

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

**RAISE A ROOF:** When you walk past Lewis Hall to Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings, do you miss having soup beforehand? Will you miss having a reception in Lewis Hall this year for First Holy Communion? As you leave Mass on Sunday, do you miss stopping off for a doughnut and coffee before you leave? Are there parish friends you haven't seen in quite a while because you used to catch up while enjoying that soup or doughnut?

Not having Lewis Hall has been a significant impact on our community. It is our meeting space, our social hall, and our community's kitchen table around which we gathered to share our lives, our faith, and a bite to eat. In ways large and small, the closure of Lewis Hall has affected each of us.

But what to do?... Our school already shoulders the utilities and maintenance of Lewis and Quinn Halls, neither of which are new or energy efficient. Our parish doesn't have the reserves to pay for repairs (or, more correctly, reconstruction).

We must join together every constituency at Holy Cross -- every business, every parishioner, every alumni, every parent, and even every student -- to raise the funds necessary to bring back Lewis Hall. A donation to the Fund to Expand & Renovate Lewis Hall helps 'Raise a Roof' over Lewis Hall once again and give our faith community a multi-use space to share our faith and our lives. Please give generously. The deadline for pledges is Tuesday, April 7. The pledge forms were in last week's bulletin and can be retrieved online with the Bulletins on our parish website [www.hcrosschurch.org](http://www.hcrosschurch.org).

**MISS A SUNDAY?** BULLETIN items are not repeated as frequently as they used to be, because Bulletins are always available on the Parish website [www.hcrosschurch.org](http://www.hcrosschurch.org). Please check it out!

# Longing for Something?



## Maybe it's God.

**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 HOLY WEEK. 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).

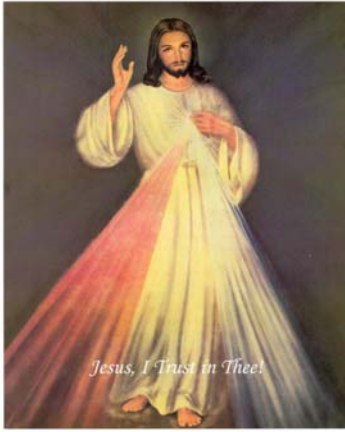
**WELCOMING RECEPTION ON HOLY SATURDAY:** After the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, plan to come over to the *school library* for a few minutes to join in welcoming our new Catholics from the 2008-2009 RCIA Class. Join us in congratulating **Cynthia SITI Sarojah Gunaway**, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, and those who will be received into Full Communion with the Church that night: **Chi-Sheon PAUL Michael Huang**, **YVETTE Renée Thérèse Rehder Killian**, and **KEVIN James Juan Diego Reinwall**.

**BOOK GROUP MEETS ON TUESDAY:** We'll be discussing Graham Greene's novel, *The End of the Affair*, this Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. All adults are welcome to join us! For more information, call 301-942-8790.

**A BLESSED DAY!** About 30 parishioners gathered at Georgetown Prep last Saturday for an inspirational retreat day with St. Paul. Our thanks go to Fr. Philip Rosato, S.J., who conducted the retreat; to Fr. Richard McCouch, S.J., and Mr. Robert Posniewski, of Georgetown Prep, who provided help and guidance; and especially to parishioner Carol Hoffman, who planned and coordinated the entire day. We hope to make this an annual event!

**Bible TimeLine:** The next two weeks there will be no Bible timeLine sessions due to Holy Week and Easter Week. We will start up again the week of April 19<sup>th</sup> on Sunday in the school library at 10:15, on Tuesday April 21 at 9:15 AM in Quinn Hall, and on Wednesday April 22 at 7:30 PM in the school library. New members are welcome to join in for the readings in Luke and Acts. Call Yolaine Watkins, for information, 301-949-2550.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** There will be no Adoration in Quinn Hall on Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. The schedule will be normal during the week after Easter. **NOTE:** Remember to "Watch One Hour" with Him in repose after Holy Thursday Services.



### DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:

Every year we are encouraged to pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy starting on **Good Friday** and ending on the Sunday after Easter, which is known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

*"On that day, the depths of My Mercy are open to all. I 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."*

Our Lord revealed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy devotion to St. Faustina, a sister in Cracow, Poland in 1931. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized her and declared the Sunday after Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday".

**Leaflets containing the Novena and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be available in the vestibule. Please take one home and begin the Novena on your own on Good Friday.**

During Easter week the Novena will be recited in common after the morning Masses and the image of Jesus as Divine Mercy will be displayed in the sanctuary.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** will be celebrated at St. Raphael on April 19, 2009. Bishop Martin Holley will be the celebrant. Confessions will be heard from 1 – 3 PM. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2 – 3:30 PM. Chanting of the Divine Mercy Chaplet will begin at 3:00 PM. Holy Mass will follow at 3:30 PM. Following the service a First Class Relic of St. Faustina will be available for veneration. You are invited to this special celebration of Our Lord's Love and Mercy. For information, call 301-762-2143. St. Raphael is located at the corner of Falls Road and Dunster Road in Rockville, MD.

