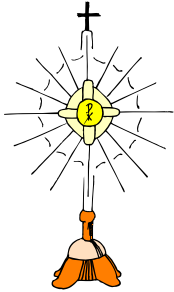


In Our Parish

RAFFLE TICKETS: Please make your car raffle ticket stubs and money returns by Sunday, May 10, 2009, because we have to make our returns to St. Mary's by Wednesday, May 13. Thank you!



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: An additional weekly adorer is needed for the 11:00 PM-Midnight hour on Tuesday nights. Please call Don and Yolaine Watkins if you are interested in reserving this time with the Lord. 301-949-2550.

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.

LIKE TO READ? Why not join the parish Catholic Book Group? We're now reading an historical novel about St. Francis Xavier, called *Set All Afire*. We'll talk about it on Tuesday evening, May 5th, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. New members are welcome (adults only). Call 301-942-8790 to learn more.

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 Parish Secretary by THURSDAY, APRIL 23.**

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 and find out how you can prepare for your new life together.

A RIDE IS NEEDED for a couple who live near the Church (Parkwood) Sunday at 12 PM, weekly. Please call Pat Chingari (301) 468-9486.

In Our Schools

FIRST COMMUNION CALENDAR *It's almost here!*

- Sunday, April 26th:** Pew banners due from SOR and KAOS students; SOR First Communicants go to Confession and Adoration during class
- Monday, April 27th:** Pew banners due from HCS students
- Sunday, May 3rd:** Music Rehearsal with the musicians for all First Communicants, grade 2 classroom, 10:15 – 11:15 AM
- Monday, May 4th:** Retreat for all First Communicants, 12:30 – 2:45 PM; report to grade 2 classroom by 12:30 PM; KAOS and SOR students dismissed from the church steps at 2:45 PM
- Tuesday, May 5th:** HCS First Communicants go to Confession during the school day
- Wednesday, May 6th:** EVENING Rehearsal in the church with the musicians, 6:00 – 7:30 PM; dress is casual
- Saturday, May 9th:** FIRST COMMUNION MASS at 10:30 AM in the church; all First Communicants report to the basement of Quinn Hall by 10:00 AM
- Sunday, May 10th:** Mother's Day, 9:00 AM Mass; all First Communicants are invited to wear their special clothes and come up after Communion to sing their special song; no reserved seating; First Communicants sit with their families

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.

In Our Archdiocese

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.



CAMP ST. CHARLES OPEN HOUSES:

Drop in during our open houses, April 19 and May 17, 11:00 AM-4:00 PM, to learn about our two-week summer camps for boys and girls at nearby Camp St. Charles. Campers will enjoy making

friends, learning to work together and develop an appreciation for Creation while camping out, riding horses, working their way through a challenge course, trying archery, petting snakes, making ceramics and enjoying lots of other activities in beautiful Southern Maryland. This Catholic camp is fully accredited with the American Camp Association and is certified by the State of Maryland. Camp St. Charles is operated by the Salvatorian Fathers and Brothers. We also offer a get acquainted weekend and volunteer weekend. For more information and directions, visit: www.campstcharles.com or call 301-934-8799.

LOOKING FOR SUMMER CAMP FOR YOUR SPORTY CHILD OR LITTLE ONE?

Stone Ridge Summer CampUs in Bethesda, MD has space available in our Adventure Camp (off-campus activities such as white water rafting and high ropes course for rising 7-9 graders), Sports Academy and Tennis Academy (rising 2-8 graders), as well as our one week Basketball Camp for Girls and one week Softball Camp for Girls. We can even keep your team together for our girls' sports camps! We also have half day and full day programs for children ages 4-6. Visit our website to learn more about our programs: (www.stoneridgesummercampus.org)

HOLY HOUR: Pope Benedict XVI has designated **May 3, 2009** as **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**, all are invited to an **Eucharistic Holy Hour, Sunday, May 3, 2009, 6:45 PM – 7:45 PM** (following 5:30 PM Mass), at St. Matthew's Cathedral, 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW. Metro stop: Farragut North and Dupont Circle, Parking Garage next to Cathedral offers \$5 parking for the evening. **The Holy Hour will be offered for the intentions of our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.**

