



HOLY CROSS CHRISTMAS TRADITION: Do you know about the Procession to the Manger at the 6:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve? As the Mass begins, whole families carry one of the Nativity statues in procession down the aisle and to the Manger. Three families have already

spoken for the Baby Jesus, Mary, and St. Joseph. The shepherds, kings, and animals are still available. Reserve your Nativity figure of choice today. First come, first served! Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 or keeneym@hcrosschurch.org.

SOR SCHEDULE: SOR classes will be held next Sunday, Nov. 23rd. No classes on Sunday, Nov. 30th (Thanksgiving break).



CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE after all Masses on November 22nd - 23rd and December 6th - 7th. Share the joy of Christmas with your friends and family while donating to Right to Life of

Montgomery County.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FROM THE HOLY LAND: The Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) in coordination with the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem will be selling olivewood crafts and other gift items produced by Christians in the Holy Land, after all Masses on November 22nd and 23rd. Proceeds from these purchases help support over 800 Christian families in the Bethlehem area who rely on this income for their daily bread.

HCEF is a non-profit charitable 501 (c) 3 foundation, established in 1999 to support our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, so in addition to browsing through their gift items, it is also a great opportunity to learn more about other ways to help our Catholic brothers and sisters who still live in the land where our faith began.

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON - PRIVATE SCHOOL AID SERVICE: Elementary and High School Student Aid forms for the year 2009-2010 are now available. The form can be obtained through the school office or online at www.adw.org/education/assistance.asp. **The form must be postmarked no later than December 5, 2008. Please note this is a change from the prior years' deadlines of February.** Families should also check this website for other scholarship funds that are available for elementary and high school students.

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.

TRAVELING AT THANKSGIVING? It's easy to find a Mass at your destination. Just visit www.masstimes.org.

BULLETIN DEADLINES: For the 11/30 Bulletin, entries must be in on Wednesday 11/19, due to an early Thanksgiving deadline. Normal Bulletin Deadlines are Monday afternoon for delivered entry, Tuesday morning for email entry. Contact Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or stuart@hcrosschurch.org. You can also view current and old bulletins online at our website www.hcrosschurch.org.

MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER WITH ARCHBISHOP WUERL: Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, you should consider attending the annual Mass and dinner with Archbishop Wuerl for adult men who are open to the priesthood on Sunday, November 23, 4:00 PM - 7:30 PM at St. Peter Catholic Church in Washington, DC. The evening will include Mass, a presentation, dinner and an opportunity to meet other Catholic men who are considering the call. If you are looking for a sign, this is it. Come and see why the priesthood is such a gift.

To register and for more information contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations at vocations@adw.org or 301-853-4580. Participants should be single men in their 20's - 40's who are practicing Catholics.

BOYS CYO BASKETBALL: The Holy Cross CYO boys Rookie team (3rd and 4th grades) is looking for more players. We practice on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Luxmanor Elementary in Rockville, and our season starts in January. Please contact Bill Murray at 301-881-8180 or billm@developassociates.com

ARCHDIOCESAN MASS FOR/WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate a Mass with and for persons who have disabilities on Sunday, November 30, 2:00 PM at St. Mary of the Mills Church, 114 St. Mary's Place, Laurel, MD 20707. The liturgy will honor the 30th anniversary of the Pastoral Statement of U.S. Catholic Bishops on Persons with Disabilities, which created a blueprint for a welcoming and inclusive Church. A reception and awards ceremony will follow. For more information, contact the Archdiocesan Office of Ministry for Persons with Disabilities at 301-853-4560. Sign language interpreted. St. Mary of the Mills is a fully accessible parish.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING BAZAAR: Start your Christmas shopping at Holy Child's Mayfield Market Saturday, November 22 from 9 AM - 5 PM and Sunday, November 23 from 10 AM - 4 PM. The shopping extravaganza includes over 70 vendors selling personalized clothing, accessories, jewelry, handmade ceramic pieces, handbags, original artwork, an amazing Shabby Chic Boutique, a luncheon café and bake sale. Holy Child is located at 9029 Bradley Boulevard in Potomac, MD. Go to www.holychild.org or call 301-465-0955 for more information and directions.



