

HOLY CROSS CYO BAKE SALE SEPTEMBER 27
is taking place after All Masses. Please stop by to buy
Wonderful Baked Goodies
To Help Support Your School's CYO and Athletics!!!
Any Questions? Please Email magninol@us.ibm.com



The Devotion Of First Saturdays, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on April 2. 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.

HAVE YOU GOT A 7TH-GRADER? If you are expecting your present 7th-grader to be confirmed in the 8th grade (school year 2010 – 2011) here at Holy Cross, he or she *must* be registered with the Religious Education Office now. (Students in Holy Cross School and the SOR are already on the list!) If your 7th-grader is enrolled in a public school, he or she *must* also be attending the SOR or another parish's CCD/SOR classes this year (and next) in order to be confirmed in the 8th grade. Two years of Confirmation preparation in religious education classes are required by the Archdiocese. Call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790 for more information.

-8790 to learn more. There is never any obligation.

PARISH LENDING LIBRARY: Look for our new Honor System Lending Library on a cart in the school lobby after all Sunday Masses, beginning this week. "Check out" the good Catholic books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs, on offer for all ages.



THANK YOU!!!! The success of Holy Cross' Parish picnic could not have been done without you; the guests, volunteers and food donors. The Social Events Committee is appreciative of your gift of time, energy, and enthusiastic support.

Thank you and God Bless!

ARE YOU READING WITH US? The Catholic Book Group will discuss *The Diary of a Country Priest* by Georges Bernanos on Tuesday, October 6th, at 7:00 PM in Quinn Hall. Come join us!

FLU-SEASON PRECAUTIONS: During the flu season, a verbal or other gesture of peace (such as bowing) may be used instead of the traditional hand shake or other close forms of greeting. **Remember**, if you are unable to attend Mass due to illness, the Mass for Shut-ins is on WDCW- 50 (Verizon Ch 3; Comcast Ch 23; RCN Ch 15) at 10:30 AM on Sundays.

THE MONTHLY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE WILL take place the weekend of **October 3rd and October 4th**, after all masses. Non-perishable foods, seasonal clothing, and household items are gratefully accepted outside the school entrance. Please label bags of clothing as to type and size (e.g. Ladies, medium). Merchandise Certificates are welcome in lieu of food. These may be placed in the box on the table where the certificates are sold. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to this monthly project.

The Social Events Committee is looking for YOU! Are you looking for a volunteer experience that is exciting, inspiring and fun? We invite you join the Social Events Committee. Our volunteers will enjoy planning special events, and social gatherings with the added benefit of meeting new and exciting Parishioners. Make a difference by joining our team at the Rectory meeting room on **Tuesday, September 29 at 6:30 PM**. For additional information, please contact Dee Ruilova at (858)663-3749.

DID YOU KNOW? Holy Cross has an "Over 50" Club that meets every 1st Friday of the month (THAT IS THIS FRIDAY). We attend the 8:30 AM Mass, and then go to breakfast. It is a good opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners for a nice meal and conversation. We are a warm and friendly group, and would like to have you join us. If interested, call Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.



The Sally Foster fundraiser to benefit Holy Cross School is going on now outside Mass! Please take some time to view the displays, the catalog and pick up a flyer with additional information, or order.

Items can also be ordered on line (by Monday, Sept. 28th) 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!

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-RFV Thomas Grimme" in the memo. Any and all donations are gratefully appreciated and can be accepted in the Parish Office or weekly collection.

RCIA: Our weekly classes for those inquiring about the Catholic Faith have begun. It's not too late to join. Call 301-942-8790 to learn more. There is never any obligation.

Health Care Reform and our Catholic Faith: Did you know that the Catholic Church is one of the largest private providers of health care services nationwide, including this area? As Congress debates health care reform, it is important to get the facts and to have a voice. This means encouraging legislation that reflects the needs we see daily in our Catholic hospitals and clinics, protects all life, expands affordable access and maintains existing conscience protections for health workers, among other moral and ethical principles.

