

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS – The Novena Starts on Saturday!

The All Souls Novena envelopes were included in the October mailing. Please write

the names of your beloved dead ones on a separate sheet of paper and insert it in the All Souls envelope with your offering, and drop it in the collection basket, Poor Box, or put it in the door slot at the rectory. If you misplace your envelope, extra envelopes will be in the vestibule. Masses for those names we received will be offered every day during November.

ELECTION 2008: PRAY THE NOVENA FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP:



In preparation for the 2008 elections, the Bishops of the United States invite you along with all Catholics to pray the

Novena for Faithful Citizenship. The USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development, wrote the novena as part of their Faithful Citizenship initiative to help Catholics pray for justice, peace, and life. The novena is available in both a downloadable printed format and as a podcast you can listen to and pray along with on your computer. Either way, each day of the novena takes about five minutes to pray. Visit <http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org/resources/podcasts> to download copies of the novena or to receive the podcast.

Sunday, October 26, is nine days before the election – a great time to start!

BOOK GROUP NEWS: The Holy Cross Book Group will discuss Willa Cather's *Death Comes for the Archbishop* at its next meeting on Tuesday, November 4th. All adults are welcome; join us at 7:00 PM in the dining room of Quinn Hall. For more information, call 301-942-8790.



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on November 1. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

PLEASE BRING THE BABY BOTTLES WITH CHANGE BACK NEXT WEEKEND!!!!

Don't Forget Daylight Saving Time Ends Next Sunday!

*My memory's not as sharp as it used to be.
Also, my memory's not as sharp as it used to be.*

All Souls Day Visits to Catholic Cemeteries: All Souls Day, November 2, is the day the Church has set aside to commemorate deceased family members and loved ones who await their purification in Purgatory. The Church teaches that some sins can be forgiven even after death (CCC 1031). While these departed souls can pray for us, they can no longer pray for themselves. That spiritual work of mercy is up to us. Parishioners are encouraged to make a special visit to the sacred ground of the Archdiocese's Catholic Cemeteries on Sunday, November 2 to pray for their departed loved ones and all souls who await the resurrection of their bodies in Christ. Please note that the annual All Souls Day Mass at Catholic cemeteries will not be held this year, so parishioners can gather with their parish communities. For further information about Catholic cemeteries, please contact 301-871-1300, or visit the website at ccaw.org.

HOLY CROSS ALTAR SERVERS ARE INVITED, along with servers from other parishes in the District and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, to attend a special Mass in their honor on Sunday afternoon, November 23rd at 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The event is sponsored annually by the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Washington, as a tribute to altar servers for their unique contribution to the liturgical life of the Church. Each server attending will receive a special certificate of appreciation acknowledging his or her service to the Church.

Contact your parish altar server person or Mary Lou Ponton, President, Serra Club of Washington, D.C. (301-879-8435) pontonmarylou@yahoo.com.

THE MONTHLY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE will take place the weekend of **November 1st and 2nd**, after all Masses. We have a special need for food this month as we start preparing our Thanksgiving Baskets. Left over Halloween candy is welcome! Merchandise Certificates in lieu of food are also welcome.

Theology on Tap is Back! Theology on Tap, a ministry of the Archdiocesan Office of Young Adult Ministry, offers the opportunity for young adults age 21+ to reflect on how the Catholic faith relates to your life in contemporary society. The evening begins with a "happy half-hour" at 7:00 PM where you have the chance to meet other young adults from across the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The talk begins at 7:30 and is followed by a Q&A session with the featured speaker. Come join us at Ireland's Four Fields, 3412 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (1 block south of the Cleveland Park Metro). For more information, contact Laura Ferstl at 301-853-4559 or yam@adw.org. *Upcoming Talks: Being Catholic 24/7*

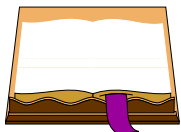
- Oct. 28: Saturday Night to Sunday Morning: Smooth Transition?: Fr. Bill Byrne
- Nov. 11: Repeat Offender: Is Confession Getting Me Anywhere?: Msgr. Charles Pope
- Nov. 18: Your Faith: Claim It and Proclaim It: Msgr. Raymond East



Please join the community of St. John the Evangelist at their **Annual Christmas Bazaar** on Friday, **November 14** from 6-9:00 PM (adults only) and, again, on Saturday, **November 15** from 9-4:30 PM in the St. John School Auditorium. There will be

many vendors, traditional booths, baked goods, raffles, upscale resale items (Treasure Trove), Santa's Workshop on Saturday for the children, and much, much more. We look forward to seeing you at 10201 Woodland Drive, Silver Spring, MD.

SHRINE OF ST. JUDE ANNUAL CRAFT SHOW: The St. Jude Craft Show is schedule **November 7th** from 6 to 9 PM and **8th** from 10 AM to 3 PM. Up to 50 crafters participate. Free tickets are distributed daily to all shoppers for randomly drawn door prizes. Raffle ticket sales are available for cash and product prizes. Free, well lighted parking is located behind the church with easy entrance from 12701 Veirs Mill Road in Rockville.



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.

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold a meeting in Gaithersburg at 7:30 PM on Sunday, November 9th at St. Rose of Lima's Church. Call Jackie at 301-515-3273 or the SDC website for information: www.rc.net/washington/sdc.

A LIFELINE FOR MARRIAGE – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide the tools to help get your marriage back on track. It will give you the opportunity to re-discover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on November 7-9, call 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at: TomnCarol@comcast.net.

SEEKING DONATION OF GOLF CART: We are looking for an old golf cart, preferably electric, that could be used by Raul and Don for working around the parish grounds. Please call Mary Stuart 301-942-1020 x10, or email stuart@hcrosschurch.org.

