



WHO IS GIVING OUR PARISH RETREAT?

Our 2010 retreat is **Saturday, March 20th**, at Georgetown Prep from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. This year's retreat master is Father John Davis, O.P., a Dominican priest who was formerly Catholic chaplain at New York University, Princeton, and Wayne State. He holds a Ph.D. from Penn State and has given retreats and conferences to numerous parish groups for many years. Before coming to St. Dominic Priory in Washington, he served at a Dominican parish in Greenwich Village in New York. His topic for the retreat is "The Spirituality of Gratitude: Reaching Up and Bowing Low." Retreat applications are in the back of the church; look for the purple paper. **Call Carol Hoffman at 301-251-8622 for more information.**

HOLY CROSS PARISH FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE: Dust off your danc'in shoes! The Home and School Assn., Knights of Columbus and the Respect Life Committee will be hosting this very fun event on Saturday, March 27. The dance is for fathers and daughters of all ages and all kinds (step-fathers, God-fathers, Like-a-father, etc.) Call Annie Kelly at 240-515-4033 if you would like to help with the event.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The same Jesus of Nazareth who says, "*I have come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly,*" who heals the brokenhearted, Who gathers the little ones to Himself, is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Blessed Sacrament is the Sacred Heart of Jesus living in our midst to fulfill a promise made long ago, "*I Myself will pasture my sheep. I Myself will give them rest, says the Lord God. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal.*" Ez 15,16 The Eucharistic Chapel is open from 9 AM -11 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

At this time we are looking for people who would like to work on the Eucharistic Adoration Committee. There are only a few meetings during the year - most of our work is over the phone. Call the Rupperts for more information: 301-933-7646.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING: Yes! With First Penance accomplished, it's time to start preparing for First Holy Communion. At least one parent of each child receiving First Holy Communion on May 8th should attend this meeting. **When?** Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 PM. **Where?** The school library.

SPRING FORWARD: Don't forget to spring ahead next weekend. Daylight Savings Time starts at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 14th.

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 a bag home, read the instructions and bring it back next week, 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 13th and 14th will replace the Social Concerns First Sunday of the Month Food Drive. **Their will be no Food and Clothing Drive on March 6th and 7th.**

IN-PEW ENVELOPES FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE-You may have noticed recently that we have two choices of in-pew envelopes available. Continue to use the *white envelopes* for *Offertory* contributions and use the new *green envelopes* for the "*Prepare the Way*" *Capital Campaign pledge payments and contributions*. Of course, we appreciate it when you use your pre-printed envelopes that you receive in the mail whenever possible. If you wish to receive printed offertory envelopes, please contact Mary Anne Gadbois at the rectory (phone 301-942-1020 x18 or email gadbois@hcrosschurch.org). Thank you for helping us to maintain accurate records.

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.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH SELLS MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES for four area food stores: our own fellow parishioner *Scot Shuck's GROSVENOR MARKET, SHOPPERS FOOD, SAFEWAY and GIANT*. You pay the face value of the gift card. The parish earns 5% when you use Grosvenor Market or Shoppers Food Warehouse gift cards, 4% when you use Giant gift cards and 3% when you use Safeway gift cards. MACY's gift cards are now available in \$25 denominations- great for as a birthday or Easter gift or personal shopping.

These certificates may be purchased in Lewis Hall after each weekend Mass. You can buy them using cash, your personal check, Visa, MasterCard or Discover credit cards. School parents participate through the school program where orders are filled every Thursday. Why not purchase these gift certificates/gift cards and earn money for the parish without costing you one penny more for your purchases?

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

RESPECT LIFE: Holy Cross Parish will be participating in praying the Rosary in front of the Shady Grove abortion clinic on the second Saturday of the month. The Rosary begins at 10:00 AM. The clinic is located at 9061 Shady Grove Court in Gaithersburg. There is plenty of available parking on Comprint Court. You are welcome to come for part or all of the prayers with family, friends, and neighbors. Please consider helping in praying the Rosary for those who cannot yet pray it for themselves. For more information, please contact Kathleen McKeon at jwilliamsfan@hotmail.com or 703-581-5233.

