

## *In Our Parish*

**THE MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA STARTS TODAY!** 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.

**MOTHERS DAY CARNATIONS** will be available after all Masses this weekend. Honor your mother and donate to Right to Life of Montgomery County at the same time.

**ALL CAR RAFFLE TICKETS** MUST be returned to the rectory **TODAY**. We will not be able to accept any tickets after Sunday! *Thank You!*

**COMMUNION MINISTERS:** If you are currently a Minister of Communion (formerly called Eucharistic Minister), or if you are interested in serving the Church in this role, please email Don and Yolaine Watkins ([donwatkins5@gmail.com](mailto:donwatkins5@gmail.com) or [yolainemarie@gmail.com](mailto:yolainemarie@gmail.com)). Include your address and home and cell phone numbers or call 301-949-2550 in the evening.



A schedule for Ministers of Communion is being updated to clarify who will be on duty this Summer and next Fall. This new schedule will be shared with all participating Ministers so that substitutes can be easily arranged for an absence.

Participating in Communion is this special service role is awe inspiring if one reflects upon whom one holds in one's hands to offer to others. Monsignor Hill has indicated that he will meet with Communion Ministers to explain the significance of their role more fully once a new roster is established.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** will be coming to our parish next weekend (May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>) to request our assistance with their mission in caring for the Elderly Poor. The Sisters will be at the doors of the Church after each Mass to accept voluntary gifts of support. Thank you for your kindness to them.

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** We are having Sunday Coffee & Donuts in front of the school after the 7:30 and 9:00 Mass on May 17 and May 31. Would you like to volunteer? We could use your help. In either case, come and join us!



## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:**



*"Above all, let us listen to Mary Most Holy, in whom the mystery of the Eucharist appears, more than in anyone else, as a mystery of light. Gazing upon Mary, we come to know the transforming power present in the Eucharist. In her we see the world renewed in love."*

John Paul II

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.

**HOW TO JOIN THE CHURCH;** Do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? The fall 2009 RCIA class is now forming. For more information, call 301-942-8790. There is never any obligation.

## *In Our Schools*

**LAST SOR CLASS:** The last day of SOR is next Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. Dress is casual because it's also SOR Games Day!

**CONGRATULATIONS, MRS. TROY!** The Holy Cross School of Religion is delighted to announce that our third-grade catechist, Mrs. Elizabeth Troy, received the 2009 Award for Distinguished Ministry in Catholic Education from the Rock Creek Council of the Knights of Columbus at a reception last Friday evening. We are very proud of you, Mrs. Troy!

**SOR IS WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU;** 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*

**REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KENSINGTON!** This year's theme for K4J Vacation Bible School is **Summertime Blast: Jesus in the Eucharist**. VBS will run June 22 -- 26 from 10 AM to 2 PM, and the cost is \$50 for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders, \$20 for captains (rising 5th through 8th graders), and \$10 for high-school guides. *This year, a brief interview is required for rising 8th graders who are earning confirmation service hours.*

Registration deadline for captains and guides is June 1; registration for children requested by June 15. For more information, contact Ann Marie Beins at (301) 897-8282, [ambeins@hotmail.com](mailto:ambeins@hotmail.com), or Mary Ruth Yao at (301) 588-2960, [mrvyao@yahoo.com](mailto:mrvyao@yahoo.com).

**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](mailto:vocations@adw.org).

*Word of Life*

*President Obama's new executive order on embryonic stem cell research is a sad victory of politics over science and ethics. This action is morally wrong because it encourages the destruction of innocent human life, treating vulnerable human beings as mere products to be harvested. It also disregards the values of millions of American taxpayers who oppose research that requires taking human life. Finally, it ignores the fact that ethically sound means for advancing stem cell science and medical treatments are readily available and in need of increased support.*

--Cardinal Justin Rigali, March 9, 2009 Statement concerning President Obama's order to provide taxpayer funding for destructive embryo research



**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this weekend were donated by the Kelly family. Please pray for the Kelly family, living and deceased!

**"His Truth endures through all generations."**

So, too, your legacy can endure through all generations. Consider remembering Holy Cross Church in your Will.

**MONTHLY COLLECTIONS\*:**

April 2009 ..... \$ 53,104.78 (4 Sundays)

April 2008..... \$ 49,435.78 (4 Sundays)

\* Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 3rd Weekend 5/16/09 & 5/17/09**

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**

<b>10 SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b> <b><i>Mother's Day</i></b> SOR Classes (school)
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	
<b>11 MONDAY</b>	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	
<b>12 TUESDAY</b>	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	
<b>13 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>14 THURSDAY</b>	<b>St. Matthias</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	
<b>15 FRIDAY</b>	<b>St. Isadore the Farmer</b>
<b>16 SATURDAY</b>	Confessions
9:00 AM:	
<b>17 SUNDAY</b>	<b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, May 11, 2009**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena 8:30 AM Cecilia Lima

**Tuesday, May 12, 2009**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena 8:30 AM Noel Woll

**Wednesday, May 13, 2009**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena 8:30 AM Jim Tate

**Thursday, May 14, 2009**

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena

**Friday, May 15, 2009**

6:45 AM Mother's Day Novena 8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

**Saturday, May 16, 2009**

8:30 AM Mother's Day Novena  
5:00 PM Nick DeRita Fr. Yaga

**Sunday, May 17, 2009**

7:30 AM Mother's Day Novena Fr. Yaga  
9:00 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga  
10:30 AM Arthur Mead Msgr. Hill  
12:00 PM Juracy Maria Msgr. Hill

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

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 1st Sunday of May 2009	\$ 11,025.51
Offertory 1st Sunday of May 2008	\$ 11,971.90
FIRST SUNDAY	\$ 5,066.50
POOR BOX Social Concerns Committee	\$ 143.85
5/10 Father McKenna Center; 5/17 Respect for Life Committee	