

## In Our Parish



### **THANK YOU:**

Many thanks to the 418 parishioners who signed postcards to our

Congressional representatives regarding the proposed Freedom of Choice Act. This legislation which would make abortion a fundamental right and would do away with the ban on partial birth abortion is likely to be proposed now on a piecemeal basis. Thank you for speaking up for the unborn.

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** We are going to try a trial run of Sunday Coffee & Donuts in the school hallway & resource room. If these temporary arrangements are suitable and parishioners are interested in supporting this effort, we will re-instate weekly Coffee & Donuts



through the Spring. Please join us on Sunday, February 1 after the 7:30 and 9:00 AM Masses. Come in through the main school entrance, and make a left and head towards the end of the hallway.

**BOOK GROUP:** This Tuesday night, come join the discussion of the Marian classic, *The World's First Love*, by Archbishop Fulton Sheen. The Book Group meets from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in Quinn Hall. All adults are welcome.

**ADULT STEM CELL SUCCESS STORIES:** Several copies of the 2008 January-June Adult Stem Cell Success Stories published by the Family Research Council are available from the Respect Life Committee. Read about the 73 different diseases which are being successfully treated by adult stem cells, thus avoiding the ethical hazards of embryonic stem cell use. It is a remarkable document. For a copy contact, 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.

**SNOW POLICY:** Both Eucharistic Adoration and the Bible TimeLine series follow the Montgomery County Public Schools Snow Policy. If the schools are closed, we are closed. Please listen to WTOP 103.5 FM or WMAL 630 AM for updates. Never come if you feel it is unsafe for you.

IN THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTER EUROPE, Catholics face many challenges. The strength of this Church is based on its belief in the power of the Spirit of Love, which has sustained it through trials and energized it for change. Stand in solidarity and make a difference to your Catholic brothers and sisters in Georgia, Ukraine, Estonia, Poland, Serbia, Latvia, Belarus, and other distant places. Please be generous in next week's Collection with your gifts to this unique and faithful part of the Church. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections).

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Holy Cross has an "Over 50" Club that meets every 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



**The Devotion Of First Saturdays**, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on February 7. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

## In Our Schools

**HOLY CROSS Gala Caribe 2009 is coming!!** (A Caribbean themed FUNdraising Gala): We invite ALL PARISHIONERS to join the Gala Committee and make an impact for our young ones!! Every effort counts!!

**Gala Location:** Marriott Pooks Hill, March 14, 2009. 6 PM

**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).

### Highlights of the Gala

*Caribbean Theme and Surprise Entertainment*

*"Holy Cross Parishioner of the Year" award which will be presented at the Gala*

*Alumni Recognition and Presentation*

*Pre-Event Reception*

**Master of Ceremonies:**

*Mrs. Terrienne Small, Mrs. Maryland International 2007*

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

## *For Your Marriage*

**World Marriage Day** is Feb. 8, 2009, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. If you would more ideas or resources, please contact Peter Murphy at 301-853-4546 or [pmurphy@adw.org](mailto:pmurphy@adw.org) or visit [wmd.wmme.org](http://wmd.wmme.org).

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org). This site is helpful both for engaged couples preparing for marriage (including a newly launched marriage preparation blog) and for married couples seeking marriage enrichment.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Are you looking for ways to strengthen your marriage? Perhaps you would like to communicate better with your spouse? If you desire to grow in your marital love, a weekend with Worldwide Marriage Encounter is just for you. The next weekends are talking place Feb. 13-15 (Lexington Park, MD) and April 24-26 (Rockville, MD). Please contact John and Gail Gordon at 410-414-9667 or [gordon4514@aol.com](mailto:gordon4514@aol.com) for more information or to register for a weekend.

Has your **MARRIAGE** become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called **Retrouaille** (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) that can help you rediscover one another. Our next weekend is February 13-15, 2009. All calls and inquires 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 [TomnCarol@comcast.net](mailto:TomnCarol@comcast.net).

**MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT:** Feb 14 - Celebrate St. Valentine's Day and your marriage by attending this special retreat for married couples. Speakers for the evening: Fr. John Hopkins, LC and Catholic psychologist Dr. Lisa Klewicki. The evening begins at 5:30 pm and includes talks, dinner, time for quiet reflection, Mass and renewal of wedding vows. Center for Family Development, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda MD. \$75 per couple. Seating is limited. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, Feb 10!**

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered on **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.

**Save the Date: Jubilarian Mass Reminder:** The annual Jubilarian Celebration and Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, June 7 by Archbishop Wuerl at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS:** Are you looking for others to socialize with and support you in your faith, please consider Post Cana. Post Cana is an organization for the mutual support of widowed people of all ages and is sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington. Post Cana events include social, educational and spiritual gatherings. For further information or to register please call Joan Mahoney at 301-438-1486.

