

Prepare the Way

Last weekend, the Prepare the Way capital campaign was announced parish-wide. Its success will enable us to enter the Parish's next fifty years debt-free, with a refurbished parish hall, and a level of financial security to support our parish ministries. Our goal is to raise \$750,000 and we are encouraged that through early efforts we have raised just over \$400,000. This weekend is Commitment Weekend and your opportunity to participate.

For those interested in participating in our capital campaign through the use of **automatic credit card or electronic payments**, please enroll with Faith Direct, our secure online program. Forms were included in the packet that was mailed out recently. However, if you need assistance or do not have the form, there are 3 ways to enroll in **FAITH DIRECT-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**:

1. **Mail-in Enrollment** - Contact Mary Anne Gadbois at the Rectory for an enrollment form by calling 301-942-1020 x 18, or by emailing her at gadbois@hcrosschurch.org.
2. **Phone-In Enrollment** - Call the Faith Direct, Inc. toll-free number 1-866-507-8757.
3. **Online Enrollment** - Visit the Faith Direct, Inc. website, www.faithdirect.net. The Holy Cross Church enrollment code is MD22.

CONFIRMATION REMINDERS: Confirmandi: Most of your Confirmation paperwork is due today, Sunday, Nov. 15th. The pew banner is due next Sunday, Nov. 22nd. Confirmation rehearsal is Thursday, Dec. 3rd, at 6:00 PM in the church. Bishop Holley will be here for the Confirmation Mass at 7 PM on Friday, Dec. 4th.

A FAMILY TRADITION: Will your family be at the 6:30 PM



Family Mass on Christmas Eve? This Mass begins with a procession of families, each carrying one Nativity figure to its place in the stable. Why not take part in this annual Procession to the Manger? To sign up, call 301-942-8790. You can choose which figure to carry. Don't wait! First come, first served; some figures have already been claimed.

WE CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING DAY in a week and a half – November 26, 2009! If you are having your Thanksgiving dinner at home, you will be buying turkeys, stuffing, cranberries – and all those good things that go with celebrating this wonderful and uniquely American feast day. Many of us will invite our families and friends to join us! Isn't it a wonderful feast to celebrate our thanks to God for all His blessings?

Let's celebrate in another way too – use Merchandise Certificates to buy our food for this feast day! It does not cost you anything more – and your parish will earn from 3% to 5% of your purchases. There isn't an easier way to support Holy Cross! You can purchase certificates after Mass in Holy Cross School entranceway and during the week at the rectory.

NEWS NEWS NEWS...We will be selling MACY's certificates starting next Sunday, November 15 in \$25 denominations. Now you can use certificates for all your MACY's purchases and Christmas shopping and gifting giving. **REMEMBER IT DOES NOT COST YOU ANYTHING** to buy merchandise certificates. You pay the face value of the certificate and Holy Cross earns 3-10% from the merchants, not from you. **TRY IT-YOU'LL LOVE IT!!**

MASS ON THANKSGIVING DAY will be at 10 AM.

HEALTH CARE: Congress is still in the process of debating health care reform legislation. The Catholic bishops of the United States strongly support genuine health care reform that protects the life and dignity of all, from the moment of conception until natural death. However, there are many proponents of versions of the current bills that are seriously deficient on abortion and conscience rights, and do not yet provide adequate access to health care for immigrants and the poor.

Last weekend you received a special flier from the U.S. Bishops' Conference asking you to please contact your Representative and Senators immediately and urge them to fix these bills with pro-life amendments. **THANK YOU** to those who have made calls and sent emails. They are still urgently needed. The flier included a web address that allows you to send an email message to Congress with a click of a button. Additional fliers/bulletin inserts can be found at our parish website, www.hcrosschurch.org with the 11/8 Bulletin. The bishops have asked for our swift action and the commitment of our prayers for this critical effort. Thank you for your help. We can help make sure that health care reform will be about saving lives, not destroying them.

SOR BREAK: The SOR will not meet on Sunday, Nov. 29th (the first Sunday of Advent). This is our Thanksgiving break. Classes resume for *all* students on Sunday, Dec. 6th.

CHRISTMAS CARDS will be available after all masses on November 14th and 15th and November 21st and 22nd. Share the joy of Christmas with your family and friends while donating to Right to Life of Montgomery County.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Just a little advance notice regarding Thanksgiving week...we WILL have Adoration on Tuesday, November 24th but there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday or Thursday, November 25 and 26. Looking ahead to Christmas, there will be no Adoration during Christmas and New Years weeks. Thank you for your faithfulness in visiting Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament - over 80 people are making regular hourly visits each week and others are visiting as they can. All are welcome in the Quinn Hall Exposition Chapel.



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 school year by filling out a new form. The number for Safeway/ Escript is 1038822 and the number for Giant is 00839.

Msgr. Louis Quinn to Speak on Priestly Identity: Come hear Msgr. W. Louis Quinn discuss "Priestly Identity: From My Perspective of 65 Years in the Priesthood," on Thursday, November 19, 7:30 PM at Church of the Little Flower (School Music Room), 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. For more information, call 301-320-4538.

How Priests are Chosen and Formed: Monsignor Robert J. Panke, director of the Archdiocesan Office of Priest Vocations and Formation, will speak about "How Priests are Chosen and Formed" on Wednesday, November 18, 7:30 PM at Church of the Little Flower (School Music Room), 5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda. For more information, call 301-320-4538.

