

Prepare the Way

CAMPAIGN UPDATE as of 12/15/09

"Prepare the Way" Gifts	\$ 722,506
Average Gift from Parish-wide Appeal	\$ 2,270
% of Regular Offertory Contributors	45%
% of Goal	96%

Needed to Achieve our Goal	\$ 27,494
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GOAL \$750,000

We are almost there... please help us reach our goal!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

FAITH DIRECT-CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: 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. For an enrollment form, contact Mary Anne Gadbois at the Rectory by email at gadbois@hcrosschurch.org or by phone at 301-942-1020, extension 18.

GIFTS OF SECURITIES

For gifts of securities, please contact Cecilia Zurita at Merrill Lynch – telephone 703-734-8089. The account number for Holy Cross Church is #795-04G84.

SAVE THE DATE: Our Second Annual Holy Cross Parish Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Georgetown Prep. Father John Davis, O.P., will lead the retreat. Details to come.

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP: *In This House of Brede*, by Rumer Godden, is our book for both January and February. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the school library. On January 5th, we'll talk about chapters 1 – 8 of *Brede*; we'll discuss the entire novel on February 2nd. All adults are welcome. For more information, leave a message at 301-942-8790.

CHRISTMAS IS ALMOST HERE: Is everyone coming to your house for Christmas dinner? Use Holy Cross Church Merchandise Certificates for four area food stores for anything they sell: **GROSVENOR MARKET, SHOPPERS FOOD, SAFEWAY and GIANT.** Use the Gift cards for flowers, cards, stamps, prescriptions. You pay the face value of the gift card and Holy Cross earns a percentage of what we sell. Don't forget **MACY'S** for Christmas presents!



Please join the choir for a short concert preceding the 10 o'clock Mass on Christmas Eve; there will be music by Handel, Bach, and Praetorius, as well as some favorite carols. The concert starts at 9:30 PM.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

20 SUNDAY	Fourth Sunday of Advent
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes (school)
21 MONDAY	St. Peter Canisius
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
22 TUESDAY	St. John of Kanty
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	NO Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
23 WEDNESDAY	St. John of Kanty
9:00 AM, 7:00 PM	No Eucharistic Adoration or RCIA
24 THURSDAY	
25 FRIDAY	Nativity of the Lord
26 SATURDAY	St. Stephen
9:00 AM:	Confessions
27 SUNDAY	Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 21, 2009

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Angelo Goffredo

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

6:45 AM Greg & Scott Wollard 8:30 AM Kenneth Schrader

Wednesday, December 23, 2009

6:45 AM Marie Walsh 8:30 AM Maria Giovanna Masucci

Thursday, December 24, 2009

8:30 AM Michael Nolan 4:00 PM Ernie Offenbacher
6:30 PM Zelaya-Quesada Family 10:00 PM Mary Angela & Samuel Peter Memmo

Friday, December 25, 2009

7:30 AM NO MASS 9:00 AM John & Ruth Barnak
10:30 AM Bernardo Rosa (L) 12:00 PM Marianne Joly (Living)

Saturday, December 26, 2009

8:30 AM Julie McCloud (Living)
5:00 PM Franklin Burch Fr. Yaga

Sunday, December 27, 2009

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM Philip Moyer & the family who donated their son's organs so that others might live (L) Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM Virginia Pedone Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Robert Gosselin Fr. Perkins

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; Thomas & Young Choi; Michael Downey; J. Anthony English; Michael Gouzoulis; Arline Hart; Msgr. Hill, Marianne Joly; Renee Lucas; Anthony Paige; Bill Quinlan; Bonnie Riddenhower; Maxine Saur; Judith Winslow; Edward Wright

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 2nd Sunday of December 2009	\$ 10,332.25
Offertory 2nd Sunday of December 2008	\$ 10,777.86
FAITH DIRECT	\$ 12,245.40
POOR BOX Birthright	\$ 192.37
12/20 Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County; 12/27 Community Ministry of Montgomery County	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 4th Weekend 12/26/09 & 12/27/09

5:00 PM	Jan St. John and/or John DePalma
7:30 AM	Mario & Myrna Zelaya
9:00 AM	Steve Toomey and/or Peter Ramjug
10:30 AM	Millie Durbin and/or Patrick Durbin
12:00 PM	Kathleen Gagnon and/or Ida Sullivan