

Advent Begins



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, held Tuesday afternoons from 3:10-4 PM, already started on 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.



CHRISTMAS CARDS WILL BE AVAILABLE AGAIN after all Masses on December 6th - 7th. Share the joy of Christmas with your friends and family while donating to Right to Life of Montgomery County.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL GALA CARIBE 2009 COMMITTEE: Family and Friends of Holy Cross! We invite you to participate in the Caribbean Gala Fundraiser for the Holy Cross Elementary School, Meeting on Thursday, December 4, 2008, 7 PM – 8:30 PM in Lewis Hall; for info: contact HolyCrossGala@hcross.org or 240-515-6757.



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on July 5. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month, so the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE is next weekend!

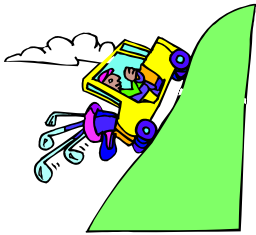
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8th, is the only HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION that is not lifted when it falls on a Saturday or Monday. We will have Masses at 6:45 AM, 9 AM, 12 Noon, and 7:30 PM. Please join us!

“Over 50” **“Over 50!”** **DID YOU KNOW?** Holy Cross has an **Club** that meets every 1st Friday of the month (THAT IS THIS FRIDAY). We attend the 8:30 AM Mass, and then go to breakfast. It is a good opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners for a nice meal and conversation. We are a warm and friendly group, and would like to have you join us. If interested, call Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.

OUR NEXT GOOD READ: After a spirited discussion of Willa Cather's “Death Comes for the Archbishop”, the group decided to read another Cather novel. This time, it's “Shadows on the Rock”, a novel about Quebec in the 17th century. We'll discuss it THIS Tuesday evening, December 2nd, at 7:00 PM in Quinn Hall. All adults are welcome; please join us! Call 301-942-8790 for more information.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR: Please stop by the Scholastic Book Fair in the school library after all Masses on December 7th. If you can't make it on Sunday stop by during school hours that week. Don't miss a great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done and to help support Holy Cross School. More information about the fair and a preview of some of the great books that will be arriving can be found at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hcross>. We look forward to seeing you there.



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.

THIS WEEK – NO SOR: Classes *will not be held* this Sunday, Nov. 30th. (Thanksgiving break). SOR classes will resume next Sunday, Dec. 7th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Do you have many things to thank God for? Why not speak to the Lord in person... He is waiting for you! The Adoration Chapel in Quinn Hall is open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday this week. Check the weekly schedule for exact times. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Church on Thursday afternoon from 1:15-5:45 PM since it is the Thursday before the First Friday. A few extra weekly adorers are needed for Wednesday afternoons, at 12 noon and 1 PM. Call the Ruppert's to inquire, 301-933-7646.

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.

Bible TimeLine: If you missed Session #8 of the Bible TimeLine, you are welcome to join us on Wednesday, December 3 for the last meeting for this season at 7:30 PM in the school library. The Bible Study will resume with 16 video sessions in the new year! Make up sessions can be scheduled by calling the Ruppert's at 301-933-7646.

CAC INVITES SINGLE CATHOLICS, 21 and over, who are free to marry in the Church, to a Christmas dinner dance on Saturday, December 13 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 9707 Rosensteel Avenue, Silver Spring, MD. Mass will be celebrated by our chaplain at 6:00 pm at St. John's Church, 10103 Georgia Avenue, followed by cocktails and dinner from 7:00 – 9 PM, and dancing at 9 PM, both at the Knights of Columbus. Dinner reservations should be received by December 9 (\$28 members, \$33 nonmembers). Those attending only the dance may pay at the door (\$12 members, \$16 nonmembers) and do not need reservations. For more information, contact George McCabe at 703-768-4243; georgemccabe@usa.net or visit our web site at <http://www.dcsinglecatholicpro.org>.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

30 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	First Sunday of Advent NO SOR Classes (school)
1 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Matthew Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
2 TUESDAY 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Book Club (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
3 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	St. Francis Xavier Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) RCIA
4 THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM – 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	St. John of Damascus Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Church</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Gala Caribe 2009 Meeting (<i>Lewis Hall</i>)
5 FRIDAY	First Friday
6 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	First Saturday Confessions
7 SUNDAY	Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, November 1, 2008			
6:45 AM	Peggy Kerwin	8:30 AM	Paul Deserati
Tuesday, December 2, 2008			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Rose Mary Masucci
Wednesday, December 3, 2008			
6:45 AM	Peggy O'Brien Hunt	8:30 AM	Gloria Lepak
Thursday, December 4, 2008			
6:45 AM	Matthew Lampert	8:30 AM	Jane Carey
Friday, December 5, 2008			
6:45 AM	Joseph & Mae Surmeier	8:30 AM	Arcadia Panchame De Queseada
Saturday, December 6, 2008			
8:30 AM	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary		
5:00 PM	Gary Schmitt		Fr. Yaga
Sunday, December 7, 2008			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. George
9:00 AM	Thomas Troy		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Thanksgiving		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor		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

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 1st Weekend 12/6/08 & 12/07/08

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