



MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE

STUDY FOR ADULTS: New members are always welcome to join our parish Monday night Bible Study. We meet from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in the dining room of Quinn Hall. The group has been

reading through the Gospel of St. Matthew together and will finish in the new year. Next, we will read through one of St. Paul's letters. Please note that we will be taking a break for Christmas, so there is NO BIBLE STUDY on Dec. 22nd and Dec. 29th. Call 301-942-8790 to learn more -- or simply come join us!

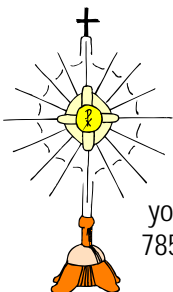
A MARIAN CLASSIC: Next Tuesday, January 6th, the parish Book Group will be discussing Archbishop Fulton Sheen's classic retelling of the story of Mary, *The World's First Love*. Come join us! We will meet from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Quinn Hall dining room. Call 301-942-8790 for more information.

SOR CLASSES WILL MEET next Sunday, January 11th. Please note that there will be NO SOR classes on Sunday, January 18th. Regular classes will resume on Sunday, January 25th.

FIRST PENANCE PARENTS' MEETING: The first meeting for parents of all parish students who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Penance this year will be held **next Thursday evening, January 15th**, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. First Penance will be celebrated on Saturday, March 7th. (These children will then receive First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 9th, the day before Mother's Day.) At least one parent should attend the First Penance meeting on January 15th, but students should not attend. Mark your calendars, please!

EPIPHANY FOOD DRIVE: As we celebrate this Christmas season, please join parishioners from throughout the Archdiocese of Washington in giving the gift of food to local families in need. Donations to the Epiphany Food Drive will be given to the Capital Area Food Bank and the Southern Maryland Food Bank, helping families throughout our community who are hungry.

Bring your food donation to the School Entrance after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for sharing your gifts for those in need this season during the Epiphany Food Drive.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Is the Lord inviting you to a weekly visit with Him on Wednesdays from 12 noon to 1 PM? There is an opening in the New Year at that time. If you are interested call Kathleen Gagnon, 301-942-7855.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE

MARCH FOR LIFE on Thursday, January 22. Students especially are

invited to the Youth Rally and Mass for Life which will be held in the Verizon Center. Doors open at 7:00 AM, the Rally begins at 7:30 AM, Confessions begin at 8:00 AM, the Rosary will be at 9:30 AM and the Mass at 10:00 AM. Anyone who has gone to the Youth Rally and Mass will tell you that it is an awe-inspiring event. Come and worship with enthusiastic youth from all parts of the country and then participate in a day of witnessing to the value of Life.

SEEKING SCIENCE LOVERS! Do you (or someone in your home or neighborhood) enjoy science? Would you like to share that passion with young students at Holy Cross Elementary School? Our school science department is seeking volunteers to assist middle school students in refining their individual and group science projects.

Students have been working on their projects since November, and by January will be in the final stages of their inquiries and will be preparing reports. We are seeking individuals to offer guidance and advice to assist students in interpreting their results and posing questions for further investigation.

Round-table sessions with students will be held during the week of January 5th during school hours at mutually convenient times. Volunteers with interest and/or experience in physical, life and mechanical science are particularly needed.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Shari Connor at s.connor@hcross.org or (301) 949-1699.

"PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN" WORKSHOP FOR

ADULTS: For your convenience we have scheduled a "Protecting God's Children" workshop for adults at Holy Cross Elementary School to accommodate our church and school volunteers. This course is available to all volunteers in the Archdiocese, as long as there is space available. Holy Cross volunteers are encouraged to register on the VIRTUS website, www.virtus.org, as soon as possible to ensure you have a reservation.

Date: February 19, 2009

Time: 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM

Place: Lewis Hall

MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT: Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat (February 6-8, 2009) for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at Theological College, Friday evening, February 6 through Sunday, February 8 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and provide an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

DO YOU DRIVE TO 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.



CHRIST IN THE CITY (FOR YOUNG ADULTS): Christ in the City is a ministry of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that specifically focuses on spiritual growth and provides an opportunity to establish a relationship with Christ truly present in the Eucharist. On the **second Thursday** of each month, young adults from across the city congregate at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC to pray and worship. Stop in for a few minutes or join us for the entire service. Either way, your prayer life will be enriched by the experience. The evening starts with a 7:00 PM Rosary. From 7:30 PM-8:30 PM, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession available and Reflection. St. Patrick's is Metro accessible via Metro Center's 11th Street exit or Chinatown's 9th Street exit. Free parking at the garage on Tenth Street between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. Upcoming dates: **Jan. 8.**

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold a meeting in Gaithersburg at 7:30 PM on Sunday, January 11th at St. Rose of Lima's Church. [Note: St. Rose's address is: 11701 Clopper Road, Gaithersburg, MD 20878]

For information, call Jackie at 301-515-3273 or visit the SDC website: www.rc.net/washington/sdc.

Annual Catholic Lobby Night to be held Feb. 16: The Maryland Catholic Conference's annual Lobby Night, which brings together hundreds of Catholics to meet with their state lawmakers, will be held on President's Day, Monday, February 16 in Annapolis. Lobby Night 2009 will allow you to speak with your legislators on public policy issues concerning Catholic schools, poverty, support for pregnant women in crisis, the death penalty, and marriage. For more information, or to register, please visit www.mdcathcon.org or call 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
2nd Weekend 1/10/09 & 1/11/09

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez;
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King; Martha Matocha
9:00 AM	Annemarie Rogers; Paul Whelan; Peter Ramjug
10:30 AM	Pat & Millie Durbin; alternate: Denise & John Szczur
12 Noon	Carlos Hernandez; Virginia Perdone

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

4 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i> NO SOR Classes (school)
5 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. John Neumann Matthew Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
6 TUESDAY 6:00 PM – 12:00 AM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Book Group (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	St. Raymond of Penafort Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) RCIA
8 THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
9 FRIDAY	
10 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	Confessions
11 SUNDAY	<i>Baptism of the Lord</i>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 5, 2008

6:45 AM Deceased of Waycross Way 8:30 AM Jennifer Morgan

Tuesday, January 6, 2008

6:45 AM Peggy Kerwin 8:30 AM Marcia Wright

Wednesday, January 7, 2008

6:45 AM Anne Green 8:30 AM Edward Kelly

Thursday, January 8, 2008

6:45 AM Fr. Patrick Kemp 8:30 AM Edward Kelly

Friday, January 9, 2008

6:45 AM Clare & Joseph Weiss (D) 8:30 AM Phyllis Stokes

Saturday, January 10, 2008

8:30 AM Dick Cantwell

5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola

Sunday, January 11, 2008

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross

9:00 AM William D. Reilly

10:30 AM Mary Greenfield

12:00 PM Nelson Diaz (Living)

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; Hans & Rupert Finke; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Daniel Pereira; Adrienne Quenneville; John Reinwall; 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 3 rd Sunday of December 2008	\$ 7,687.42
Offertory 3 rd Sunday of December 2007	\$ 7,772.50
POOR BOX Interfaith Works (CMMC)	\$ 122.21
1/4 Social Concerns; 1/11 Montgomery Right to Life	