

In Our Parish

COME CELEBRATE FR. JEAN PROSPER YAGA'S 5th Anniversary of Ordination at the NOON Mass on Sunday, May 3rd. May 2nd marks the day of his ordination, and he will be celebrating the noon Mass on Sunday. Come congratulate him and thank the Lord for the grace of his ordination.

THE MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA IS STARTING SOON! If you would like to remember your Mother, Godmother, Grandmother, stepmother or other mothers who are dear to you in the Novena of Masses beginning on Mother's Day, please return the names to us on the novena intention envelopes available at the rear of the Church. You can put multiple Mother's names on the back of the envelope. The names will be placed on the altar for the duration of the novena. Cards are also available for you to send to your mother notifying her that she is being remembered.

LIKE TO TALK ABOUT BOOKS? The parish Catholic Book Group will be chatting about *Set All Afire*, a novel about St. Francis Xavier by Louis de Wohl, at our next meeting next Tuesday, May 5th, in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. New members (adults only) are always welcome. Drop by and join us, or call for more information: 301-942-8790.

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!

DID YOU KNOW? Holy Cross has an "Over 50" 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 MODIFIED FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE WILL take place the weekend of **May 3 and May 4th**, 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.

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.



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on April 2. 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.

In Our Schools

Please stop by the SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR in the school library after all Masses on May 3rd. If you can't make it on Sunday stop by during school hours that following week. It's a great opportunity to get a Mother's Day, graduation or First Communion gift and to help support Holy Cross School.

More information about the book fair and a preview of some of the great books that will be arriving can be found at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/hcross>.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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.



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.

In Our Archdiocese



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.**

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 a 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

Christ in the City (for Young Adults): Christ in the City is a ministry of the Office of Young Adult Ministry that specifically focuses on spiritual growth and provides an opportunity to establish a relationship with Christ truly present in the Eucharist. On the second Thursday of each month, young adults from across the city congregate at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 10th and G Streets, NW, Washington, DC to pray and worship. Stop in for a few minutes or join us for the entire service. Either way, your prayer life will be enriched by the experience.

The evening starts with a 7:00 PM Rosary. From 7:30 PM-8:30 PM, there will be Eucharistic Adoration, Praise and Worship, Confession available and Reflection. St. Patrick's is Metro accessible via Metro Center's 11th Street exit or Chinatown's 9th Street exit. Free parking at the garage on 10th Street between G and H. Bring your ticket to the sacristy for validation. Upcoming dates: **May 7 and June 11**.

New to Christ in the City? Join us for dinner afterward at Gordon Biersch, 9th and F Streets, just around the corner!

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.



THE 17th ANNUAL CATHOLIC BOYS AND GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

for ages 7-15 will have three sessions this

summer. The camp, which will be held June 15-19 and June 22-26 and August 17-21, runs from 9 AM to 4 PM at Catholic University's DuFour Center. Adult supervision will be provided from 8 AM to 5 PM. Swimming will be available during the day and speakers are scheduled to appear.

We are offering a "Recessions Special" rate of \$125 for those who register by **May 1st** – no other camp in the area can match that! Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt and evaluation. For more information, please call Catholic University Head Coach Steve Howes (member of St. Peter's Parish in Olney, MD) at 202-319-6046 or howes@cua.edu or by visiting <http://www.cuacardinals.com>,



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.

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 or 202-772-1201 for more information.

FATHER AND SON DINNER: SUNDAY, MAY 3 / 5:30-7:30 PM The Center for Family Development invites Dads and their Sons (ages 8-12) to spend a fun evening together! The evening includes dinner, fun activities, special talks and lots of fun! Attire for the evening is casual! \$50/Dad & Son pair (additional Sons \$10 each). Seating is limited, and **reservations are required**. 301-365-0612. Center for Family Development at Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center, 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. WWW.BETHESDACFD.ORG

Visit Montpelier in Orange, Virginia: Join Saint Elizabeth's on Wednesday, **May 6th**, 8 AM for a trip into history. President James Madison's home, Montpelier, recently underwent an \$18 million renovation and we're going to check it out! Lunch will take place at the elegant Barboursville Vineyards, followed by — of course — a wine tasting and tour. Return to St. E's will be about 6 PM. Cost per person is \$96, which includes round trip transportation, entrance fees, lunch, wine tasting and tour guides, gratuities and taxes. Registration may be done by phone if paying by credit card (301-881-1380) or you may print off a registration form from our website and mail your payment in with that (www.StElizabethChurchMD.org).

Keeping Your Child's Personal Information Personal: If your children give out personal information over the Internet, not only is it easy to track, it's tough to completely remove. Emphasize to them how important it is that they keep personal information private. If your children tell you that they have given out personal information online, contact your Internet service provider or the site where the information is posted to see what you can do to have it removed. For more information, visit www.netismartz.org. 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."

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.

Word of Life

Approximately a third of women who have recourse to artificial procreation succeed in having a baby. It should be recognized, however, that given the proportion between the total number of embryos produced and those eventually born, *the number of embryos sacrificed is extremely high*. These losses are accepted by the practitioners of *in vitro* fertilization as the price to be paid for positive results. In reality, it is deeply disturbing that research in this area aims principally at obtaining better results in terms of the percentage of babies born to women who begin the process, but does not manifest a concrete interest in the right to life of each individual embryo.

--Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, *Dignitas Personae*, no. 14

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 1st Weekend 5/2/09 & 5/3/09

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jim or Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	George Tamerlani; 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

26 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	Third Sunday of Easter SOR Classes (school)
27 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
28 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Louis Mary de Montfort Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Catholic Book Group (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
29 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Catherine of Siena Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) RCIA
30 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM -- 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM -- 11:00 PM:	Pope Pius V Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Church</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
1 FRIDAY		St. Joseph the Worker (First Friday)
2 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	St. Athanasius (First Saturday) Confessions
3 SUNDAY		Fourth Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 27, 2009

6:45 AM Bob Love & Joe & Mary Jo Love 8:30 AM Ed Gallagly

Tuesday, April 28, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Mary & Grady Carroll & Frank Sullivan

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

6:45 AM Ken & Kay Bell & Frank Barrett 8:30 AM Dr. Thomas Dillon

Thursday, April 30, 2009

6:45 AM Ed & Francis Love & Leo & Georgia Love 8:30 AM Rev. G. William Finch

Friday, May 1, 2009

6:45 AM John & Jean Love & Nick & Georgia Love 8:30 AM David & Young E. Eum (Living)

Saturday, May 2, 2009

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
5:00 PM Eleanor Kirby Msgr. Hill

Sunday, May 3, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. George
9:00 AM Thanksgiving for grace of Fr. Jean Yaga 5th anniversary of Ordination Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM Marjorie & Jessie Jaysingh Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Katheryn Stamm Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of April 2009 \$ 6,549.25
Offertory 3rd Sunday of April 2008 \$ 8,838.02
POOR BOX The Gabriel Project \$ 102.40
4/26 Xavier Society for the Blind; 5/3 Social Concerns Committee