**Separated and Divorced Catholics (SDC)** of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold a meeting in Gaithersburg at 7:30 PM on Sunday, February 8th at St. Rose of Lima's Church, and in Rockville at 7:30 PM on Sunday, February 22nd at St. Elizabeth's Church.

For information on either or both events, call Jackie at 301-515-3273 or visit the SDC website:

[www.rc.net/washington/sdc](http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc).

## *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.

**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. For more information, contact the Society at [cath\\_hist\\_soc\\_wash@yahoo.com](mailto:cath_hist_soc_wash@yahoo.com)

**HUGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GARAGE-ATTIC SALE:** 9 AM-3 PM, Saturday, Feb 14, at St. Raphael School, Rockville; Falls Rd; follow signs at Dunster. Proceeds 100% to local charities; free parking/admission. Bring used/saleable household goods anytime Friday Feb 13 - earn tax deductions! Furniture pick-up, call Paul at 301-762-8969 or Joe at 301-983-1578.

**THEOLOGY ON TAP IS BACK – and in a new location!** Don't miss this new series, *Converts, Reverts, and Cradle Catholics: Why I Chose the Faith*, held on Tuesdays, Feb. 3-Feb 24. Hear the testimonies of Catholics who converted to the faith, came back to the faith or solidified their faith as young adults and check out TOT's new location: James Hoban's Irish Restaurant and Bar, 1 Dupont Circle, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Happy Hour begins at 6:00 p.m. and the featured speaker at 7:00 p.m. (must be 21 years or older to attend).

- Feb. 3: Brian Greenfield, Catholic ethics teacher and alumnus of Gonzaga College High School, Washington, DC
- Feb. 10: Ryan Dellacrosse, director of youth ministry and adult faith formation, St. Bernadette Parish, Silver Spring, MD
- Feb. 17: Rev. Scott Hurd, executive director of the Office of Permanent Diaconate, Archdiocese of Washington
- Feb. 24: Elena Tejeda, marriage prep and Natural Family Planning instructor in the Archdiocese of Washington

**In Our Area**



**It's not too early ... to make a TIF Date!** INTERFAITH WORKS, formally known as Community Ministry of Montgomery County, is sponsoring **Thanksgiving in February**. Every year nearly 100 Montgomery County restaurants agree to contribute a portion of their sales from one Tuesday in February (Tuesday, February 17) to help the hungry. Interfaith Works hosts this fundraiser on behalf of ten other local non-profits that help provide food and grocery money to our neighbors in need. Funds raised are distributed among all these hunger agencies. Make plans today with your friends, neighbors, family members, choir-mates, prayer circles, study groups and service clubs to dine out! 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! <http://thanksgivinginfebruary.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  
2nd Weekend 2/07/09 & 2/08/09

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**

<b>1 SUNDAY</b> 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> SOR Classes (school)
<b>2 MONDAY</b> 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	<b>Presentation Of The Lord</b> Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>3 TUESDAY</b> 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM: 7:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	<b>St. Blaise</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) Home & School Assoc. re-sched (Church) Catholic Book Group (Quinn Hall)
<b>4 WEDNESDAY</b> 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) RCIA
<b>5 THURSDAY</b> 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM – 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	<b>St. Agatha</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) Eucharistic Adoration (Church) Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) Dec 2009 Confirmandi & Parents (Library)
<b>6 FRIDAY</b> 9:00 AM:	<b>FIRST FRIDAY;</b> St. Paul Miki & Companions
<b>7 SATURDAY</b> 9:00 AM:	<b>FIRST SATURDAY</b> Confessions
<b>8 SUNDAY</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, February 2, 2009

6:45 AM Msgr. Armando Jimenez 8:30 AM Mary & Major Euroe

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

6:45 AM Special Intention 8:30 AM 39th Anniversary Dave & Barb Ruppert

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

6:45 AM Randall Hoffman 8:30 AM Walter O'Neil

Thursday, February 5, 2009

6:45 AM Special Intention 8:30 AM Peter & Anne Caffoe

Friday, February 6, 2009

6:45 AM Special Intention 8:30 AM Emil Haut

Saturday, February 7, 2009

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola Fr. Perkins

Sunday, February 8, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. George  
9:00 AM Maria Fiore Fr. Perkins  
10:30 AM Sandra Rosa (Living) 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 Heikemper; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Catie O'Brien; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Daniel Pereira; Adrienne Quenneville; Bonnie Ridenhower; Mary Rosenberg; Martha Scully; Mirella Setien; Rebecca Shephard; Jacqueline Surmeier; Nicoletta Stephanz; Jim Taylor; Elizabeth Tolton; Dorothy Turner; Jim Weikert; Jane Whalen; Roland Young

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 4th Sunday of January 2009	\$ 6,402.14
Offertory 4th Sunday of January 2008	\$ 6,428.56
POOR BOX Christ House	\$ 123.70
2/1 Social Concerns Committee; 2/8 Prison Outreach Ministry	