Your voice is important at this critical time while legislation is being written. To get accurate information on health care reform from a Catholic perspective, visit www.usccb.org, the website of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. To receive legislative action alerts, sign up with the Maryland Catholic Conference (www.mdathcon.org/healthcarereform) or D.C. Catholic Conference (www.adw.org/service/dccc.asp), and check the Catholic Standard and El Pregonero regularly.



Annual Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour: Organized by the the World Apostolate of Fatima and the Holy Childhood Association, the "Worldwide Children's Eucharistic Holy Hour" will be held on Friday, October 2, 10:00 AM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,

Washington, DC. Children will gather to adore Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament and to pray the World Mission Rosary for the families of the world. New Orleans Archbishop Gregory Aymond will preside and offer a reflection. Music will be provided by Dana, the well-known Irish singer.

To reserve space, register students (from Catholic schools, home-schooling groups or religious education programs) as soon as possible at www.childrenoftheeucharist.org or by contacting Sr. Maria de la Revelación, Mission Education Coordinator for the Holy Childhood Association, at 301-853-5388 or rcastaneda@adw.org.

For Teens: "Mixed Messages: Untangling the Myths about Sex and Love" : Teens from 7th -12th grade, and parents, are invited to attend "Mixed Messages: Untangling the Myths about Sex and Love" on [Wednesday, October 21, 7:00-8:30 p.m., St. Patrick Church, Rockville. China Briceno, a dynamic chastity speaker, will talk to the teens while parents will have a brief presentation and time to ask questions about supporting your child in living a chaste life. The parent session includes refreshments. For more information, please visit www.adw.org or contact Michelle Carper at 301-853-4555 or mcarper@adw.org.

POST CANA: Attend the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany! Trip includes Switzerland, Austria, Bavaria and Oberammergau, Germany, Land portion \$2999. For more detailed information about the itinerary please call Marie King 301-897-5876 or mmariecatherine@cs.com.

Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate: God is the guarantor of man's true development, inasmuch as, having created him in his image, he also establishes the transcendent dignity of men and women and feeds their innate yearning to "be more". Man is not a lost atom in a random universe: he is God's creature, whom God chose to endow with an immortal soul and whom he has always loved. (CV, 28) *Read the Holy Father's encyclical online at www.vatican.va*



"For better or for worse" is not just a romantic phrase in the wedding vows. At times we have to grieve the loss of our ideal marriage and see what we can still build together. *** "Couples who are finding it hard to stay married deserve our prayers and assistance." (Follow the Way of Love, USCCB) Pray for a couple you know who is struggling in their marriage. www.foryourmarriage.org

Evening of Reflection for Catholic Married Couples: An evening of reflection for Catholic married couples to renew their sacramental vows of marriage will be held on Friday, Oct. 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada St., NW, Washington, DC. Following dinner, Msgr. John Enzler will lead a reflection on the sacrament of marriage. The cost is \$10. For more information or to register please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-5337.

Annual Archdiocese of Washington Marian Pilgrimage: Please join the faithful from across the Archdiocese of Washington for the annual Archdiocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Sunday, October 11, 2009. The Rosary begins in the Upper Church at 2:30 p.m. and will be followed by Mass at 3:00 p.m. This year the pilgrimage strives to serve as a reminder to us all of our common call to holiness from God by living out our vocations in an ever increasing secular world. The theme is "Mary, Mother of the Church and of our families" and the principal celebrant and homilist is Bishop Martin D. Holley. All are welcome. The Basilica is located at 400 Michigan Avenue, NE, Washington, DC (Brookland-CUA Metro; free parking).

Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation Conference: "Building Peace through Faith and Dialogue" is the theme of the Holy Land Christian Ecumenical Foundation's (HCEF) 11th International Conference & Awards Banquet, October 23-24 at Pooks Hill Marriott and the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center. John Cardinal Foley will be the keynote speaker and will talk about the challenge of Christians to remain in the Holy Land. For more information, visit www.hcef.org or call 301-951-9400.

