



**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS** and we have a month-long Novena. The All Souls Novena envelopes were included in the October mailing. Please write the names of your beloved dead ones on a separate sheet of paper and insert it in the All Souls envelope with your offering, and drop it in the collection basket, Poor Box, or put it in the door mail slot at the rectory. If you misplaced your envelope, extra envelopes will be in the vestibule. Masses for those names we received will be offered **EVERY DAY** during November.

**SILVER DINER NIGHT** - Thursday, October 29, 6 to 9 PM. Come support our school. 20% of all proceeds go to our school - dine in, carry-out, or buying a gift card. For more information or to order a gift card, please call Annie Switzer 301-530-2972. Hope to see you there!

**BIBLE STUDY:** The Monday-evening Bible Study Group will begin reading through and discussing the Gospel of St. John, starting this week. Our textbook is the paperback Ignatius Catholic Study Bible (RSV) edition, with commentary by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch. All are welcome. Call 301-942-8790 for more information.

**DON'T FORGET YOUR HOMEWORK :** Our Catholic Book Group is currently reading Robert Bolt's play about St. Thomas More, *A Man for All Seasons*. We'll be discussing this classic play on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 PM in the school library. Do join us!

**NO SOR NEXT WEEK:** Our MCPS students have a three-day weekend coming up, so there is no SOR on Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>.

**DON'T BE LATE ON SUNDAY:** Don't forget to turn your clocks back on Hallowe'en night. Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 AM.

#### CONFIRMATION NEWS:

- **TEST:** All SOR and KAOS students will take the Confirmation test this morning, Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:15 in the school.
- **RETREAT:** All 2009 Confirmandi are expected to attend the Confirmation NET Retreat on Friday, Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 7:00 PM here at Holy Cross.

**Bible TimeLine:** We are presently trying to identify a good time during the week to present the 24 session, 2 hour Bible TimeLine discussion and DVD series with Jeff Cavins. If you are interested in participating please call the Rupperts, 301-933-7646 and let them know the days/hours you are available.

**MERCY CONGRESS:** The first North American Congress on Mercy will be celebrated Nov. 14-15 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. Doctor Scott Hahn, well-known Catholic author and speaker, will deliver the keynote address. Bishop Lori from Bridgeport CT says the Congress will present practical strategies for incorporating mercy in daily life. In a land reeling from financial and moral crises, where families are struggling, and amid fighting two foreign wars, Bishop Lori has declared the theme for the conference "Mercy: Our Hope." Senior and student discounts are available. To register, call (800) 462-7426 or go to: [www.mercycongress.org](http://www.mercycongress.org). A number of Holy Cross parishioners are planning to attend so carpooling can be arranged. Call: Barb at 301-933-7646.

**Do You have your Safeway or Giant card signed up to make donations to Holy Cross Elementary School?** You need to re-register that card every September by filling out a new form. The number for Safeway/ Escript is 1038822 (you can also sign up for a credit card and such) and the number for Giant is 00839.

**WORLD PRIEST DAY:** Today is the tenth annual World Priest Day, sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter and in conjunction with the Serra Club's Priesthood Sunday. Today is a special day for parishioners and families to celebrate and honor their Catholic priests. It is an opportunity for all parishioners to thank, affirm and share their love and support for all of our priests. For more ideas on how to honor your clergy please visit <http://wpd.wwme.org> or [www.priestsunday.org](http://www.priestsunday.org).

**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.

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 463**, sponsored by Holy Cross Church, will be offering popcorn products for sale after all masses on Sunday, November 1, as part of their annual fund-raising drive. Products offered will be varieties of gourmet popcorn, caramel corn, and trail mix, as well as gift packages to send to our armed forces in Iraq and Afghanistan. Your support will be appreciated and 70% of your purchase stays local to benefit our scouts and their programs and activities. Look for the display as you leave the church.

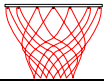


"Three words that can save a marriage are, 'Maybe you're right.'" (Sally Gully) Marcus, her husband, adds, "'Maybe' gives you some wiggle room." This also works with fellow employees, customers, even children.

[www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)



**HOLY CROSS CYO BASKETBALL REGISTRATION:** HOLY CROSS CYO is now open for registration on the AWD CYO website- [www.washcyo.com](http://www.washcyo.com).



