



BACK TO SCHOOL: We welcome our students, faculty and families back to Holy Cross Elementary School! The new academic year starts Tuesday, **September 1st**. Under the leadership of

Principal Lisa Kane, students and teachers alike will focus on building a strong academic and spiritual community within and outside the school walls.

Please welcome our students as you see them and continue to pray for our school's success and intentions. The annual Back to School liturgy will be held on Friday, September 4th at 8:30 AM in the Church. All are welcome.

SHOULD YOUR YOUNGSTER BE IN CCD?
 Contact the Religious Ed. Office at 301-942-8790 to add your family to the list for our 2009-2010 School of Religion. Sunday-morning classes are held from 10:15 to 11:30 AM throughout the school year for children in Kindergarten (aged 5 by September 1st) through grade 8. SOR begins on September 13th.

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE and SOR will resume on September 13th.



Everyone loves a parade! Join Holy Cross School for the Kensington Labor Day Parade. So bring your Holy Cross Hawks spirit out Monday September 7th from 8 AM to 3 PM, 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.



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:

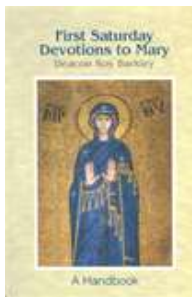
- 1st Prize Lizabeth Lopez of Kensington, ticket # 0786
- 2nd Prize Brian Moon of Midlothian, VA, ticket # 0007
- 3rd Prize Marianne Joly of N. Bethesda, ticket # 0218

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.

Be On the Lookout For Gift Wrap: The annual Holy Cross School Sally Foster fundraiser will blast off soon! **50% of every purchase goes directly to Holy Cross School!!** Students will receive catalogues during the first week of school. The Sally Foster fundraiser features top quality giftwrap, gift items, candy and so much more! You can view items on-line by visiting www.sallyfoster.com. Questions? Interested in volunteering to help? Please contact:

Tiffany Draves at tiffany.draves@c2media.com,
 Wendy Weaver at wenweaver@yahoo.com, or
 Christine Zalewski at czalewski1@verizon.net

The **ALTAR SOCIETY** is looking for one more set of helpful hands. We need one volunteer for a two-person team to work one Friday morning per month after the 8:30 AM Mass. Please call Mary Ann Crespy (301-949-4392) if you would like more information.

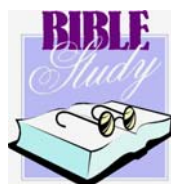


The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on August 1st. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!



This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month, so the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate: Charity goes beyond justice, because to love is to give, to offer what is "mine" to the other; but it never lacks justice, which prompts us to give the other what is "his", what is due to him by reason of his being or his acting. I cannot "give" what is mine to the other, without first giving him what pertains to him in justice. If we love others with charity, then first of all we are just towards them. ...On the other hand, charity transcends justice and completes it in the logic of giving and forgiving. (CV, 6) *Read the Holy Father's encyclical online at www.vatican.va.*



BIBLE STUDY RESUMES: The Monday-evening St. Paul Bible Study will resume our weekly meetings on Monday evening, August 31st, from 6:45 to 8:15 PM in Quinn Hall.

HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?
 Adults enter the Church through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).
 The 2009-2010 RCIA class is now forming.
 Weekly classes will begin in a few weeks. Interested?
 Call 301-942-8790 to learn more.



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.

Free Life Issues Newsletter: Interested in learning more about the Church's teachings on the great gift of life and human sexuality? Want to get information on important issues which impact the dignity of life? Interested in becoming more involved in pro-life activities? If you answered yes to any of the above, sign up now for the newly launched e-mail newsletter from the Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Life Issues. Send an email to Michelle Carper at mcarper@adw.org. Put "Life Issues" in subject line.



Join the Catholic Historical Society of Washington: Our region is rich with nearly 400 years of Catholic history. You can take part in lectures and programs to learn more about

this history as a member of the Catholic Historical Society of Washington. Membership also includes a subscription to the Society's bi-annual magazine, *Potomac Catholic Heritage*. One upcoming members-only event is a special celebration of the 800th anniversary of the Order of St. Francis. Membership is just \$25. To join, send a check to Catholic Historical Society of Washington, c/o Richard L. Schmidt, 1314 N Greenbrier St., Arlington VA 22205-3624.

Attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany! Join Bishop Martin Holley on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany, **September 3-12, 2010**. Includes visits to Munich, Neuschwanstein, Wieskirch, the Marian Shrine at Altotting, Markt (birth place of Pope Benedict XVI), Salzburg, Vienna and more! Only \$3,999 from Dulles International Airport.

