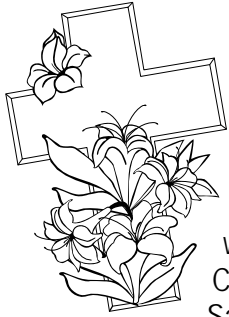


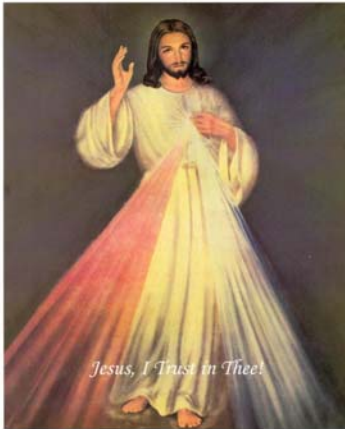
Happy Easter from the Holy Cross Priests!



In Our Parish

WELCOME TO OUR NEW CATHOLICS! Holy Cross Parish is delighted to greet its newest members, who were welcomed into the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. Please congratulate and keep in your prayers:

- **Cynthia SITI Sarojah Gunaway,**
- **Chi-Sheon PAUL Michael Huang,**
- **YVETTE Renée Thérèse Rehder Killian,** and
- **KEVIN James Juan Diego Reinwall.**



DIVINE MERCY NOVENA:

Every year we are encouraged to pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy which started on **Good Friday** and ends 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 as soon as possible. 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.

SOR CATECHISTS NEEDED IN SEPTEMBER: If you have been thinking about teaching in our Sunday-morning School of Religion (SOR), now is the time to step up! The SOR will have a few openings for faculty members in the fall. Interested? Call Jeanmarie Keeney and let's talk: 301-942-8790. You will be required to meet all Archdiocesan child safety requirements.

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, but some help is also needed on April 18th. 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.

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP: The group is reading *Set All Afire*, a much-loved novel about the life of St. Francis Xavier by the Catholic author, Louis de Wohl. We'll chat about this novel on Tuesday, May 5th, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. We would love to have some new members (adults only). For more information, call 301-942-8790.

In Our Schools

SOR NEXT WEEK: SOR classes will resume next Sunday, April 19th. Please note that the final SOR class for this school year will be on Sunday, May 17th.



Did you know that Holy Cross School collects **Box Tops for Education**? Box Tops for Education is an easy way to help our school without costing you anything. Here are three simple ways you can help.

You can clip 10¢ Box Tops coupons from hundreds of your favorite products such as **Cheerios®**, **Betty Crocker®**, **Juicy Juice®**, **Ziploc®**, **Kleenex®**, **Hefty®** and more!

You can also go to www.boxtops4education.com and earn even more.

At the Box Tops Marketplace, you can shop at over 70 online stores like **Oriental Trading Co.**, **JCPenney** and **Lands' End**. A percentage of purchases goes back to Holy Cross School!

You can even earn cash for Holy Cross School just by buying the books that you love! Begin your shopping at the Box Tops Reading Room to **earn up to 6%** on purchases made at **Barnes & Noble**.

Please remember to bring your 10¢ Box Tops coupons to Mass and drop them in the box near the front door of the Church each week.

Holy Cross Academy

LACROSSE CLINIC at THE Academy Of The Holy Cross: The Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, MD, will host Youth Lacrosse Days on Tuesday, April 21. The event kicks off with an AHC lacrosse game at 4 PM followed by Post Game lacrosse clinic for girls in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Laxers should bring sticks, mouth guards and goggles. Call the AHC Athletics Office at 301-929-6446 for more information.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT at The Academy of the Holy Cross:

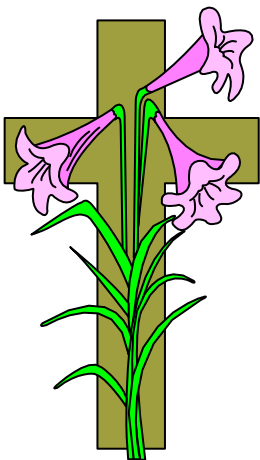
The Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, MD, invites all girls (10-18 years old) to participate in its Summer Enrichment Program, "Celebrating the Arts!" Please call 301-929-6451 to request a brochure. To view our online brochure, please visit our website: www.academyoftheholycross.org. (Click on Activities, Summer Programs and Summer Enrichment).

JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:

The performing arts department at The Academy of the Holy Cross is announcing auditions for their *upcoming Semi-Professional 4th Annual Summer Stock production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, book/lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. This show highlights some of the greatest songs ever written for the stage. This wonderful production, directed by Douglas Hary, promises to fill your heart and soul with laughter and joy!

The Academy of the Holy Cross would like to personally extend an audition invitation to anyone 10 years of age and up. The production opens on **Friday, July 10th** at 7:30 PM and has additional performances on Saturday, July 11th at 7:30 PM and 2:30 PM and Sunday, July 12th at 2:30 PM. Please call 301-929-6489 with any questions.

In Our Archdiocese



Relive the Visit of Pope Benedict XVI with Commemorative Book: Relive the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the Archdiocese of Washington in April 2008, in a special anniversary edition of the book, "Pope Benedict XVI in Washington: Herald of Christ's Hope." With more than 170 full-color photos on 104 pages, this keepsake volume chronicles the events leading up to the Pope's arrival, and includes a special introduction by Archbishop Donald W. Wuerl. Forty pages highlight the papal Mass at Nationals Park. Only \$24.95

plus \$6 shipping/handling. Look for promotional ads in our two archdiocesan newspapers, the Catholic Standard and El Pregonero.

