



Christ The King!



LOOKING FOR A FEW ANGELS . . . AND SHEPHERDS . . . AND ASSISTANT DIRECTORS . . .

All children of Holy Cross parish are invited to participate in the annual children's mass on Christmas Eve at 4 PM. Traditionally at Holy Cross, our children act out the Christmas story or sing in the choir. Their parents are also invited to assist in the preparation. Choir practices will be held on Tuesday afternoons from 3:10-4 PM beginning November 25. Pageant rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons from 3:30 - 4:30 PM beginning Sunday, December 7. Children must attend all practices for the choir or rehearsals for the pageant in order to participate. Please email Mary Hopkins (mchopkins@erols.com) for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE PAGEANT - ADULT HELPERS NEEDED:

- Can you help with the Christmas Pageant this year? Adult volunteers are needed. Contact Mary Hopkins or Jeanmarie Keeney to volunteer to assist in this lovely tradition.
- After this year, Mrs. Mary Hopkins will be "retiring" as the Director of the Christmas Pageant at the 4:00 Christmas Eve Family Mass. Would you like the job next year? Contact Mary Hopkins now at mchopkins@erols.com or talk to Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790.



CHRISTMAS EVE MANGER PROCESSION:

Some shepherds, kings, and animals are still available to be carried by YOUR family during the Procession to the Manger at the 6:30 PM Mass on Christmas Eve. Reserve your Nativity figure of choice today. First come, first served! Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hcrosschurch.org.

Bible TimeLine: The Bible TimeLine Wednesday Night session will not meet this week. The last meeting for this season will be on December 3 at 7:30 PM in the school library.

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Mass of Thanksgiving will be celebrated Thursday, November 27th at 10 AM. Please join us in offering our gratitude to the Giver of all things.

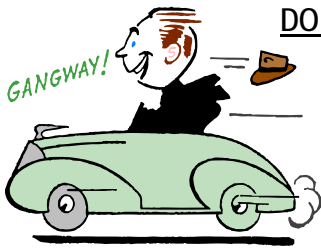
HOLY LAND AWARENESS: This weekend we welcome visitors from Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation (HCEF) in Bethesda. They will speak about the plight of the dwindling Holy Land Christians, and the mission of HCEF to provide support through Catholic education, job creation, housing rehab and more. Following Masses, hand-made olivewood crafts from Bethlehem are for sale in Lewis Hall, as well as profiles & photos of Palestinian Christian children whom you may sponsor to attend Catholic schools. Please join us in offering help & hope to these struggling brothers and sisters of the Holy Land.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel this week, due to Thanksgiving travel. Adoration will resume on December 2nd.

THANK YOU! to everyone who contributed food and gift cards to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. We were able to make baskets for ten families. These included can foods and a Gift Card to buy a Turkey and other perishable foods. We were also able to send several bags of food to St. Martin's Food Pantry in response to an emergency request from them. Thank you for your generosity. The Social Concerns Committee.

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.



DO YOU DRIVE TO THE NOON

MASS? We need a few volunteers to add to our list of those who are able to drive parishioners to the noon Mass or other Masses or to visit the doctor. This is an

occasional need, and a real gift to our parish. If you can offer this assistance from time to time, or if you are in need, please call Pat Chingari 301-468-9486 to add your name and phone number to the list.

NEXT WEEK – NO SOR: Classes *will be held* this Sunday, Nov. 23rd. There are no SOR classes next Sunday, Nov. 30th (Thanksgiving break).

CONFIRMATION PHOTOS: Pictures from last Saturday's Confirmation with Archdiocesan Auxiliary Bishop Francisco González, S.F., are available for sale at the photographer's website at www.clarityphotos.com/HolyCross.html. Need an order form? Contact Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hccrosschurch.org.

Offertory Follow-Up Letters Mailed: This week we will mail follow-up letters to those who have not yet responded to the Offertory Program.

If you have not as yet made your commitment, please complete the card that will be enclosed and return it promptly. This will limit the amount of additional follow-up efforts and expenses that the parish will have to undertake.

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.

