

In Our Parish

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009

- 9:00 AM Mass (for those who can't make the evening service)
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by a brief period of silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament)
8:45 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 10, 2009

- 3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009

- No Morning Mass
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009

- 7:30 AM NO Mass
9:00 AM Easter Mass
10:30 AM Easter Mass
12:00 PM Easter Mass

"Over 50!" DID YOU KNOW? Holy Cross has an Club that meets every 1st Friday of the month (THAT IS THIS FRIDAY). We attend the 8:30 AM Mass, and then go to breakfast. It is a good opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners for a nice meal and conversation. We are a warm and friendly group, and would like to have you join us. If interested, call Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on April 4. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month, so the

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

THE MODIFIED FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE WILL take place the weekend of **April 4th and April 5th**, after all Masses. There is a real need for food and merchandise certificates in lieu of food. Non-perishable foods, clothing of all types (NO household items) are gratefully accepted in the school foyer. Please label bags of clothing as to type and size (e.g. Ladies, medium). Thank you for your ongoing generosity to this monthly project.

Longing for
Something? 
Maybe it's God.

Do I know anyone to invite to Mass? Think about it. You probably do: a friend who has had a rough time lately and is feeling alone; a sibling who stopped going to Mass; a neighbor or colleague who says he's just gotten too busy; your spouse or child. Just pass along Archbishop Wuerl's invitation, available in the back of church and online at www.maybe-its-God.org, or quietly tell them you have found a great parish and would like them to come with you sometime. This Lent may be just the opportunity you and they have been waiting for!

One Day Service Opportunity: Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee, partnered with two neighboring Christian churches, is sponsoring a home through Rebuilding Together, an organization that helps people with limited income make repairs to their homes so they can stay safe, warm, and independent. Project Day 2009 is on Sat. April 25th. We need unskilled (painting, caulking, decluttering, yard work, etc.) and semi-skilled workers of all ages over 14. If you are interested in being part of this exciting project, please contact Fred Marinucci at fjmarinucci@verizon.net or (301) 816-1145.

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.

BOOK GROUP MEETING IN APRIL: Last week, the wrong date was given for the parish Book Group meeting. We apologize for the error. The group will discuss Graham Greene's novel, *The End of the Affair*, on Tuesday, **April 7th**, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. Mary Stuart will lead our discussion. All adults are welcome. For more information, call 301-942-8790.

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.

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.



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized Saint Faustina, and he declared: 'From now on, throughout the whole church, the Sunday after Easter will take the name of "Divine Mercy Sunday".' Now we are approaching again this extraordinary Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 19. In requesting of Saint Faustina that the Feast of Divine Mercy be

officially established, He said: **"On that day, the depths of My Mercy are open to all. Pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. Whoever will go to Confession and Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy"**.

To Prepare for the feast, Our Lord requested that a special novena be made, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. During those days the image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy will have a place of honor in the sanctuary. Jesus himself dictated the intentions for each day. He said, **"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my Mercy, that they may draw there for strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death... I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my Mercy."**

Will you join us in this novena, which begins on Good Friday, April 10? It is recommended that the novena be said along with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You will find leaflets with the novena and an explanation of the Chaplet in the back of church. Take as many as you need for your family and friends. The Divine Mercy Novena will be recited after the Masses during Easter week. All are welcome to join in.

In Our Schools

SOR SCHEDULE :

- Regular SOR classes will be held on Sunday, March 29th.
- The SOR will NOT meet on Palm/Passion Sunday, April 5th, nor on Easter Sunday, April 12th.
- Regular SOR classes will resume on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th.
- First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 9th, at 10:30 AM in the church.
- The final SOR class will be held on Sunday, May 17th, which is SOR Games Day.

The SOR faculty and staff wish you and yours a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter. Enjoy your Spring Break.

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. Also we need a chair for this event and volunteers for the pick-up day to load the truck. For more information, contact Michelle LeBlanc mamachelle70@mac.com

HOLY CROSS SCIENCE STUDENTS EXCEL! Holy Cross students won top awards this past weekend at the Montgomery County Science Fair! Congratulations to:

Kevin Nuckolls (8th) First Place Microbiology
Jeannette Joly (8th) First Place Behavioral/Social Science
Pablo Lopez (6th) First Place Engineering
Christine Allaire (6th) Second Place Biology

These students took top honors in an field of over 250 projects from 32 middle schools. We are extremely proud of our students and our Science teacher, Mrs. Connor, for this exemplary work. Congratulations and thank you to our parents for their support.

