

## *In Our Parish*

**PLEASE JOIN US** for a meeting about the potential plans for fixing or developing LEWIS HALL, at 1:15 PM this Sunday, March 22, in the Church.

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!** THE HOLY CROSS PARISH RETREAT with St. Paul will be held at Georgetown Prep on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30 to 3:00 PM. For more information or to obtain an application, contact Carol Hoffman at 301-251-8622 or rhoffman01@comcast.net.

**CHURCH CALENDAR:** If you or your group plans to use the Church or any of the buildings on campus for an event, please remember to check with Mary Stuart, the parish secretary, who has the official calendar for Holy Cross Parish. Contact her at 301-942-1020, x 10, or stuart@hcrosschurch.org.



**Why is it so hard to talk about our faith?** For many of us, our faith is very personal. We're not comfortable talking about it and don't want to be seen as "pushy." Yet, why not share something that means so much to you? Pick up an invitation at the back of church and invite someone you know to come back. This invitation may be the just the opportunity your friends and family members have been waiting for. For more information and to read Archbishop Wuerl's pastoral letter, *Belonging to God's Family*, visit [www.maybe-its-God.org](http://www.maybe-its-God.org).

**Bible Timeline:** You are welcome to join us for the last third of the Bible TimeLine DVD series. We will be covering St. Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, learning how Jesus fulfilled the Messianic prophecies. Choose to come on Sunday mornings at 10:15-11:30 (school library), Tuesdays at 9:15 AM (Quinn Hall) or Wednesdays at 7:30 PM in the school library. The series will begin the week of March 29. For more information call, Yolaine Watkins, 301 949-2550.

**ATTENTION GRAHAM GREENE FANS:** The parish Book Group will be discussing Greene's novel, *The End of the Affair*, at its next meeting on Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 p.m. Mary Stuart will lead our discussion. All adults are welcome. For more information, call 301-942-8790.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington celebrates the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday. Are you an adult Catholic who was never confirmed but would like to be? Contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 and let's talk.

## CONGRATULATIONS ON A MEMORABLE GALA FUNDRAISER!!

*On behalf of the Holy Cross Church and School, Thank You to All for your support, contributions and many gifts of time, talent and treasure for the Holy Cross Gala Caribe 2009!*

We give all the Glory to God for blessing us with this wonderful opportunity to serve, for a fantastic Gala team, and for a supportive community, School and Church family!! On behalf of the entire Gala Team, many blessings for you and your families!

Althea Grey-McKenzie, Holy Cross Gala Chair,  
Gala Caribe & Auction 2009"

**NOTA BENE "PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK" LIST:** Parishioners and family members put on the bulletin sick list will stay there for one month. For ongoing and personalized prayer, we invite you to place the names of your dear ones in the intention book in the Adoration Chapel in Quinn Hall. Adorers pray faithfully for these intentions. If you must keep someone on the bulletin sick list, you must contact the Parish Secretary each month at [stuart@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:stuart@hcrosschurch.org).

**ADULT STEM CELL SUCCESS STORIES:** Several copies of the 2008 February-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.

## *In Our Schools*

**HOLY CROSS SCHOOL CLOTHING DRIVE:** We will be collecting clothes, shoes, linens and toys. This will be a benefit to the school because we get paid by the pound. The final collection day will May 13th. For more information, contact Michelle LeBlanc [mamachelle70@mac.com](mailto:mamachelle70@mac.com)

**8th Grade 50/50 Raffle WINNER:** 50/50 Raffle Winner: Congratulations to Mrs. Emily Swain who is the lucky winner of the 8th Grade 50/50 drawing. Her winnings totaled \$1,760.00!!! Emily is the aunt of Isaac Schiller (8th Grade). Congratulations! For those of you who didn't win or didn't enter, there will be another 50/50 raffle in the Spring.

