

ACT NOW: Monday, March 15th, is the **final day to sign up for the Parish Retreat**, being held this Saturday, March 20th, at Georgetown Prep from 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Dominican Father John Davis, O.P., will speak on "The Spirituality of Gratitude: Reaching Up and Bowing Low." Look for a retreat application at the back of the church; or call Carol Hoffman NOW at 301-251-8622 or Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790.

REMINDER TO FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS: At least one parent of each child receiving First Holy Communion on May 8th should attend the Parents' Meeting. **When?** This Thursday, March 18th, 7:00 PM. **Where?** The school library.

CATHOLIC BOOK GROUP Here's the schedule for the next two months.

- For April 6th, we are reading [*Conversation With Christ: The Teaching of St. Teresa of Avila about Personal Prayer*](#) by Peter T. Rohrbach.
- For May 4th, we are reading *The Idiot* by Fyodor Dostoevsky.

Come join on us on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the school library. All adults are welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: The Eucharistic Chapel is open from 9 AM -11 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. All are welcome to make a visit to or from work, before picking the children up from school, or better yet - bring your child to the Chapel for a short visit. This can be your opportunity to introduce them to trust in God, their Best Friend.



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. Please call the Rupperts for more information: 301-933-7646.

There will be an information table outside of church on March 28. If you have questions, would like a tour of the Quinn Hall chapel or would like to sign on as a weekly adorer or as a substitute, please stop by.

OUR PARISH COLLECTION FOR THE *Share in Hope* FOOD DRIVE takes place THIS WEEKEND. Please bring the bags to Lewis Hall. Please be generous with your contribution. If you forgot your donation, you can still donate by bringing your gift to the church today or tomorrow. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make a check payable to "Catholic Charities" and give it to an usher after Mass. Thank you for your generosity and concern for the poor and needy among us.

CHILE EARTHQUAKE RELIEF: There will be a SPECIAL COLLECTION for Chilean earthquake victims on Sunday, March 21st. Please be as generous as you can.



COFFEE AND DONUTS: You are invited to join us as the Home and School Association will host Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, March 14, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM in Lewis Hall.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP! The Holy Cross School Fifth Grade raised \$1536 for Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Medical Mission Board by selling Mixed Bags on our own and at Soup and Stations and Sunday Donuts. The bags will arrive in about 4 weeks. Thank you for participating in our fundraiser and helping the people of Haiti.

SOUP AND STATIONS: You are invited to 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 or require further information please contact Dee Ruilova 202-336-7411 (day) or Pat Logan at 301-946-2651

2010 ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS: The annual Jubilarian Celebration of marriage honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 50+ years will be held Sunday, June 6, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Archbishop Wuerl will preside at the Mass. Please call the parish office or use the sign up forms in the back of church to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart, by April 2, 2010.

OPENINGS AVAILABLE AT ASSISTED LIVING BY VICTORY HOUSING: Victory Housing of the Archdiocese of Washington operates seven assisted living communities in Montgomery and Prince George's County. Services include assistance with bathing, dressing and grooming; three meals a day and snacks; medication and wellness management; housekeeping and laundry service; spiritual, recreational, and social activities and programs; 24-hour around-the-clock staff support; as well as scheduled transportation to outings, shows and shopping. Residents enjoy private suites while enjoying cozy and welcoming common areas such as a fireside living room, library, onsite chapel, dining room, television lounge and a relaxing courtyard with fishpond. Each residence is unique with custom architecture, design and programs to meet the needs and preferences of the community it serves. Currently, several assisted living communities have availability. Locations include Bartholomew House, Bethesda, 301-320-6151; Byron House, Potomac, 301-469-9400; and Malta House, Hyattsville, 301-699-8600. Please call to schedule a tour or learn more by visiting www.victoryhousing.org.

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.



Spring is in the air, and Holy Cross can help you get your gardens ready for spring by offering you Flower Power bulbs. We will be taking orders after all masses beginning the weekends of March 20 and 27. If you would like to place on line orders please contact Dee Ruilova at 202-336-7411 (day) for details.