**Parents! Are you looking for something GOOD for your children to watch during Lent, and especially during Holy Week?** The following VHS tape is available to borrow: GOSPA, The story of Our Lady's appearances in Medjugorje. Contact Barbara Ruppert, 301 933-7646

## *In Our Schools*

**SOR EASTER BREAK:** The SOR will NOT meet today nor on Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

SOR will resume on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.

*Have a Blessed Holy Week and a Joyous Easter!*



**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 without 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.

## *In Our Archdiocese*

**Are you an Attorney practicing in the Archdiocese of Washington?** The archdiocesan Legal Network is a network of over 450 volunteer attorneys that provide low-income families and individual in DC and the surrounding Maryland counties with Pro-Bono legal representation. In these difficult economic times, more and more people are in need of our help. We are seeking to recruit new volunteer attorneys with specialties in family law, consumer debt/bankruptcy, landlord tenant, wills and probate, and foreclosure cases. If you are willing to volunteer your time to serve people in need with your legal talents, please contact Jim Bishop at [James.Bishop@CatholicCharitiesDC.org](mailto:James.Bishop@CatholicCharitiesDC.org) or 202-772-1201 for more information.

### **WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS**

**ILLNESS:** A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA on May 22-24, 2009. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is 21a non-smoking weekend. Registration closes May 12, 2009. Please call as soon as possible. Dominican Retreat: 703-356-4243 or Doug Sebek, 703-86-4929

COME CELEBRATE THE WORK OF *The Gabriel Network* at our 3rd Annual Benefit Gala – April 24 at Historic Savage Mill!

Every day in communities around Maryland pregnant women encounter difficulties which incline them to seek abortions. The Gabriel Net work offers these women the services they need to turn away from abortion, choosing life for their babies and healthy lifestyles for themselves. Housing, scholarships, transportation, and other services offered through the committed friendship of our volunteers have changed countless lives over the years – and that is reason to celebrate!

Join us 8:30 on April 24 at the Great Room of Historic Savage Mill in Savage, MD (near Laurel) for great food, dancing, live band, and silent auction. Tickets are \$45 with sponsorships beginning at \$75. RSVP deadline extended to April 15. For more information, contact us at [info@gabrielnetwork.org](mailto:info@gabrielnetwork.org) or 301-262-9011.

**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>).

**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.

*Word of Life*

***It is from God that men and women receive their essential dignity and the capacity to seek truth and goodness...***

***When humanity's spiritual dimension is brought to light, individual's hearts and minds are drawn to God and to the marvels of human life: being itself, truth, beauty, moral values, and other persons.***

--Pope Benedict, Address to Ambassador of Australia to the Holy See, 2/2/09

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve  
2nd Weekend 4/11/09 & 4/12/09**

5:00 PM	Yolando Memmo
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King; Martha Matocha
9:00 AM	Annemarie Rogers; Paul Whelan; Peter Ramjug
10:30 AM	Pat & Millie Durbin; alternate: Denise & John Szczur
12 Noon	Carlos Hernandez; Virginia Perdone

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>5 SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i></b>
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
<b>6 MONDAY</b>	
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>7 TUESDAY</b>	
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>8 WEDNESDAY</b>	
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>9 THURSDAY</b>	<b><i>Holy Thursday</i></b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>10 FRIDAY</b>	<b><i>Good Friday</i></b>
<b>11 SATURDAY</b>	<b><i>Holy Saturday</i></b>
9:00 AM:	Confessions
8:00 PM:	Easter Vigil Mass
c 10:00 PM:	Welcoming Reception for New Catholics ( <i>all are invited; school library</i> )
<b>12 SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b><u>Monday, April 6, 2009</u></b>			
6:45 AM	Delphine Robichaud	8:30 AM	Joan Ross
<b><u>Tuesday, April 7, 2009</u></b>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Roger Beach McShea
<b><u>Wednesday, April 8, 2009</u></b>			
6:45 AM	Roger Beach McShea	8:30 AM	Daniel Waeger
<b><u>Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009</u></b>			
9:00 AM	<i>Intention Available</i>	7:30 PM	Nancy D'Aguanno
<b><u>Good Friday, April 10, 2009</u></b>			
3:00 PM	Stations of the Cross	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy
<b><u>Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009</u></b>			
8:30 AM	No Mass		
8:00 PM	William Ceresa, Jr.		Fr. Perkins
<b><u>Easter Sunday, April 12, 2009</u></b>			
7:30 AM	NO MASS		Fr. George
9:00 AM	Ruth & John Barnak		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Mariano & Marianna Masucci		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Adoria Brock Frei		Fr. Yaga

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

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 5th Sunday of March 2009 .....	\$ 7,048.02
Offertory 5th Sunday of March 2008 .....	\$ 5,577.00
POOR BOX Food for the Poor.....	\$ 156.68
4/5 Social Concerns Committee; 4/12 Gift of Peace	