

EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

9:00 AM Mass (for those who can't make the evening service)
7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by a brief period of silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament)
8:45 PM Night Prayer

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross
7:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

No Morning Mass
8:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 7:30 AM NO Mass
9:00 AM Easter Mass
10:30 AM Easter Mass
12:00 PM Easter Mass

GREAT LENTEN READING: Our parish Catholic Book Group is reading [*Conversation With Christ: The Teaching of St. Teresa of Avila about Personal Prayer*](#) by Peter T. Rohrbach for its April 6th meeting. For May 4th, we are reading *The Idiot* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Come join us for great discussions on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the school library. All adults are welcome.

THINKING AHEAD: Our Sunday-morning School of Religion will need a few new catechists for school year 2010-2011. Is God calling you to this important work? Let's talk about it. Call Jeanmarie, our Director of Religious Ed., and let's chat: 301-942-8790. Thank you!

SOR SCHEDULE: We're on Easter Break until April 11th. See you then.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: If you'd like to do something special for the last week of Lent why not make a visit to Jesus exposed on the altar in Quinn Hall chapel? There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Holy Thursday. Otherwise the chapel hours will continue as normal throughout Holy Week and Easter Week. Our Divine Physician is available for anyone to come to Him to praise, to pour out one's heart to Him, to be consoled in difficulties, to express sorrow for sin, to ask guidance, to get strength, to give thanks, to be healed of spiritual and physical infirmities. The chapel is open 9 AM -11 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. This weekend, volunteers from the Adoration Chapel will be outside church after each Mass to answer questions, give a tour of the chapel, or sign you up as a weekly or substitute adorer.

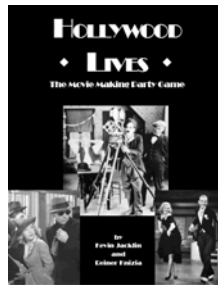


COFFEE AND DONUTS: The Social Concerns Committee will be hosting Sunday Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, March 27, between 7:30 and 10:30 AM in Lewis Hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come join us and meet other fellow parishioners!

CONFESSIONS will be held **Holy Wednesday** from 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in every Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Washington and Diocese of Arlington. We also have **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** during that time.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: The daily news reminds us of the violence and instability plaguing the Middle East, but we rarely hear of the shrinking Christian community there, a community that struggles to remain in the land of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. Please help support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land by giving in the Good Friday Collection. This Pontifical Collection allows the Franciscans and others to continue caring for Christianity's holiest sites and for God's people in the Holy Land. You can also make the contribution on any day of Holy Week, either using your envelope or noting on a check what the donation is for. Please be generous in your support.

GALA: Please Join Us At the Holy Cross Parish & School Gala As Friends and Fellow Parishioners Honor **Rosalia Murray 2010 Parishioner of the Year**, in Recognition of her Dedicated Service to Holy Cross Church and School since 1960 **Place:** Bethesda Marriott, Pooks Hill; **Date:** Saturday Evening, April 17, 2010; **Gala Festivities:** *Holy Cross Goes to Hollywood*; Cocktails - 6:00 PM; Welcome & Buffet Dinner- 7:00 PM; Followed By: Silent and Live Auctions, Music and Dancing; **Price:** \$60 per person. Make Checks payable to Holy Cross HSA. To obtain tickets or further information please call Mrs. Michelle Le Blanc at 301-661-1302 or Mary Stuart at the Rectory (301)942-1020 ext. 10.



SPRING BULBS: Calling all Holy Cross gardeners, spring is in the air, we can help you get your gardens ready for spring by offering you Spring Flower Power bulbs. See us this weekend after the Saturday 5 PM mass and the noon Mass. If you would like to place orders via the website please contact Dee Rulova at 202-336-7411 (day) for details.

The Liturgy of the Living Stations of the Cross will be led by the Holy Cross Elementary 8th graders on Tuesday, March 30 at 2:00 PM.

WELCOMING RECEPTION ON HOLY SATURDAY: After the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, plan to come over to Lewis Hall for a few minutes to join in welcoming our new Catholics from the 2009 – 2010 RCIA Class. We will congratulate **Christine Krell and Wendy Weaver**, who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil, and **Michele Bartram, Kerri Clark, and Melanie Martinez**, who will be received into Full Communion with the Church.

REBUILDING TOGETHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee, partnered with neighboring Christian churches, is sponsoring a home through Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, an organization that helps people with limited income make repairs to their homes so they can stay safe, warm, and independent. Project Day 2010 is on Sat. April 24th, but some help is also needed on April 17th. We need unskilled (painting, caulking, decluttering, yard work, etc.) and semi-skilled workers of all ages over 14. If you are interested in being part of this exciting project, please contact Fred Marinucci at fjmarinucci@verizon.net or (301) 816-1145.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE, WEEKEND OF APRIL 10TH AND 11TH: There will be no Food and Clothing Drive on EASTER SUNDAY. Instead we will have the collection the following weekend. We will be accepting non-perishable food and Spring Clothing only this month. No household items!!! Merchandise Certificates are always gratefully accepted in lieu of food. Please place in the basket in Lewis Hall. Thank you for your continued support.

