



It's almost here.

Next Sunday, September 14th, we celebrate the **Feast of The Holy Cross** with our annual parish-wide picnic. We will gather on the church lawn immediately following the noon mass. We'll have food, a moonbounce, and the parish events tent — lots of fun and information for everyone. If

you have not yet signed up, we will be available outside the church after this Sunday's (9/7) Masses. If you miss us there, please email Becky Cap at beckycap92@gmail.com or call 240-221-3071 to let her know how many hot dogs, hamburgers, or veggie burgers you would like to have for the picnic so that she can shop effectively.

RCIA BEGINS: The first meeting of the RCIA class of 2008 – 2009 will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Quinn Hall. Several people have already signed up. We'd love to have you join us on our journey to learn about our Faith. There is never any obligation. Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 to sign up or to learn more.

SPECIAL BLESSING As we begin our new school year, a special blessing will be given to all students, teachers, parents, and grandparents at the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday, Sept. 14th.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION BEGINS

- **Returning SOR families:** Please return your completed registration forms ASAP.
- **New to the SOR?** Want to enroll your children (Kindergarten through 8th grade) in the SOR? Envelopes containing SOR registration materials are in a plastic file box on a table in the back of the church. Please return the completed forms ASAP.
- Completed registration forms may be dropped off in the rectory, the school, or Quinn Hall or mailed to the Religious Ed. Office.
- SOR classes begin on **Sunday, Sept. 14th**. Classes meet from 10:15 to 11:30 AM in the school building. The students wait in Lewis Hall until the bell rings at 10:15.

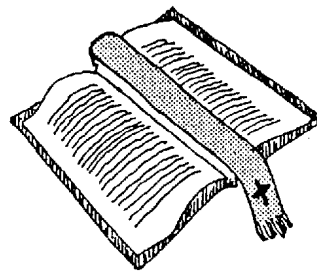
Eucharistic Adoration: Planning for the 4th Anniversary Celebration of Eucharistic Adoration is underway! Save Saturday night, October 4th for the occasion. After the 5:00 PM Mass all are welcome to attend a Wine and Cheese Social followed by a talk from Father Joe Perkins. The Holy Cross community is grateful for all the prayers being offered up in the Adoration chapel and we want to give thanks to God for this great grace in our parish.

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 or 202-347-0370 for more details.

It's time you gave serious consideration to providing financial assistance to the parish without you actually donating money. How? You can donate effortlessly by buying Merchandise Certificates for your favorite food market after each weekend Mass. School parents can participate through the school program wherein orders are filled every Thursday. We sell gift certificates and gift cards for our own parishioner, **Scott Shuck's Grosvenor Market, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Safeway Stores and Giant Food**. Our parish earns 5% on Grosvenor Market and Shoppers Food Warehouse certificates, 4% on Giant gift cards and 3% on Safeway gift cards.



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.

HOLY CROSS PARISH HIGH SCHOOL TEEN GROUP: The Parish's High School Teen Group will be starting again in the Fall 2008. Meetings and activities will be held monthly at Holy Cross and off-site locations. For more information please contact: Therese Keating at theresekeating@aol.com.

ALWAYS OUR CHILDREN, the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle's ministry to gay and lesbian individuals, and their families and friends, will hold a confidential support group meeting on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 3:30 PM until 5:15 PM in the West Conference Room of the Cathedral. The purpose of this meeting is to share experiences, ask questions, and receive support in a non-judgmental Christian setting. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. If you have any questions regarding the meeting please contact Msgr. Jameson at 202-347-3215 or Adam Kline at adamzeny@verizon.net.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations: The Archdiocese of Washington is forming this year's team to "Run for Vocations" at the Marine Corps

Run For Vocations

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.

Attention all Volunteers in Parish Social Ministry: Leaders and volunteers in parish social ministry to the poor and needy, in justice ministries and in programs that promote the life and dignity of the human person are invited to our quarterly gathering. This is a time to get to know each other, learn from each other and support one another as we seek to reflect Christ our Hope to the poor and vulnerable. Sponsored by the Department for Social Concerns, Archdiocese of Washington. For further information, contact Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340 or DSC@adw.org.

Montgomery County parishes: Thursday, Sept. 11, 7:30 PM-9:00 PM, St. Jane de Chantal (Caulfield Hall-basement of church), 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda (Other times and locations available.)

TRAVEL TO GREECE AND TURKEY TO HONOR ST. PAUL!

Join Capuchin Fr. Francis Russo, Nov. 10-22, 2008, on a pilgrimage in observance of THE YEAR OF ST PAUL: JUNE 2008 – JUNE 2009. Visit Athens and other beautiful sites where St. Paul preached. Also, see the house of Our Lady in Ephesus and Santa Sofia Cathedral in Istanbul. \$2,649. For more information, contact Fr. Francis at 202-529-2188 or 202-253-4999 or francisrusso@gmail.com.

Catholic Parenting 101 Online Course: Interested in learning proven parenting techniques to help raise your child? Do you desire to keep intimacy alive in your relationship while still raising your children? Dr. Elizabeth Kreeft Turcic, clinical psychologist and family counselor, is offering an online course on parenting and marital communication skills for Catholic families with young children. The class is offered through the Catholic Distance University; tuition is only \$135. For more information or to register, please go to www.cdu.edu or call 540-338-2700 ext. 700.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 2nd Weekend 9/13/08 & 9/14/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Nancy Gallagher
7:30 AM	Martha Matocha; Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Annemarie Rogers; Paul Whelan; Peter Ramjug
10:30 AM	Pat & Millie Durbin; alternate: Denise & John Szczur
12 Noon	Carlos Hernandez; Virginia Perdone

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

7 SUNDAY	10:15 – 11:45	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time SOR Faculty Meeting (Quinn Hall)
8 MONDAY	6:45 – 8:15 PM	Birthday of the Virgin Mary Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
9 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	St. Peter Claver Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
10 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
11 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
12 FRIDAY		Most Holy Name of the BVM
13 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	St. John Chrysostom Confessions
14 SUNDAY	1:00 PM	Exaltation of the Cross PARISH PICNIC!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 8, 2008

6:45 AM	Edward T. O'Donnell	8:30 AM	Charles Prichard (Living)
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Tuesday, September 9, 2008

6:45 AM	Winston Bob (L)	8:30 AM	Tom Troy
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Wednesday, September 10, 2008

6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Norman Ziehl
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Thursday, September 11, 2008

6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Mary Ellen Bob (Living)
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Friday, September 12, 2008

6:45 AM	Betty Finn	9:00 AM	Louis Fiore
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Saturday, September 13, 2008

8:30 AM	Gary Schmitt		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Perkins

Sunday, September 14, 2008

7:30 AM	Mercedes Moreno		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Edward Tamerlani		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Bernard J. Ficarra		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; Angelina Goffreda; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Saunder Jacobson; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Joey Norris; 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 5 th Sunday of August 2008	\$ 6,562.44
POOR BOX Food for the Poor	\$ 74.01
9/7 Social Concerns 9/14 Montgomery Right to Life	