Project Rachel: Having unresolved feelings after abortion? Do you feel like God could never really forgive you and you surely cannot forgive yourself?

A support group is forming to help you overcome this pain in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need to heal and become whole.



Be deliberate about saying "no" to some things so you can open up time for a regular date night.

Saying "no" to one thing allows you to say "yes" to more important things. www.foryourmarriage.org

Archdiocesan Social Ministry Regional Gatherings: Parishioners involved or interested in social ministry are invited to the spring archdiocesan Regional Gatherings. The Gatherings help you meet volunteers from other parishes, share information, learn what other parishes are doing, and grow in ministry. All are welcome. For more information, call Tony Bosnick at 301-853-5340. **Montgomery County Gathering.** Thursday, March 18, from 7:15 to 9:00 PM at St. Jane de Chantal - Caufield Hall (9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda).

PROUD TO BE IRISH? The Msgr Thomas Wells Division of the Ancient Order of Hibernians meets at Saint Michaels School in Silver Spring! The AOH is the oldest and largest Irish-Catholic Organization in the USA. The AOH promotes Irish History, culture, music and language through various means, and also assists various local and international charities. Catholic men of Irish lineage or birth who are 16 years or older, are welcome to join and should contact: George Rogers at 301-805-1775 or www.aoh.com.

Lecture: Why Priests? The Most Reverend Donald W. Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington, will speak about "Why Priests?" at the Fourth Annual Little Flower/John Carroll Society lecture on Sunday, March 21, 3:00 PM at Church of the Little Flower (5607 Massachusetts Avenue, Bethesda, MD). For more information, call 301-320-4538.

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:	
FEBRUARY 2009	\$ 48,005.43 (4 Sundays)
FEBRUARY 2008	\$ 52,415.97 (4 Sundays)
* Includes First Sunday Collections & Faith Direct	

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
4th Sunday of Lent	
14 SUNDAY	10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM: SOR Classes (school)
15 MONDAY	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
16 TUESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
St. Patrick of Ireland	
17 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	6:30 PM -- 8:30 PM: Confessions & Exposition (Church)
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: RCIA
18 THURSDAY	St. Cyril of Jerusalem
	9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
	12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM: Bible TimeLine (Quinn Hall)
	7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: First Communion Parents Mtg (School library)
St. Joseph, Husband	
19 FRIDAY	6:00 PM: Lenten Soup Meal (Lewis Hall)
	7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (Church)
20 SATURDAY	9:00 AM: Confessions
	8:30 AM -- 3 PM: Parish Retreat (Georgetown Prep)
21 SUNDAY	5th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK			
<u>Monday, March 15, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Genevieve Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Arthur Hayes
<u>Tuesday, March 16, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Jacqueline Vatter Moore	8:30 AM	Msgr. Cary Hill (L)
<u>Wednesday, March 17, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Lorette Wells	8:30 AM	John & Betty Finn
<u>Thursday, March 18, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Jeannine Cap
<u>Friday, March 19, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	John Finn	8:30 AM	Rita Disegni
<u>Saturday, March 20, 2010</u>			
8:30 AM	Marianne Joly		
5:00 PM	Anna M. Capozzola		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, March 21, 2010</u>			
7:30 AM	Mario A. Zelaya-Najera (living)		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Darlene Michalik		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Joseph R. Di Palma, Francis & Pat Martin (L)		Fr. Perkins
12:00 PM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Perkins

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 1st Sunday of March 2010	\$ 12,757.16
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FIRST SUNDAY	\$ 5,945.00
POOR BOX Social Concerns Committee	\$ 364.97
3/14 Martha's Table; 3/21 Birthright; 3/28 Food for the Poor	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve
3rd Weekend 3/20/10 & 3/21/10

5:00 PM	John DePalma and/or	Jan St John
7:30 AM	Nancy Heffernan	Margaret Ann Jacques
9:00 AM	Don Watkins and/or	Yolaine Watkins
10:30 AM	Denise Szczur and/or	John Szczur
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan and/or	Kathleen Gagnon