



Sunday, September 20, Holy Cross will host its yearly picnic after the noon Mass. Look for Dee Ruilova at all masses this weekend handing out 'tickets' and requesting volunteers to sign up for food, setup and cleaning.

For information, please contact Dee Ruilova at Dolores.Ruilova@UTC.com or 202-336-7411.

SOR OPENING DAY CHANGED: Our Sunday-morning School of Religion will begin on **Sunday, September 20th**, rather than September 13th, as originally announced. SOR families should try to attend the 9:00 AM Mass on September 20th to receive a special blessing for the new school year.

RCIA STARTING SOON: Adults can learn more about the Church and prepare to become Catholic through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Weekly RCIA classes will begin in a few weeks. Interested? Call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 to learn more. There is never any obligation.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS' MEETING:

The final meeting for **Parents of our DECEMBER 2009 CONFIRMANDI** will be held on **Thursday, September 24th**, at **7:00 PM in the school library**. Our Confirmandi should not attend; this meeting is for parents.

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 20th.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS: Have you always dreamt of running a Christmas Pageant? Here's your chance...and you are VERY much needed! Alas, the new director of the parish's annual Christmas Eve Pageant will not be able to run the event this year. We need an adult (or a team of adults!) to oversee this year's Pageant. The job involves planning, casting, rehearsing, and staging the Pageant, which takes place during the 4:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. You will also work closely with the director of the Pageant Children's Choir. This annual Christmas tradition is a *great favorite* with our youngsters and their families. Interested? Call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 and let's chat! You will be required to meet a few Archdiocesan Child Safety Requirements.

TEEN-AGERS WANTED!

Our parish High School Teen Group needs you! The Teen Group meets monthly for service and social activities. The group is open to all students in high school. Contact the group leader, Mrs. Jeanne-Marie McElhaney, at jeanne-marie@mcelhaneysonline.com or call 301-933-7747 to sign up or to learn more.



ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY Our parish Monday-evening Bible Study is just beginning a group read-through and discussion of St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. We meet in Quinn Hall every Monday evening from 6:45 to 8:15 PM. New members are welcome. Come on by, or call

Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 for more information.

THERE IS NO FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND, but the Social Concerns Food & Clothing drive will resume the weekend of the 12th & 13th. We will collect clothing and non-perishable food at the school entrance

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

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP: Here is the discussion schedule for our monthly Catholic Book Group for the rest of the year:

- October 6th: *Diary of a Country Priest*, a novel by George Bernanos
- November 3rd: *A Man for All Seasons*, a play about St. Thomas More by Robert Bolt
- December 1st: *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens



The group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in Quinn Hall. Read the book and come join our lively discussion, or call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 for more information.

THERE IS A LINK in our website for the Parking Diagram during construction: <http://www.hcrosschurch.org/>


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.

WINTER MASS SCHEDULE
will resume on September 13th.

RESPECT LIFE: Holy Cross Parish will be participating in praying the Rosary in front of the Shady Grove abortion clinic on the second Saturday of the month. The Rosary begins at 10:00 AM. The clinic is located at 9061 Shady Grove Court in Gaithersburg. There is plenty of available parking on Comprint Court. You are welcome to come for part or all of the prayers with family, friends, and neighbors. Please consider helping in praying the Rosary for those who cannot yet pray it for themselves. For more information, please contact Kathleen McKeon at jwilliamsfan@hotmail.com or 703-581-5233.

Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate: Deeds without knowledge are blind, and knowledge without love is sterile. Indeed, "the individual who is animated by true charity labors skillfully to discover the causes of misery, to find the means to combat it, to overcome it resolutely." (CV, 30) *Read the Holy Father's encyclical online at www.vatican.va*

ST. ANGELA HALL, an Independent Living Facility for the Sisters of the Holy Cross in Kensington, Maryland is looking to hire a full time custodian to provide services including cleaning and assisting with light maintenance services. Call for an application and possibility for an interview. Chris Brandt, Administrator 301-946-7750 ext. 2176.

 Ever try to change a bad habit? It usually works best to start with a small change. Is there one small habit your spouse would like you to change? Take a step.

"When my grandma got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandpa does it for her now all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love." (Rebecca - age 8) www.foryourmarriage.org

JOIN ST. ELIZABETH PARISH on a day trip to Old Town Alexandria, including lunch and a water taxi ride to National Harbor for a visit. The trip will take place on September 16 and the bus will leave from St. E's parking lot at 9 AM and return at approximately 5:30 PM. Cost per person is \$74, which includes the motor coach transportation, lunch, water taxi and all taxes and gratuities. Contact the parish office (301-881-1380) to have a registration form mailed to you or download one from the website www.StElizabethChurchMD.org – click on Activities & Travel.



THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR this weekend were donated in honor of Betty & John Crotty. Please pray for the repose of their souls!

It's time you gave serious consideration to providing financial assistance to the parish without you actually donating money. How? You can donate effortlessly by buying Merchandise Certificates for your favorite food market after each weekend Mass. School parents can participate through the school program wherein orders are filled every Thursday. We sell gift certificates and gift cards **for our own parishioner, Scott Shuck's Grosvenor Market, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Safeway Stores and Giant Food.** Our parish earns 5% on Grosvenor Market and Shoppers Food Warehouse certificates, 4% on Giant gift cards and 3% on Safeway gift cards.

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.

Brazilian Mass: The local Brazilian community will host its annual Mass in Portuguese at St. Elizabeth Parish (Rockville) on Sunday, September 27th, at 2:00pm. All are welcome to attend and a reception will be held right after Mass. Contact Mariangela (mariangela@brasilemb.org) with any questions.

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.

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!

Are you an Attorney practicing in the Archdiocese of Washington? The archdiocesan Legal Network is a network of over 450 volunteer attorneys that provide low-income families and individual in DC and the surrounding Maryland counties with Pro-Bono legal representation. In these difficult economic times, more and more people are in need of our help. We are seeking to recruit new volunteer attorneys with specialties in family law, consumer debt/bankruptcy, landlord tenant, wills and probate, and foreclosure cases. If you are willing to volunteer your time to serve people in need with your legal talents, please contact Jim Bishop at James.Bishop@CatholicCharitiesDC.org or 202-772-1201 for more information.



Holy Cross CYO Fall Soccer Update: We are still in need of 2nd grade girls, 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.

1st Grade Coed	Cadet I	P. Tartaglia	paul.tartaglia@comcast.net
2nd Grade Girls	Cadet II	Carlos Menjivar	cmenjivar@compcamp.com
2nd Grade Boys	Cadet II	B. Preslopsky	brian.preslopsky@dot.gov
3 rd grade Girls	Rookie	Tom Ewers	TEwers@SandySpringBank.com
4th Grade Girls	Rookie	A. Mitchell	asmitch@journalism.org
3rd and 4th Grade Boys	Rookie	L. Magnino	magninol@us.ibm.com
5th and 6th Grade Girls	Jr. Varsity	E. O'Reilly	oreilly100@yahoo.com
5th and 6th Grade Boys	Jr. Varsity	T. Striegel	tstriegel@davisbuckley.com
7th and 8th Grade Girls	Varsity	F. Augustin	feli1998@yahoo.com
7th and 8th Grade Boys	Varsity	M. Lopez	carol-manuel@comcast.net

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.

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

<u>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</u>	
6 SUNDAY	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	NO SOR Classes (school)
11:10	Morning Prayer
7 MONDAY	Labor Day
10:00 Mass	Only Daily Mass
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
8 TUESDAY	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
9 WEDNESDAY	St. Peter Claver
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
10 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
11 FRIDAY	
12 SATURDAY	Holy Name of Mary
9:00 AM:	Confessions
13 SUNDAY	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>	
<u>Monday, September 7, 2009, Labor Day</u>	
10:00 AM	Intention Available
<u>Tuesday, September 8, 2009</u>	
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel
8:30 AM	Intention Available
<u>Wednesday, September 9, 2009</u>	
6:45 AM	Intention Available
8:30 AM	Intention Available
<u>Thursday, September 10, 2009</u>	
6:45 AM	Intention Available
8:30 AM	Intention Available
<u>Friday, September 11, 2009</u>	
6:45 AM	Intention Available
8:30 AM	Deceased Members of the Pike Family
<u>Saturday, September 12, 2009</u>	
8:30 AM	Louis Fiore
5:00 PM	Anna M. Capozzola
	Msgr. Hill
<u>Sunday, September 13, 2009</u>	
7:30 AM	Betty Finn
9:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
10:30 AM	Elia Priestley
12:00 PM	Cecilia Lima
	Fr. Perkins
	Fr. Perkins
	Msgr. Hill
	Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 5th Sunday of August 2009	\$ 6,463.83
Offertory 5th Sunday of August 2008	\$ 6,562.44
POOR BOX Food for the Poor.....	\$ 223.96
9/6 Social Concerns; 9/13 Montgomery Right to Life 9/20 Christ House	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
2nd Weekend 9/12/09 & 9/13/09

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	Pat & Millie Durbin; Virginia Perdone