Internet Filter Software Is No Substitute for Parental Monitoring: There is a lot of material on the Internet that is inappropriate for children. Parents can use filtering software to protect children from that material, but filters do not guarantee that children will not be exposed; a filter will never be a substitute for parents' presence. Monitor your child's online behavior. Keep your family computer in a highly visible, common area, like the family room or the kitchen. Ask your children to show you what sites they go to, and be open and willing to discuss the inappropriate material they might come across. **For more information on the Office of Child Protection Services in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org and click on "Protecting Our Children."**

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA BUS PILGRIMAGE:



Pilgrimage to Diocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, located in Barnsville, MD. Purpose: Making reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Offering Rosary, prayers, Mass and meditation. Saturday May 9th. Boarding bus in two locations starting at 7 AM; Returning at 3 PM. On return, there will be Lunch at Comus Inn. Total Cost \$37.50. For more info, see flyer on Church Bulletin Board or call 301-595-1770 and 1-512-934-4800.

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.

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 and 301-853-4580.

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

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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.

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. Please check it out!

ST. JOHN'S THEATRE, the resident dramatic organization at St. John's College High School is pleased to announce Little Shop of Horrors, the smash off-Broadway and Broadway hit, as their spring musical. Performance dates are April 23, 234, & 25 at 8:00 PM. Tickets are \$12 (general admission), \$100 (students and senior citizens) and \$10 (SJC students and alums). The Men of St. John's Dinner Theatre is Thursday, April 23 at 6:30. Cost is \$30. Reservations for both the Dinner Theatre and regular performance may be made by calling the st. John's School Store at 202-363-2316 x3029.



Holy Cross Bearers Society: Over the years many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we are offering a monthly Mass for them. In this small way, we can express our continuing gratitude for their generosity toward the parish in the past and in the future. Please remember them in your prayers, especially on April 24th.

Word of Life

We have great hope in *the Lord's power to heal our land* of the painful wound of legalized abortion. Every abortion is a personal tragedy. Its dread impact falls not only on a little boy or a little girl, but on the child's parents, grandparents, siblings and everyone involved. Knowing that God's mercy is greater than all of our sins, tonight we pray for all these people. We pray for the conversion of all those who promote death as a solution to social ills or to an unplanned pregnancy. We pray for legislators, educators, counselors and all health care professionals who put their skills and training at the service of life. We lift up Project Rachel and other post-abortion counseling ministries, pro-life pregnancy centers, and organizations that work every day to usher in a culture of life.

--Homily of Cardinal Justin Rigali, Vigil Mass for Life, Jan. 21, 2009

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 4th Weekend 4/25/09 & 4/26/09

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jan St. John
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins; Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Lynda Gage; Pat Durbin; Roberto & Mary Jo Ibanez;
12 Noon	Virginia Pedone; Carlos Hernandez

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

19 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	<i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i> SOR Classes resume (school)
20 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
21 TUESDAY 6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
22 WEDNESDAY 12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) RCIA
23 THURSDAY 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	<i>St. George, St. Adalbert</i> Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
24 FRIDAY	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
25 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	<i>St. Mark the Evangelist</i> Confessions
26 SUNDAY	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 20, 2009

6:45 AM	Charles Dauven and Margaret & Clem Dauven	8:30 AM	Marianne Giguere
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Tuesday, April 21, 2009

6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Dr. J. Blaine Fitzgerald
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Wednesday, April 22, 2009

6:45 AM	Deacon Charles Hill	8:30 AM	Kelly & Sbyella Schmitz & Frank Love
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Thursday, April 23, 2009

6:45 AM	Deacon Charles Hill	8:30 AM	Felix Goffredo
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Friday, April 24, 2009

6:45 AM	Holy Cross Bearers	8:30 AM	John & Hazel Love and Joe Schmitz
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Saturday, April 25, 2009

8:30 AM	Betty & Alphonse Reicks & Paul Schmitz		
5:00 PM	Ruth Barnak		Fr. Perkins

Sunday, April 26, 2009

7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Paul & Mary Dundon		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Richard Clement		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Juracy Maria		Fr. Perkins

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 2nd Sunday of April 2009	\$ 9,025.96
Offertory 2nd Sunday of April 2008	\$ 8,845.76
FAITH DIRECT for April	\$ 13,990.40
POOR BOX Gift of Peace	\$ 184.88
4/19 The Gabriel Project; 4/26 Xavier Society for the Blind	