WE CAN ALL USE SOME BLESSINGS! Did you know that two Plenary Indulgences are available to us right now?

- During this **Year for Priests**, which runs through June 19, 2010, the faithful may obtain a *Plenary Indulgence* by attending Mass and offering prayers to Jesus Christ — “the supreme and eternal priest” — and praying for priests on the first Thursday of the month, as long as they have received expiation for their sins through sacramental Confession. All of the faithful may receive *Partial Indulgences* each time they pray five Our Father’s, five Hail Mary’s, and five Glory Be’s “in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, to ask that priests maintain purity and sanctity of life.” The elderly, sick, and homebound may receive a *Plenary Indulgence* if on the first Thursday of the month, “they pray for the sanctification of priests and offer their sickness and suffering to God through Mary, Queen of the Apostles.”
- This is the **Jubilee Year** -- or 50th Anniversary -- of the **Dedication of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington**. For the period of the Jubilee, (until November 20, 2009), the Holy Father has granted a *Plenary Indulgence* (remission of temporal punishment due to sin) on the truly penitent members of the faithful who, on the usual conditions (sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, prayers for the Holy Father’s intentions) duly fulfilled: a) If they undertake a sacred pilgrimage to the Upper Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine and they devoutly participate in the liturgical celebration or other pious exercise; or b) if they visit the Basilica of the National Shrine either alone or with a group and there at least devote themselves to pious considerations for an appropriate period of time to be concluded with the Our Father, the Creed, and invocations to the Immaculate Virgin Mary. The elderly, the infirm, and everyone who for legitimate reason cannot leave their homes, joining themselves in heartfelt desire with others who will undertake a pious visitation or pilgrimage, can likewise obtain a *Plenary Indulgence*, provided that, with a resolute detestation for every sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible the three customary conditions (named above), they recite devoutly the prayers before some sacred image as mentioned above and they humbly offer the illnesses or inconveniences of their own lives to the merciful God through Mary.

ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE in the 17th International Week of Prayer and Fasting, October 2-12 in Washington, DC. Please see the Bulletin Insert or the Bulletin Board.

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

CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD IN THE VESTIBULE!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
27 SUNDAY 10:15 -- 11:30 AM	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
28 MONDAY 6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Wenceslaus Bible Study on 2nd Corinthians (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
29 TUESDAY 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Sts. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
30 WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Jerome Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
1 THURSDAY 9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM: 1:15 PM -- 6:00 PM: 6:15 PM -- 11:00 PM: 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Therese of the Child Jesus Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Church</i>) Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
2 FRIDAY	RCIA First Friday, Guardian Angels
3 SATURDAY 9:00 AM:	First Saturday, St. Theodore Guerin Confessions
4 SUNDAY	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Respect Life Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK			
<u>Monday, September 28, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	John Dean	8:30 AM	Special Intention
<u>Tuesday, September 29, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Gunther Schmidt
<u>Wednesday, September 30, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM		8:30 AM	Michael F. X. Dolan
<u>Thursday, October 1, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM		8:30 AM	Mary Dolan
<u>Friday, October 2, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Mary Dean	8:30 AM	Andres Valeiras
<u>Saturday, October 3, 2009</u>			
8:30 AM	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary		
5:00 PM	Franklin Burch		
<u>Sunday, October 4, 2009</u>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		
9:00 AM			
10:30 AM	Special Intention		
12:00 PM	Cecilia Lima & Juracy Maria		

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

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 3rd Sunday of September 2009.....	\$ 7,058.25
Offertory 3rd Sunday of September 2008.....	\$ 7,320.74
POOR BOX Christ House	\$ 213.25
10/4 Social Concerns Committee; 10/11 Father McKenna Center	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve
1st Weekend 10/03/09 & 10/04/09

5:00 PM	Jim & Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Helen Rogers
9:00 AM	Peter Ramjug; Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Alma Rusley; Linda Gage, alternate
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan; Virginia Pedone