

## *In Our Parish*



### **Why is it important to invite people to join us at Mass?**

Faith is a shared experience. This week, Archbishop Wuerl's new pastoral letter reminds us that our faith family, like all families, doesn't feel complete when one member is missing. In fact, many studies show that one reason people have a hard time returning to church is that they feel that they were never missed. Let them know they are welcome by giving them one of the invitations available at the back of church. For more information, visit [www.maybe-its-God.org](http://www.maybe-its-God.org) or pick up the February 19 Catholic Standard or El Pregonero to read Archbishop Wuerl's new pastoral letter, *Belonging to God's Family*.

**DID YOU MISS CONFIRMATION?** Are you an adult Catholic who was baptized and received First Communion but was never confirmed? Want to catch up? Find out more about how to participate in the Archdiocesan Confirmation Mass for Adults held on Pentecost each year. Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 or [keeneey@hccrosschurch.org](mailto:keeneey@hccrosschurch.org).

## *In Our Schools*

**Search the Internet, Earn HC Cash:** Did you know that Holy Cross School can earn a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well now you do! This is a very simple way for everyone to help Holy Cross with out spending a cent!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and be sure to enter Holy Cross Elementary School (Garrett Park, MD) as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word to your friends and family.

## *Support Holy Cross 8th Graders*

The ceiling collapsed on 8<sup>th</sup> grade fund raising! Help your 8<sup>th</sup> graders raise funds for their end of year activities.

### **8th Grade 50/50 Raffle**

- Minimum prize \$1000.00
- Tickets are \$10.00 a piece
- Winner will be announced March 16, 2008
- Purchase tickets from your favorite 8th Grader!

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**Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009** (5 - 9 PM)  
Dine at the Hamlet Restaurant & Bar and 15% of all **food and alcoholic beverage** sales will be donated to the **Holy Cross Elementary School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
Hamlet Bethesda  
10400 Old Georgetown Rd.

## *In Our Archdiocese*

**"The Cup of Life"**, is a Lenten retreat for women on **March 21** from 9:30 – 2:30 (arrival 9-9:30, lunch provided). Presenters are Sister Adria, and Sister Patricia, Holy Cross Sisters. Location is at Saint Angela Hall, 4910 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD 20895, (between Holy Cross Church and Academy of Holy Cross on Strathmore Road). Send a \$10 check made to Sisters of the Holy Cross by March 13 to Sister Patricia Cornell, CSC at the above address to reserve your space. \$25 is due on the day of Retreat. For more info call 301-946-7750 ext 2304 or e-mail [patricia\\_cornell@yahoo.com](mailto:patricia_cornell@yahoo.com). **Bring your favorite cup!**

### ***"The weakness of God is stronger than human strength."***

Today's second reading advises us not to rely on our own strength. Marriage can be so very difficult to sustain in today's society. Come and tap into the graces that are available to you on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is April 24<sup>th</sup> through 26<sup>th</sup> in Rockville, MD. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 410-414-9667 or go online to [dc.wvme.org](http://dc.wvme.org).

**Annual Little Flower/John Carroll Society Lecture:** Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl will deliver the fifth annual Little Flower/John Carroll Society Lecture on Sunday, March 29, 3:00 PM. at the Church of the Little Flower, 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. He will reflect on the recent Synod of Bishops in which he participated and the importance of the Word of God in the world today. This talk is free. For more information, call 301-320-4538.

**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](mailto:michelebowe48@yahoo.com) by February 25.

**Saint Elizabeth Parish Visits Quantico/Pentagon Memorial:**

All are invited to join us on Friday, **March 20th**, at 9 AM, when we'll depart St. E's parking lot to spend the day honoring our military and remembering those who have died. Our first stop will be at the Quantico Marine Museum followed by lunch at the Officers Club. Following lunch, a Marine will board our bus to take us on a driving tour of the base. We'll finish up with a stop at the Pentagon Memorial, built in honor of those who died in the attack on 9/11. We'll return to St. E's around 5:00 PM. Cost per person is \$61 which includes round trip transportation on a deluxe, restroom equipped motor coach, all entrance fees, lunch, gratuities and taxes. Registration may be done by phone if paying by credit card (301.881.1380) or you may print off a registration form from our website and mail your payment in with that ([www.StElizabethChurchMD.org](http://www.StElizabethChurchMD.org)).

**Attention Parish Social Ministry Volunteers:** Leaders and volunteers in parish social ministry to the poor and needy, in justice ministries and in programs that promote the life and dignity of the human person are invited to our quarterly gathering. This is a time for volunteers to get to know each other, learn from each other and grow in support of one another. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington Department for Social Concerns. For information, contact Tony Bosnick, 301-853-5340 or [DSC@adw.org](mailto:DSC@adw.org). Montgomery County: March 19, 7:30 -9:00 PM, St. Jane de Chantal, Caufield Hall (lower level of church), 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD 20814

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 4th Weekend 3/21/09 & 3/22/09**

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;
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**YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND THE BULLETIN AT**  
[www.hcrosschurch.org](http://www.hcrosschurch.org).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>15 SUNDAY</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>
10:15 -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes (school)
10:30 AM:	RCIA First Scrutiny (Mass)
<b>16 MONDAY</b>	
6:45 -- 8:15 PM:	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>17 TUESDAY</b>	<b>St. Patrick of Ireland</b>
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>18 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>St. Cyril of Jerusalem</b>
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
6:45 PM	Social Concerns Committee
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>19 THURSDAY</b>	<b>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>20 FRIDAY</b>	
7:00 PM:	<b>Stations of the Cross (Church)</b>
<b>21 SATURDAY</b>	<b>St. Peter Damian</b>
9:00 AM:	Confessions
<b>22 SUNDAY</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, March 16, 2009**

6:45 AM Mary Rose Lynch 8:30 AM Martha Gelin

**Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

6:45 AM Genevieve Ann Deikel 8:30 AM John & Betty Finn

**Wednesday, March 18, 2009**

6:45 AM Joseph McCourt 8:30 AM Maurice St. Claire

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**

6:45 AM Rita DeSegni 8:30 AM Joseph Surmeier (Living)

**Friday, March 20, 2009**

6:45 AM David Babcock (L) 8:30 AM John Finn

**Saturday, March 21, 2009**

8:30 AM Francis & Pat Martin (Living)

5:00 PM Nick DeRita **Msgr. Hill**

**Sunday, March 22, 2009**

7:30 AM Ruth Barnak **Fr. Yaga**

9:00 AM Joey Norris **Fr. Yaga**

10:30 AM Mike Mono **Msgr. Hill**

12:00 PM People of Holy Cross **Fr. Perkins**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Daniela Anderson; Juan & Julio Aragon; Bob Beatty; Cyndi Brady; 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; Bob Hoffman; 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; Carol Ullmer; Jim Weikert; Jane Whalen; Roland Young

**Nota Bene: PEOPLE ON THE SICK LIST FOR MORE THAN ONE MONTH WILL BE REMOVED. To keep someone one for another month, please email [stuart@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:stuart@hcrosschurch.org).**

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 2nd Sunday of March 2009 .....	\$ 9,010.87
Offertory 2nd Sunday of March 2008 .....	\$ 9,124.40
FAITH DIRECT .....	\$ 17,762.50
POOR BOX Martha's Table .....	\$ 187.18
3/22 Birthright; 3/29 Food for the Poor; 4/5 Social Concerns Committee	