



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.

BOOK GROUP: Flu and bad weather forced us to cancel our Book Group Meeting for January. So, we will discuss Archbishop Fulton Sheen's book on the Blessed Mother, called *The World's First Love*, at our next meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Quinn Hall. Come join us! Contact Jeanmarie for more information at 301-942-8790.

CATCH-UP SACRAMENTS? Have you or your children missed some of the sacraments? Want to find out about "catching up?" Call the Religious Education Office at 301-942-8790 and let's talk.

Catholic Schools Week January 25th-30th: Holy Cross will celebrate Catholic Schools Week January 25th-30th with a variety of activities throughout the week. On Saturday January 24th and Sunday, January 25th you may see our students before and after Mass. On Tuesday, January 27th there is an Open House 9 – 11:30 AM. Pray for our school!

HOLY CROSS GALA CARIBE 2009 is coming!!
(A Caribbean-themed FUNdraising Gala)

Gala Location: Marriott Pooks Hill, Saturday, March 14, 2009.

Contact: Althea Grey-McKenzie 240-515-6757 or HolyCrossGala@hcross.org. Website: www.hcross.org/gala.

SAVE THE DATE!! BRING YOUR DONATIONS!!!

We invite all parishioners to join the Gala Committee and make an impact for our young ones!! Every effort counts!!

IT'S NOT TOO LATE for a 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.

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

ON THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 6-8, 2009, Archbishop Donald Wuerl will sponsor a retreat for men in their twenties, thirties and forties who have considered a call to the priesthood. It will be time away from the daily grind with plenty of prayer and reflection to examine God's call in your life. No high pressure. No hard sell. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend. It will cost you nothing more than your time. Please contact the Office of Priest Vocations to register. Office phone: 301-853-4580 or e-mail Msgr. Rob Panke at Vocations@adw.org. Date: Friday, February 6th, 7:30 PM – Sunday, February 8th, 12 noon. Place: Theological College, 401 Michigan Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017. Cost: Free.

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 moriartym@adw.org or call 301-853-4584 for information and registration.



The following is a suggested postcard from the United States Catholic Bishops to your legislators. "At this time of serious national challenges, Americans should unite to serve the good of all, born and unborn. The Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), the most radical and divisive pro-abortion bill ever introduced in Congress, would create a "fundamental right" to abortion that government could not limit but would have to support. FOCA would overturn many existing widely-supported policies, including laws protecting parental involvement and conscience rights and those preventing partial-birth abortion and taxpayer funding of abortion. *Please oppose FOCA or any similar measure, and retain laws against federal funding and promotion of abortion.* As your constituent, I would appreciate a written response telling me how you would vote on these matters. "

WINTER MEETING OF THE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WASHINGTON: Sunday, February 1 at 3:00 PM, Church of the Annunciation Parish Hall, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW. *"A History of the Daughters of Charity"* by Sr. Betty McNeil, D.C. January 4, 2009 opens the Bicentennial year of the founding of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg, Maryland by Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. Ample parking and handicap access. For more information contact the Society at cath_hist_soc_wash@yahoo.com

The FOCA Act, which would create serious freedom of conscience issues and could result in the closing of Catholic Hospitals, is up for vote in Congress on January 21st or 22nd.

Are you feeling helpless because you think your **MARRIAGE** is heading downhill? Don't despair. There is a Catholic Program that can help. Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) is a proven and effective program that is helping hurting couples rebuild their trust and renew their communication. 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. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at TomnCarol@comcast.net.

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.

Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold a meeting in Rockville at 7:30 PM on Sunday, January 25th at St. Elizabeth's Church. For information, call Jackie at 301-515-3273 or visit the SDC website: www.rc.net/washington/sdc.

Cantor Workshop at St. Matthew's Cathedral: Parish cantors are invited to attend workshops on Saturday, January 31, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew in Washington, DC. Session I will be held from 9:30-11:45 AM, and Session II from 1-3 PM. Cathedral musicians Jennifer Goltz and Tom Stehle will cover basic cantor skills in the morning and in-depth study and practice in the afternoon. Those who wish to sing in the afternoon should bring two copies of a responsorial psalm or communion song they might use in their own church. Please see www.npmdc.org for registration information.

St. Anselm's Abbey School is a private, independent Roman Catholic day school for academically gifted young men, grades six through twelve. Our admissions process is conducted on a rolling basis throughout the year. We will be holding an entrance exam on Saturday, February 7, 2009, from 9:30-11:30 AM, at 4501 South Dakota Ave., NE. Contact E.V. Downey, Director of Admissions at 202-269-2379 or admissions@saintanselms.org.

Free call-and-ride for seniors/disabled: Montgomery County has a call-and-ride program for seniors over 67 and/or disabled people who cannot use public transport. Proof of age, income and/or disability is required. Please contact Sandy Holowej for more information at 301-942-5409.

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
4th Weekend 1/24/09 & 1/25/09**

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
19 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	NO Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
20 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
21 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
22 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
23 FRIDAY		
24 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	St. Francis De Sales Confessions
25 SUNDAY		3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 19, 2009			
6:45 AM	Adoria Brock Frei	8:30 AM	Branislara Sprineis
Tuesday, January 20, 2009			
6:45 AM	Ciciaco Bautista	8:30 AM	Kenneth Surmeier (Living)
Wednesday, January 21, 2009			
6:45 AM	Fr. Patrick Kemp	8:30 AM	Judy Reilly
Thursday, January 22, 2009			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Norman & Laura Berback
Friday, January 23, 2009			
6:45 AM	Mary Alice & Keving Murphy	8:30 AM	Jeff Dorsey
Saturday, January 24, 2009			
8:30 AM	Sr. Maris c.s.c.		
5:00 PM	Max Elbin		Fr. Yaga
Sunday, January 25, 2009			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. George
9:00 AM	Carolyn Pangraze		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Raymond Congdon		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; José Ferrario; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Catie O'Brien; 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 January 2009	\$ 10,221.76
Offertory 2nd Sunday of January 2008	\$ 10,588.37
Faith Direct January	\$ 13,802.40
POOR BOX Montgomery Right to Life	\$ 130.82
1/18 S.O.M.E.; 1/25 Christ House	