

In Our Parish



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: THIS 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.



LENT IS COMING Next Wednesday, February 25th, is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. This is not a Holy Day of Obligation. However, Ashes will be distributed after Mass at 6:45 AM, 9 AM, 12 PM, and 7:30 PM.

On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (the Friday before Easter), Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast. In addition, all Catholics 14 years old and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting as explained by the U.S. bishops means partaking of only one full meal. Some food (not equaling another full meal) is permitted at breakfast and around midday or in the evening—depending on when a person chooses to eat the main or full meal. This year, Easter Sunday is April 12th.

ENJOY THE NOVELS OF MORRIS WEST? The Book Group is reading *The Devil's Advocate* for our next meeting on Tuesday, March 3rd, at 7:00 PM. Join us around the table in Quinn Hall for what promises to be a lively discussion. 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. All adults are welcome. For more information, call 301-942-8790.

ALTAR SERVER PREPARATION CLASSES: For children of parishioners will take place at the church on four consecutive Saturday mornings in March at 10 AM. Application forms may be obtained in the back of the church, at the Rectory, or from the principals of Holy Cross Elementary and Religion Education Schools.

ATTENTION SCOUTS. Mark your calendars! Scout Sunday is next Sunday, 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.

Bible Study



Bible TimeLine: The Sunday Group will NOT meet today due to the President's Day School of Religion holiday. The Tuesday and Wednesdays groups will meet as scheduled, studying Session 13, Divided Kingdom, Part I.

Sunday February 22 and Tuesday February 24 will be Catch Up days giving new people an opportunity to preview the program and current people a chance to see sessions you may have missed. On Sunday we will be showing the DVD's after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses. (At 8:30, Session 9 - Conquest and Judges Part I; at 10:15, Session 11 - Royal Kingdom Part I; and at 11:45, Session 10 - Conquest and Judges Part II). On Tuesday you can catch a DVD after the 8:30 Mass, at 9:15 AM. Call the Rupperts with your request, 301 933-7646.

WE'RE READING CORINTHIANS: It's still the Year of St. Paul! Beginning on Feb. 23rd, come join a congenial group of parishioners who will be reading and discussing St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians together on Monday evenings during Lent. We will meet from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in Quinn Hall. We'll also be reading about Paul's journeys in the Acts of the Apostles. All adults are welcome. Do let us know you are coming; call 301-942-8790.

FREE CD OF MSGR. McALLISTER'S HOMILIES: Msgr. Joseph B. McAllister was in residence here at Holy Cross from 1968 to 1995, after a lengthy teaching career at Catholic University. For a decade, parishioner George Martin recorded Msgr. McAllister's well-beloved homilies for his mother, who was house-bound. 115 of these homilies from over 1,000 tapes are being transferred to compact disc. The first of the anticipated 12 CDs is now available at no cost. To obtain your copy, contact George Martin at 301-949-2951 or Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790.



SAVE THE DATE!!!! *Saturday March 28, 2009, Holy Cross Parish Day Of Recollection At Georgetown Prep*

*** Watch the Bulletin for more information ***

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ONLY 27 days left for our Caribbean-Themed Fundraiser!! - Your donations and support are KEY

Get Your Tickets to the ***Holy Cross Parish Gala to Benefit the Holy Cross School***

Holy Cross Gala Caribe & Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2009, 6pm

Bethesda Marriott

5151 Pooks Hill Road

Bethesda, MD 20814

Tickets Only \$75

Purchase a ticket and get a chance for the following:

Free Island Rum Punch (6 PM to 7 PM)

Celebrate the Parishioner of the Year!!

Free Drawing for a Basket of Caribbean Treasures,

compliments of the Caribbean-American Chamber of Commerce

Parishioners, Parents, Volunteers, Alumni and Friends of HOLY CROSS - Want to find out more about the other Event SURPRISES???.....then **JOIN TEAM HOLY CROSS!!!!**

Next meeting: Tues, Feb 24, 2009 @ 7 PM - School

HolyCrossGala@hcross.org; 240.515.67571



CRIBS NEEDED FOR THE GABRIEL

PROJECT: The Gabriel Project has an urgent need for cribs in working condition. Monetary donations for cribs also accepted. Please call Barbara Ruppert for more information, 301 933-7646.

In Our Schools

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

CONFIRMATION NEWS: We hope to see all of the December 2009 Confirmandi and their families at the 9:00 AM. Mass next Sunday, Feb. 22nd, to participate in the **Confirmation Commitment Ceremony**. The Confirmandi should sit with their families.

AN EVENING TO SUPPORT HOLY CROSS SCHOOL at Silver Diner on Rockville Pike. Thursday, February 19, 2009 from 6 to 9 PM. 20% of the proceeds go to support our school. Hope to see you there! If you cannot attend but would like to support the school, gift cards may be purchased by contacting Annie Switzer at 301-530-2972.

