

# Epiphany of the Lord



The Adoration of the Magi c. 1633/1635 [Leonaert Bramer](#)

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Holy Cross Parish Retreat is coming on Saturday, March 20th, at Georgetown Prep. Dominican Father John Davis will be the retreat master. Watch this space for more information.

**FIRST PENANCE MEETING:** At least one parent of each student receiving First Penance in 2010 is asked to attend the Parents' Meeting on Thursday, January 14th, at 7:00 PM in the school library. Our parish students will receive First Penance on Saturday, March 6th.

## SOR SCHEDULE:

- Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>: SOR resumes after Christmas break
- Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>: No SOR (MLK Holiday)
- Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>: SOR resumes
- Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>: No SOR (Presidents' Day)

**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.



**HOLY CROSS CYO BASKETBALL:** Players needed players for a second (additional) 5th-6th grade boys basketball team. 4th graders that are not currently on a team may sign up if interested. Please contact Paul Whelan at [pauljwhelan@comcast.net](mailto:pauljwhelan@comcast.net) or coach Ramon Riojas at [riogasr@gmail.com](mailto:riogasr@gmail.com)



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE MARCH FOR LIFE:** This year the first ever Adult Rally and Mass for Life will be held on the morning of January 22nd! The event will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church located at 10103 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring MD. The Rally kicks off at 8:00 AM and features prayer, music and inspirational speakers including David Bereit of 40 Days for Life and others. Mass begins at 10:00 AM with departure for the National March for Life at 11:30.

The past few years it has been impossible for adults to get into the Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center as we used to do. So the Archdiocese is accomodating us with an event of our own! There will be transportation available from Holy Cross to St. John's on the 22nd. Save the date! More information: 301 933-7646.



The Bible Timeline, *The Story of Salvation* is coming to a church near you...Holy Cross! This is a series of 24 video presentations along with Scripture reading and

discussion which will take us through the narrative books of the Bible. If you are interested and would like to suggest a time convenient for you please call, Barb Ruppert, 301-933-7646. The series will be offered over the course of the year.

**Day of Recollection: St. John Vianney :** The Archdiocesan Office of Priest Vocations and Blessed Teresa Vocation Society invite you to a Day of Recollection, Saturday, January 16, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Church of the Annunciation, 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC (free parking). *Reflections on the Life and Spirituality of St. John Vianney, Patron of Priests* will be offered by Monsignor Rob Panke, archdiocesan director of priest vocations and formation. The day will include Mass, reflection, Adoration and confession. Lunch is provided free of charge. Please contact Maris Moriarty at [mmoriarty@adw.org](mailto:mmoriarty@adw.org) or 301-853-4584 for information and lunch reservation.

**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.

# Happy New Year!

Why not make a resolution that helps your budget and Holy Cross Parish? Buy gift cards for Shoppers Food, Grosvenor Market, Safeway, Giant and Macy's from Holy Cross. Certificates may be purchased in Lewis Hall after each weekend Mass. You can buy them using cash, your personal check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. School parents participate through the school program where orders are filled every Thursday. When you purchase these gift certificates/gift cards, the Parish earns a percent of the card value without costing you one penny more for your purchases.

**Thank You to all who share in making this Merchandise Certificate Program Possible!**



**MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT:** Archbishop Wuerl is sponsoring a retreat for men in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood. The retreat will be held at Theological College, from the evening of Friday, February 5, through Sunday, February 7 at noon. The retreat will allow men time away from the daily grind and an opportunity for prayer and reflection to examine God's call. If you feel Jesus may be calling you, why not give Him a weekend? It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Msgr. Rob Panke, director of priest vocations, at 301-853-4580 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).



Communication tip: If a verbal and non-verbal message conflict, the non-verbal message is always stronger. That's why if you ask if anything is wrong and she says, "NO," but rolls her eyes, believe the eyes... If a positive and negative message conflict, the negative message is always stronger. That's why if you compliment your spouse but follow it with a complaint, he'll focus on the complaint. [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://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](http://www.MarriageMattersDC.org).



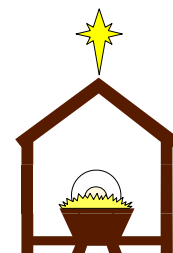
**Eucharistic Adoration:** Reminder: Adoration will resume on January 5th, at 9 AM.

**Snow Policy:** We follow the closings of Montgomery County Schools. When in doubt, Stay Home!

**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](mailto:TomnCarol@comcast.net) or visit at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). The next retreat will be January 15-17, 2010.

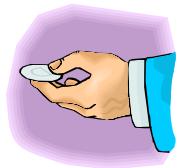
**Perfect Gift for Teens!!!** Tickets for the Matt Maher Concert in Woodbridge, VA on April 23, 2010 to benefit St. Thomas Aquinas Regional School are on sale NOW! Go to [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or call Jessica Harvey at 703-491-4447 ext. 220 to purchase. If you want to hear Matt's newest album, visit [www.MattMaherMusic.com](http://www.MattMaherMusic.com). Tickets are expected to sell out, so buy now! Thank you!