Players in the 3rd through 8th grade can sign up for the following teams:

Team	Grade	Coach
Rookie Girls-	3rd/4th	Perry Finney
Rookie Boys-	3rd/4th	Jim Flannery
JV Girls-	5th/6th	Mario Silva
JV Mid Atlantic Boys-	5th/6th	Del Ali
Varsity Mid Atlantic Girls	7th/8th	Pat Durbin
Varsity Mid Atlantic Boys	7th/8th	Del Ali

Based on player response there may be more than one team in a category. Last year we had 2 Rookie girls and boys teams, plus 2 JV boys teams. Each Division has rules for player participation. Rookie and JV division state that each player must start and finish an entire quarter and each player must sit out an entire quarter. Varsity Mid Atlantic is a very competitive league. Many players in this division go on to play in High School. Therefore, it is necessary to hold tryout for all Mid Atlantic teams. Rules state that each player must play at least one tick of the clock.

Until the completion of Lewis hall Holy Cross CYO has secured gym time at the following locations for the entire season.

Monday nights	Oakland Terrence	6PM-9PM	Rookie teams
Tuesday nights	Tilden Middle	6PM-7PM	Varsity Girls
Wed. nights	Luxmanor Elem	7:30PM-8:30PM	JV Girls
Thurs. nights	Tilden Middle	8PM-9PM	Varsity and JV boys

Once Lewis Hall is completed and approved for use all teams will have the option of a second night of practice (or more). More details on these options will be available towards the completion of the Lewis Hall Project.

Please make checks payable to "Holy Cross CYO".

Basketball Fee Schedule:

Rookie	\$150
JV	\$150
Varsity	\$200

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

### 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!

**Men's Discernment Dinner with Archbishop Wuerl:** Sunday, November 8, 4 pm – 7:30 PM, St. Peter Catholic Church, Washington, DC. Have you ever felt called to the Priesthood? If so, you should consider attending the annual Mass and dinner with Archbishop Wuerl for adult men who are open to the priesthood. The evening will include Mass with Archbishop Wuerl, a presentation, dinner and an opportunity to meet other Catholic men who are considering the call. If you are looking for a sign, this is it..."come and see" why the priesthood is such a gift.

To register and for more information contact Msgr. Rob Panke, Director of Priest Vocations at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org) or 301-853-4580. Participants should be single men in their 20's – 40's who are practicing Catholics.

**Pope Benedict XVI: Caritas in veritate:** Individual rights, when detached from a framework of duties which grants them their full meaning, can run wild, leading to an escalation of demands which is effectively unlimited and indiscriminate. An overemphasis on rights leads to a disregard for duties. ...Duties thereby reinforce rights and call for their defense and promotion as a task to be undertaken in the service of the common good. (CV, 43) *Read the Holy Father's encyclical online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va)*

**CATHOLIC DIVORCE MINISTRY TRAINING: Loss Recovery & Rebuilding:** Saturday, Oct 31, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church Parish Center 1800 Seton Drive, Crofton, MD 21114. Pre-registration \$35; \$40 at door. Carrie Hansen, M.A., M.S.W., LCSW-C and Kathy Brewer Gorham, CDM Executive Director, are the instructors. Info: Suzanne 645-5203.

See the flyer: [http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/CDM\\_Train.pdf](http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/CDM_Train.pdf)

**Day Retreat for Children from Separated and Divorced Families:** Saturday, Nov 7 at Saint Elizabeth's school in Rockville. A one-day, healing retreat for children (in grades 3-8) from separated and divorced families. It will include small group discussions, individual reflections, and fun activities. Info: Office of Family Life at [flm@adw.org](mailto:flm@adw.org) or 853-5337 or the retreat leader, Lynn Cassella-Kapusinski, president and founder of the Faith Journeys Foundation, Inc. at 410-744-0305.

<http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/Families.htm>

**THE MONTHLY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE** WILL take place the weekend of **October 31st and November 1st**, 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.

