

## In Our Parish



**SIGN PRO-LIFE POSTCARDS!** Today our parish, along with thousands of other parishes across the nation, will sign postcards urging Congress to oppose the "Freedom of Choice Act" (FOCA) and to retain existing laws against government funding and promotion of abortion. Sign a postcard to your U.S. Representative and your two U.S. Senators. Let your voice be heard! Thank you for standing up for life at this important time!

**CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE ON JAN. 25<sup>TH</sup>** Our fifteenth annual ecumenical observance of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held on Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 PM at Saint Mark Presbyterian Church, 10701 Old Georgetown Road (near Tuckerman). The Rev. Dr. Roy Howard will preside over the celebration and novelist Alice McDermott from St. Bartholomew Church will be the guest speaker. The Unity Choir representing participating Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox churches and the "Heavenly Handbells" from Trinity Lutheran Church will provide special music. Hospitality will be shared after the service.

**BOOK GROUP:** We're reading Fulton Sheen's book on Mother Mary, called *The World's First Love*. We meet to discuss it on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Quinn Hall. Come join us! Contact 301-942-8790 to learn more.

**CONFIRMATION 2009 MEETING:** *All students* being confirmed here at Holy Cross in December and at least *one parent* must attend the first Confirmation meeting on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM, location To Be Announced. Call 301-942-8790 for more information.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Are you in need of some solitude and silence in your life? Listen to the words of one Eucharistic adorer:

*"Oh beloved, I love to sit before you here present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. You pierce through the veil that separates us. You penetrate my very being. ""\**

There are some afternoon and night hours in need of weekly adorers. If you would like to give it a try please call the Rupperts: 301 933-7646

*\*Bread of Heaven, p. 167*

**THE BIBLE TIMELINE:** The video series hosted by Jeff Cavins continues 3 times each week: Sunday mornings in the school library at 10:15-11:45; Tuesday mornings in Quinn Hall at 9:15-10:45; and Wednesdays evenings in the school library at 7:30-9:00. This week we will be hearing about Saul, David and the Royal Kingdom. All are welcome to stop in to observe a session. For more information call Barb Ruppert, 301 933-7646.

**MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** The parish Bible Study group meets each Monday night to read, ponder, and discuss Scripture together at a slow and reverent pace. We are nearing the end of St. Matthew's Gospel and will move next to some of St. Paul's Letters, in honor of this Year of St. Paul. All adults are welcome. We'd love to have you! Contact 301-942-8790 to learn more or simply come to the next meeting.

**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.

## In Our Schools

**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](mailto:HolyCrossGala@hcross.org). Website: [www.hcross.org/gala](http://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!!**

**EACH YEAR THE MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** awards several four year college scholarships to sons and daughters of members of the Knights of Columbus and to Catholic students in general, and several scholarships for students entering Catholic high schools. Interested parents and students may obtain specific information and application by writing to: Maryland State Council, Knights of Columbus, 10815 Stang Road, Owings Mills, MMD 21117, or by visiting [www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm](http://www.kofc-md.org/state/committees/scholarships.htm). The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 2009.

**MOUNT ST. MARY'S UNIVERSITY'S** merit-based Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl Scholarship provides \$17,000 each year to a first-year (2009-10) student from the Archdiocese of Washington. The Mount St. Mary's University Bishop's Scholarship is awarded by the bishops of designated dioceses to recognize Catholic students who have had distinctive academic achievement and have used their talents to enhance their parish, school and community. Applications for the Bishop's Scholarship must be submitted by **February 1** to the Mount St. Mary's University Office of Admissions. For more information and to download an application, visit [www.msmary.edu/admissions/scholarships-aid/undergraduates/scholarships-grants/bishops.html](http://www.msmary.edu/admissions/scholarships-aid/undergraduates/scholarships-grants/bishops.html).

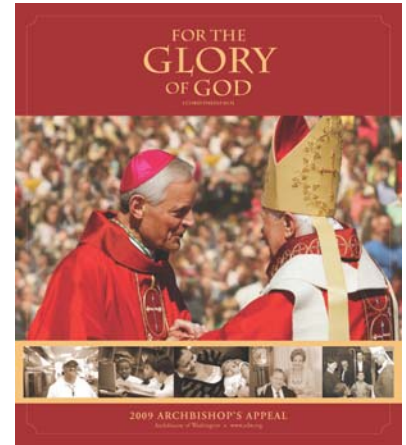
**ST. ANSELM'S ABBEY SCHOOL** is a private, independent Roman Catholic day school for academically gifted young men, grades six through twelve. Our admissions process is conducted on a rolling basis throughout the year. We will be holding an entrance exam on Saturday, February 7, 2009, from 9:30-11:30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

## *In Our Archdiocese*

**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](mailto: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.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered on **Tuesday, January 27, February 5, and March 24** at 8 PM at the Natural Family Planning Center, 8514 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, MD. Reservations are required. Phone 301-897-9323. Instruction is free, but a one-time donation of \$25.00 for materials and follow-up is requested, if possible.

