

# I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD

Psalm 138:1

## Archbishop's Appeal 2010: A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to listen to a presentation and review the Archbishop's Appeal brochure in your pews. The theme of the campaign is: "I will give you thanks, O Lord." (Psalm 138:1)

The Archbishop's Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

**A significant gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



**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.

**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.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Please join us for coffee and donuts hosted by the Social Concerns Committee on Sunday, February 7 between 7:30 and 10:00 AM in our newly renovated Lewis Hall Community Center. There will be no Coffee

and Donut Service on Sunday, February 14 due to the Presidents Day Holiday. The Social Events Committee will host Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, February 21 between 7:30 and 10:00 AM in Lewis Hall

**DON'T FORGET!** The Parish Lenten Retreat will be given by Fr. John Davis, O.P., at Georgetown Prep on Saturday, March 20th. Watch this space for more details.

**LENT STARTS NEXT WEEK:** February 17th is Ash Wednesday. This is not a holy day of obligation. Ashes will be distributed after the 6:45 AM, 9 AM, 12 Noon and 7:30 PM Mass.

**NO SOR** next Sunday, February 14th. Enjoy your three-day Presidents' Day weekend!



*The Bible Timeline - Journey through the Bible* is an 24-part video learning system. This study designed and hosted by Jeff Cavins (seen on EWTN) will give us a compelling view of God's plan of salvation,

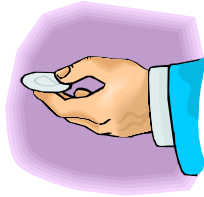
from Genesis through the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. You will find that Jeff Cavins is an engaging and enthusiastic speaker. You will learn how the 14 narrative books of the bible fit in with the other 59 books of the Bible and a practical plan for reading through the Bible in one year.

Our study will begin on Thursday, Feb 4 at 12:30 in the conference room in Quinn Hall. The cost for materials is \$40. Call Barbara for information or to register, 301 933-7646.

**The Social Events Committee is looking to you for support.** This Committee offers you the opportunity to participate in the planning of special events and social gatherings for the Holy Cross Community. Please join us at our monthly meeting, Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30 pm at the **Rectory conference room**. For additional information, please contact Dee Rulova 202-336-7411 or via email [Dolores.Rulova@utc.com](mailto:Dolores.Rulova@utc.com)

**The Social Events Committee would like to thank** the Holy Cross community for their dedication to "Service". The Lewis Hall inauguration celebration held January 31 would have not been possible without your support. Thank you very much for making it a reality and a success.

The Social Events Committee



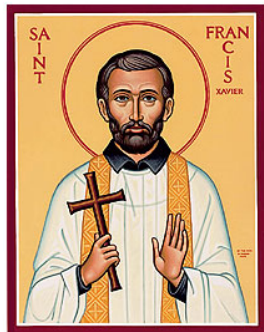
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** of Holy Communion Workshop is being offered by the Archdiocese on Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Bring lunch; beverages will be provided. Registration is required. Cost is \$5. 301-853-4594. The workshop is for those who assist at liturgies and for those who visit the homebound and healthcare facilities.



**A NOVENA OF ROSARIES** is being recited after the 8:30 Masses for **Msgr. Hill's intentions**. All are welcome to participate in this prayer which started February 1st and will conclude on February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**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 ([gjanolinim@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:gjanolinim@niaid.nih.gov))

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** Holy Cross Elementary is underway in getting donations for this year's Jump Rope For Heart on Feb. 10 and 11 in the new Lewis Hall! Did you know that if you register on-line at [www.americanheart.org/jump](http://www.americanheart.org/jump) that you will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$25 Target Gift Card from the American Heart Association? Donations will be accepted through Feb. 11. Please help us reach our Goal of \$3000, and register today. Thanks for helping those who suffer from heart disease.



Do you know someone who has poor vision or is blind? Do you know someone who has trouble holding a magazine or a book? The Xavier Society for the Blind has religious material in Braille, large print and audio CD's, at no charge. For more information, call (212) 473-7800 or (800) 637-9193. Visit us on the web at [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.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.



"Nothing - not even divorce or death - can place limits on God's gracious love." (Follow the Way of Love) Strive to love your spouse as God does. \*\*\* Don't be too proud to ask for help. The wise couple seeks help as soon as they notice that something is amiss. [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

**World Marriage Day:** February 14, 2010 is not just Valentine's Day; it is also World Marriage Day. Consider these ideas for celebrating: cook your spouse his or her favorite meal, write a love letter to your spouse, spend time alone together, take time today to tell your children how you met, fell in love, and about your wedding day. If you would like some time away, Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers marriage enrichment weekends. You can download a registration form at <http://dc.wwme.org> or for more information contact 301-541-7007.

