



Holy Cross School will be participating in the Kensington Labor Day Parade on Monday Sept 7th. Please come out and cheer us along the parade route. We will also have a booth advertising our wonderful school. If you would like to volunteer at

our booth during the day please contact Virginia Hogan at vhogan@healthydirections.com.

Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate: Charity in truth, to which Jesus Christ bore witness by his earthly life and especially by his death and resurrection, is the principal driving force behind the authentic development of every person and of all humanity. Love - caritas - is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace. It is a force that has its origin in God, Eternal Love and Absolute Truth. Each person finds his good by adherence to God's plan for him, in order to realize it fully: in this plan, he finds his truth, and through adherence to this truth he becomes free (cf. Jn 8:22). To defend the truth, to articulate it with humility and conviction, and to bear witness to it in life are therefore exacting and indispensable forms of charity. (CV, 1) *Read the Holy Father's encyclical online at www.vatican.va.*



On August 17, Holy Cross held its drawing for Redskin Season tickets, a total of 838 tickets were purchased throughout the Metro area.

The lucky winners are:

- 1st Prize awarded to Lizabeth Lopez of Kensington, ticket #0786
- 2nd Prize awarded to Brian Moon of Midlothian, VA, ticket # 0007
- 3rd Prize awarded to Marianne Joly of N. Bethesda, ticket # 0007

On behalf of the Redskin Raffle Committee, we want to thank parishioners and parents of Holy Cross and its school for the support in this endeavour.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE: It has long been a custom in the Catholic Church to have a Mass offered for someone who is deceased or for a special intention (i.e., for the recovery of one who is ill, an anniversary or birthday, in thanksgiving, or for a special prayer). The priest then makes it his intention during Mass to remember the particular request made. Each week in our parish bulletin you will see the Mass Requests made for that week. **After a busy period, there are Mass Intentions available in the upcoming weeks! SEE THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE.** Simply call the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or speak to one of the priests.

WORLD PRIEST DAY, OCT. 25, 2009: The tenth annual World Priest Day, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and in conjunction with the Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday, will be held on October 25, 2009. This is a day for families to celebrate and honor their Catholic priests as an opportunity for all parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for all of our priests. For more information about how you can participate please visit wpd.wwme.org and/or www.priestsunday.org.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS: Heavenly Father, bless and protect priests and fill them with the joy and courage of their vocation as personal ministers of Christ in preaching your word, forming communities in your name, and nourishing us with the Sacraments. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

What can YOU do to honor this Year For Priests?

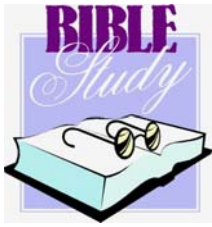
A Message from the U.S. Conferene of Catholic Bishops:

Now is the time to take action in regard to the health care reform issue. Contact your congressional members through email, phone calls, or letters with the simple message: *"Support genuine health care reform that respects the life and dignity of all. A fair and just health care reform bill must exclude mandated coverage for abortion, and uphold longstanding laws that restrict abortion funding and protect conscience rights."* Emails can be sent by visiting www.usccb.org/prolife and clicking on the Health Care Reform Action Alert. You can go to www.house.gov and www.senate.gov for full contact information for your representative and senators. You may also call the US Capitol switchboard at 202 224-3121 to give the message over the phone.

Cookouts? Picnics? Parties? Fresh Produce? 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. 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 merchants 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!



BIBLE STUDY SUMMER BREAK: The Monday-evening St. Paul Bible Study is taking a summer holiday. We will resume our weekly meetings on Monday evening, August 31st, from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in Quinn Hall.



Save The Date! Sunday, September 13, Holy Cross will host its yearly picnic after the noon Mass. For information, please contact Dee Ruilova at Dolores.Ruilova@UTC.com or 202-336-7411. **WINTER MASS SCHEDULE will also resume on September 13th.**

Sidewalk Counselor Training, Sept. 11-12: The archdiocesan Department of Life Issues will host a Sidewalk Counselor Training, September 11 and 12, 2009. Msgr. Phillip Reilly from "Helpers of God's Most Precious Infants" will discuss the best ways to share peacefully the love of Christ with women as they enter the abortion clinic and help them to make a decision for life. All are welcome to attend and find out more about this vital ministry to pregnant women in need. For more information, please contact Michelle Carper at 301-853-4555 or mcarper@adw.org.

PARENTAL & SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an 8 week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The fall series will meet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church on Wednesdays, 7-8:30 PM, from September 9 - October 28. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register, call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457). Please check out the **BULLETIN BOARD**, in the vestibule of the Church, near the bathrooms, for pamphlets on this program.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING: Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered on **Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday, September 22**, at 8 PM at the Natural Family Planning Center, 8514 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, MD. Reservations are required. Phone 301-897-9323. Instruction is free, but a one-time donation of \$25.00 for materials and follow-up is requested, if possible.

COME JOIN A CRUISE on the fun Ship Grandeur of the Seas out of Baltimore on September 10. The rates: Inside cabin \$939 plus taxes, Outside \$1149 plus taxes, Balcony \$2149 plus taxes. Cruise departs Baltimore Sept. 10 at 4 PM and returns Sept. 19 at 7 AM. Stops include Portland and Bar Harbor, Maine, Saint John, New Brunswick, Halifax, Nova Scotia and Boston. Any questions? Please call Marie King 301-897-5876 or mmariecatherine@cs.com

RCIA 2009 – 2010:

Weekly RCIA classes for those interested in entering the Church or learning more about the Faith will begin again in mid-September. To learn more, please leave a detailed message for Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hcrosschurch.org.