St Matthew's Cathedral and the National Assn. of Pastoral Musicians presents "A Night of Music - for Musicians." A festive evening of music-making in the wondrous acoustics of the Cathedral on Friday November 20, 2009 at 7:30 PM. For all parish musicians - conductors, choir members and instrumentalists. Come to sing and experience the breadth and depth of music as prayer. Leading us are invited vocal ensembles and instrumentalists and the Cathedral's own Schola Cantorum, singing in many styles from chant and motets to spirituals and Hungarian Folk Songs. A Gala Reception follows in the Great Hall of the Cathedral. Free and open to all Catholic Church Musicians and all those who love music for liturgy. The Cathedral is Metro Accessible and street and garage parking is nearby. 1725 Rhode Island Avenue, NW, Washington DC. Please call Charlene Dorrian (301) 384-5796 to RSVP, or for more info, Thomas Stehle at the Cathedral (202) 587-5141.

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.



On what day of the month were you married? Let that day each month be a mini-remembrance. Perhaps greet each other with "Happy November Anniversary" and a kiss. www.foryourmarriage.org

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.

Overcoming Infertility from a Catholic Perspective: Dr. John Bruchalski, founder of the Tepeyac Family Center, will address ways to overcome infertility using effective medical means supported by Church teaching. The talk and discussion of an ongoing support group will be held Saturday, November 21, 10:00 AM-noon at the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center, 5001 Eastern Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20782. For more information or to register, please contact the Archdiocesan Office of Family Life at flm@adw.org or 301-853-5337.

Retrouvaille: A Lifeline for Marriage – Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) – helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It offers the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty. For more (confidential) information or to register for a program contact 301-468-6764 or 410-647-0350, TomnCarol@comcast.net or visit at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Theology on Tap: Join us for our Fall season of Theology on Tap at Ireland's Four Fields in Cleveland Park (rated Washington Post Reader's Choice "Best Irish Pub"), 3412 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington DC 20008. Bring friends to Happy Hour from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM and enjoy \$12 pitchers. At 8:00 PM, our featured speakers will present on this season's theme: "The Secret Lives of Priests." Come join us November 17. For more information on archdiocesan and parish young adult opportunities, e-mail Laura Ferstl at yam@adw.org

With you December Envelopes comes a leaflet that gives the times of Masses for the Christmas celebrations. There is a mistake in the Church's location; it says "Garrett, MD" instead of "Garrett Park, MD" – which was caught too close to deadline to correct. The publisher's apology to all those who love Garrett PARK!

MORE APOLOGIES: There has been an over-scheduling of Mass Intentions for some weeks in November. This has to do with the Novena, which requires a Mass every day for the Names on our Altar. If YOUR MASS INTENTION has been removed, please call the Parish Secretary to re-schedule.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE: The normal Bulletin Deadline is the Monday before the Sunday Bulletin, or Tuesday AM by email. Due to the Thanksgiving Holidays, the Deadline FOR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 29 is WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18th. Please contact the Parish Secretary Mary Stuart at STUART@hcrosschurch.org or 301-942-1020 x10.

Little Sisters of the Poor Bazaar: Saturday - November 21st 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, 4200 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington DC, (across from Catholic University) (See Bulletin Board for more information.)

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS and it's not too late to join our month-long Novena. Extra All Souls Novena envelopes are available be in the vestibule. 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. Masses for those names we received will be offered EVERY DAY during November.

Concert to Benefit L'Arche: Tenor Victor (Zong Woo) Geem & Soprano Keeson Kwon will perform a benefit for L'Arche, homes for mentally handicapped persons in Washington, DC. Victor Geem is a soloist who performs with several local choirs, including the National Cathedral and the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Keeson Kwon is a graduate of the Peabody Conservatory and The Catholic University of America. She has won numerous vocal competitions and performs regularly at the Kennedy Center as a soloist and in chorales. This event, part of the Deo Gratias Concert Series of Our Lady of Victory Church, will be Saturday, December 12, 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Victory, 4835 MacArthur Blvd. NW, Washington, DC. For more information, please call 202-337-4835.

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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

15 SUNDAY	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 -- 11:30 AM	SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
16 MONDAY	St. Margaret of Scotland
6:45 -- 8:15 PM	St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
17 TUESDAY	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
18 WEDNESDAY	Basilicas of Peter and Paul
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM:	RCIA
19 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM – 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
20 FRIDAY	
21 SATURDAY	Presentation of Mary
9:00 AM:	Confessions
22 SUNDAY	Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, November 16, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Marianne Joly (Living)	8:30 AM	Names on our Altar
<u>Tuesday, November 17, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Ernest J. Massuci
<u>Wednesday, November 18, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Jeanne Behrend
<u>Thursday, November 19, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Names on our Altar	8:30 AM	Anna Masucci
<u>Friday, November 20, 2009</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Names on our Altar
<u>Saturday, November 21, 2009</u>			
8:30 AM	Names on our Altar		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Perkins
<u>Sunday, November 22, 2009</u>			
7:30 AM	Names on our Altar		Msgr. Hill
9:00 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	Thomas & Joyce Choi (Living)		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Cecilia Lima		Fr. Yaga

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; Thomas & Young Choi; Michael Downey; J. Anthony English; Michael Gouzoulis; Arline Hart; Marianne Joly; Renee Lucas; Anthony Paige; Bonnie Riddenhower; Maxine Saur

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 2nd Sunday of November 2009	\$ 8,873.96
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FAITH DIRECT	\$ 15,782.50
POOR BOX Gift of Peace	\$ 185.87
11/15 The Gabriel Network: 11/22 Anchor Mental Health Association	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve
4th Weekend 11/21/09 & 11/22/09

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher; Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne; Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins
10:30 AM	Patrick or Millie Durbin
12 Noon	Holly Heffern; Jennifer Ivory