

**CHECK IT OUT!** Look for our new honor system parish Lending Library on a cart in the school lobby after all Sunday Masses. We have many good Catholic books, tapes, CDs, and DVDs on offer for all ages. Simply choose something that interests you and sign it out.

**OUR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT HAS A NEW DIRECTOR!** Mrs. Yvie Killian, new parishioner and parent of two Holy Cross School students, has agreed to become the new Director of our annual Christmas Pageant during the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass. Watch this space in November and December for information about try-outs and rehearsals. Thank you, Mrs. Killian!



**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.

**HOLY CROSS CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** The Holy Cross CYO is starting registration for the upcoming 2009-10 basketball season. If you are interested in playing or coaching please contact Paul Whelan at [pauljwhelan@comcast.net](mailto:pauljwhelan@comcast.net).



Parents interested in coaching need to meet the ADW child protection requirements which include finger printing and completion of a child protection workshop. Players will need to go to the ADW CYO website at [www.washcyo.com](http://www.washcyo.com) and register by October 25th. Practices will start on or about November 1st. Look for more details in the bulletin during the month of October.

**Our bishops have reminded us** that now is the time to let our voices be heard about Health Care Reform. Call the U.S. Capitol switchboard at: 202-224-3121, to give a comment to your Representative and Senators. You may also call the White House Comment Line at: 202 456-1111. A suggested message might be: *"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."*

**ARE YOU TOO LATE FOR MASS?** There are some people who arrive quite late and just come up for Holy Communion. If you miss the Readings, you really have not attended Mass, and should not receive Communion. Apart from Holy Mass, Holy Communion is only given out to those who are sick. Please do not take away from the significance of the Mass by just coming to receive Holy Communion.

**ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE** in the 17<sup>th</sup> International Week of Prayer and Fasting, October 2-12 in Washington, DC. Three main events: On **October 10<sup>th</sup>**, **Journey Conference – Young Adult Festival** at the JPPII Cultural Center at 9 AM. On **October 11<sup>th</sup>**, the **God's Plan for Live and Love Awards Banquet** will be held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC at 5:30 PM (tables available), featuring **former US Sen. Rick Santorum**. On **October 12<sup>th</sup>**, a **Eucharistic Prayer Vigil** at the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 9 AM, featuring Jennifer O'Neill, actress and pro-life activist, Dr. Jackson, lead scientist on Shroud of Turin, Fr. Frank Pavone, Priests for Life, and other speakers. For more info, go to [www.iwopf.org](http://www.iwopf.org).



**Saturday, October 10: Young Adult Festival** -- *Journey: God's Plan for Life and Love*, Location: **John Paul II Cultural Center**; Time: Registration 8 AM; Rosary 9 AM; Mass 4 PM; Age: 18-35. The Relics of the Passion will be on display for veneration. Speakers include: **Chris Horn** - Devout Catholic & Former NFL Player. **Kristan Hawkins** -- Dir. of Students for Life America. **Chris Padgett** - Convert, Songwriter, Musician, & Author. **Christina Condit** - Student & Role Model for Chastity. Mass to be said by **Fr. Machado** - Healing Minister & Evangelist. Confession throughout the day. Register at [www.journeydc.org](http://www.journeydc.org). Check us out on MySpace & Facebook!

**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.

**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 PM at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 3630 Quesada St., NW. 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](mailto:flm@adw.org) or 301-853-5337.



Married love is fully human. This means it comes with all the frailties of the human condition which can both delight and annoy. But what other way would you have it? [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

**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!

**HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH SEPARATION AND DIVORCE:** A seminar, *Helping Children through Parental Separation and Divorce*, will be held **Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at St. Elizabeth School library in Rockville. Learn how to help children in grades 3 through 8 cope with parental separation and divorce. Gain a better understanding of the challenges of parental break-up from the children’s perspective and learn how 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.

**Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate:** Openness to life is at the centre of true development. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man’s true good. If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away. The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help. (CV, 28)  
*Read the Holy Father’s encyclical online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*

**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).

**DRIVERS NEEDED:** Did you know that we offer transportation to Mass or to visit the doctor for those parishioners in need? We urgently need a few volunteers to add to our list of those who are able to drive these parishioners. This is only an occasional need, and a real gift to our parish. If you can offer this assistance from time to time, please call Pat Chingari 301-468-9486 to add your name and phone number to the drivers list. If you are in **need** of transportation, please do call Pat Chingari.

**UNDER “MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK”** the blank spaces represent Mass Intentions that are available. Please call the parish secretary if you are interested.

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

<b>4 SUNDAY</b>	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Respect Life Sunday SOR Classes (school)
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	
<b>5 MONDAY</b>	Bible Study on 2nd Corinthians (Quinn Hall)
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. Bruno
<b>6 TUESDAY</b>	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	<b>Monthly Catholic Book Group (Quinn Hall)</b>
7:00 AM -- 8:30 PM:	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
<b>7 WEDNESDAY</b>	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	
<b>8 THURSDAY</b>	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	RCIA
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. Denis & Companions
<b>9 FRIDAY</b>	
<b>10 SATURDAY</b>	Confessions
9:00 AM:	
<b>11 SUNDAY</b>	<b>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, October 5, 2009</b>		
6:45 AM	8:30 AM	Joseph & Mae Surmeier
<b>Tuesday, October 6, 2009</b>		
6:45 AM	8:30 AM	Angie Accardo
<b>Wednesday, October 7, 2009</b>		
6:45 AM	8:30 AM	Frank Denero
<b>Thursday, October 8, 2009</b>		
6:45 AM	8:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Choi & Paul Lim (Living)
<b>Friday, October 9, 2009</b>		
6:45 AM	8:30 AM	David & Young E. Eum (Living)
<b>Saturday, October 10, 2009</b>		
8:30 AM	Emma Segato	
5:00 PM	Anna M. Capozzola	Fr. Perkins
<b>Sunday, October 11, 2009</b>		
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross	Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Geraldine & Joan Mills	Fr. Yaga
12:00 PM	Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor	Fr. Yaga

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

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 4th Sunday of September 2009 .....	\$ 7,042.86
Offertory 4th Sunday of September 2008 .....	\$ 6,750.10
POOR BOX Mount Carmel House .....	\$ 153.83
10/4 Social Concerns Committee; 10/11 Father McKenna Center	

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 2nd Weekend 10/10/09 & 10/11/09**

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Nancy Heffernan; Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins
10:30 AM	John or Denise Szczur
12 Noon	Holly Heffern; Jennifer Ivory