

In Our Parish



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Next weekend there will be an Information Table outside of the church after each Mass. There will be an opportunity to get your questions answered, tour the Quinn Hall chapel and find out where YOU might fit into the weekly schedule of adorers. Once-a-Month or Substitute adorers are also being sought. Plan now to stop by for some information.

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.

BOOK GROUP: For the discussion on Tuesday, **March 3rd**, the Holy Cross Book Group will be reading *The Devil's Advocate* by Morris West. We will be reading *The End of the Affair* by Graham Greene for our *April* meeting, and in *May*, we'll discuss *Set All Afire*, Louis de Wohl's novel about St. Francis Xavier. The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Quinn Hall dining room. Learn more by calling 301-942-8790, or read the book for the month and join us!

FREEDOM OF CHOICE ACT: Archbishop Wuerl reminds us that if passed, this piece of legislation has the potential to force every Catholic healthcare institution to participate actively in the destruction of innocent human life. In addition, the rights of a doctor or nurse to be a conscientious objector would be barred. The Post Card signing initiative is still underway across the country. If you did not have a chance to sign postcards in opposition to FOCA for your Congressional representatives two weeks ago, you may pick up a set of cards in the rack in the back of church.

ATTENTION SCOUTS. Mark your calendars! Scout Sunday is coming up in two weeks, February 22. All Boy Scouts, Cubs, Tigers, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies, etc. are invited to attend the 9:00 AM Mass in full uniform. For information, call George Gadbois 301-770-5386.



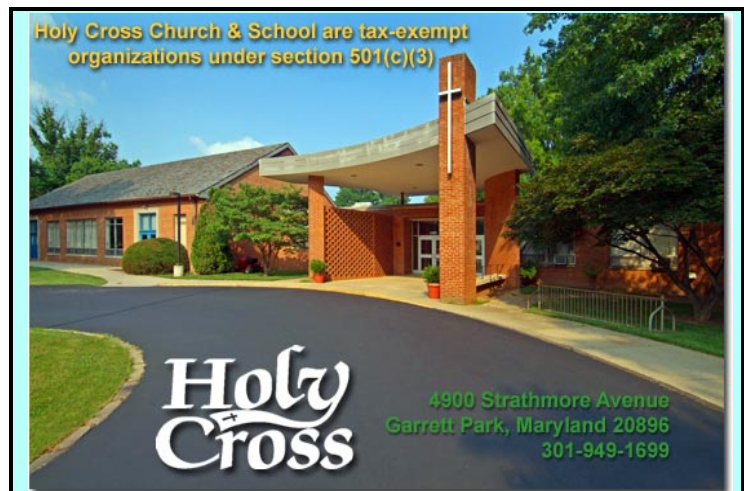
THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend were donated by the Kelly family in honor of the Luchtman family -- Living & Deceased. Please pray for them!

In Our Schools

NO SOR NEXT SUNDAY: In honor of Presidents' Day, the School of Religion will not meet on Sunday, February 15th.

CONFIRMATION 2009 UPDATE

- If you are expecting your child to be confirmed here at Holy Cross during the next school year, you and your child should have attended the first Confirmation Parents' Meeting last Thursday. Contact the Religious Ed. Office ASAP at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hccrosschurch.org for more information.
- All December 2009 Confirmandi and their families should plan to attend the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 22nd, to participate in the **Confirmation Commitment Ceremony** during the Mass.



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!!

Do you have something to donate to our auction?

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

Contact: Althea Grey-McKenzie 240-515-6757 or

HolyCrossGala@hccross.org. **Website:** www.hccross.org/gala.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game! Holy Cross is fielding its **FIRST EVER GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM** for 3rd and 4th grade girls. Our coach is Ms. Summer Arnold, an accomplished adult softball player and mother of Kaylan King. We will play in the girls CYO Rookie league from April to June. Practices will begin in March, held on the school field. The cost is \$80 per player, which includes a uniform. Your daughter will need to bring her own glove. Please register your child at www.washcyo.com and turn in your check to the school office. Rosters are due on February 24. Contact Coach Arnold at summer_arnold@hotmail.com or at 301-318-5492. We have a lot of interest for this team, so please register right away and get your checks to the office!

In Our Archdiocese

Free Concert: The Heights School Men's Chorus: The Heights School Men's Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Kevin L. Strother, will perform in concert on Sunday, Feb. 8, 4:00 p.m., Church of the Little Flower, 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. Free admission. For information, call 301-320-4538.

HUGE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GARAGE-ATTIC SALE: 9 AM - 3 PM, Saturday, Feb 14, 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 983-1578.

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 p.m. 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 10th Street between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. Upcoming dates: Feb. 12, March 12, May 7 and June 11. New to Christ in the City? Join us for dinner afterward at Gordon Biersch, 9th and F Streets, just around the corner!

Be "Powered by Faith" at Catholic Lobby Night on Feb. 16: Join hundreds of Catholics on Presidents' Day – Monday, February 16 – for the annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. This advocacy event gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: supporting pregnant women in crisis, Catholic schools, the death penalty, marriage, and poverty. Registration is required and transportation will be available. Visit www.mdccathcon.org or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979 to register.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
3rd Weekend 2/14/09 & 2/15/09

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	Alma Rusley Pat & Millie Durbin
12 Noon	Carlos Hernandez; Virginia Perdone

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:

January 2009 \$ 54,712.99 (4 Sundays)
 January 2008..... \$ 51,544.23 (4 Sundays)
 * Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

8 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time SOR Classes (school)
9 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Matthew Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
10 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	St. Scholastica Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
11 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	Our Lady of Lourdes Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) RCIA
12 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
13 FRIDAY		
14 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Sts. Cyril & Methodius Confessions
15 SUNDAY		6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, February 9, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Maurice St. Denis
<u>Tuesday, February 10, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Frank Burch
<u>Wednesday, February 11, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Frank Burch
<u>Thursday, February 12, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Souls in Purgatory
<u>Friday, February 13, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Jacqueline Vatter
<u>Saturday, February 14, 2009</u>			
8:30 AM	Fred Calabrese		
5:00 PM	Pietro Salvi		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, February 15, 2009</u>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM	Margaret Calure		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Lily Winkel		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Rev. Msgr. Joseph B. McAllister		Msgr. Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Daniela Anderson; Bob Beatty; Virginia Burch; Felipe Caraan; Thomas Choi; Young Choi; Sister Collette Marie, csc; John DeConcini; Anne & Mark Eller; José Ferrario; Michael Gouzoulis; Leonard W. Harsel; Larry Heitkemper; Bill Hogan; Mary Miller; Philip Moyer; Richard Mlynarczyk; Catie O'Brien; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Daniel Pereira; Adrienne Quenneville; Bonnie Ridenhower; Mary Rosenburg; Martha Scully; Mirella Setien; Rebecca Shephard; Jacqueline Surmeier; Nicoletta Stephanz; Jim Taylor; Elizabeth Tolton; Dorothy Turner; Jim Weikert; Jane Whalen; Roland Young

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 1st Sunday of February 2009	\$ 10,221.23
Offertory 1st Sunday of February 2008	\$ 12,018.25
POOR BOX Social Concerns Committee	\$ 172.12
2/15 Prison Outreach Ministry: A Catholic Outreach program to assist former prisoners trying to reenter society.; 2/21 Shady Grove Pregnancy Center	