FAIRTRADE COFFEE SALE: Please help support Holy Cross School and purchase Equal Exchange Fair Trade and organic coffee, tea, chocolate and snacks online! Holy Cross Catholic School earns 40% of every purchase! It's EASY:

1. Shop online: <http://shop.equalexchange.com/>
2. Order delicious Fair Trade and organic coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa and snacks from small-scale farmers around the world.
3. Credit Holy Cross by entering HOLYCROSS in the "Promotional Code" before checking out.
4. Await the arrival of delicious Equal Exchange products to your doorstep! Enjoy!

Please take advantage of this great opportunity to support our school! Forward this information to friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors. Consider ordering regularly for yourself, or for gifts and holidays. **Remember, use this promotional code: HOLYCROSS** This code will expire 5/31/2009

Your purchases support the school's work to provide a healthy, safe learning environment.

In addition to helping us raise valuable funds, your purchases support small-scale farmers, environmentally sustainable farming practices, and a healthy, just food system. Equal Exchange, a leader in the Fair Trade movement for over 20 years, buys directly from small-scale farmer co-operatives in over 20 countries around the world. Fair Trade prices and long-term trade relationships allow farming families to remain on their land and invest in their communities, from renovating school classrooms to providing safe drinking water wells. <http://shop.equalexchange.com/>



Spring Soccer for Pre K and Kindergarten:

Soccer class on Wednesdays from 3:15 PM to 4 PM on the Holy Cross Field for Pre K and K boys and girls ages 4, 5 and 6. The class will be taught by Coach Steve Knapman Brit-

Am Soccer Academy President & Head Coach for the Thunder Maryland Pride Women's Premier Soccer Team. The class costs \$115 for 8 sessions. It will meet April 1, April 8, April 22, April 29, May 6, May 13, May 20 and May 27. Please register on the Brit-Am website. The class is listed under Kensington classes. Brochures will be in both classes Wednesday envelopes. Please email annedixkelly@me.com with any questions.

In Our Archdiocese

“Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.” Let a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend help your relationship produce more fruit. 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.wmme.org.

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 for more details.

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.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
1st Weekend 4/4/09 & 4/5/09

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; Bob & Charlene Hubbard
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory; Carlos Hernandez

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

29 SUNDAY	5th Sunday Lent
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	Bible TimeLine (school library)
10:30 AM:	Third Scrutiny (Mass)
30 MONDAY	
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
31 TUESDAY	
9:15 AM:	Bible Timeline (Quinn Hall)
6:00 PM — 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
1 WEDNESDAY	
12:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	RCIA
7:30 PM:	Bible Timeline (school library)
2 THURSDAY	St. Francis of Paola
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
1:15 PM – 6:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
6:15 PM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
3 FRIDAY	FIRST FRIDAY;
7:00 PM:	Stations of the Cross (Church)
4 SATURDAY	FIRST SATURDAY
9:00 AM:	Confessions
5 SUNDAY	Palm Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 30, 2009

6:45 AM Quentin Stuck 8:30 AM Raymond Soderburg

Tuesday, March 31, 2009

6:45 AM Roger Beach McShea 8:30 AM Eleanor Kirby

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

6:45 AM Roger Beach McShea 8:30 AM Cecilia Lima

Thursday, April 2, 2009

6:45 AM Alan Gelfuso 8:30 AM Eleanor Kirby

Friday, April 3, 2009

6:45 AM Roger Beach McShea 8:30 AM Fr. Paul Murray

Saturday, April 4, 2009

8:30 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel

5:00 PM John Barnak **Fr. Perkins**

Sunday, April 5, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross **Fr. Perkins**

9:00 AM Donato & Carmella Summa **Fr. Perkins**

10:30 AM Victor J. Articola **Msgr. Hill**

12:00 PM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor **Msgr. Hill**

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 4th Sunday of March 2009	\$ 6,488.97
Offertory 4th Sunday of March 2008	\$ 6,983.62
POOR BOX Birthright	\$ 123.54
3/29 Food for the Poor; 4/5 Social Concerns Committee	