REGISTRATION FOR HOLY CROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DEADLINE for Kindergarten and Pre-K is February 27th. For Holy Cross Elementary School Registration packets, or with questions, please call the school at 301-949-0053.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUNG MEN: QUO VADIS - WHERE ARE YOU GOING? Legend tells us St. Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. He knew that only by doing what the Father asked of him would there be true joy and fulfillment in this life. Where are you going? What is the Father's will for you? Want to learn more? Quo Vadis Days will give you the opportunity to learn more about discernment of your vocation. A five-day camp for high school young men, activities will include prayer, hiking, games, sports, talks and lots of great food. Sign-up now as space is limited. For more information, please contact Fr. Rob Walsh, assistant director for priest vocations, rwalsh@adw.org and 301-853-4580.

In Our Archdiocese

CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT: Join more than 600 fellow Catholics from around Maryland on Presidents' Day - Monday, February 16 - to be "powered by faith" at the 25th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. It is a wonderful way to bring Gospel values to the public square during the Maryland General Assembly session, which began January 14. Lobby Night - which lasts from 3 PM to 8 PM - begins with prayer and commissioning from the bishops, followed by issue briefings from Conference staff, then face-to-face meetings with lawmakers, and a dinner reception with legislators. Lobby Night is free, but registration is required by calling 410-269-1155 or 301-261-1979.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF ST. PAUL: Pope Benedict XVI has named this the Year of St. Paul to commemorate the 2,000th anniversary of this early evangelizer. Learn more about this early saint or visit one of our archdiocesan pilgrimage churches and gain a plenary indulgence. Materials online at www.adw.org. Click on "Year of St. Paul 2009."

ROCK AND ROLL FOR A GOOD CAUSE ON SATURDAY FEB. 21: The Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council cordially invites you to a Night of Rock and Roll featuring the band "NIGHTSCHOOL," to be held on Saturday, February 21 at 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda. The tickets are \$20 per person and includes chili and cornbread catered by Hard Times Cafe, draft beer and wine. (Cash bar for canned beer and liquor will also be available) Doors open at 7:30 PM. All proceeds benefit the Rock Creek Council Teachers Appreciation Dinner. Seating is limited so reserve early! Contact: Mike Horan at mike_horank@yahoo.com.



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend were donated in memory of Teresa Marie Simpson. Please pray for her!

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 PM and the featured speaker at 7:00 PM (must be 21 years or older to attend).

- 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



LOURDES ANOINTING MASS WITH ORDER OF MALTA: The Federal Association of the Order of Malta cordially invites the sick, disabled and elderly of the Washington metropolitan area to a Lourdes Anointing Mass on **Saturday, March 21, 10:00 AM**, at Our Lady of Mercy Church, 9200 Kentsdale Drive, Potomac. The church

is completely accessible and has plenty of free parking. Members of the Order of Malta will be present to help people throughout the morning.

There will be an anointing and a blessing with Lourdes water for the sick, disabled and elderly in attendance.

Family, friends and caregivers are also invited, and a light luncheon reception will be offered to everyone after Mass in the Parish Hall. There is no charge. Those wishing to attend are asked to call Michele Bowe at 301-951-6427 or michelebowe48@yahoo.com by February 25.

Program for Organists at St. Patrick's in DC:

Parish organists are invited to take part in a workshop on Saturday, February 21 at 10 AM at St. Patrick Church in Washington DC. The 90-minute program will focus on French liturgical organ music and its use in today's liturgical context. St. Patrick's is located at the corner of 10th and G Streets, NW. For more information, please contact Ronald Stolk at rstolk@saintpatrickdc.org

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 4th Weekend 2/21/09 & 2/22/09

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

15 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO SOR Classes (school)
16 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	President's Day Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
17 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Founders fo the Order of Servites Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
18 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 6:45 PM 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Social Concerns Committee RCIA
19 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
20 FRIDAY		
21 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	St. Peter Damian Confessions
22 SUNDAY		7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 16, 2009			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Frank Burch
Tuesday, February 17, 2009			
6:45 AM	Jacquelyn Laake	8:30 AM	Mary Anne Sprecklemeyer
Wednesday, February 18, 2009			
6:45 AM	Victor Eyzaguirre	8:30 AM	Elizabeth Griffin
Thursday, February 19, 2009			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Teresa Marie Simpson
Friday, February 20, 2009			
6:45 AM	Fr. Patrick Kemp	8:30 AM	Adoria Brock Frei
Saturday, February 21, 2009			
8:30 AM	Kathryn Surmeier (Living)		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Perkins
Sunday, February 22, 2009			
7:30 AM	Ray Filkins		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Kenneth Schrader		Fr. Perkins
12:00 PM	Cecilia Lima		Fr. Perkins

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	\$ 9,471.15
Offertory 1st Sunday of February 2008	\$ 10,596.96
FAITH DIRECT.....	\$ 13,515.40
POOR BOX Prison Outreach Ministry.....	\$ 163.52
2/21 Shady Grove Pregnancy Center; 2/22 Bethesda Cares	