



CAN YOU READ FOR US? We are in need of **LECTORS** for the Sunday, Noon Mass. Interested? Please contact Cappy Capozzola at (301) 493-5365.

PLANNING AHEAD

- The Dedication of Lewis Hall is Sunday, January 31st.
- Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17th.
- First Penance is Saturday, March 6th.
- Our Parish Lenten Retreat is Saturday, March 20th, at Georgetown Prep.
- Easter is Sunday, April 4th.
- First Holy Communion is Saturday, May 8th.

READ ALONG WITH US: Our monthly parish Catholic Book Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the school library. Here's what we're reading for the next three months: for February: *In This House of Brede* by Rumer Godden; for March: *The King's Achievement* by Msgr. Robert Hugh Benson; and for April: *The Idiot* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. All adults are welcome. Come join us!

THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY on Monday, January 18th, due to the Martin Luther King Holiday.

THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL CONCERNS MEETING on Wednesday, January 20th, in the Rectory basement meeting room from 7 PM to 9 PM.

PARENTAL AND SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP: St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The winter morning series will meet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Montrose Road in Rockville on **Wednesday mornings, 10-11:30 AM, from Feb. 3 – Mar. 24, 2010.** There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register, call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962), Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457) or Nancy Lorentz (301-897-0795). *An evening series will be offered later in the spring.*



HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 31- February 5, 2010: "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life" is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. This week focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools. A variety of activities will mark the week at Holy Cross School.

Sunday, January 31st: Catholic Schools Week Kick-Off

- 9 AM Mass Holy Cross Church Celebrates Catholic Schools Week
- 1-3 PM Prospective Parents Open House
- 3:30-6 PM Lewis Hall Inauguration

Monday, February 1st:

- 8:30 Mass Opening Liturgy at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome. First grade leads.
- 9:30-11:30 Career Day

Tuesday, February 2nd:

- 9:30-11:00 Holy Cross Open House (For Current and Prospective Families)
- 6:30-8:30 PM Middle School Science Fair Demonstrations and Judging. Lewis Hall (Awards at 8:30)

Wednesday, February 3rd:

- 2 PM Awards Ceremony (2nd Quarter) in Lewis Hall. All are welcome.
- 7 PM International Night Grade Prek-5

Thursday, February 4th: Student Appreciation Day

Friday, February 5th: Teacher Appreciation Day



It's a new year and we are offering the Jeff Cavin 24 session DVD/discussion **Great Adventure Bible TimeLine** again. Join us in learning about the narrative books of the Bible on Thursdays at 12:30 PM. The sessions will run for 1 1/2 hours each Thursday starting in February. Now's your chance to see the first sessions if you joined the study midway last year. Call Barb Ruppert to register, 301 933-7646.

Save the Date: Fathers and Daughters in the Holy Cross School & Parish Community are cordially invited to The Holy Cross Father - Daughter Dance Saturday, March 27th in Lewis Hall

HOLY CROSS BEARERS SOCIETY: Over the years, many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we are offering a monthly Mass for them. In this small way, we can express our continuing gratitude for their generosity toward the parish in the past and in the future. Please remember them in your prayers, especially on January 24th.



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.

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.

LIFE ISSUES & PRENATAL DIAGNOSIS TALK, Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6 PM, Catholic Information Center, 1501 K Street, NW, Washington, DC. Prenatal testing can sometimes lead to difficult issues for parents, medical professionals, and pastoral ministers. Parents may even be misinformed about ALL the options and opportunities available to them when they receive information that their unborn baby is likely to have disabilities or a life- threatening condition. Even so, there are a number of resources available to parents and professionals both locally and nationally. **Speakers at this presentation sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries include** Nancy Mayer Whittington, co-founder of Isaiah's Promise, a local group providing support for parents opting to continue their pregnancy. Whittington is the author of *For the Love of Angela* about her own experience carrying her child with Trisomy 18, a fatal genetic defect. Also speaking will be Tracy Winsor of Elizabeth Ministries in Charlotte, N.C. and Monica Rafey, also from Charlotte, who works with BeNotAfraid.Net. This talk is in advance of a workshop on prenatal diagnosis which will be held at the second annual Conference on Faith, Deafness and Disabilities Feb. 13 at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Washington, DC.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, www.ncpd.org. NCPD will present an online seminar on prenatal issues in October 2010. For more information on the CIC talk or the Conference, contact Peg Kolm at 301-853-4560 or at kolmm@adw.org. (This event will be repeated at Blessed Sacrament, Thursday the 21st at 8:45 AM.)

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

17 SUNDAY	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	NO SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
18 MONDAY	Martin Luther King Holiday
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
19 TUESDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
20 WEDNESDAY	Pope St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
7:00 PM -- 9:00 PM:	Social Concerns (Rectory Basement)
21 THURSDAY	St. Agnes
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM:	Parish Council
22 FRIDAY	St. Vincent, deacon and martyr
23 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
24 SUNDAY	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 18, 2010

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Sheila Stuart Zeisemer (L)

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

6:45 AM Fr. Neal Ward 8:30 AM Darlene Michalik

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

6:45 AM Jane Whalen 8:30 AM Peter & Anne Caffoe

Thursday, January 21, 2010

6:45 AM Marie Walsh 8:30 AM Norman & Laura Berback

Friday, January 22, 2010

6:45 AM Mary Dennis 8:30 AM Darlene Michalik

Saturday, January 23, 2010

8:30 AM Marianne Joly
5:00 PM Franklin Burch Fr. Perkins

Sunday, January 24, 2010

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM Lupi Espinosa Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM Holy Cross Bearers 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; Gregory Sexton; Mary Smith; Judith Winslow; Edward Wright

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 2nd Sunday of January 2010	\$ 9,476.64
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POOR BOX Bethesda Helps	\$ 129.75
FAITH DIRECT	\$ 15,740.00
1/17 Montgomery Right to Life; 1/23 S.O.M.E.; 1/31 Christ House	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 5th Weekend 1/30/10 & 1/31/10

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher and/or Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Stephan Beauchesne
9:00 AM	Paul Whelan and/or Ellen/Rob Kennedy
10:30 AM	Linda Gage and/or Charlene Hubbard
12:00 PM	Maureen Tobin and/or Jennifer Ivory