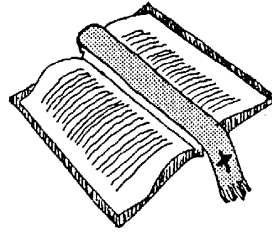




The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven!

Happy Memorial Day!

*“Where two or three are gathered in my name,
there am I in their midst ...”*



From the time of the early church, coming together to pray at various hours of the day has reflected sanctification of the entire day to God and the unceasing prayer of the church. Morning Prayer (Lauds), consecrating the first stirrings of one's mind and will to God at the beginning of the day, is an excellent preparation for the celebration of the Eucharist, for it inspires and deepens in a fitting way the dispositions of faith, hope, love, devotion, and the spirit of self-denial. Due to the summer Mass schedule, we are able to celebrate **sung Morning Prayer** on Sunday mornings at **11:10 AM (preceding Mass at 11:30)**. Morning Prayer will be offered each Sunday **beginning on May 31 and going through August 30**. We hope you will consider joining us.

- **SUMMER SCHEDULE OF MASSES** has started! For those who were too late to Mass, there is also a 5 PM at St. Jane de Chantal and a 6 PM at St. Elizabeth's.

- **MEMORIAL DAY:** The Holiday Mass Schedule will apply for Monday May 25. There will be one Mass at 10 AM.

WE NEED USHERS for the Summer Schedule. There are Signup sheets in the back of the Church for the Summer Usher schedule. Please indicate which Masses that you wish to serve.



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Thank you! Because of your generosity, The Catholic Relief Services Collection will be able to support disaster and emergency relief, refugee resettlement, advocacy, development, and legal services for people in need all around the world. Together, we will restore hope to *Jesus in disguise*, who reminds us that Christ is present in those who suffer – and in those who respond compassionately to their needs.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP A GABRIEL PROJECT MOTHER a few times during the summer? 3-4 mature volunteers are needed to help with childcare. The childcare would be given with another helper. Hours: 6 - 8:30 PM. Please call Barb Ruppert for the details: 301- 933-7646.

CORPUS CHRISTI – Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ: Save the date of **June 14** after the 11:30 AM Mass for the Corpus Christi celebration! First communicants and additional altar servers are especially invited to participate in the procession which we will have that day.



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!



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 or 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.



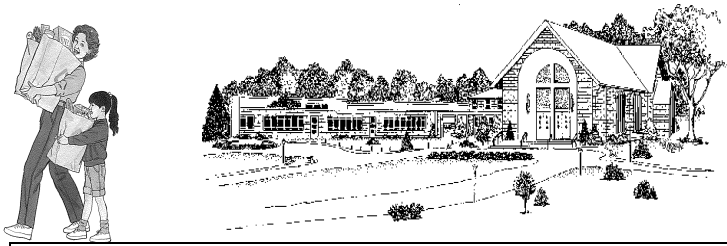
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

WANTED: A few good men to help with the night hours of Eucharistic Adoration.

We need more adorers for midnight - 1:00 AM. Is the Lord inviting you? Call the Rupperts: 301-933-7646.

"If you are sick, he will be your physician; come to Him, He will cure you. If you are cold, come to Him, He will warm you. In him you will find rest and happiness, so do not wander away from Him, for He is Life. And, when He asks you to comfort Him, do not sadden him by a refusal..."

Come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament



Merchandise Certificates

What are these Merchandise Certificates that you are always asked to buy?

It is a simple program that brings financial benefits to Holy Cross Church. **How?** Holy Cross purchases gift certificates (gift cards) from the merchant, then Holy Cross sells these gift cards to you at their face value. (Denominations may be \$10, \$25, \$50 or \$100 depending on the merchant--Grosvenor Market, Safeway, Giant, Shoppers' Food and Macy's). We accept cash, check or credit card as payment. There is no waiting--you purchase the card and take it directly to the store to use as any other gift card. These gift cards are generally accepted payment for anything the store sells including groceries, prescriptions, cards, stamps, party platters, seasonal items and more. The merchant pays us 3-5% of the amount we sell. The more we sell, the more Holy Cross earns. What an easy way to support Holy Cross without costing you an extra penny!

We sell certificates after all the Masses in front of the Church and in the school entranceway. Please stop by and buy one or more. If you try it, you will love it. It is so easy that you'll feel guilty shopping without them. Makes it easy to stay on a budget too!

A big THANK YOU goes to our parishioners **Jack Fitzgerald**, of **Fitzgerald Auto**, who underwrites the credit card costs for Mastercard, Visa and Discover and to **Scot Shuck**, owner of **Grosvenor Market**, for their generous participation in this program. THANK YOU SO MUCH!

ACTION NEEDED: The Catholic bishops are urging us to use their web page: www.usccb.org/stemcellcampaign to contact Congress and NIH re the federal funding of embryonic stem cell research. May 26 is the NIH deadline for public comment. By going to the website one can easily contact our representatives and make a comment to NIH within 5 minutes! Please take the time today to educate yourself about this effort to support ethical cures and treatments by the use of adult stem cells and give your opinion to our lawmakers as well.

POOR BOX COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 31: Only twice a year, in May and October, we donate a poor box collection to our own Holy Cross Respect Life Committee to support their work for unborn babies and their mothers. Please use this opportunity next week to show your generous support for the work they do on our behalf.

SUMMER READING: The Catholic Book Group will not be meeting during the summer, but we'll be reading! In September, we'll discuss Francois Mauriac's *Vipers' Tangle*, and in October, we'll chat about *The Diary of a Country Priest* by Georges Bernanos. These are two of the greatest Catholic novels of the last century. The group meets from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on the first Tuesday evening of each month during the school year. All adults are welcome. Come and join us! Call 301-942-8790 for more information.



Did you know that Holy Cross School can earn a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our school? Well now you do! This is a very simple way for everyone to help Holy Cross without spending a cent!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause.

Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Holy Cross Elementary School (Garrett Park, MD) as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word to your friends and family.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE – TEACH IN A CATHOLIC

SCHOOL: Check out the new Catholic schools' teacher recruitment video on YouTube (www.youtube.com/user/WashArchdiocese) and discover the difference you can make in students' lives. You not only will help them excel academically, but also personally through an environment that nurtures faith, values and a respect for truth and learning. Faculty positions available in Washington, DC, suburban and southern Maryland. For employment information and a list of positions, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org, email schools@adw.org or call 301-853-4552.

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

ARE YOU BEING CALLED? Our Sunday-morning School of Religion (SOR) needs a few catechists and adult catechist aides for the 2009-2010 school year. Call the Religious Ed. Office to learn more: 301-942-8790. Adults will be required to meet all Archdiocesan child safety requirements.

TEENS! NEED SERVICE HOURS? Why not help out in our Sunday-morning School of Religion? It's an easy and fun way to earn service hours. Call the Religious Ed. Office to volunteer or learn more: 301-942-8790.

Word of Life

The daily devotion and continuous commitment to serving sick children is an eloquent testimony of love for human life, particularly for the life of those who are weak and dependent on others in all things and for all things.

--Pope Benedict XVI, Message for the World Day of the Sick, February 11, 2009

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 May 30th.



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.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Please have your printed notices at the Rectory office Monday at 3:00 PM, or email them to stuart@hcrosschurch.org no later than Tuesday at 10:00 AM

MISS A SUNDAY? BULLETINS are always available on the Parish website www.hcrosschurch.org. Please check it out!

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 5th Weekend 5/30/09 & 5/31/09

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King; Martha Matocha
9:30 AM	Annemarie Rogers; Paul Whelan; Peter Ramjug
11:30 AM	Pat & Millie Durbin; alternate: Virginia Perdone; Denise & John Szczur

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

24 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	Ascension of the Lord
25 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	Memorial Day St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
26 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	St. Philip Neri Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
27 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Augustine of Canterbury Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) RCIA
28 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
29 FRIDAY		
30 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
31 SUNDAY		Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 25, 2009			
10:00 AM	Thanksgiving		
Tuesday, May 26, 2009			
6:45 AM	Packie Lynch	8:30 AM	Msgr. William O'Donnell
Wednesday, May 27, 2009			
6:45 AM	Deceased members of the Healy & O'Donnell Families	8:30 AM	Msgr. William O'Donnell
Thursday, May 28, 2009			
6:45 AM	Dan Waeger	8:30 AM	Bea Henry
Friday, May 29, 2009			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Msgr. William O'Donnell
Saturday, May 30, 2009			
8:30 AM	Holy Cross Bearers		
5:00 PM	Deceased members of Sung W. Choi & Woo B. Sun families		Msgr. Hill
Sunday, May 31, 2009			
7:30 AM	Henry Kleinhenz		Fr. Perkins
9:30 AM	Special Intention		Fr. Perkins
1:30 AM	Nelsa Cioli		Msgr. Hill

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of May 2009	\$ 6,048.45
Offertory 3rd Sunday of May 2008	\$ 6,309.29
POOR BOX Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 75.99
5/24 Interfaith Works; 5/31 Holy Cross Respect Life Committee	