

Prepare the Way

CAMPAIGN UPDATE as of 1/5/10

"Prepare the Way" Gifts	\$ 739,006
Average Gift from Parish-wide Appeal	\$ 2,270
% of Regular Offertory Contributors	47%
% of Goal	98%
GOAL	\$ 750,000

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held on Sunday, January 24th, 3 PM, at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD.

Initiated by the Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee, it will be our 16th Annual observance with the area churches.

Fr. Peter Zarynow, Pastor of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, will deliver the homily.

We invite you, your neighbors and friends to join us in prayer and song in our collective efforts to build community.

FIRST PENANCE PARENTS' MEETING: This Thursday, Jan. 14th, one parent of each student receiving First Penance on March 6th should attend this meeting at 7:00 PM in the school library.

NO SOR NEXT SUNDAY: The holiday is in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King's Birthday.

Workshop for Cantors: The Washington DC chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM/DC) is sponsoring a workshop for cantors on Saturday, January 23, 9:30 AM - 2 PM, at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Bethesda. For information, please contact Charlene Dorrian at 301-384-5796 or mcdorrian@yahoo.com.

TV Mass: Will illness or disability prevent you or someone you know from being able to attend Mass? The TV Mass airs Sundays on WDCW-50 ("The CW") at 10:30 AM. If you have difficulty finding the right channel or would like to have the free Celebrate newsletter sent to someone who is homebound, please call the Archdiocese of Washington Office of Communications at 301-853-4517.

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.



SEE YOU ON JANUARY 22, 2010: 2010 marks the first time in the 37 years history of March for Life that the Archdiocese of Washington is offering an **Adult Mass and Rally**. The event will be at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church at 10103 Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring MD, starting with 8:00 AM songs and rosary. The rally features David Bereit, of 40 Days for Life, with sharers about the abortion issue. Music will be provided by Accion Divina and Jancie Clark of Canada. The **Most Reverend Barry Knestout**, the auxiliary bishop of Washington, will preside over the Mass scheduled at 10:00 AM with departure for the National March for Life at 11:30. Then it's a 30 minute Metro rail ride to where the March starts, on the Red line to Smithsonian.

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 accommodating 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.

BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS: This Sunday, 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.blackandindianmission.org. Please be generous.

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 or 301-853-4584 for information and lunch reservation.

DID YOU ATTEND SCL GRADE SCHOOL? St. Catherine Labouré School in Wheaton is having a "Come Back Home!" Reunion on Saturday, January 16, 2010, from 7:00 PM to 1:00 AM in the Claridge Room. The reunion will feature music, light refreshments, and a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person at the door. You may want to purchase your tickets in advance; an early sell-out is anticipated because of space limitations. Go to www.stcatherine.com for the reservation form. Return the form to SCL school, c/o Amy Cossette.



The wise men's discovery of Jesus reminds us that Jesus came for all humankind. So too,

married love is not a gift to be hoarded. Reach out to someone who is sad, in trouble, or from a different culture. - - - - - Do you have a regular date night? Your calendar reflects your priorities. Consider penciling in "date night" once a week on your 2010 calendar. See www.foryourmarriage.org for New Year's Resolutions for Couples.

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.

MONASTIC DISCERNMENT WEEKEND: The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia are holding a monastic discernment weekend for single, Catholic women, February 19th – 21st. For more information contact: Sister Vicki Ix, OSB, Director of Vocation Ministry at 703-298-5337 or vocations@osbva.org, Facebook "Sister Vicki".

Feel Called to the Permanent Diaconate? The Archdiocesan Office of the Permanent Diaconate is interested in speaking with men who have an interest in becoming a permanent deacon. Learn more about the diaconate online at www.adw.org/vocations/deacons.asp. The site includes contact information, current admissions criteria for the Archdiocese of Washington's permanent deacon formation program and a brief description of a deacon's role in the Church today.

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 2nd Sunday of December 2009	\$ 10,332.25
Offertory 2nd Sunday of December 2008	\$ 10,777.86
POOR BOX Birthright of Montgomery County	\$ 192.37

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 3rd Sunday of December 2009	\$ 2,540.00
Offertory 3rd Sunday of December 2008	\$ 7,687.31
POOR BOX Habitat for Humanity	\$ 45.13

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 4th Sunday of December 2009	\$ 9,291.77
Offertory 4th Sunday of December 2008	\$ 5,642.11
POOR BOX Interfaith Works (Com. Ministry of MC) ...	\$ 99.46

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:	
DECEMBER 2009	\$ 47,337.17 (4 Sundays)
DECEMBER 2008	\$ 57,369.37 (4 Sundays)
* Includes First Sunday Collections & Faith Direct	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
10 SUNDAY	The Baptism of the Lord
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes (school)
11 MONDAY	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
12 TUESDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
13 WEDNESDAY	St. Hillary, Bishop & Doctor
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
14 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
15 FRIDAY	
16 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
17 SUNDAY	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK			
Monday, January 11, 2010			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Thomas Ross
Tuesday, January 12, 2010			
6:45 AM	Philip L. Brach	8:30 AM	Mildred Crawford
Wednesday, January 13, 2010			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Anna Mathie (Living)
Thursday, January 14, 2010			
6:45 AM	Nancy Roche Turner	8:30 AM	Grace Soderberg (L)
Friday, January 15, 2010			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Michael Conner
Saturday, January 16, 2010			
8:30 AM	Martha Costello		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Msgr. Hill
Sunday, January 17, 2010			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Lupi Espinosa		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Carolyn McCarty		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

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 3rd Weekend 1/16/10 & 1/17/10

5:00 PM	Jan St. John and/or John DePalma
7:30 AM	Charlotte King; Burt Keys
9:00 AM	Peter Ramjug and/or Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Denise Szczur and/or John Dzczur
12:00 PM	Ida Sullivan and/or Kathleen Gagnon

COLLECTIONS:	
Offertory 1st Sunday of January 2010	\$ 9,263.20
Offertory 1st Sunday of January 2009	\$ 12,819.47
FIRST SUNDAY	\$ 3,762.20
POOR BOX Social Concerns.....	\$ 124.28
1/10 Bethesda Helps; 1/17 Montgomery Right to Life; 1/23 S.O.M.E	