



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 PM)

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 4th: Teacher Appreciation Day

Remember All the Ways to Help Holy Cross School:



- http://www.giantfood.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm
- <http://www.boxtops4education.com/>
- <http://www.labels4education.com/>
- <http://mycokerewards.com/schools>

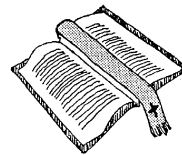
AN ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held on **Sunday, January 24th, 3 PM**, at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church, 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, MD.

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.

BIBLE STUDY: 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.



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.

THE WORK CENTER is a nonprofit association of friends who volunteer to support people who are currently unemployed and under-employed. WorkCenter meetings occur each 1st Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Lourdes, at 7500 Pearl Street, in Bethesda, MD, at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in participating -- either as a job seeker or someone who can help mentoring other job seekers -- please e-mail Monica (gianolinim@niaid.nih.gov)

HEALTH CARE REFORM UPDATE – IMPORTANT ACTION ALERT: Catholics need to make their voices heard insisting that health care reform protect the lives, dignity, consciences and health of all. Provisions against abortion funding and in favor of conscience protection, affordability, and immigrants' access to health care must be part of a fair and just health care reform bill. Unless and until these criteria are met, the final bill must be opposed. (See the Bulletin insert from the USCCB from last week's Bulletin, which should be available on www.hcrosschurch.org.)

CATHOLIC STANDARD SURVEY: Please take five minutes and participate in a survey of newspaper readership and trends toward use of internet, Facebook, Twitter, smart phones and other so-called "new media" for getting news and information. The Catholic Standard is pondering operational changes and needs your input to decide what delivery tools will best serve its diverse Catholic audience. Even if you don't read the Standard – in fact, especially if you don't read the Standard – your participation will be most humbly and gratefully appreciated. Go to www.cathstan.org and look for the "Take our survey" link in the upper right portion of the home page. (The Survey will be available until February 1.)

MARYLAND CATHOLIC LOBBY NIGHT – February 16th :
Offer a “Testimony of Charity” at Catholic Lobby Night on February 15. Join Maryland’s bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents’ Day – Monday, February 15 – for the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis, where this year’s theme of “Testimony of Charity” is drawn from Pope Benedict’s recent encyclical. Lobby Night is an advocacy event that gives Catholic voters the opportunity to speak in person with their elected officials about issues including: support for pregnant women, poverty, Catholic schools, and marriage. Registration is required. Visit www.mdccathcon.org or call the Maryland Catholic Conference at 410-269-1155/301-261-1979 to register or for more information.



RESOLVING AN ARGUMENT: Strategy #1 **CONCEDE.** If the issue is really important to one partner and not to the other, consider this a gift to your spouse that will be returned in time.
 #2 **COMPROMISE.** Sometimes taking turns or finding a middle ground is acceptable. Try it before going on to the harder strategies.
 #3 **CHANCE.** If it's not a matter of importance or morality, flipping a coin can save time and a headache.
 #4 **CO-EXIST.** When neither of you is willing to move from your position, it may be possible to agree to disagree.
 #5 **CREATE A NEW SOLUTION.** If compromise or co-existing won't work, try brainstorming new win/win solutions.
www.foryourmarriage.org

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

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.



WOMEN AND SPIRIT: CATHOLIC SISTERS AND AMERICA EXHIBIT (1/15 - 4/4/10) Smithsonian Ripley Center (International Gallery). Rare artifacts and photographs from more than 400 communities are on view to explore the role of Catholic sisters in American life. From the time they first arrived in America nearly 300 years ago, sisters built schools, colleges, hospitals, orphanages, homeless shelters, and many other enduring social institutions. As nurses, teachers, and social workers, they entered professional ranks decades earlier than most other women. They shared common experiences of immigration and migration and endured the same national crises as other Americans. Despite being considered “weak women” by some, these sisters have made a lasting contribution to American life. (Exhibit description same as above <http://www.si.edu/visit/whatsnew/RIPLEY.ASP>)

The Ripley Center International Gallery is entered via the circular structure in between the Freer and the Castle. Directions: http://www.si.edu/ripley/ig/loc_hrs.htm. Hours: 10:00-5:30 daily (<http://www.womenandspirit.org>)

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.*

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: Christopher West, internationally recognized speaker on sexuality from a Catholic perspective, will present “An Introduction to the *Theology of the Body*” on **Wednesday, January 27, 7:00 - 9:30 PM** at St. Peter’s Parish in Olney. West brings to his audiences the insights of Pope John Paul II, addressing the deepest yearnings of the human heart with profound insight and humor. For more information: AnneMarie.Prangley@stpetersolney.org



PROUD TO BE IRISH? The Ancient Order of Hibernians(AOH), the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic group in the USA has an active Division meeting in the Catholic University area. If you are Irish by birth or lineage, 16 years or older and a Catholic please consider joining us. The AOH promotes Irish culture, music, history and language as well as supporting various Catholic and local charities. Contact George Rogers (301) 792-3436 for more information.

Retreats & Vocations

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".

ST. MARTIN'S WOMEN OF PRAYER INVITES YOU to a women's weekend retreat on **February 26-28, 2010** at the Bolger Center in Potomac, MD. The retreat master, **Father Philip Scott**, founded the Family of Jesus the Healer and has been leading retreats for many years. To retrieve the registration form, go to www.thewomenofprayer.org. Send your form as soon as possible and should you have any questions, please contact Marisa Stoolmiller at 240-401-0589 or scottandmarisa@comcast.net.

RETREAT FOR PASTORAL MUSICIANS: All parish musicians (including those who sing from the pew!) are invited to the NPM/DC Lenten Retreat to be held at the Franciscan Monastery on Saturday, February 6. For more information and to register, go online to www.npmdc.org or contact MaryLu Hartsell at mlh827@comcast.net or 301-814-7792. Registration deadline: **January 29**.

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.

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. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

24 SUNDAY	10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
25 MONDAY	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
26 TUESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Timothy & Titus, Bishops Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
27 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	St. Angela Merici Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
28 THURSDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	RCIA St. Thomas Aquinas Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
29 FRIDAY		
30 SATURDAY	9:00 AM:	Confessions
31 SUNDAY		4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 25, 2010

6:45 AM Genevieve Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Steve & Rena Crespy

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

6:45 AM Marie Walsh 8:30 AM Mary & Frank Stevens

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

6:45 AM Deceased Members 8:30 AM Aneita Roberts
of the Kratz Masucci
Family

Thursday, January 28, 2010

6:45 AM Lorette Wells 8:30 AM Marjor & Mary Euro

Friday, January 29, 2010

6:45 AM Nancy O'Donnell 8:30 AM Geraldine Fischer (L)

Saturday, January 30, 2010

8:30 AM Marianne Joly
5:00 PM Mary Angela Memmo Fr. Yaga

Sunday, January 31, 2010

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM Lupi Espinosa Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM Deceased members of the Sun & Msgr. Hill
Choi Families
12:00 PM Virginia Pedone Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of January 2010	\$ 6,235.45
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POOR BOX Montgomery Right to Life	\$ 136.12
1/24 Haiti Relief; 1/31 Christ House; 2/7 Social Concerns Committee	

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