesday, July 30, 2008			
6:45 AM	Ann Hranicky	8:30 AM	James & Ellen Fioni
Thursday, July 31, 2008			
6:45 AM	Leslie Finke (Living)	8:30 AM	Ana Lima
Friday, August 1, 2008			
6:45 AM	Jesse Song (L)	8:30 AM	Victoria Goffredo
Saturday, August 2, 2008			
8:30 AM	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary		
5:00 PM	Anna M. Capozzola		Fr. Perkins
Sunday, August 3, 2008			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
9:30 AM	Jacob Respet		Fr. Perkins
11:10 AM	Morning Prayer (Lauds)		
11:30 AM	Cecilia Lima & Juracy Maria		Msgr. Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Daniela Anderson; Bob Beatty; Felipe Caraan; Thomas Choi; Young Choi; Sister Collette Marie, csc; John DeConcini; Anne & Mark Eller; José Ferrario; Hans & Rupert Finke; Angelina Goffreda; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Saunder Jacobson; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Daniel Pereira; Adrienne Quenneville; Bonnie Ridenhower; Gary Schmitt; Martha Scully; Mirella Setien; Rebecca Shephard; Jacqueline Surmeier; Nicoletta Stephanz; Jim Taylor; Elizabeth Tolton; Tom Troy; Dorothy Turner; Jim Weikert; Jane Whalen; Roland Young

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3 rd Sunday of July 2008	\$ 7,539.27
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POOR BOX Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 253.09
7/27 Gift of Peace; 8/3 Social Concerns Committee	