



Holy Cross Picnic Today after Noon Mass!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: It's not too late to enroll your child in our School of Religion (K through grade 8). Classes meet from 10:15 to 11:30 AM in the school building. Registration packets are in the back of the church, or call 301-942-8790 for more information.

BOOK GROUP: The parish Book Discussion Group is reading *God So Loved the World*, a life of Christ by the British author Elizabeth Goudge. We will discuss this work at our next meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7th. Come join us! For more information, call 301-942-8790.

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.

CONFIRMATION 2008 PARENTS' MEETING: At least one parent of each of our November 2008 Confirmandi is asked to attend the final meeting for this sacrament on Thursday evening, September 25th, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Lewis Hall. The Confirmandi should not attend this meeting. Sponsors need not attend but are most welcome.

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.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every parish family purchased Merchandise Certificates/gift cards for all their food shopping? The parish sells Merchandise Certificates after all weekend Masses in front of Church and in Lewis Hall (except the 12:00 Noon Mass in Lewis Hall) for our own parishioner Scott Shuck's Grosvenor Market, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Safeway and Giant Food. You can use your Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit cards as well as personal checks or cash for your certificate purchases in Lewis Hall, or personal checks or cash in front of Church.

ARCHBISHOP DONALD WUERL WILL BE VISITING US! Next Sunday, September 21, Archbishop Wuerl will celebrate the 10:30 AM Mass with us and greet his flock after Mass. Come join us in welcoming him and showing our gratitude for the Shepherd Christ has given us.

Kudos to former Holy Cross Student and Teacher! Bishop Loverde of the Diocese of Arlington announced the resignation of Dr. Timothy McNiff, Superintendent of Catholic Schools in the Arlington Diocese for the past 13 years to become Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York, the largest Catholic school system in the United States.

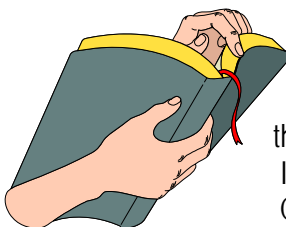
Dr. McNiff is a graduate of Holy Cross Elementary School. His parents, Joan and Tom McNiff and their family were members of Holy Cross Church until they relocated in 1977. Tim McNiff taught 7th grade at our school from 1977 to 1979. He left to join the staff at Good Counsel High School. His advancement in education finally led him to the position in the Arlington Diocese.

During the 1970's, Dr. McNiff spent one summer painting the interior of Holy Cross Church all by himself. Some parishioners may remember seeing his note of "Amen" after he had completed painting the highest peak of a wall.

Congratulations to Dr. McNiff. We are so proud of one of our former students.

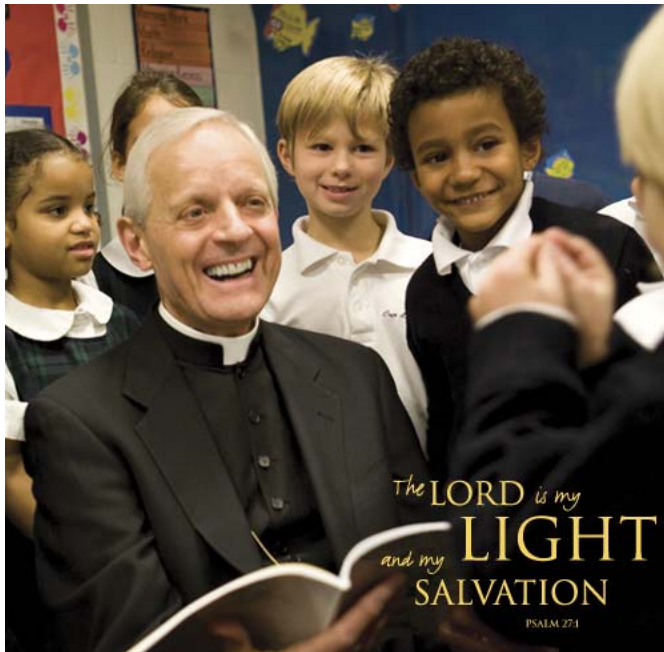
Holy Cross Bearers Society: Over the years many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we are offering 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, especially on September 15th.

The Bible Timeline - A Journey through the Bible will begin on Sunday, September 28. When you come to the parish picnic today, check out the Bible Timeline information table. There will be 8 sessions in the Fall, 8 in the Spring and 8 in the Fall of 2009. We are hoping to offer additional showings of this video series during the week depending on interest. The cost is \$20 per session or \$45 for all three. All are welcome...including teenagers. 301-933-7646



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.



The Archbishop's Appeal is steadily making progress toward achieving the goal for the 2008 campaign. The goal for our parish is \$140,000. As of August 31, 2008, \$129,025 has been received in pledges from our parish. Thank you to every donor here at Holy Cross Church who has made a gift to the 2008 Archbishop's Appeal. Msgr. Hill is grateful to all those who have contributed generously to this appeal.

The Archdiocese of Washington will be following up with prospective donors of the 2008 Archbishop's Appeal. A letter was recently mailed to donors from our parish that have a history of giving to the Archbishop's Appeal, but have not given a gift so far this year. A gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will touch the lives of many people throughout the Archdiocese of Washington in a very positive way. If you would like to learn more about the special ministries, services and education programs that are funded through the Archbishop's Appeal, information is available by visiting the Archdiocese of Washington web site at www.adw.org and clicking on "Archbishop's Appeal". Please contact the Archbishop's Appeal office at 301-853-5376 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
3rd Weekend 9/20/08 & 9/21/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	George Tamerlani; Annemarie Rogers; Peter Ramjug
10:30 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins; Alma Rusely
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:

August 2008 \$ 55,639.92 (5 Sundays)
 August 2007 \$ 46,912.05 (4 Sundays)

* Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

14 SUNDAY	Exaltation of the Cross
9:00 AM	Catechetical Sunday Blessings
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
1:00 PM	PARISH PICNIC!
15 MONDAY	Our Lady of Sorrows
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
16 TUESDAY	St. Cornelius & St. Cyprian
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
17 WEDNESDAY	St. Robert Bellarmine
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM	Social Concerns Committee (Rectorry)
18 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 AM -- 8:30 PM:	Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectorry)
19 FRIDAY	St. Andrew Kim and Companions
20 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
21 SUNDAY	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 15, 2008

6:45 AM Holy Cross Bearers 8:30 AM Bernard J. Ficarra

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

6:45 AM Marie Kownacki 8:30 AM Robert & Rose Masucci's
58th Anniversary

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

6:45 AM Mary De Cicco 8:30 AM Gary Schmitt

Thursday, September 18, 2008

6:45 AM Marcella De Cicco 8:30 AM Chris Fakler

Friday, September 19, 2008

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM John & Betty Finn

Saturday, September 20, 2008

8:30 AM Joey Norris & Family (living)
 5:00 PM Raul Ruilova Fr. Yaga

Sunday, September 21, 2008

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. George
 9:00 AM Robert Nelson Fr. Perkins
 10:30 AM In Thanksgiving Archbishop
 12:00 PM Cecilia Lima & Juracy Maria Fr. Yaga

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 1st Sunday of September 2008	\$ 12,583.85
Offertory 1st Sunday of September 2007	\$ 12,124.12
First Sunday of the month	\$ 3,809.00
POOR BOX Social Concerns Committee	\$ 171.46
9/14 Montgomery Right to Life; 9/21 Christ House	