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

November 2008

Dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As people of faith we have a special obligation to advocate for the needs of the poor. The current economic difficulties remind us that those with the fewest resources also will be the most deeply affected and in need of our support.

That is where the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) comes in. The CCHD, a program of the Catholic Church in the United States, is funded through parishioner donations to support grassroots economic and community development projects as well as education aimed at breaking the cycle of poverty. All grant applications go through a multi-step review process to ensure programs meet the goals of addressing poverty and are consistent with Catholic moral teaching.

In our own archdiocese, last year's grant recipients include the Society of St. Vincent de Paul to help it expand in our parishes and the Community Action Group. Founded by parishioners at Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Parish in Washington, DC, the organization now is the largest residential substance abuse treatment facility in the city and is developing an alumni program to support those currently in treatment.

Action in Montgomery received a grant to assist with goals that include community center improvements in underserved neighborhoods and a federal immigration center in Wheaton while Partnership for Renewal in Southern and Central Maryland (PRISCM) received a grant to support its church-based advocacy for the poor in Prince George's County and Southern Maryland.

These and other programs are possible through your support to the Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection on November 22-23. Please be as generous as you can and help create hope for a better future for those in need.

Thank you.

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

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
4th Weekend 11/22/08 & 11/23/08

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jan St. John
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King
9:00 AM	George Tamerlani; Annemarie Rogers; Don & Yolaine Watkins; Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Lynda Gage; Pat Durbin; Roberto & Mary Jo Ibanez; Bob & Charlene Hubbard
12 Noon	Virginia Pedone; Carlos Hernandez

*"Beauty is to enthuse us for work, and work is to raise us up."
(Cyprian Norwid)*

A MUSICAL CELEBRATION BENEFIT CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION at Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, Washington DC on Thursday, Nov. 20, 2008, from 5:30 – 9 PM. **Talking Music Guided Concert** (7:00-8:00 PM in Cathedral): A guided concert of classic repertoire by Bach, Schubert, Chopin, Rachmaninoff and Mozart with violin, cello and piano directed by Maestro Christopher Vath, who recently performed for Pope Benedict XVI. **Silent Auction**: (5:30 PM Bidding begins; 9:00 PM Auction closes.) A lively selection of art, music, and gifts to delight one and all. The perfect way to get ready for the Holiday Season! Coffee and refreshments served. Suggested donation for participation is \$25. Tax-deductible. All proceeds will go to benefit Crossroads Cultural Center and WorkCenter. For More info contact Ilaria Bernucci at 240-678-6987 or ilariabernucci@yahoo.com.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

16 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
17 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
18 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Dedication of Ss Peter & Paul Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
19 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	RCIA
	6:45 PM – 8:30 PM:	Social Concerns Meeting (Lewis Hall)
20 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
21 FRIDAY		Presentation of the Virgin Mary
22 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	St. Cecilia (Patroness of Music) Confessions
23 SUNDAY		Christ the King

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, November 17, 2008</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Ernest J. Masucci
<u>Tuesday, November 18, 2008</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Jeanne Behrend
<u>Wednesday, November 19, 2008</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Anna Masucci
<u>Thursday, November 20, 2008</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Names on our Altar
<u>Friday, November 21, 2008</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Names on our Altar
<u>Saturday, November 22, 2008</u>			
8:30 AM	Names on our Altar		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Perkins
<u>Sunday, November 23, 2008</u>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Daniel Hayes		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Names on our Altar		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Jennifer Morgan		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; Hans & Rupert Finke; Angelina Goffreda; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Saunder Jacobson; Mary Miller; Phillip 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 2nd Sunday of November 2008.....	\$ 8,924.77
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FAITH DIRECT November	\$ 15,180.50
POOR BOX Birthright	\$ 95.25
11/16 Anchor Mental Health; 11/23 Father McKenna Center	