



**Bible TimeLine:** The doors are open for new participants in the video series of the narrative books of the Bible, the Bible TimeLine! All three weekly sessions will take place this week (Sunday at 10:15 -School Library; Tuesday at 9:15-Quinn Hall; Wednesday at 7:30 PM -School Library). Next week we will NOT meet due to the Martin Luther King holiday. To order study materials contact Dave Ruppert, 301 933-7646.

**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 one of St. Paul's letters.

**NEXT WEEK – NO SOR** The SOR will NOT meet on Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Classes resume on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>.

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** Thursday, January 22 is the date for the March for Life. Please call if you would like to either go by Metro at 12 noon or attend Mass at 10:00 AM at Blessed Sacrament and travel by bus to the March. Call: Marianne Joly 301-231-7421.

**CHRISTIAN UNITY:** Save The Day. The Social Concerns Committee of Holy Cross Church invites you to attend our **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Christian Unity Service**. It will be held on **Sunday, January 25, 3:00 PM, at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road in Rockville.** Our guest speaker will be novelist Alice McDermott from St. Bartholomew's Church.

**CONFIRMATION 2009 CANDIDATES:** Mark your calendars!

- The first **Meeting for Confirmation 2009 Candidates and their Parents** will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Venue TBA.
- The Confirmation Commitment Ceremony for these candidates and their parents will take place during the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Bishop Martin Holley will confirm these students on Thursday evening, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the church.

Confirmandi, you have lots of work to do before December!

**RESPECT LIFE:** The committee will gather at a Pot Luck brunch on Saturday, January 17 at 9:15-11:00 AM. We will plan for Winter and Spring activities. New members are always welcome. Call Barb Ruppert for location and what to bring, 301 933-7646.

**WEEKLY ENVELOPES:** The green Monthly card with your January envelopes is incorrect. It includes "Assumption" and "Catholic Communications". Instead, it should read "Black and Indian Missions", the collection happening this Sunday.

**CALENDAR FOR SPRING SACRAMENTS:**  
*Mark yours, please!*

**First Penance:**

- **Parents' Meeting** – Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, school library
- **Music Rehearsal** – Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, grade 2 classroom
- **Student Retreats** – Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30 – 2:45 PM, Quinn Hall and church; groups to be assigned
- **First Penance** – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM, church

**First Communion:**

- **Parents' Meeting** – Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 – 8:30 PM; venue TBA
- **Music Rehearsal** – Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10:15 – 11:15 AM, grade 2 classroom
- **Student Retreats** – Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 – 2:45 PM, Quinn Hall and church; groups to be assigned
- **Evening Rehearsal** – Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:30 PM, church
- **First Communion** – Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM, church
- **Mother's Day** – Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM Mass, First Communicants wear their sacramental clothes and come forward after Communion to sing their special song
- **Corpus Christi Procession** – Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, First Communicants invited to wear their sacramental clothes and participate in the Eucharistic Procession following the last Mass

**COUPLES' NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION:** There is still room to join a new Teams of Our Lady group, which will hold its first meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25, at 5:30 PM. Married couples meet monthly in Teams groups to grow in faith and love, while offering mutual support over a shared meal to lead lives inspired by the Gospel. Take advantage of this opportunity to be included in a new experience. Contact Don & Yolaine: tel 301-949-2550, email: yolainemarie@gmail.com or donwatkins5@gmail.com.

**THIS WEEKEND** the Church is asking your support of the **NATIONAL COLLECTION for BLACK and INDIAN MISSIONS in the UNITED STATES.** The need for Evangelization programs is so important to our Church in this changing world. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS.** Thank you for whatever you can give, and God Bless you.

*"In this profound silence and solitude*

*I have been loved by LOVE itself."*

Bread of Heaven, p.168



Is the Lord calling you to a middle-of-the-night meeting? There are two openings for adorers in the wee hours - 2-3 AM and 4-5 AM on Wednesday mornings. Please call Dave Ruppert if interested, 301-933-7646.

