



We're in the heat of August, but the crisp fall air is just around the corner. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will mark the Holy Cross Feast Day with a parish-wide picnic following the noon mass. Burgers and hotdogs will be provided, and we need your help to round out the side dishes.

Volunteers will be outside the church following the Saturday evening mass and all Sunday masses on Labor Day weekend (today) and Sunday masses on September 7<sup>th</sup> to give you a chance to let us know how many burgers and dogs to provide for your family. We'll also have sign-up sheets for baked beans, potato salad, chips, desserts, drinks, and volunteers for set up, clean up and GRILL MASTERS!! If you have a grill that could be on loan for the event, let us know.

As always, we will have the moon bounce for kids (of all ages...). We will also have an events tent showcasing the many opportunities for participation in parish life. Come by and talk to folks who are excited about opportunities to serve. We're looking forward to seeing you there.

**CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS:** Sacramental preparation for both Confirmation and First Penance/First Holy Communion is a two-year process. Is your child on track? Have questions? Contact the Religious Ed Office at 301-942-8790 or [keeney@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:keeney@hcrosschurch.org).

**LET'S TALK ABOUT SIN:** The parish Book Group is reading C.S. Lewis's *The Screwtape Letters*, in which a senior demon advises his young nephew on the best techniques for tempting mankind. We'll talk about this diabolically clever novel at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in Quinn Hall. All adults are welcome. Come join us! For more information, call 301-942-1020.

**WE NEED SINGERS!!!!** Archbishop Wuerl will be coming to Holy Cross to celebrate the 10:30 mass on Sunday, September 21. We are putting together a "Festival Choir" to sing at this mass (combining the adult choir, alumni of the HC school choir, and any other individuals who would like



to be involved). Participants must be able to attend two Thursday night rehearsals from 7-8:30 PM (Sept. 11 and 18). Please contact our Music Director, Jennifer Seighman, at [seighman@yahoo.com](mailto:seighman@yahoo.com) or 202-347-0370 for more details.



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this weekend were donated by the Dundon family. Please pray for our benefactors!

## HERE'S THE LATEST FROM THE SCHOOL OF RELIGION!

### SOR REGISTRATION

- **Returning SOR families** should have received their registration forms by e-mail early last week. Contact the Religious Ed. Office if you did not receive them.
- **New to the parish or the SOR?** Want to enroll your children in the parish SOR program? Envelopes containing SOR registration materials can be found in a plastic bin in the back of the church (on one of the tables beneath the clear windows). Can't find them? Contact the Religious Ed. Office at 301-942-8790 or [keeney@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:keeney@hcrosschurch.org).
- Completed registration forms may be dropped off in the rectory, the school, or Quinn Hall or mailed to the Religious Ed. Office.

### SOR OPENING DAY

- SOR classes begin on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes meet from 10:15 to 11:30 AM in the school building. As usual, we will gather in Lewis Hall before the bell rings at 10:15.
- SOR Families should try to attend the 9:00 AM Mass on September 14<sup>th</sup>. All students, teachers, parents, and grandparents will be given a special blessing for the new school year.

### SOR CATECHISTS

- Our opening Faculty Meeting will be held from 10:15 to 11:45 AM on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in the Quinn Hall dining room. We will have a guest speaker, and breakfast will be served. This meeting is very important; please RSVP to Jeanmarie.
- You are asked to attend the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate Catechetical Sunday during this Mass, and you, your students, and their families will receive a special blessing.



**The Devotion Of First Saturdays**, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on Sept. 6. 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.

**RCIA IS STARTING AGAIN:** A new RCIA class will begin in a few weeks. Come learn more about the Catholic Faith. There is never any obligation. Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 to sign up or to learn more.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I appeal to you today to give generously to the annual diocesan collection for **The Catholic University of America**, located right here in our own archdiocese, which will be taken up the weekend of **September 6-7**.

Catholic University is unique as the national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the United States bishops and chartered by the Vatican. As such, it has a special responsibility to educate future leaders for our Church and for our nation. In this sense, The Catholic University of America belongs to all of us in the Church, regardless of where we live.