**Save the Date - Jubilarian Mass Reminder:** Archbishop Donald Wuerl will celebrate the annual Jubilarian Mass on Sunday, June 7, 2010 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. The online registration process will begin in February.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** Prepare for Lent by reenergizing your marital relationship through a Valentine weekend retreat offered by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The weekend will be February 12-14 in Rockville, MD. Weekends fill quickly so register now at <http://dc.wwme.org> or for more information contact 301-541-7007 or [wwme@whalenfamily.com](mailto:wwme@whalenfamily.com).

**Widows and Widowers:** Are you looking for opportunities for faith sharing and socializing? Try Post Cana. Post Cana is an organization sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington for the mutual support of widowed people of all ages. Events include social, educational and spiritual gatherings. For further information or to register please call Joan Mahoney at 301-438-1486.

**Offer a "Testimony of Charity" at Catholic Lobby Night**  
Join Maryland's bishops and hundreds of fellow Catholics on Presidents' Day - Monday, February 15 - for the 26th annual Catholic Lobby Night in Annapolis. 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](http://www.mdccathcon.org) or call the Maryland Catholic Conference (410-269-1155/301-261-1979) to register or for more information.

**SHARE IN HOPE FOOD DRIVE LENT 2010:** This Lent, parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of Washington and Catholic Charities will again partner for a food drive to benefit the Capital Area Food Bank. The Share in Hope food drive will take place on two weekends: March 13-14 for parishes in Northwest and Southwest Washington, DC and Montgomery County and March 20-21 for parishes in Northeast and Southeast Washington, DC, Prince George's County and Southern Maryland.

Parishes and schools that already donate to another food pantry may donate the food they collect to that food bank. To assist your parish in organizing the food drive, please see the enclosed material, including a schedule of important dates and a contact information form to be completed as soon as possible.

A flyer, bags and additional materials will be provided in advance of the collection to raise awareness of the need and to promote the Share in Hope food drive.

**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.*

**A Prayer for Haiti:** This prayer is being prayed in parishes in Haiti and in the U.S.

Lord, I just want to say THANK YOU, because this morning I woke up and knew where my children were. Because this morning my home was still standing, because this morning I am not crying because my husband, my child, my brother or sister needs to be taken from beneath a pile of concrete and buried, because this morning I was able to drink a glass of water, because this morning I was able to take a shower, because this morning I was able to turn on the light, because this morning I was not planning a funeral, but most of all I thank you this morning, because I still have life and a voice to cry out for the people of Haiti. Lord, I cry out to you, the one who makes the impossible possible, the one who turns darkness into light. I cry out that you give those mothers strength, that you give them peace that surpasses all understanding, that you may open the streets so that help can come, that you may provide doctors, nurses, food, water, and all that they need in a blink of an eye. For all those that have lost family members, give them peace, give them hope, give them courage to continue to go on! Protect the children and shield them with your power. I pray all this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

<b>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</b>	
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes ( <i>school</i> )
<b>8 MONDAY</b>	St. Jerome Emiliani
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>9 TUESDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>10 WEDNESDAY</b>	St. Scholastica
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>11 THURSDAY</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>12 FRIDAY</b>	
<b>13 SATURDAY</b>	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
<b>14 SUNDAY</b>	<b>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>

<b>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</b>			
<b>Monday, February 8, 2010</b>			
6:45 AM	Living & Deceased members of the Healy – O'Donnell Families	8:30 AM	Darlene Michalik
<b>Tuesday, February 9, 2010</b>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Mary Forrest
<b>Wednesday, February 10, 2010</b>			
6:45 AM	Susie Bachman	8:30 AM	Ernest Moore
<b>Thursday, February 11, 2010</b>			
6:45 AM	Luisa Blanco	8:30 AM	Sandra Rosa (Living)
<b>Friday, February 12, 2010</b>			
6:45 AM	Anna de Nobel	8:30 AM	Caleel Rizk
<b>Saturday, February 13, 2010</b>			
8:30 AM	Marianne Joly		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Msgr. Hill
<b>Sunday, February 14, 2010</b>			
7:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	John Paul Moyer		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Marianne Joly		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Darlene Michalik		Fr. Perkins

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

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 2nd Weekend 2/13/10 & 2/14/10**

5:00 PM	Coleen Scanlon and/or Jim Scanlon
7:30 AM	Charlotte King; Burt Keys
9:00 AM	Chris Tucker and/or Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Elizabeth Reilly and/or Linda Gage
12:00 PM	Jennifer Ivory and/or Maureen Tobin