

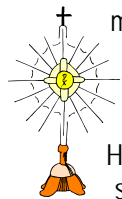
# The Light is ON for You.



## *Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation*

"The Light Is On For You" is an initiative of the Archdiocese of Washington, in partnership with the Diocese of Arlington to allow all Catholics to avail themselves of the sacrament of reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held **every Wednesday during Lent from 6:30 PM -8:00 PM** in every Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington. Learn more at [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org). **We will also have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament during that time.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** "Jesus welcomes you with a most gentle heart. How kind indeed is our sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His love never knows rest. He is always most gentle toward you. When you visit Him He forgets your sins and imperfections, and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His love." Come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament, p 175



There is a need for a regular weekly adorer from 10-11AM on Tuesdays. Is the Lord calling YOU to visit with him? Please call Barb Ruppert, 301-933-7646

**This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month**, so the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

**The Devotion Of First Saturdays**, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on March 6th. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

### FIRST PENANCE EVENTS:

- **Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Music rehearsal in grade 2 classroom; 10:15-11:15 AM
- **Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>:** First Penance Retreat; meet in grade 2 classroom; 12:30-2:45 PM
- **Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>:** First Penance, church; 10:30 AM; children meet in Quinn Hall basement at 10 AM



### COFFEE AND DONUTS:

Please join us as the Social Events Committee will host Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, February 28 between 7:30 and 10:30 AM in Lewis Hall

**RCIA NEWS:** Beginning today, the members of our 2009 – 2010 RCIA class and their sponsors will be attending the 10:30 AM Mass to participate in special Rites that are part of the RCIA process. Please welcome and pray for **Christine Krell** and **Wendy Weaver**, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday evening, April 3rd, and for **Michele Bartram**, **KerriLaine Clark**, and **Melanie Martinez**, baptized Christians who will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil.

**ARCHDIOCESE "SHARE IN HOPE" FOOD DRIVE:** Hunger remains one of the region's most prevalent issues facing families. Help end hunger through the Share in Hope Food Drive on March 13 and 14. **On March 6 and 7 our parish will distribute bags.** Please take one and return the following weekend with the bag filled with food according to directions on the bag. Simple actions can make a big difference to our brothers and sisters in need. This Food Drive on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> will replace the Social Concerns First Sunday of the Month Food Drive. **Their will be no Food and Clothing Drive on March 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**SOUP AND STATIONS:** Come and join us for a Lenten soup supper this Friday between 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM at our newly renovated Lewis Hall. Following the supper, we will have the Stations of the Cross in the Church.

If you are interested in volunteering for this event please contact Dee Ruilova 202-336-7411 (day) or via email at [Dolores.Ruilova@utc.com](mailto:Dolores.Ruilova@utc.com).

**PARISH LIBRARY CART:** Our mobile Parish Library is back! Look for the cart in Lewis Hall after the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 AM Masses on Sundays. We have many new books, videos, and DVDs. The library works on the Honor System. Find something you like and sign it out in the notebook attached to the cart. Keep it as long as you wish, then bring it back and sign it back in. Check it out!

**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, March 9 at 6:30 PM at the Rectory conference room. For additional information, please contact Dee Ruilova 202-336-7411 or via email [Dolores.Ruilova@utc.com](mailto:Dolores.Ruilova@utc.com)

**Mixed Bags!** The fifth grade at Holy Cross School is selling reusable bags. All profits will be donated to Catholic Relief Services and the Catholic Medical Mission Board to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. The bags come in 16 different patterns and 6 sizes and will be sold at Soup and Stations on Friday, February 26<sup>th</sup> and after Mass from 8 to 10:30 on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> in Lewis Hall. Sample bags will be on display. Please contact the Holy Cross 5<sup>th</sup> grade for more information.

**THE "OVER 50" CLUB MEETS THIS FRIDAY.** They start with 8:30 AM Mass and then go to breakfast. Contact Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In a small village called Kapshagai in Kazakhstan, the Catholic Church supports a series of shelter-homes for children whose families face challenges too difficult to manage. The Church provides these children with shelter, food, clothing, vocational training, and love on behalf of their family members in the hope that they can resume care. What started as one building housing 20 children nine years ago has become 10 buildings today, where children and young people, including university students, receive housing and counseling.

Each year, parishes throughout the United States take up a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential pastoral needs of the region, such as seminary formation and parish maintenance. The collection also helps with social and charitable works that the local Church does not have the capacity to support, such as the shelter-homes for the children of Kapshagai.