School Of Religion Classes:

The school year for our Sunday-morning SOR begins on **September 13th**. Classes are held for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade in the school building from 10:15 to 11:30 AM. For more information, contact the SOR at 301-942-8790 or keeney@hcrosschurch.org.

Parish Social Ministry Volunteers: Parish social ministry volunteers are invited to the September regional gatherings sponsored by the archdiocesan Department for Social Concerns. This is a time for parish social ministry volunteers to discuss mutual concerns, meet volunteers from other parishes, learn about available resources and grow in support for one another. The September meeting will feature a discussion on Pope Benedict's new encyclical on social ministry. For further information, contact Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340 or abosnick@adw.org. **Montgomery County:** Thursday, September 10, 7:15-9:00 PM, St. Jane Francis de Chantal (Caulfield Hall, basement of the church), 9701 Old Georgetown Rd., Bethesda, MD 20814; **District of Columbia:** Saturday, September 12, 1:00-3:00 PM, Cathedral of St. Matthew (East Conference Room), 1725 Rhode Island Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20036

Religious Education Classes for Deaf or Hard of Hearing: The Archdiocese of Washington Center for Deaf Ministry offers religious education classes to any Deaf or hard of hearing child requiring the use of Sign Language from anywhere in the archdiocese. Classes are held on Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM. Sign Language classes for hearing parents of Deaf children are offered while their child is in class. The family is then invited to attend Mass, said in Sign Language with voice translation, at 10:00 AM at the Deaf Center. If you know of any child that would benefit from this program, please contact Mary O'Meara, 301-459-7464 or omearam@adw.org. Registration for the Deaf Center's religious education program will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2009 after the 10:00 AM Mass. The Center for Deaf Ministries is located at 7202 Buchanan St., Landover Hills, MD 20784.

MASS FOR BLESSING ON HUMAN LABOR: All are invited to join Archbishop Wuerl as he celebrates the annual Mass for Blessing on Human Labor, Saturday, September 12, 5:15 PM at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle. This special liturgical celebration will recognize the role of work as it expresses the essential dignity of every man and woman in society and pray for blessing on all workers and those who strive to foster a fair and just workplace. As our country celebrates Labor Day, the Church affirms its teaching on the value of work and the rights and dignity of workers.

Holy Cross CYO Soccer is still looking for Boys and Girls who are interested in playing this Fall. If you are interested in joining a team, contact pauljwhelan@comcast.net.



Eucharistic Congress, Sept. 11-12:

A free Eucharistic Congress will take place at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 11-12, 2009. The theme is

Sacrifice of Enduring Love. Liturgies, talks and events will focus on three vocations: priesthood, religious life and marriage. Speakers will include Archbishop Wuerl, Cardinals Seán O'Malley, Justin Rigali and Marc Ouellet, and dozens of others. A piece of the actual tilma of St. Juan Diego also will be exhibited. Learn more online at www.cmswr.org.

Economy Affects Marriages! It takes much effort just to make ends meet in our world today. Do you wish you could talk about something besides all the stresses in your life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is in Lexington Park, MD on Sept 11-13, 2009. This weekend fills up quickly and the facility can accommodate only 20 couples so early registration is recommended. The following weekend is November 6-8, 2009 in Rockville, MD. For more information and/or to register, please call John & Gail Gordon at 410-414-9667 or email at gordon4514@aol.com.



"Marriage is a vowed covenant with unique dimensions. In this partnership, mutual submission - not dominance by either partner - is the key to genuine joy." (USCCB, Follow the Way of Love) Can you name one way you've let your spouse have his/her way recently?

www.foryourmarriage.org

PLEASE CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD: It is located in the vestibule of the Church, near the bathrooms. There is information that doesn't make it into the Bulletin or the Pulpit Announcements – lots of interesting and beautiful things!

*Have you thought about the Hereafter?
Please consider remembering Holy Cross in your Will.*

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

23 SUNDAY	11:10	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Morning Prayer
24 MONDAY	6:45 -- 8:15 PM	ST. BARTHOLOMEW NO St. Paul Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) <i>St. Louis of France</i>
25 TUESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
26 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
27 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Monica Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
28 FRIDAY		St. Augustine
29 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist Confessions
30 SUNDAY		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 24, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Jane Whalen Deikel

Tuesday, August 25, 2009

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Thanksgiving

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Jeanne Behrend

Thursday, August 27, 2009

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Intention Available

Friday, August 28, 2009

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Thomas Mulvey

Saturday, August 29, 2009

8:30 AM Intention Available
5:00 PM Felix Goffredo Msgr. Hill

Sunday, August 30, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga
9:30 AM Intentions of James & Kathleen Fr. Perkins
Ryan (L)
11:30 AM George Caballero Msgr. Hill

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; Michael Gouzoulis; Bill Hogan; Pat Obrimski; Anthony Paige; Bonnie Riddenhower; Melvin Simmons

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of August 2009	\$ 7,963.00
Offertory 3rd Sunday of August 2008	\$ 6,604.95
POOR BOX Centro Tepeyac	\$ 115.86
8/23 Prison Outreach Ministry: A Catholic Outreach program to assist former prisoners trying to reenter society; 8/30 Food for the Poor	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve 5th Weekend 8/29/09 & 8/30/09

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