## *In Our Archdiocese*

**Blog About the Catholic Faith:** Visit [www.Maybe-its-God.org](http://www.Maybe-its-God.org) and check out the Archdiocese of Washington's "Maybe It's God" blog about the faith or watch Archbishop Wuerl's video invitation back to church (also on YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/user/WashArchdiocese>).

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God..." Today's Gospel urges us to live a life centered on Christ. Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help your marriage/Holy Orders to be more Christ-centered. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend in this area is April 24th through 26th in Rockville, MD. Early registration is highly recommended. To register or for more information call 410-414-9667 or go online to [dc.wwme.org](http://dc.wwme.org).

**Thinking of Getting Married?** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a website to help you prepare for your marriage. There are sections on "must-have conversations," personality inventories, a marriage preparation blog and much more. Visit [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org) and find out how you can prepare for your new life together.

**Catholic Parenting Today:** St. Peter's on Capitol Hill and the Archdiocese Office of Family Life are sponsoring a marriage and parenting workshop to discuss issues such as protecting your children on the Internet, talking to your children about chastity, family prayer and living the Sacrament of marriage in daily life. Join us at St. Peter's on Saturday, March 28, 1:00 PM-5:00 PM. The day will conclude with the opportunity for confession and a 5:00 PM Mass. The event is free; child care is available at a low cost. To register, contact [flm@adw.org](mailto:flm@adw.org) or 301-853-5337.

**Parental and Spousal Bereavement Support Group:** St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The spring series will meet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Montrose Road in Rockville on Wednesday evenings 7-8:30 PM, from April 8 through May 27, 2009. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457).

**GEORGETOWN VISITATION PRESENTS "CRAZY FOR YOU"** April 3-5, with music and lyrics by George and Ira Gershwin. Contact [box.office@visi.org](mailto:box.office@visi.org) 202-337-3350 x2209 or [www.visi.org](http://www.visi.org).

**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? Find out August 9-12. 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](mailto:rwalsh@adw.org) and 301-853-4580.

*Everyone is welcome to participate* in SOLEMN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION on Monday and Tuesday, March 23 and 24, at St. Jane de Chantal Church, 9601 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD. Following the parish 8:00 AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until the evening Liturgy, which begins at 7:30 PM. There will be several opportunities for public prayer during the day, such as recitation of the rosary at 8:30 and 10:30 AM and Midday Prayer at 12:00 noon both days. On Monday night at 7:30 PM there will be Holy Hour in Honor of St. Paul and then on Tuesday night at 7:30 PM there will be a Closing Mass with a Eucharistic Procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout the church. The homilist for the evening Liturgies will be Paul H. Colloton, OP, D.Min., an ordained friar of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Province of St. Albert the Great.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Holy Hour:** Sunday, May 3 is World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Please consider praying before the Blessed Sacrament on this day for a generous response to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. All are invited to join in prayer 6:45 PM-7:45 PM (following the 5:30 PM Mass) at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW. Metro: Farragut North and Dupont Circle on the red line. Street parking available.

**Run for Vocations – Marine Corps Marathon Team:** Each year, the Archdiocese of Washington sponsors the "Run for Vocations" team for the Marine Corps Marathon. Consider joining us for the marathon, half-marathon and 10K race, to be held on October 25, 2009. All levels of runners and walkers are welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal of promoting vocations to the priesthood, meet new people and support our seminarians. For more information and to register, contact Carol Flannery at [cflannery@adw.org](mailto:cflannery@adw.org) or 301-853-4584.

**Catholic Cemetery Stations of the Cross on Good Friday:** Make Good Friday a full day of prayerful reflection on the sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ. In addition to Good Friday services here at the parish, you are invited to prayerfully remember deceased loved ones by walking the Stations of the Cross at a Catholic cemetery of the archdiocese at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 10. For more information on Good Friday Stations, contact a Catholic cemetery manager at Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 13801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, 301-871-6500. Or, visit [ccaw.org](http://ccaw.org) for information.