TV Christmas Special with St. Matthew's Cathedral: Midnight Mass at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle is part of a special program on Washington at Christmas, which will premiere on WETA public television this Thanksgiving, November 27, 8:00 PM Check your local listings for details. To learn more about our archdiocesan cathedral, visit www.stmatthewscathedral.org.



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend were donated by the Kelly family. Please pray for the Kelly Family, Living and Deceased.



The Giving Tree will go up this

weekend; there will be a number of changes. Please keep the flier attached with this bulletin as your reminder for returning gifts on time. This year it is only three weeks before the gifts are returned; we schedule for the Sunday of the full week before Christmas in order for the organizations to have time to do their distribution. School children will take tags on December 1.

For the past two decades, we have provided gifts to Columbia Road Health Center, where Holy Cross Sister Emeline has been the head nurse. Since her retirement and changes in their procedures, she requests that we make our donations to children in the Anacostia Health Center. We continue to support the Teen Moms program at Adams-Morgan Health Center and as always, our major list from Catholic Charities. Again this year we have requests for people at Mother Teresa's Gift of Peace and the men's and women's centers. The ARC of Montgomery County has requested help for fewer of their members. If you know families in need, please contact Weltha Logan at 301-493-4238.

CYO BASKETBALL: The Holy Cross CYO boys' basketball rookies team (3rd and 4th graders) is looking for players for the winter season. We practice on Tuesdays from 7:30-8:30 PM in Rockville and our games will start in January. The fee is approximately \$125. Please contact Bill Murray at 240-418-5427 or billm@developassociates.com for more information.

Dear Parishioners,

The little Sisters of the Poor want to express our deepest gratitude for the touching and splendid response we received at our visitation to Holy Cross the weekend of October 11 & 12. Blessed Jeanne Jugan, our foundress and first Little Sister would always say... **"If God is with us, it will be accomplished."** God truly manifested His goodness to us through your generous gifts totaling \$4,600.00. We have already turned to our Heavenly Father in a prayer of gratitude, asking Him to bless you for your sacrificial giving, enabling us to continue our much needed mission to the elderly poor of the Archdiocese of Washington.

Please pray for Vocations.

God Bless You!

Little Sisters of the Poor.

Dear Lord, I am thankful:

...For the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight, because she is home with me, and not out with someone else.

...For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato, because he is home with me and not out at the bars.

...For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home, not on the streets.

...For the taxes I pay because it means I am employed.

...For the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.

...For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

...For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine

...For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.

...For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech.

...For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation.

...For my huge heating bill because it means I am warm.

...For the lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.

...For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear.

...For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard.

...For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive.

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
5th Weekend 11/29/08 & 11/30/08**

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 Rusley
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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23 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
24 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp. Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
25 TUESDAY	3:10 PM -- 4:00 PM: 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Catherine of Alexandria Christmas Pageant Choir Rehearsal (Church) NO Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) NO RCIA
26 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	NO Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
27 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: 10:00 AM	Thanksgiving Day NO Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) Mass of Thanksgiving
28 FRIDAY		
29 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
30 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	First Sunday of Advent NO SOR Classes

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 24, 2008

6:45 AM Genevieve Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Names on our Altar

Tuesday, November 25, 2008

6:45 AM Names on our Altar 8:30 AM Tomas Vasquez & Maria Teresa Juarez

Wednesday, November 26, 2008

6:45 AM Names on our Altar 8:30 AM Louise & Bill Bellerbeck, Sr.

Thursday, November 27, 2008 Thanksgiving Day

10:00 AM Names on our Altar

Friday, November 28, 2008

6:45 AM Names on our Altar 8:30 AM Jennifer Morgan

Saturday, November 29, 2008

8:30 AM Names on our Altar
5:00 PM David Babcock Fr. Yaga

Sunday, November 30, 2008

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM Names on our Altar Msgr. Hill
10:30 AM Epicurean Club Deceased Members Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Jennifer Morgan 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; 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 3rd Sunday of November 2008	\$ 7,991.50
Offertory 3rd Sunday of November 2007	\$ 9,225.45
POOR BOX Anchor Mental Health.....	\$ 145.59
11/23 Father McKenna Center; 11/30 Xavier Society for the Blind	