



The Holy Cross Annual Picnic is next Sunday, **September 20**. If you haven't yet claimed your **free** tickets, they will be distributed after all masses this weekend. If you are interested in helping out by contributing with food, helping to set up, or

clean up please contact Dee Ruilova at Dolores.Ruilova@UTC.com or call and leave a message at 202-336-7411.

A Workshop for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion will be offered September 19 at St. Andrew Apostle Parish, Silver Spring from 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM, by Fr. Walter Tappe. Please call the Office of Worship to pre-register: 301-853-4594. Bring a bag lunch. Beverages provided. Fee: \$5.00. All Holy Cross Ministers Are Encouraged To Attend.

SOR OPENS NEXT WEEK: Our Sunday-morning School of Religion will begin next **Sunday, September 20th**. Classes meet from 10:15 to 11:30 AM in the school building.

RCIA: 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 begin this week. Call 301-942-8790 to learn more. There is never any obligation.

CONFIRMATION 2009: 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.

DIRECTOR NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: The children of Holy Cross Parish need an adult (or a team of adults!) to oversee the Christmas Pageant that takes place during the 4:00 PM Family Mass on Christmas Eve. The job involves planning, casting, rehearsing, and staging the Pageant. 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.

PARISH RETREAT – SAVE THE DATE!
Our Second Annual Parish Lenten Retreat will be held at Georgetown Prep on Saturday, March 20, 2010.
Details to come. Mark your calendars!

ST. PAUL BIBLE STUDY: Our parish Monday-evening Bible Study is reading together and discussing St. Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians. We meet in Quinn Hall every Monday evening from 6:45 to 8:15 PM. Come join us!



The Sally Foster fundraiser to benefit Holy Cross School is going on now!

Sally Foster offers top-quality gift wrap, gift items, candy and much more.

Parents from the school have set up a display table outside of church after all Sunday masses throughout September. Please take some time to view the displays, the catalog and pick up a flyer with additional information. **50% of every purchase goes directly to Holy Cross School !!** Parish orders must be received by Sunday, September 27th. Items ordered through the catalog by parish members will be available for pick up on Sunday, October 18th. Items can also be ordered on line and shipped directly to you by visiting www.sallyfoster.com. Be sure to enter the Holy Cross account number **499005** during check out when ordering on line. Thank you for your support!

THERE IS A FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE THIS WEEKEND: the Social Concerns Food & Clothing drive has resumed. We will collect clothing and non-perishable food at the school entrance after all Masses.



"To live faithfully in a marriage requires humility, trust, compromise, communication, and a sense of humor." (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB) Which quality does your spouse have in spades? www.foryourmarriage.org

BULLETIN BOARD ITEMS: ++ Computer Challenged? Check out the Bulletin Board for some help. **++ Defend Life** presents the story of Michael Clancy, famous photographer

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.

NEW! PARISH LENDING LIBRARY: Beginning Sunday, September 20th, look for a library cart in the lobby of the school that will offer Catholic books, tapes, and CDs for all ages. This is our new Parish Lending Library. The library will work on the Honor System. Simply choose the item(s) you wish and print your name, the name of the item(s) and the date borrowed in the notebook attached to the cart. When you are finished with the item(s), find your entry, write in the date of return, and replace the item(s) on the cart. The cart will be in the lobby of the school (and eventually in Lewis Hall) after all Masses on Sunday mornings. This project is sponsored by the parish Religious Education Office.

Did you know that you can use the Giant gift cards that Holy Cross Parish sells to pay for your Peapod purchase? We also sell Grosvenor Market, Safeway and Shopper's Food gift cards/merchandise certificates that are used like cash for all your purchases. Please stop by our sales tables in front of church or in the school entrance after any Mass for more information. Buy one and try it. We guarantee you'll love it. And what's better? You will be supporting Holy Cross Parish without spending anything extra!!! What a great bargain!

All Are Invited To Attend A Morning Of Recollection
"The Gift and Mystery of the Priesthood"

"Without priests there is no absolution, without priests there is no Eucharist." To mark the **Year for Priests**, a reflection on the words of Blessed Teresa of Calcutta will be given by Reverend Robert Walsh, Assistant Director of Priest Vocation. The Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Vocation Society will host the day, beginning with the celebration of Mass, followed by rosary, reflection, Holy Hour for Vocations, and Confessions. Please RSVP to Maris Moriarty (or for more information) at 301-853-4584 or moriartym@adw.org. **Saturday, September 19, 2009, 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon**, Shrine of St. Jude, 12701 Veirs Mill Road, Rockville, MD.

A MEN'S DISCERNMENT DINNER WITH CARDINAL McCARRICK will be held on Sunday, September 20th, at St. Stephen Martyr, from 4 PM – 8 PM. The evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with priests and seminarians.

Have You Ever Considered Boy Scouts for Your Son?
Come Get Your Questions Answered on Monday Sept. 14!

Holy Cross's Boy Scout Troop 463 is holding an Introductory Picnic at Ken-Gar Park on Monday, Sept 14, 7:30 - 8:30 PM.

Troop 463 understands if a child can't make every meeting, or trip ...

Troop 463 understands that parents can't chaperone every trip...

Troop 463 will care about your son...

For more information, and/or to RSVP, please contact Doug Mader, Assistant Scoutmaster, at 301-466-1378 or dmaderaia@aol.com.

Marine Corps Marathon Run for Vocations: Thomas Grimme, a parishioner, will be running in the Marine Corps Marathon for the cause of Vocations in the Archdiocese of Washington. The marathon will be held near the National Mall on October 25, 2009. Anyone who is willing and able to donate financially to this worthy cause is encouraged to write a **check** to the Archdiocese of Washington and include "**MCM-RVF Thomas Grimme**" in the memo. Any and all donations are gratefully appreciated and can be accepted in the Parish Office or weekly collection.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

13 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO SOR Classes (school)
14 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross St. Paul Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
15 TUESDAY 9:00 AM — 11:00 PM:	Our Lady of Sorrows Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
16 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Pope Cornelius & St. Cyprian Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
17 THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	St. Robert Bellarmine Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
18 FRIDAY	
19 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	St. Januarius Confessions
20 SUNDAY	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, September 14, 2009		
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM
Tuesday, September 15, 2009		
6:45 AM		8:30 AM Anniversaries of the Shipe & Pittaway families (living)
Wednesday, September 16, 2009		
6:45 AM		8:30 AM Robert Masucci
Thursday, September 17, 2009		
6:45 AM		8:30 AM
Friday, September 18, 2009		
6:45 AM		8:30 AM
Saturday, September 19, 2009		
8:30 AM	John & Betty Finn	
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita	Fr. Perkins
Sunday, September 20, 2009		
7:30 AM	Richard Ferketic	Fr. Perkins
9:30 AM	Robert Nelson	Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Bill & Young Gaze & family (Living)	Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	People of Holy Cross	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 1st Sunday of September 2009.....	\$ 10,150.51
Offertory 1st Sunday of September 2008.....	\$ 12,583.85
FIRST SUNDAY.....	\$ 4,893.00
POOR BOX Social Concerns	\$ 86.13
9/13 Montgomery Right to Life 9/20 Christ House	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist to serve
3rd Weekend 9/19/09 & 9/20/09

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Charlotte King; Martha Matocha
9:00 AM	Don Watkins & Yolaine Watkins
10:30 AM	Linda Gage; Charlene Hubbard alternate
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan; Virginia Pedone