MARYLAND MARCH FOR LIFE: Join us as we "Unite for Life" at the 31st Annual Maryland March for Life on **Monday, March 8**. The evening begins with Mass at 5:00 PM at St. Mary's Church (109 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD). Hundreds of people will march in Annapolis to promote the dignity of every human life. Following the Mass, we will march to Lawyer's Mall for a rally to make our voices heard before the State House. Last year, the crowds turned out in record numbers, so please help us make this year even larger! For more information visit marylandmarchforlife.org or email the Department of Life Issues at mcarper@adw.org.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE: This spring cities across the nation are uniting for a unique pro-life campaign called 40 Days for Life. From **February 17 through March 28**, we will participate in 40 days of around-the-clock, peaceful prayer outside local abortion clinics. There are two opportunities in the DC area. We will be praying outside the Planned Parenthood in northwest DC and the Metropolitan Family Planning clinic in Berwyn Heights, MD.

You can participate in two ways: sign up to participate in the prayer vigil outside of one of the clinics and/or join in prayer and fasting throughout the 40 days. For more information visit www.40daysforlife.com, either /washington or /berwynheights (MD). All are welcome!

THE ACADEMY OF THE HOLY CROSS in Kensington, Maryland, will be celebrating the Sisters of the Holy Cross at the 2010 Benefit Auction & Dinner. "Sister Act" to be held Saturday, March 27, 6:30 PM at the Rockville Hilton. Reservations are required. Cost is \$100 per person. More information, donations and reservations are available by going to the website www.academyoftheholycross.org or by contacting Carey Snyder, at 301-929-6470 or csnyder@academyoftheholycross.org.

THE POOR BOX this week is for the **Social Concerns Committee**. Proceeds of this Poor Box will go to assist Parishioners who are unemployed. Please be generous.

SNOW REMOVAL – The cost of snow removal for the Parish due to this exceptional winter has already reached \$15,690!!! That's a lot of snow!

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

7 SUNDAY	3rd Sunday of Lent
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
8 MONDAY	St. John of God
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
9 TUESDAY	St. Frances of Rome
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
10 WEDNESDAY	St. Scholastica
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
6:30 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Confessions & Exposition (<i>Church</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
11 THURSDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM:	Bible TimeLine (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
12 FRIDAY	
6:00 PM:	Lenten Soup Meal (<i>Lewis Hall</i>)
7:00 PM:	Stations of the Cross (<i>Church</i>)
13 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
14 SUNDAY	4th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, March 8, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Darlene Michalik
<u>Tuesday, March 9, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Lorette Wells	8:30 AM	Eileen Tansill & Callen Tansill-Suddath (L)
<u>Wednesday, March 10, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Edward Duffy	8:30 AM	Cecilia Lima
<u>Thursday, March 11, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Mary Whitesel	8:30 AM	Lorette Wells
<u>Friday, March 12, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Arthur Hayes
<u>Saturday, March 13, 2010</u>			
8:30 AM	Marianne Joly		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, March 14, 2010</u>			
7:30 AM	Mike Downey		Fr. Perkins
9:00 AM	Darlene Michalik		Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins
12:00 PM	Marianne Joly		Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 4th Sunday of February 2010	\$ 8,496.71
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POOR BOX Xavier Society for the Blind	\$ 133.96
3/7 Social Concerns Committee; 3/14 Martha's Table; 3/21 Birthright	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 2nd Weekend 3/13/10 & 3/14/10

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher and/or	Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Myrna Zelaya	Mario Zelaya
9:00 AM	Steve Toomey and/or	Paul Whelan
10:30 AM	Brian Madigan and/or	Elizabeth Reilly
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory and/or	Maureen Tobin