"Abortion is always opposed to 'the authentic good of persons'

Quoted from Catholic Standard 10/9/08, author Deirdre A. McQuade of USCCB

Abortion is the most widespread direct attack on innocent human life in the United States. Today, nearly one in four pregnancies ends violently in abortion. As a preeminent threat to human dignity with far-ranging social and political consequences, abortion warrants sober consideration as we head to the polls this fall.

Catholics are called in a special way to examine candidates' positions on the issue against their own conscience, a conscience which is well-formed by Church teaching. Far from being simply the sole choice of a mother, the question of having an abortion involves matters of justice and compassion for all involved: for unborn children and their mothers, but also their fathers, siblings, and grandparents, and the character of our society.

More than 35 years have passed since Roe v. Wade, the 1973 Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion for almost any reason throughout the nine months of pregnancy. Approximately 48 million defenseless lives have been lost. Countless women regret their abortions, many men grieve lost fatherhood, and others involved often suffer in silence.

The U.S. Catholic bishops are unequivocal in their defense of human life from its earliest stages to natural death. In *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, they state that abortion is intrinsically evil, which means that abortion is "always opposed to the authentic good of persons" and is never justified by circumstances. Abortion "must always be rejected and opposed and must never be supported or condoned" (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 22).

The bishops advocate for constructive policies to help make abortion unthinkable in our society: We also promote a culture of life by supporting laws and programs that encourage child-birth and adoption over abortion and by addressing poverty, providing health care, and offering other assistance to pregnant women, children, and families (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 65).

Catholics are not alone in opposing abortion. The New York Times, MTV, and CBS News co-sponsored a poll in the summer of 2007, and found that 62 percent of young adults reject abortion on demand. In June 2008, a survey of likely voters found that 54 percent would prohibit abortion in all circumstances, or allow it only in cases of rape, incest, and to save the life of the mother.

There are signs that the Supreme Court is beginning to acknowledge the harm abortion causes. In *Gonzales v. Carhart*, the 2007 decision up-holding the federal partial-birth abortion ban, the Court candidly recognizes abortion as a form of killing and cites the grief, sorrow and depression reported by women involved in it.

Government officials, regardless of party affiliation, should take the courageous stand to protect the unborn and their mothers from abortion. When they fail to honor the basic right to life and even abandon it in the name of "choice" they undermine the foundation for all other human rights.

Citizens deserve to know candidates' positions on abortion so they can vote with fully informed consciences. The bishops say that a well-formed conscience will recognize "that all issues do not carry the same moral weight and that the moral obligation to oppose intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions" (*Faithful Citizenship*, no. 37).

Abortion is a pivotal issue as we approach the upcoming state and federal elections. Longer-range, we await the day when U.S. law protects human life from conception to natural death, parents welcome children whether "planned" or "unplanned," and the wounds of abortion have healed. A culture in which abortion is unthinkable, one in which all lives will be honored.

(Deirdre A. McQuade is assistant director for Policy and Communications at the Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.)

Offertory Program Begins

Next Weekend, we will begin a program that asks everyone to reflect on the amount that they give to Offertory. This review will ask several questions. They are:

1. Do I have a "need to give", or do I give only when there is a need?
2. Do I understand that there is an obligation to provide regular financial support to the parish?
3. Where does the parish fit relative to the other ways that I spend my money?
4. How much do I give to the parish on a weekly basis? (If you give monthly or quarterly, calculate your weekly commitment to put it in perspective.)
5. Is it too much, too little or just right?
6. If I am not at the parish for one or more Sundays, do I make up the amount that I have not given?
7. How much will I give each week during the coming year?

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE: It has long been a custom in the Catholic Church to have a Mass offered for someone who is deceased or for a special intention (i.e., for the recovery of one who is ill, an anniversary or birthday, for a special prayer, in Thanksgiving). The priest then makes it his intention during Mass to remember the particular request made.

TIMING: Once the All Souls Novena starts on November 1, one Mass each day is offered for the names on the altar – so it's harder to get a Mass. However, this week we have 5 Masses available for your intentions. Call the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or speak to one of the priests.



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

To see the bulletin ONLINE, go to our updated website at www.hcrosschurch.org.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 1st Weekend 11/1/08 & 11/2/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jim or Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	George Tamerlani; Annemarie Rogers; Don & Yolaine Watkins;
10:30 AM	Steve Toomey; Linda Gage; Roberto & Mary Jo Ibanez; Bob & Charlene Hubbard
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory; Carlos Hernandez

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
27 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
28 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Ss. Simon & Jude Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
29 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
	7:00 PM -- 10:00 PM:	Home School Association (Lewis Hall)
30 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
31 FRIDAY		
1 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	ALL SAINTS DAY Confessions
2 SUNDAY		ALL SOULS

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, October 27, 2008

6:45 AM Genevieve Ann 8:30 AM Fr. Redmond (Living)
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Tuesday, October 28, 2008

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Rosa Hughs

Wednesday, October 29, 2008

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Francesco Fiore

Thursday, October 30, 2008

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Intention Available

Friday, October 31, 2008

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Joseph & Mae Surmeier

Saturday, November 1, 2008 All SAINTS

8:30 AM All Souls
5:00 PM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga

Sunday, November 2, 2008

7:30 AM Deceased members of the Zelaya-Quesada Family Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM All Souls Novena Msgr. Hill
10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Masucci / Fiore Families Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Richard Brembrandt 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; Saunders Jacobsen; 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 3rd Sunday of October 2008	\$ 8,319.20
Offertory 3rd Sunday of October 2007	\$ 7,214.38
POOR BOX Mount Carmel House	\$ 149.72
10/26 Gift of Peace; 11/2 Social Concerns	