

In Our Parish



LENT IS COMING: THIS 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 the Holy Day Masses 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.

BOOK GROUP NEXT WEEK: Join the Book Group for a discussion of Morris West's novel, *The Devil's Advocate*, on Tuesday, March 3rd. We will meet in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. All adults are welcome. For more information, call 301-942-8790.

ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY: Beginning tomorrow, a group of parishioners will be meeting on Monday nights to read and discuss St. Paul's Letters to the Corinthians in honor of this Year of St. Paul. We will meet from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in Quinn Hall. We'll also be reading about St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles. All adults are welcome. To register, call 301-942-8790.



4900 Strathmore Avenue
Caret Park, Maryland 20816
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.

FREE INSPIRATIONAL CD: 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. Pick up your CD in the sacristy of the Quinn Hall chapel or contact George Martin at 301-949-2951.

YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND YOUR MISSING BULLETIN AT
www.hcrosschurch.org.

HOLY CROSS PARISH DAY OF RECOLLECTION SATURDAY MARCH 28, 2009 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM At GEORGETOWN PREP



**THE
THEME
TAKEN
FROM
ST. PAUL
WILL
BE:**

***Living For Christ - In The Power
Of The Spirit.***

**THE DAY WILL BE LED BY
FATHER PHILIP ROSATO, SJ.**

***The activities will
include talks by Fr. Rosato,
Mass, Eucharistic Adoration,
Benediction, Confession and
time for private prayer and
reflection.***

The cost for the day is \$20. Includes morning coffee and donuts and lunch. For more information or to register please contact Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hcrosschurch.org or Carol Hoffman at 301-251-8622 or rhoffman01@comcast.net.

Holy Cross Bearers Society: Over the years many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we are offering a monthly Mass for them. In this small way, we can express our continuing gratitude for their generosity toward the parish in the past and in the future. Please remember them in your prayers, especially on February 26th.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!!

HolyCrossGala@hcross.org; www.hcross.org/gala

Holy Cross Gala Caribe & Auction

Saturday, March 14, 2009, 6 PM, Bethesda Marriott
5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

Counting Down! Only 20 Days left!!!

Support our Youth and Join Team Holy Cross by volunteering and attending what promises to be a fun-filled night of entertainment!

Next meeting: 7 PM - Thurs, Feb 26, 2009 @ HCES teacher's lounge. 240-515-6757

We still need 90 Silent and Live Auction items for our Gala on March 14 and many more volunteers on the committees.

We need Wines!!!! We need Restaurants!!!! We need Auto Services!!!! We need Vacations!!!!!! We need Advertisers!!!!!!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Many thanks to the 5 people who signed on for weekly hours of Adoration last weekend. Your prayers are appreciated by the parish.

A Prayer Before the Blessed Sacrament for Lent:

I trust in your merciful love. You are near, dear Lord, present in the Eucharist. Infinite compassion in this sacrament, proclaiming unmistakably how deeply loved I am by You. Full of gratitude for Your unchanging love, I rejoice always in You, in this Blessed Sacrament, for here You tell me, "Just as I am I belong to You."

-Come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament, p.23

In Our Schools

FIRST PENANCE NEWS

- **MUSIC REHEARSAL:** Next Sunday, March 1st, *all* First Penitents are expected to attend the music rehearsal for this sacrament in the second-grade classroom from 10:15 to 11:15 AM.
- **RETREATS:** All First Penitents have been assigned to one of the sacramental retreats on Monday, March 2nd, or Tuesday, March 3rd. SOR and KAOS parents: Drop your child off in the basement of Quinn Hall by 12:30. Pick up is at 2:45 from the front steps of the church.
- **FIRST PENANCE SERVICE:** The parish will celebrate the Sacrament of First Penance next Saturday, March 7th, at 10:30 AM in the church. First Penitents should be in the basement of Quinn Hall at 10:00 AM. Dress is Sunday best. This is not a Mass.



Inclusion Programs Open House

March 25, 2009 at 2:00 PM

Holy Cross School will host an Open House on March 25, 2009 for parents and students interested in the Inclusion Programs offered at the school. Information sessions and tours will be offered as well as opportunities to interact with Holy Cross faculty and administrators. No reservations are required. For additional information, please contact Mrs. Ann Smith at 301-949-0053.

