

In Our Parish

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.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DINNER: Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual Young Adult Discernment Dinner on Sunday, May 17, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 6001 Western Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other young men from the Washington, D.C. area. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

BOOK CHATTER: The parish Catholic Book Group will discuss *Set All Afire*, a novel about St. Francis Xavier, this Tuesday in Quinn Hall at 7:00 PM. New members (adults only) are always welcome. Drop by and join us!

ADULT CONFIRMATION: The Archdiocese of Washington will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for Adults on Pentecost Sunday, May 31st. Are you an adult Catholic who was never confirmed but would like to be? Contact the Religious Ed. Office at 301-942-8790 and let's talk.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

"The Lord is present in the tabernacle in his divinity and in his humanity. He is not present for his own sake but ours: it is his delight to be with the 'children of men.' He knows too that, being what we are, we need his personal nearness."

Edith Stein

An extra weekly adorer is needed for Tuesdays from 11 PM to 12 midnight. Is the Lord inviting you to visit him then? Please call Don and Yolaine Watkins to register, 301-933-7646.

BIBLE TIMELINE: All sessions of the Bible TimeLine will meet in Quinn Hall this week due to the Spring Book Fair in the school library.

MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS will be available after all Masses next weekend. Honor your mother and donate to Right to Life of Montgomery County at the same time. On Wednesday, May 6, after the 8:30 am Mass, transportation will be provided to St. Francis Church in Gaithersburg where we will make the Mothers Day corsages. For details, please call Rosanna Dundon at 301-933-8770.

ALL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS MUST be returned to the rectory no later than May 10th. We will not be able to accept any tickets after that date! *Thank You!*

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.

ATTENTION FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS! Don't forget that next Sunday, Mother's Day, you are all invited to wear your special clothes to the 9:00 AM Mass and come up after Communion to sing your special FHC song. There is no reserved seating; sit anywhere with your family.

SOR NEWS

- Sunday, May 10th, is our last day of regular classes.
- Our final day – Sunday, May 17th -- is Games Day. Dress is casual.
- The SOR Faculty Meeting begins after Games Day at 11:45 AM.

YOUR TEACHING TALENTS ARE NEEDED:

Our Sunday-morning School of Religion (SOR) may have a few openings for catechists 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.

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.**

Always Our Children, the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle's Gay and Lesbian Ministry, will hold a confidential support group meeting on the second Sunday of each month. Their next meeting will be on Sunday, May 10, from 3:30 until 5:15 PM in the West Conference Room of the Cathedral. The purpose of this meeting is to share experiences, ask questions, and receive support in a non-judgmental Christian setting. Parents are especially encouraged to attend. If you can lend a compassionate ear you are also welcome to attend even if you are no gay or lesbian. The purpose of this group is not to change the individual, but to meet them where they are on their journey and offer support. If you know of anyone who might benefit from this, please pass it on. Questions? Contact Msgr. Ronald Jameson at alwaysourchildren@verizon.net or 202-347-3215.

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.

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 2nd Weekend 5/09/09 & 5/10/09

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

3 SUNDAY	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (school)
4 MONDAY	
12:30 -- 2:45 PM	FHC Retreat (2nd grad room & church)
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
5 TUESDAY	
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group Meeting (Quinn Hall)
6 WEDNESDAY	
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
6:00 -- 7:30 PM	FHC Rehearsal (Church)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO RCIA
7 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
8 FRIDAY	
9 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
10:30 AM:	First Communion Mass (church) (FHC students to Quinn Hall by 10 AM)
10 SUNDAY	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>
	Mother's Day

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 4, 2009

6:45 AM Carlton Rogers 8:30 AM Frank Love

Tuesday, May 5, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Amelia Hamrick
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Wednesday, May 6, 2009

6:45 AM Michael Burke 8:30 AM Julie Souza (Living)

Thursday, May 7, 2009

6:45 AM Thanksgiving 8:30 AM Benedicto Rosa (L)

Friday, May 8, 2009

6:45 AM Joseph Dunn 8:30 AM Lucielle Pomian

Saturday, May 9, 2009

8:30 AM Maria Giovanna Masucci & Maria Fiore
5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola Fr. Yaga

Sunday, May 10, 2009

7:30 AM Ruth Barnak Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM Benedicto Rosa (Living) Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM Mother's Day Novena Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor Msgr. Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Juan & Julio Aragon; Evelyn Articola; 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 4th Sunday of April 2009	\$ 6,883.20
Offertory 4th Sunday of April 2008	\$ 5,381.22
POOR BOX Xavier Society for the Blind	\$ 108.17
5/3 Social Concerns Committee; 5/10 Father McKenna Center	