Feel Called to the Permanent Diaconate? The archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interested in speaking with men who have an interest in becoming a permanent deacon. Learn more about the diaconate online at www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp. The site includes contact information, current admissions criteria for the Archdiocese of Washington's permanent deacon formation program and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

HAVE LATE SUMMER OR LABOR DAY TRAVEL PLANS? It's easy to find a Mass at your destination. Call 1-800-MASS-TIMES, or visit www.masstimes.org, for Mass times and locations around the country.



MONTHLY CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP
Our dynamic discussion group will be talking about Francois Mauriac's *Vipers' Tangle* this Tuesday night, September 1.. On October 6th, 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.

Next weekend is Labor Day – the last holiday weekend of the summer! Are you going to have friends and family over for a barbecue? What a great way to celebrate the end of the summer! Make sure you have plenty of food, etc. for a great get-together.

Please do not forget Holy Cross Parish. Buy Merchandise Certificates for all your grocery needs at any of the four food markets whose gift cards we sell in front of Church and in Lewis Hall after each weekend Mass: **our own parishioner Scot Shuck's Grosvenor Market, Shoppers Food, Safeway Stores and Giant Food.**

In Lewis Hall we accept cash, personal checks or Visa, MasterCard and Discover credit cards so you can still earn frequent flyer miles. In front of Church, we accept cash or personal checks.

The parish can use your help – and you will feel better knowing you helped but it did not cost you 1 cent more!

Helping Children Through Parental Separation And Divorce: A seminar, *Helping Children through Parental Separation and Divorce*, will be held Tuesday, October, 6, 7:00-8:30 PM, St Elizabeth School library in Rockville. Learn how to help children in grades 3-8 cope with parental separation and divorce. Gain a better understanding of the cognitive development of youth, the challenges of parental breakup from their perspective, and learn what to do to encourage their healing and growth. Registration is required. For more information, contact the archdiocesan Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-5337.

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.

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.



Studies indicate that the average couples spends only 20 minutes a day together. Do you need to increase "face time"?

"Over the long term, it is important for marriage partners to have accurate knowledge of their relationship's strength and weaknesses. Satisfaction goes down when a spouse's expectations don't fit with reality." (James McNulty) Tell your spouse one strength of your marriage today.

www.foryourmarriage.org

The Sunday TV Mass is on a New Station and Time: Do you know someone who is homebound and can't get to Mass? Maybe illness keeps you at home on occasion? The Sunday TV Mass has moved to a new channel and time. You will find it every Sunday on WDCW-50 ("The CW") at 10:30 AM.

The actual channel for CW varies by TV provider. If you use an antenna or have satellite television, CW is on channel 50. Comcast and Verizon users normally will find the Mass on channel 3 or 23, and RCN customers on channel 15. If you have difficulty finding the right channel or would like to have the free Celebrate newsletter sent to someone who is homebound, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Communications at 301-853-4517.

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!

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE RIGHT AWAY: See the "Intention Available" under Mass Intentions? Please help fill out our Mass Intentions. Simply call the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or speak to one of the priests.

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Why don't you cut out and save this prayer to pray regularly:

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Morning Prayer
30 SUNDAY
 11:10
31 MONDAY
 6:45 -- 8:15 PM St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
1 TUESDAY
 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: Catholic Book Group (Quinn Hall)
2 WEDNESDAY
 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
3 THURSDAY
Pope Gregory the Great
 9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
 1:15 PM -- 6:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
 6:15 PM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
4 FRIDAY
First Friday
5 SATURDAY
First Saturday
 9:00 AM: Confessions
6 SUNDAY
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, August 31, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Intention Available
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Tuesday, September 1, 2009

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Ken & Barbara
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Wednesday, September 2, 2009

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

Thursday, September 3, 2009

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

Friday, September 4, 2009

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

Saturday, September 5, 2009

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
 5:00 PM Jean & Vince Horan

Sunday, September 6, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross
 9:30 AM Jane Whalen
 11:30 AM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 4th Sunday of August 2009 \$ 8,300.28
 Offertory 4th Sunday of August 2008 \$ 7,495.04
 POOR BOX Prison Outreach Ministry\$ 183.06
 8/30 Food for the Poor; 9/6 Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
 1st Weekend 9/05/09 & 9/06/09**

5:00 PM	Carlos Hernandez; Jim or Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Helen Rogers; Nancy Heffernan
9:30 AM	George Tamerlani; Don & Yolaine Watkins;
11:30 AM	Steve Toomey or Linda Gage;