Because of the fall of communism and the entrance of many central and eastern European countries into the European Union, many think that the needs of the region have been met. However, many parishes struggle in places where Catholics are in the minority, lack proper places to worship and the ability to provide pastoral care, and most importantly, cannot support themselves. On behalf of the struggling parishes of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, I ask for your support of the collection. Through it, we can give faith to the future by helping the Church to grow in faith and by nurturing the Church's children.

**Please be generous in your parish collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe on February 27-28.** Stand in solidarity with your brothers and sisters across the globe in Central and Eastern Europe and parts of Asia that were once under Soviet control—where great needs remain.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout  
Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

**Vatican International Exhibition "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" A Pilgrimage of Adoration this Lent.** Special exhibit at churches around the Archdiocese **Wednesday evenings, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM.** As Catholics we believe in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We believe that the consecrated host and wine are the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus our Lord. We remember that Jesus said to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen but believe."

Throughout history, God, in His infinite mercy and kindness, has gifted us with many miracles to help us in understanding and in deepening our faith and knowledge of this wondrous mystery. These 140 Eucharistic Miracles have been witnessed by many and authenticated by the Church, either locally or universally.

This Lent, learn more about these miracles and see their stories depicted in art in this special exhibit. These displays are designed to be both meditative and educational. No two parishes will have the same display. Check the following websites: [www.the-light-is-on.org](http://www.the-light-is-on.org) [www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org) (Eucharistic Miracles)

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY:**

St. Raphael, Falls Road at Dunster Road, Rockville  
St. Catherine Laboure, 11801 Claridge Road, Wheaton

**NEW BULLETIN DEADLINE:** The new deadline for the Parish Bulletin is the **Monday** before the Sunday in which you would like your entry, space permitting. The preferred method is by email to [stuart@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:stuart@hcrosschurch.org).

**WEEKLY SCHEDULE 28**

<b>28 SUNDAY</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Lent</b>
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes ( <i>school</i> )
<b>1 MONDAY</b>	
12:30 PM -- 2:45 PM:	First Penance Retreat ( <i>School</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>2 TUESDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group ( <i>School library</i> )
<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>St. Katharine Drexel</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>4 THURSDAY</b>	<b>St. Casimer</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration ( <i>Quinn Hall</i> )
<b>5 FRIDAY</b>	<b>First Friday</b>
6:00 PM -- 7:00 PM:	<b>Lenten Soup Supper</b> ( <i>Lewis Hall</i> )
7:00 PM:	<b>Stations of the Cross</b> ( <i>Church</i> )
<b>6 SATURDAY</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>
9:00 AM:	Confessions
10:30 AM:	First Penance ( <i>Church</i> )
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, March 1, 2010

6:45 AM Michael Downey 8:30 AM Joseph Choi

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

6:45 AM Rita Neagle 8:30 AM Sid Roche

Wednesday, March 3, 2010

6:45 AM Michael Downey 8:30 AM Michael Downey

Thursday, March 4, 2010

6:45 AM Fr. Neal Ward 8:30 AM Lisa Hayes (Living)

Friday, March 5, 2010

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

Saturday, March 6, 2010

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola Fr. Yaga

Sunday, March 7, 2010

7:30 AM Louise Leary Fr. Perkins  
9:00 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Perkins  
10:30 AM Joseph Choi Fr. Perkins  
12:00 PM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor Fr. Yaga

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; J. Anthony English; Michael Gouzoulis; Arline Hart; Msgr. Hill; Renee Lucas; Chloe Mulcahey; Walter Murphy; Anthony Paige; Bill Quinlan; Msgr. Louis Quinn; Bonnie Riddenhower; Maxine Saur; Gregory Sexton; Mary Smith

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory 3rd Sunday of February 2010 .....	\$ 9,076.06
Offertory 3rd Sunday of February 2009 .....	\$ 7,480.28
POOR BOX Shady Grove Pregnancy Center.....	\$ 238.34
2/28 Xavier Society for the Blind; 3/7 Social Concerns Committee;	

**Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve  
1st Weekend 3/06/10 & 3/07/10**

5:00 PM	Jim Scanlon and/or	Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Burt Keys	Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Peter Ramjug and/or	Chris Tucker
10:30 AM	Charlene Hubbard and/or	Mary Jo Ibanez
12 Noon	Kathleen Gagnon and/or	Ida Sullivan