About Holy Cross Inclusion Programs... The Inclusion Programs at Holy Cross School support the learning styles of all students. Whether requiring supplemental support, additional challenges, or a combination of both, Holy Cross strives to educate each child in a faith-centered, caring, and inclusive environment. Read below for a brief description of each program.

Resource Program: This program provides supplemental support and instruction for students with learning differences and developmental needs. Individual and small group instruction as well as accommodations and modifications are determined for each student based on results of the psycho-educational testing. Coordination with MCPS and private service providers is also provided as available.

Enrichment Program: The Enrichment Program offers additional challenges and support for advanced learners through differentiated instruction and extra-curricular opportunities. Holy Cross capitalizes on the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth to enrich classroom learning without disrupting the normal school day.

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.

In Our Archdiocese



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.

Daughters of Charity Vocations Retreat: The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul are offering a "Come and See" vocation retreat weekend from February 27–March 1. Single women ages 18-35 interested in a vocation as a sister are invited to attend. The retreat will be held in Emmitsburg, MD. Please contact Sr. Denise LaRock, DC at 410-646-2074 or dccvoc@doc.org and visit the website, www.thedaughtersofcharity.org. The Daughters of Charity have been "serving Christ in the person of the poor" since 1633.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND, JORDAN & SINAI June 1-2, 2009, escorted by Fr. David Wathen, O.F.M. Join us for this wonderful experience! We are going to visit Jordan, Egypt, and Jerusalem. You need to make reservations NOW. For more information, call George's International Tours at 800-566-7499 or Jenny D. Grover at 202-669-7241.

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.

In Our Area

Montgomery Hospice, a nonprofit medical hospice serving Montgomery County, seeks patient care, bereavement care and administrative volunteers. Patient care volunteers visit with patients in homes and facilities at different locations in the county, and at Casey House, an acute care facility. Bereavement care volunteers provide emotional comfort to family members and friends after the death of a loved one. Administrative volunteers assist with office tasks such as database work, filing and phone calls. Volunteers go through an application process and a three-day training. (Administrative volunteers only need to attend a one-day training.) The next training will be held March 20 and 27 (8:30 AM to 4 PM) and April 3 (8:30 AM to 2 PM) at the offices of Montgomery Hospice (1355 Piccard Drive Rockville). Call Christiane Wiese at 301-921-4400 or visit www.montgomeryhospice.org.

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;
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory; Carlos Hernandez

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

22 SUNDAY 9:00 AM	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confirmation Commitment Ceremony (during Mass)
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
23 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Polycarp St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
24 TUESDAY 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
25 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	Ash Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) RCIA
26 THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
27 FRIDAY	
28 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	Confessions
29 SUNDAY	1st Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 23, 2009

6:45 AM Fr. Patrick Kemp 8:30 AM P. Vetresca

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive An Deikel 8:30 AM Frank Burch

Ash Wednesday, February 25, 2009

6:45 AM Deacon Rodney Forbes 9:00 AM Philadelpho Azeudo

12:00 PM Gertrude Morton 7:30 PM Edward J. Diggs

Thursday, February 26, 2009

6:45 AM Annette Haut 8:30 AM Holy Cross Bearers

Friday, February 27, 2009

6:45 AM Deacon Rodney Forbes 8:30 AM Frank Burch

Saturday, February 28, 2009

8:30 AM Margaret Calure

5:00 PM Frank Burch Msgr. Hill

Sunday, February 29, 2009

7:30 AM Ralph & Florence Dettling Fr. Perkins

9:00 AM Randy Smith Fr. Perkins

10:30 AM Chul E. Choi & Bill Gaze families (living) Msgr. Hill

12:00 PM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga

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; 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 3rd Sunday of February 2009	\$ 7,480.28
Offertory 3rd Sunday of February 2008	\$ 7,396.60
POOR BOX Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.....	\$ 158.54
2/22 Bethesda Cares; 3/1 Social Concerns Committee	