**Archdiocesan Legal Network Seeks Attorney Volunteers:** Calling all MD and DC attorneys! Whether you are working full-time, a sole practitioner, a stay-at-home parent, retired or transitioning back into the workforce, the Archdiocesan Legal Network (ALN) of Catholic Charities is seeking attorney volunteers to take pro bono cases or conduct law-related community seminars on civil law topics. ALN services low-income individuals in the District of Columbia and Maryland who otherwise would not have access to legal representation. We provide assistance in a variety of legal areas, including consumer debts, employment disputes, family law, landlord/tenant and housing, public entitlements and wills/probate. We will provide you with training and mentoring as needed. Spanish-speaking attorneys are welcome. If interested, please contact ALN Senior Program Manager, James D. Bishop, at 202-772-1201 or [james.bishop@catholiccharitiesdc.org](mailto:james.bishop@catholiccharitiesdc.org).



***The Priest of Holy Cross would like to express their gratitude to everyone who remembered them at Christmas with Cards and food gifts.***

***May God Reward you!***



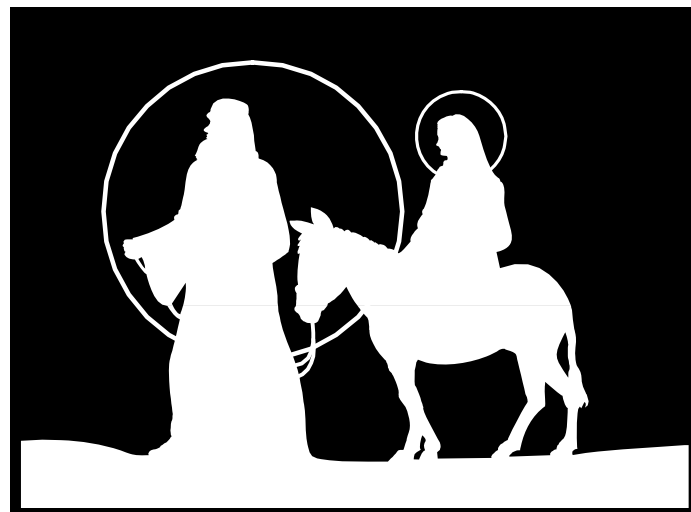
**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:** We are looking for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist for the Sunday 7:30 and 12 Noon Mass. If you would consider this, please contact Don or Yolaine Watkins at (301) 949-2550 or donwatkins5@gmail.com or

[yolainemarie@gmail.com](mailto:yolainemarie@gmail.com).

**POOR BOX:** 12/20 Habitat for Humanity; 12/27 INTERFAITH WORKS; 1/3 Social Concerns; 1/10 Bethesda Helps; 1/17 Montgomery Right to Life.

Mature lady with moral values is looking for a place to live in exchange for companionship or cleaning. Please call Luz 301-789-3888.

Next Sunday, January 10, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps to support Catholic communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. Your donation funds evangelization programs to strengthen the faith, continue the legacy and share the mission with children and adults here in the United States. For more information, go to [www. Balckandindianmission.org](http://www.Balckandindianmission.org).



**WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

***The Epiphany of the Lord***

3 SUNDAY	10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	NO SOR Classes ( <i>school</i> )
4 MONDAY	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON St. John Bible Study ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
5 TUESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. John Neumann, Bishop Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group ( <i>School Library</i> )
6 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Blessed Andre Besette Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
7 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Raymond of Penafort Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
8 FRIDAY		
9 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
10 SUNDAY		<b><i>The Baptism of the Lord</i></b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, January 4, 2010**

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Deacon Jerry Donlon  
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**Tuesday, January 5, 2010**

6:45 AM Henry Hagan 8:30 AM Jenny Morgan

**Wednesday, January 6, 2010**

6:45 AM Peggy Kerwin 8:30 AM Pat Leece

**Thursday, January 7, 2010**

6:45 AM Marie Walsh 8:30 AM Deacon Theodore Pillman

**Friday, January 8, 2010**

6:45 AM Marie Walsh 8:30 AM Philip L. Brach

**Saturday, January 9, 2010**

8:30 AM Phyllis Stokes  
5:00 PM Franklin Burch Fr. Perkins

**Sunday, January 10, 2010**

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Perkins  
9:00 AM Lupi Espinosa Fr. Perkins  
10:30 AM Jean Baron Msgr. Hill  
12:00 PM Nancy Launais (Living) Msgr. Hill

**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

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 2nd Weekend 1/09/10 & 1/10/10**

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher and/or Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Margaret Ann Jacques; Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	Ellen/Rob Kennedy and/or Paul Whelan
10:30 AM	Brian Maddigan and/or Elizabeth Reilly
12:00 PM	Maureen Tobin and/or Jennifer Ivory