**PLEASE JOIN US** for the Good Counsel House Tour and Marketplace on Saturday, April 4, 2009. Enjoy lunch and our Bake sale as you browse our 30+ specialty boutiques. Tour 5 fabulous homes from 11 AM – 5 PM. Advance tickets are \$25 and \$30 at the door. Tours begin at the school at 17301 Old Vic Boulevard, Olney, MD. Please visit [www.olgchs.org](http://www.olgchs.org) for more details.

**ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS:** The annual Jubilarian celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 7, 2009, 2:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will be celebrant. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of Church to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the Archdiocese before April 27, 2009

**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.

### In Our Area

Are you looking for a challenge? Interfaith Works, Congregation & Community Emergency Support Program is looking for a skilled front line advocate to assist us in carrying out the IW (formerly Community Ministry of Montgomery County) tradition of providing compassionate concern, financial assistance, intervention, and advocacy to the community. As the Assistant for Emergency Support, you'll have an opportunity to utilize your skills, bring your knowledge and gifts to our office team, and implement new projects. See attached job description. To apply, review the [Assistant to Interfaith Works CCES Program](#) job description and email your resume and cover letter Attn: Rev. Dr. Rosetta Robinson at [robinson@iworksmc.org](mailto:robinson@iworksmc.org) as soon as possible.

### In Our World

*Poverty is fought if humanity becomes more fraternal as a result of shared values founded on the dignity of the person, on freedom joined to responsibility, on the effective recognition of the place of God in the life of man. In this perspective, let us fix our gaze on Jesus.... May the light of his love illumine all government leaders and all humanity!*

--PopeBenedictXVI,Address to Diplomatic Corps,Jan.8,2009

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve  
5th Weekend 3/28/09 & 3/29/09**

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Yolanda Memmo
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; alternate: Denise & John Szczur
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[www.hcrosschurch.org](http://www.hcrosschurch.org)

### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

<b>22 SUNDAY</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Lent</b>
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
10:30 AM:	RCIA Second Scrutiny (Mass)
1:15 PM:	Meeting on Lewis Hall possibilities (Church)
<b>23 MONDAY</b>	<b>St. Toribio de Mogrovejo</b>
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>24 TUESDAY</b>	
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>25 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Annunciation of the Lord</b>
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>26 THURSDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>27 FRIDAY</b>	
7:00 PM:	Stations of the Cross (Church)
<b>28 SATURDAY</b>	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
8:30 AM -- 3:00 PM:	<b>Parish Retreat</b>
<b>29 SUNDAY</b>	<b>5th Sunday Lent</b>

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>Monday, March 23, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Eileen Minnick	8:30 AM	The Clapper Family
<b>Tuesday, March 24, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive An Deikel	8:30 AM	Walter Herbst
<b>Wednesday, March 25, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	9:00 AM	Bob Hoffman (Living)
<b>Thursday, March 26, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Ellen Alves	8:30 AM	Caleel Rizk
<b>Friday, March 27, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Frankie Murphy	8:30 AM	Robert E. Fitzgerald
<b>Saturday, March 28, 2009</b>			
8:30 AM	Richard Howard		
5:00 PM	William Ceresa, Jr.		Fr. Yaga
<b>Sunday, March 29, 2009</b>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM	Blaine & Becky Elkins (Living)		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Jean Horan		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Cecilia Lima		Fr. Yaga

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Juan & Julio Aragon; Cyndi Brady; Virginia Burch; Michael Gouzoulis; Bob Hoffman; Julie Marable; Mary & Jim Miller; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Mary Rosenberg; Carol Ullmer;

**NOTA BENE:** Names are kept on this list for one month. Monthly contact is necessary to keep someone on this list. Please see the notice on the first page of this bulletin.

### COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of March 2009 .....	\$ 7,468.93
Offertory 3rd Sunday of March 2008 .....	\$ 9,550.23
POOR BOX Birthright.....	\$ 138.61
3/29 Food for the Poor; 4/5 Social Concerns Committee	