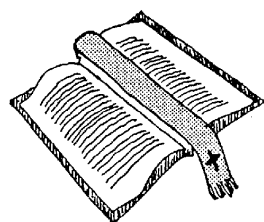
The financial sacrifices required of Catholic parents today to provide a truly Catholic college education are enormous. All of the funds received through the collection support the university's financial aid program. Your contributions directly benefit students from all over the United States (including our own archdiocese) by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Last year, nearly 3,000 students at CUA received scholarship support through this collection.

CUA students receive personalized attention in a wide range of programs—combining an excellent liberal arts curriculum with courses in their major fields of study. Grounded in the philosophy of Catholic intellectual tradition, these students are well prepared for success in life and ready to make a difference in today's world.

Please support this most worthwhile educational initiative the weekend of September 6-7.

Faithfully in Christ,  
 Monsignor Barry Knestout  
 Vicar for Administration

**TEAMS OF OUR LADY:** Married couples, are you hungry for an inspiring night out every month? Share food for body and soul, revitalize your faith and enrich your marriage at a monthly rendezvous with several other couples in a Team of Our Lady. New Teams are being formed in the parish. All are welcome to attend an information meeting at 7 PM, Saturday, September 6. Call Don & Yolaine Watkins for details, 301-949-2550.



**CAN YOU READ FOR US?** We are in real need of **LECTORS** for the Sunday Masses. Interested? Please contact Cappy Capozzola at (301) 493-5365.

**WINTER MASS SCHEDULE** will resume next weekend on September 7th: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12 Noon.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve  
 1st Weekend 8/30/08 & 8/31/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jim or Coleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:30 AM	George Tamerlani; Annemarie Rogers
10:30 AM	Hubbard's; Steve Toomey or Lynda Gage
12:00 PM	Jennifer Ivory

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>31 SUNDAY</b> 11:10 AM	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sung Morning Prayer (Lauds)
<b>1 MONDAY</b> 10:00 AM 6:45 – 8:15 PM	<b>Labor Day</b> MASS Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>TUESDAY</b> 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:30 PM – 8:30 PM:	<b>Pope Gregory the Great</b> Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> ) Book Group: <i>The Screwtape Letters</i> (Quinn)
<b>4 THURSDAY</b> 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM – 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> ) Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Church</i> ) Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>5 FRIDAY</b>	First Friday
<b>6 SATURDAY</b> 9:00 AM:	First Saturday Confessions
<b>7 SUNDAY</b> After Masses	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Food and Clothing Drive

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, September 1, 2008 (Labor Day)**

10:00 AM Mary Beth Rolwef, Stephen Brouse & Family (living)

**Tuesday, September 2, 2008**

6:45 AM Carlton Rogers 8:30 AM Salvatorre Ricotta

**Wednesday, September 3, 2008**

6:45 AM Chris Fakler 8:30 AM Thomas Troy

**Thursday, September 4, 2008**

6:45 AM *Intention Available* 8:30 AM Chris Fakler

**Friday, September 5, 2008**

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Myrna Iris Zelaya (living)  
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**Saturday, September 6, 2008**

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola **Msgr. Hill**

**Sunday, September 7, 2008**

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross **Fr. Yaga**  
9:00 AM Mikel Ann Flannery (Living) **Fr. Yaga**  
10:30 AM Tom Troy **Msgr. Hill**  
12:00 PM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor **Fr. Perkins**

**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; Martha Scully; Mirella Setien; Rebecca Shephard; Jacqueline Surmeier; Nicoletta Stephanz; Jim Taylor; Elizabeth Tolton; Dorothy Turner; Jim Weikert; Jane Whalen; Roland Young

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of August 2008 .....	\$ 7,495.04
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POOR BOX World Villages for Children .....	\$ 72.41
8/31 Food for the Poor 9/7 Social Concerns Committee;	
9/14 Montgomery Right to Life	