**ALL HALLOWS EVE MASS OCT. 31 AT THE CRYPT:** Auxiliary Bishop Francisco Gonzalez SF will be celebrating Mass in the Crypt of the Basilica of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception at 5:00 PM on October 31, 2009, for the Vigil of All Saints Day and all are welcome. The Mass is being sponsored by the **Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities of the Archdiocese of Washington**. Children are encouraged to dress up as saints and after the Mass cookies and punch will be served outside the Crypt in Assembly Hall. There will also be tables displaying information about each Catholic movement or community where candy may be distributed to each child who announces and gives a "Truth for a Treat." For more details contact Margi Palinawan (571-332-0362). An article about the 2008 All Saints Day Mass with Archbishop Wuerl can be found at [www.catholicmovementsdc.com/wuerl.pdf](http://www.catholicmovementsdc.com/wuerl.pdf).

**BISHOP MCNAMARA OPEN HOUSE OCT. 25TH:** When: Oct. 25th from 12:30 to 4:00 PM. Where: 6800 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD. *Open House Tours of the Campus!*

The over \$8 million renovations include the new religion wing, Holy Cross Hall; the Fine Arts Department's new band, choir, dance and visual arts studios & practice facilities; expanded cafeteria, senior dining area and student patio; new counseling and college planning center; renovated two story library with expanded collection and computer access; performances by the BMHS award-winning Jazz Band; faculty presentations on the challenging college preparatory curriculum; athletic team representatives convey excitement about 19 varsity sports; student ambassadors share their insights on the BMHS experience!

Learn more about Bishop McNamara High School through our website [www.bmhs.org](http://www.bmhs.org) or call us at 301-735-8401 Ext. 113.

**Marriage Matters® but do you know why?** Find out what the Catholic Church teaches about marriage and why it's important, including articles addressing marriage, scriptural passages and reflections on marriage and family life, marriage preparation information, resources for enriching your marriage and more. The Archdiocese of Washington's educational initiative called Marriage Matters® is online at [www.MarriageMattersDC.org](http://www.MarriageMattersDC.org).

**Marriage Encounter:** Prepare for Advent by reenergizing your marital relationship. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Only one more weekend is scheduled this year. It will be on November 6-8, 2009 in Rockville, MD. Register now!

These weekends fill quickly. Download a registration form at <http://dc.wvme.org>, call 410-414-9667 or email [gordon4514@aol.com](mailto:gordon4514@aol.com).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

25 SUNDAY	10:15 -- 11:30 AM	<b>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> SOR Classes (school)
26 MONDAY	7:00 -- 8:30 PM	St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
27 TUESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
28 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	<b>Sts. Simon &amp; Jude</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	RCIA
29 THURSDAY	9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
30 FRIDAY		
31 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
1 SUNDAY		<b>All Saints Day</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, October 26, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Thomas Healy	8:30 AM	Zelaya-Quesada Family
<b>Tuesday, October 27, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Zelaya-Najera Family
<b>Wednesday, October 28, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Mary Catherine Healy	8:30 AM	Rosa Hughs
<b>Thursday, October 29, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Marianne Joly (L)	8:30 AM	Francesco Fiore
<b>Friday, October 30, 2009</b>			
6:45 AM	Deacon Jerry Donlon	8:30 AM	Paul Skoczylas
<b>Saturday, October 31, 2009</b>			
8:30 AM	Joseph & Mae Surmeier)		
5:00 PM	Franklin Burch		Fr. Perkins
<b>Sunday, November 1, 2009</b>			
7:30 AM	Names on our Altar (All Souls Novena)		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	David Babcock		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Carlos Alprizios		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Elizabeth Purcell		Msgr. Hill

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; Michael Gouzoulis; Arline Hart; Marianne Joly; Renee Lucas; Anthony Paige; Bonnie Riddenhower; Maxine Saur

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 3rd Sunday of October 2009	\$ 6,936.30
Offertory 3rd Sunday of October 2008	\$ 8,319.20
POOR BOX Father McKenna Center	\$ 265.82
10/25 Little Sisters of the Poor; 11/1 Social Concerns Committee	

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 1st Weekend 10/31/09 & 11/01/09**

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Nancy Heffernan; Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins
10:30 AM	Brian Madigan; Alma Rusley, alternate
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan; Virginia Pedone