Celebrate Global Solidarity! To commemorate the anniversary of the Papal Visit, parishes across the Archdiocese will celebrate our solidarity with our brother and sisters around the world. Between April 18th and May 15th, parishes and schools will hold events, including special liturgies, sales of fair trade items, lectures, twinning celebrations, and events to kick-off ministries. The celebrations will highlight Catholic Social Teaching and show solidarity with those around the world. To participate in an event at a parish near you, contact Mary McGinnity at mccginm@adw.org.

Separated & Divorced Catholic (SDC) is presenting "Where Do You Find Joy ... Changing Crisis to Opportunity" – a day-long conference for separated, divorced, remarried or bereaved, on Saturday, April 18, 9 AM at Loyola College Graduate Center, Columbia, MD. Twenty workshops covering trust, relationships, and communication skills will be offered. The conference will conclude with Fr. Joe Breighner celebrating the afternoon liturgy. Registration is \$45 (\$40 before April 10).

Info/brochure: www.conferenceincolumbia.itgo.com or call Mary Ann, 410-485-8313.



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 Network 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 or 301-262-9011.

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 or 301-853-4584.

HYMN FESTIVAL: TUNES THROUGH THE CENTURIES, WORDS FOR TODAY: Come and sing! The local chapters of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) are sponsoring a Hymn Festival on Tuesday, April 28, at 7:30 PM at St. Luke Church in McLean (7001 Georgetown Pike). Robert J. Batastini, retired vice president and senior editor of GIA Publications, will lead and narrate the festival. Organist Paul Skevington and trumpeter Phil Snedecor will add their virtuosity and artistry as we sing together hymnody for the 21st century Church. Reception following. A free will offering of \$5 is suggested. Contact David Mathers at dmathers@stmaryfred.org for more information.

ATTIC TREASURES: The Ladies Sodality of the Shrine of St. Jude is holding its Attic Treasures sales event in the Thaddeus Room, April 16th and 17th, from 12 noon until 8 PM and on April 18th, from 9 AM until noon. A wide variety of many quality bargain items are for sale in a friendly environment. Free and well-lighted parking and access to the Thaddeus Room is available behind the church located at 12701 Veirs Mill Road in Rockville. See the flyer on Bulletin Board for more info.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month: Ensuring Your Child's School Is Safe: Did you know that every teacher, coach and volunteer who works with children in the Archdiocese of Washington's parishes and schools are required to have a criminal background check before he or she is permitted to work in any position that involves substantial contact with children? But what about the children who attend non-Catholic schools? Talk with school administrators and find out what steps they take to protect children from harm and demand that all employees and volunteers who work with children in the school be properly screened. Read the Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Policy online at www.adw.org (click on "Protecting Our Children").

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.

Word of Life

Through his radical love for us, in which the heart of God and the heart of man touched, Jesus Christ truly took light from heaven and brought it to the earth – the light of truth and the fire of love that transform man's being. He brought the light, and now we know who God is and what God is like. Thus we also know what our human situation is: what we are, and for what purpose we exist. ... Yes, I believe that the world and my life are not the product of chance, but of eternal Reason and eternal Love, they are created by Almighty God. Yes, I believe that in Jesus Christ ... the face of God has been revealed; that in him, God is present in our midst, he unites us and leads us towards our goal, towards eternal Love.

–Pope Benedict XVI, Homily at Easter Vigil Mass, March 22, 2008

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
3rd Weekend 4/18/09 & 4/19/09

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

12 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	Easter Sunday NO SOR Classes (school)
13 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Easter Monday NO St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
14 TUESDAY 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Easter Tuesday Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
15 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM – 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	Easter Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) NO RCIA
16 THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Easter Thursday Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
17 FRIDAY	Easter Friday
18 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	Easter Saturday Confessions
19 SUNDAY	Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Easter Monday, April 13, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Margaret Yarrow	8:30 AM	Anna M. Capozzola
<u>Easter Tuesday, April 14, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Fr. Paul Murray
<u>Easter Wednesday, April 15, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Theresa Marshall (L)	8:30 AM	Victoria Goffredo
<u>Easter Thursday, April 16, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Special Intention	8:30 AM	Fr. Paul Murray
<u>Easter Friday, April 17, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	David Sparks	8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
<u>Easter Saturday, April 18, 2009</u>			
8:30 AM	Ralph & Florence Dettling		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, April 19 2009</u>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. George
9:00 AM	Giovanni & Modesta Biondi		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Ralph & Alfonzia DeCristo		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Eugenia Keeney		Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 1st Sunday of April 2009	\$ 14,070.46
Offertory 1st Sunday of April 2008	\$ 12,080.50
First Sunday of the Month.....	\$ 5,534.51
POOR BOX Social Concerns Committee.....	\$ 170.89
4/12 Gift of Peace; 4/19 The Gabriel Project	

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:

March 2009	\$ 61,923.22 (4 Sundays)
March 2008.....	\$ 61,731.76 (4 Sundays)
* Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct	