



SUPPORT LEWIS HALL! Holy Cross has a unique opportunity to raise capital to help meet the costs of the Lewis Hall renovation project. We have **Sixteen Club Level** season **tickets** to the Redskins games. The total value of these raffle tickets is approximately \$30,500. Only 3,000 raffle tickets will be sold, at \$50 per chance. The 1st Prize is for 8 tickets plus free parking; 2nd Prize is for 4 tickets plus free parking; 3rd prize if for 4 tickets. Don't forget to bring your check books as tickets will be sold after mass on July 12/13 and July 18/19. Thank you for your support!

HOORAY FOR BINGO! Everyone is glad to know that Bingo is Back...and will be a collaborative project between Holy Cross and St. Jane de Chantal parishes this year. The date is July 25. The time is 6 PM, after the 5 PM Mass at St. Jane's in the Caulfield Room below the main Church. All proceeds and donations go to Centro Tepeyac, a pregnancy aid center in Silver Spring. Bring the family! Have an inexpensive dinner, meet our neighbors, get two to four Bingo Cards, watch the prizes roll in and support young moms in need. First Prize \$100, Second Prize \$50. Prizes for all ages. Summertime BINGO, see you There! Your Pro Life Committee in action.



Having summer guests or summer gathering? Please purchase merchandise certificates to do all your grocery shopping from Giant, Grosvenor, Safeway and Shoppers Food. You simply buy a gift card from Holy Cross in the amount you desire and use the gift card for your purchase at the merchant's register. You can usually use these cards for anything the store sells like beer and wine at Grosvenor or prescriptions at Giant and Safeway. It is so easy-we accept cash, checks or credit cards. Please don't shop without your merchandise cards. It is an easy way to support Holy Cross.

A Taste of Heaven - The Love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: Changes are coming to the schedule for Eucharistic Adoration in Quinn Hall. The night and early morning hours on Wednesdays between midnight and 9 AM have been cancelled. In the near future we hope to expand the Tuesday hours by adding the 9 AM to 6 PM hours. Presently we are looking for regular weekly adorers to fill those hours. If you are interested in making a weekly commitment to spend an hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during the daytime on Tuesdays please call, Dave or Barb Ruppert, 301- 933-7646.

The Children's Hour: During the Summer families with children are invited to stop in at the Adoration chapel in Quinn Hall for short visits to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Anytime is a good time for a visit but the 10 - 11 AM hour of Adoration on Tuesdays is being especially reserved for children. We are planning on having some children-friendly materials available for use in the chapel. Parents, check out <http://www.childrenofhope.org> for information on Eucharistic Adoration for young people.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

12 SUNDAY	11:10	Morning Prayer
13 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Henry St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
14 TUESDAY	6:00 PM -- 12:00 AM:	St. Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
15 WEDNESDAY	12:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Bonaventure Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
16 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM -- 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM -- 11:00 PM:	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall) Eucharistic Adoration (Church) Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
17 FRIDAY		St. Camillus de Lellis
18 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
19 SUNDAY		16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, July 13, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Mary Dennis
<u>Tuesday, July 14, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Andrea Aguitar	8:30 AM	Mary Dennis
<u>Wednesday, July 15, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	David Babcock	8:30 AM	Fr. William Finch
<u>Thursday, July 16, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Msgr. Cary Hill (Living)	8:30 AM	Deborah D. Nadolny
<u>Friday, July 17, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Jonathan Henderson	8:30 AM	Deborah D. Nadolny
<u>Saturday, July 18, 2009</u>			
8:30 AM	Marianne Joly (Living)		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, July 19, 2009</u>			
7:30 AM	Ida Barnak		Fr. Yaga
9:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins
11:30 AM	Alexandro Fiore		Msgr. Hill

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 1st Sunday of July 2009	\$ 9,955.79
Offertory 1st Sunday of July 2008	\$ 11,416.86
FIRST SUNDAY	\$ 3,361.00
POOR BOX Social Concerns	\$ 102.51
7/12 The Gabriel Project; 7/19 Martha's Table	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 3rd Weekend 7/18/09 & 7/19/09

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; volunteer
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Charlotte King; Martha Matocha
9:30 AM	Paul Whelan; Peter Ramjug
11:30 AM	Alma Rusley; Pat & Millie Durbin; Virginia Perdone

**OPENING OF THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS ON THE 150th
ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEATH OF SAINT JOHN MARY
VIANNEY**

HOMILY OF HIS HOLINESS BENEDICT XVI

Vatican Basilica

Friday, 19 June 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In a little while, we shall be singing in the Antiphon to the *Magnificat*: "The Lord has welcomed us in his Heart *Suscepit nos Dominus in sinum et cor suum*". God's heart, considered to be the organ of his will, is mentioned 26 times in the Old Testament. Man is judged according to God's Heart. Because of the pain his heart feels at the sins of man, God decides on the flood, but is subsequently moved by human weakness and forgives. Then there is an Old Testament passage in which the subject of God's Heart is expressed with absolute clarity: it is in chapter 11 of the Book of the Prophet Hosea in which the first verses describe the dimension of the love with which the Lord turned to Israel at the dawn of its history: "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son" (Hos 11: 1). Israel, in fact, responds to God's tireless favor with indifference and even outright ingratitude. "The more I called them", the Lord is forced to admit, "the more they went from me" (v. 2). Nonetheless, he never abandons Israel to the hands of the enemy because "my heart", the Creator of the universe observes, "recoils within me, my compassion grows warm and tender" (v. 8).

The Heart of God throbs with compassion! On today's Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Church offers us this mystery for contemplation, the mystery of the Heart of a God who feels compassion and pours forth all his love upon humanity. It is a mysterious love, which in the texts of the New Testament is revealed to us as God's immeasurable love for the human being. He does not give in to ingratitude or to rejection by the People he has chosen; on the contrary, with infinite mercy he sends his Only-Begotten Son into the world to take upon himself the burden of love immolated so that by defeating the powers of evil and death he could restore the dignity of being God's children to human beings, enslaved by sin. All this comes about at a high price: the Only-Begotten Son of the Father is sacrificed on the Cross, "having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end" (cf. Jn 13: 1). A symbol of this love which goes beyond death is his side, pierced by a spear. In this regard, the Apostle John, an eyewitness, says: "one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water" (cf. Jn 19: 34).

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you because, in response to my invitation, you have come in large numbers to this celebration with which we begin the Year for Priests. I greet the Cardinals and Bishops, in particular the Cardinal Prefect and the Secretary of the Congregation for the Clergy with

their collaborators, and the Bishop of Ars. I greet the priests and seminarians of the various seminaries and colleges of Rome, the men and women religious, and all the faithful. I address a special greeting to H.B. Ignace Youssef Younan, Patriarch of Antioch for Syrians, who has come to Rome to meet me and to acknowledge publicly the "*ecclesiastica communio*" which I have granted him.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us pause together to contemplate the pierced Heart of the Crucified One. We have heard again, just now, in the brief Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Ephesians, that "God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ... and raised us up with him, and made us sit with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2: 4-6). To be in Jesus Christ, is to be already seated in heaven. The essential nucleus of Christianity is expressed in the Heart of Jesus; in Christ the whole of the revolutionary newness of the Gospel was revealed and given to us: the Love that saves us and already makes us live in God's eternity. The Evangelist John writes: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (3: 16). His divine Heart therefore calls to our hearts, inviting us to come out of ourselves, to abandon our human certainties to trust in him and, following his example, to make of ourselves a gift of love without reserve.

If it is true that Jesus' invitation to "abide in my love" (cf. Jn 15: 9) is addressed to every baptized person, on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, the Day for priestly sanctification, this invitation resounds more powerfully for we priests, particularly this evening at the solemn inauguration of the Year for Priests, which I wanted to be celebrated on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the death of the Holy Curé d'Ars. One of his beautiful and moving sayings, cited in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, immediately springs to my mind: "The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus" (n. 1589). How is it possible not to remember with emotion that the gift of our priestly ministry flowed directly from this Heart? How can we forget that we priests were consecrated to serve humbly and authoritatively the common priesthood of the faithful? Ours is an indispensable mission, for the Church and for the world, which demands full fidelity to Christ and in unceasing union with him this to remain in his love means that we must constantly strive for holiness, this union, as did St John Mary Vianney.

In the Letter I addressed to you for this special Jubilee Year, dear brother priests, I wanted to highlight certain qualifying aspects of our ministry, with references to the example and teaching of the Holy Curé d'Ars, model and protector of all of us, priests, and especially parish priests. May my Letter be a help and encouragement to you in making this Year a favorable opportunity to grow in intimacy with Jesus, who counts on us, his ministers, to spread and to consolidate his Kingdom, to radiate his love, his truth. Therefore, "in the footsteps of the

Curé of Ars", my Letter concluded, "let yourselves be enthralled by him. In this way you too will be, for the world in our time, heralds of hope, reconciliation and peace!".

To let oneself be totally won over by Christ! This was the purpose of the whole life of St Paul to whom we have devoted our attention during the Pauline Year which is now drawing to a close; this was the goal of the entire ministry of the Holy Curé d'Ars, whom we shall invoke in particular during the Year for Priests; may it also be the principal objective for each one of us. In order to be ministers at the service of the Gospel, study and a careful and continuing pastoral and theological formation is of course useful and necessary, but that "knowledge of love" which can only be learned in a "heart to heart" with Christ is even more necessary. Indeed, it is he who calls us to break the Bread of his love, to forgive sins and to guide the flock in his name. For this very reason, we must never distance ourselves from the source of Love which is his Heart that was pierced on the Cross.

Only in this way will we be able to cooperate effectively in the mysterious "plan of the Father" that consists in "making Christ the Heart of the world"! This plan is brought about in history, as Jesus gradually becomes the Heart of human hearts, starting with those who are called to be closest to him: priests, precisely. We are reminded of this ongoing commitment by the "priestly promises" that we made on the day of our Ordination and which we renew every year, on Holy Thursday, during the Chrism Mass. Even our shortcomings, our limitations and our weaknesses must lead us back to the Heart of Jesus. Indeed, if it is true that sinners, in contemplating him, must learn from him the necessary "sorrow for sins" that leads them back to the Father, it is even more so for holy ministers. How can we forget, in this regard, that nothing makes the Church, the Body of Christ, suffer more than the sins of her pastors, especially the sins of those who are transformed into "a thief and a robber" of the sheep (Jn 10: 1 ff.), or who deviates from the Church through their own private doctrines, or who ensnare the Church in sin and death? Dear priests, the call to conversion and recourse to Divine Mercy also applies to us, and we must likewise humbly address a heartfelt and ceaseless invocation to the Heart of Jesus to keep us from the terrible risk of harming those whom we are bound to save.

I have just had the opportunity to venerate in the Choir Chapel the relic of the Holy Curé D'Ars: his heart. It was a heart that blazed with divine love that was moved at the thought of the priest's dignity and spoke to the faithful in touching and sublime tones, affirming that "After God, the priest is everything! ... Only in heaven will he fully realize what he is" (cf. *Letter, Year for Priests*, p. 3). Dear Brothers, let us cultivate this same emotion in order to carry out our ministry with generosity and dedication, or to preserve in our souls a true "fear of God": the fear of being able to deprive of

so much good, through our negligence or fault, those souls entrusted to us, or God forbid of harming them. The Church needs holy priests; ministers who can help the faithful to experience the merciful love of the Lord and who are his convinced witnesses. In the Eucharistic Adoration that will follow the celebration of Vespers, let us ask the Lord to set the heart of every priest on fire with that "pastoral charity" which can enable him to assimilate his personal "I" into that Jesus the High Priest, so that he may be able to imitate Jesus in the most complete self-giving. May the Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Heart we shall contemplate with living faith tomorrow, obtain this grace for us. The Holy Curé d'Ars had a filial devotion to her, so profound that in 1836, in anticipation of the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception, he consecrated his parish to Mary, "conceived without sin". He kept up the practice of frequently renewing this offering of his parish to the Blessed Virgin, teaching the faithful that "to be heard it was enough to address her", for the simple reason that she "desires above all else to see us happy". May the Blessed Virgin, our Mother, accompany us during the Year for Priests which we are beginning today, so that we are able to be sound and enlightened guides for the faithful whom the Lord entrusts to our pastoral care. Amen! (www.vatican.va)

Holy Cross CYO Fall Soccer Update: We are still in need JV boys (5th & 6th grade) and Varsity Boys and Girls (7th & 8th Grade). For more information please contact Paul Whelan at 301 440 6052 or pauljwhelan@comcast.net.



Go to www.washcyo.com to register now. Print the completed online form and send the form and a check of \$80 to the school office. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross CYO.

For individual team questions please contact your coach directly.

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What can YOU do to honor the Year for Priests?