RECTORY OFFICES will be closed on Monday, January 19, and Tuesday, January 20.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** for the 1/25 bulletin is Friday Morning, January 16th.

**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](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

**IS YOUR MARRIAGE IN TROUBLE?** If your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you are separated or thinking about separation or divorce, we believe that Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) can help. Retrouvaille is a Catholic program designed to help hurting couples mend and heal their brokenness. Our next weekend is February 13-15, 2009. All calls and inquiries are confidential. For more information, please call 410-647-0350 or 301-468-6764.

For more information, visit our web site at: [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at [TommnCarol@comcast.net](mailto:TommnCarol@comcast.net).

**DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** "The Call to Discipleship In The Life and Writings of Saint Paul". Reflection by Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation. January 24, 2009, 9 AM – 2 PM at Annunciation Church, NW, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue. The day will include Mass, Adoration, and Confession, free lunch. The Office of Priest Vocations and the Blessed Teresa Vocation Society sponsor the day. Please contact Maris Moriarty at [moriarty@adw.org](mailto:moriarty@adw.org) or call 301-853-4584 for information and registration.

**FATHER PHILIP CHAVEZ, OF THE AMATOR INSTITUTE,** will be giving a talk entitled "Every Man's Summons: Defender of Life and Family" on Thursday, January 15th, at 7:30 PM at the Rock Creek Knights of Columbus Council Hall, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda. For more info, contact Missy Smith at 202-337-1966 or [missy@defendlife.org](mailto:missy@defendlife.org).

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve  
3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend 1/24/09 & 1/25/09

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;
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory; Carlos Hernandez

**MONTHLY COLLECTIONS\*:**

December 2008 ..... \$ 53,974.37 (4 Sundays)

December 2007 ..... \$ 66,085.23 (5 Sundays)

\* Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>11 SUNDAY</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
<b>12 MONDAY</b>	
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>13 TUESDAY</b>	
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>14 WEDNESDAY</b>	
12:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>15 THURSDAY</b>	
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	First Penance Parents' Meeting (Library)
<b>16 FRIDAY</b>	
<b>17 SATURDAY</b>	<b>St. Anthony</b>
9:00 AM:	Confessions
<b>18 SUNDAY</b>	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, January 12, 2008

6:45 AM Weiss Family 8:30 AM Reinholds Rusley  
deceased members

Tuesday, January 13, 2008

6:45 AM Deacon Albert Tompa 8:30 AM Katherine Simmons

Wednesday, January 14, 2008

6:45 AM Sekelsky family 8:30 AM Antonija Rusley  
deceased members

Thursday, January 15, 2008

6:45 AM Judy Reilly 8:30 AM Sofija Paulovics

Friday, January 16, 2008

6:45 AM Deacon Albert Tompa 8:30 AM Judy Reilly

Saturday, January 17, 2008

8:30 AM Clara Guerin  
5:00 PM Nick DeRita Fr. Perkins

Sunday, January 18, 2008

7:30 AM Robert J. Davison Msgr. Hill  
9:00 AM Thomasia Spencer Fr. Perkins  
10:30 AM Alma E. Rusley (Living) Msgr. Hill  
12:00 PM People of Holy Cross 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; 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; 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 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of January 2009 .....	\$ 12,819.47
Offertory 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of January 2008 .....	\$ 13,247.28
First Sunday of the Month.....	\$ 5,171.38
Christmas Collection .....	\$ 33,802.26
Offertory 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of December 2008 .....	\$ 5,642.11
Offertory 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of December 2007 .....	\$ 9,677.32
<b>POOR BOX:</b>	
12/28 Bethesda Helps .....	\$ 164.40
01/04 Social Concerns .....	\$ 138.72
01/11 Montgomery Right to Life; 1/18 So Others Might Eat	