**"FOR THE GLORY OF GOD":** Many of our parishioners either have or soon will receive a mailing from Archbishop Wuerl. He will ask that you make a pledge to the **2009 Archbishop's Appeal**. The Appeal not only funds the operations of the Archdiocese, it funds services that are of great help to the ministries here in our parish, for example, the education of our seminarians and tuition assistance in our school. This year, the theme of the Appeal is "For the Glory of God." Clearly, everything that we do to live out our faith gives glory to God. Our contributions to our parish and our Archdiocese multiply the glory that we give to our God by enabling ministries and services that touch thousands of lives. Please prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2009 Archbishop's Appeal.



**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR** – Monday nights 7:30 PM, beginning January 26 at Mother of God Community in Gaithersburg, MD. Would you like to deepen your faith and come to a lasting inner knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord, of God as Father, and the Holy Spirit as power to change your life? Then Life in the Spirit is for you. Visit [www.motherofgod.org](http://www.motherofgod.org) or contact Marty Wild at [yam@motherofgod.org](mailto:yam@motherofgod.org) for more information.

**INTER 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. In 1850 the Sisters at Emmitsburg formally united with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul based in Paris, France. Sister Betty Ann McNeil, D.C., Provincial Archivist, will speak to us about the history of the Daughters of Charity, particularly their ministries within the Archdiocese of Washington. The Church of the Annunciation is on the corner of Massachusetts Avenue, Idaho Avenue and 39th Street, NW, about two blocks west of Wisconsin Avenue near the Washington National Cathedral. On Metro Bus line. All are welcome. Free and open to the public. Ample parking and handicap access. The Catholic Historical Society of Washington was founded in 1976 to preserve and promote awareness of Catholic history in the Archdiocese of Washington. The Archdiocese includes the city of Washington, DC and five surrounding Maryland counties: Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties. The Society sponsors periodic lectures and programs, a bi-annual magazine (Potomac Catholic Heritage) and occasional tours of historic Catholic sites. For more information, contact the Society at [cath\\_hist\\_soc\\_wash@yahoo.com](mailto:cath_hist_soc_wash@yahoo.com)

## In Our Area

**FREE ENGLISH CONVERSATION:** Is English your second language? If so, welcome to the FREE Weekly English Conversation Clubs at the Bethesda Library! Practice your American English in everyday life contexts, talk with other people from around the world, improve your accent and increase your confidence. It is necessary to be able to speak some English already. NO registration required. For adult English learners only. They meet every Wednesday afternoon between 2-4 PM and every Thursday afternoon between 1-3 PM at the Bethesda Library near Bethesda Elementary School and the Bethesda Metro, 7400 Arlington Road, Bethesda, MD 20814. Free Parking. Led by OLOL parishioner Alicia Delahunty and St. Jane de Chantal parishioner Carmela Cosans. Call 240-777-0970 for more information.



**It's not too early ... to make a TIF Date!** Thanksgiving in February (Tuesday, February 17) will be here before you know it. Make plans today with your friends, neighbors, family members, choir-mates, prayer circles, study groups and service clubs to dine out at one of more than 80 wonderful restaurants which will donate between 10-20\$ of their proceeds on that day to feed the hungry. Check out our website to locate the restaurant of your choice. Enjoy the fellowship of friends and support those in need at the same time. Make your reservations early – we have learned that our restaurant partners fill their tables quickly on this great day!

Visit <http://thanksgivinginfebruary.org/>. (Message from INTERFAITH WORKS, Formerly CMMC, Community Ministries of Montgomery County.)

**UTILITY CRISIS? There is help** for assistance with utility bills through the MEAP Program and the county emergency services department. Pepco has responded to the crisis to help customers through a grant to Catholic Charities. Persons in need can call 240-777-1245 to be connected to county programs and find out about community programs to assist them.

**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  
1st Weekend 2/28/09 & 3/01/09

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; Bob & Charlene Hubbard
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory; Carlos Hernandez

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

25 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> SOR Classes (school)
26 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	<b>St. Timothy &amp; St. Titus</b> Matthew Bible Study ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
27 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	<b>St. Angela Merici</b> Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
28 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	<b>ST. Thomas Aquinas</b> Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> ) RCIA
29 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
30 FRIDAY		
31 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	<b>St. John Bosco</b> Confessions
1 SUNDAY		<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 26, 2009

6:45 AM Richard & Lisa Passman      8:30 AM Ruth Garvey

Tuesday, January 27, 2009

6:45 AM Mary Evans      8:30 AM Betty Allum

Wednesday, January 28, 2009

6:45 AM John Cowling      8:30 AM Geraldine Fisher (L)

Thursday, January 29, 2009

6:45 AM Msgr. Armando Jimenez      8:30 AM Restituta Micutuan

Friday, January 30, 2009

6:45 AM Msgr. Armando Jimenez      8:30 AM Steve & Rena Crespy

Saturday, January 31, 2009

8:30 AM William Schoell  
5:00 PM Mary Angela Memmo      Msgr. Hill

Sunday, February 1, 2009

7:30 AM Ruth & John Barnak      Fr. Yaga  
9:00 AM People of Holy Cross      Fr. Yaga  
10:30 AM Deceased members of the Sun & Choi families      Msgr. Hill  
12:00 PM Jean Summers      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; 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 3rd Sunday of January 2009	\$ 8,055.84
Offertory 3rd Sunday of January 2008	\$ 7,416.22
POOR BOX S.O.M.E.	\$ 236.51
1/25 Christ House; 2/1 Social Concerns Committee	