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 PM 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 5, 2010. Forms are in the church vestibule.

REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH IN KENSINGTON! This year's theme for K4J Vacation Bible School is **Circus of Stars: Spotlight on the Father**. VBS will run June 21 -- 25 from 10 AM to 2 PM. Cost is \$55 for children ages 3 through rising 4th graders, \$25 for captains (rising 5th through 8th graders), and \$15 for high-school guides. Registration deadline for captains and guides is **June 1**. Three-year-olds must be toilet-trained and have prior school experience. For more information, contact Elise Brooks, elisebrooks@yahoo.com, or Mary Ruth Yao at (301) 588-2960, mrvyao@yahoo.com. See Bulletin Board for Registration forms.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II



canonized Saint Faustina, and he declared: 'From now on, throughout the whole church, the Sunday after Easter will take the name of "Divine Mercy Sunday".' Now we are approaching again this extraordinary Feast of Divine Mercy, on April 11. In requesting of Saint Faustina that the Feast of Divine Mercy be officially established, He said: **"On that day, the depths of My Mercy are open to all. Pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My Mercy. Whoever will go to Confession and**

Holy Communion on that day will receive complete forgiveness of sin and all punishment. Mankind will not enjoy peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy".

To Prepare for the feast, Our Lord requested that a special novena be made, from Good Friday through the following Saturday. During those days the image of Jesus, The Divine Mercy will have a place of honor in the sanctuary. Jesus himself dictated the intentions for each day. He said, **"I desire that during these nine days you bring souls to the fount of my Mercy, that they may draw there for strength and refreshment and whatever grace they need in the hardships of life, and especially at the hour of death... I will deny nothing to any soul whom you will bring to the fount of my Mercy."**

Will you join us in this novena, which begins on Good Friday, April 2? It is recommended that the novena be said along with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. You will find leaflets with the novena and an explanation of the Chaplet in the back of church. Take as many as you need for your family and friends. The Divine Mercy Novena will be recited after the Masses during Easter week. All are welcome to join in.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, special devotions will take place at St. Raphael's Parish, St. Bartholomew Church, and at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Confessions will be heard, Mass celebrated and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be chanted.

A BLESSED DAY! About 30 parishioners gathered at Georgetown Prep last Saturday for an inspirational Parish Retreat with Fr. John Davis, O.P. Special thanks go to Fr. Richard McCouch, S.J., of Georgetown Prep, who provided help and guidance, and especially to parishioner Carol Hoffman, who planned and coordinated the entire day. Extra cards from the retreat containing a *Prayer of Gratitude* are available in the back of the church.

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Lent 2010

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

During Lent, as we turn our thoughts to Jesus' passion and the road he traveled to Calvary, we cannot help but think of the land that was touched in a special way by his footsteps. The Christians living in these sacred places need our prayers and support as they struggle to live amidst the poverty and dangers of ongoing unrest in the Holy Land.

The **Annual Collection for the Holy Land**, held on Good Friday, April 2, is an opportunity to join with the entire Church in providing stability and security to our Christian brothers and sisters who are living in the Holy Land and in building a foundation for the area's continued witness to the life of Christ. Your contributions will support the preservation of Holy Land parishes, shrines and chapels; education and schools for the youth; pastoral ministry for residents and pilgrims to the Holy Land; and medical treatment and low-cost housing for the poor.

Your gift on Good Friday will help the Christians in the Holy Land continue to reflect the mystery of the Incarnation on the very soil where Our Lord walked. Please be as generous as you can to the **Annual Collection for the Holy Land**.

May God bless you for your continued support.

Sincerely in Christ,

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

CELEBRATE THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS: Holy Hour For Vocations, World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, April 25, 2010, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we invite you to pray before the Blessed Sacrament for a generous response to vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. ALL are invited to join in prayer. Reverend Joseph Rogers Presider and Homilist. St. Patrick's Church 619 Tenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC. Metro: "Metro Center" and "Gallery Place - Chinatown" Parking garage on Tenth Street, between G Street and H Street (for free parking, ticket must be validated at the Church)

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

Mt. 9:37-38.

PILGRIMAGE FOR WORLD PEACE & REPARATION! 1 Day Pilgrimage (Saturday, May 8, 2010) to the Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, arriving 11:30 AM for Mass, visits to mini Shrines and gift shop on location. Location is National Center for the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA, Washington, NJ. The Pilgrimage is sponsored by the Washington Archdiocese Division of World Apostolate of Fatima. Departs from St. Camillus, St. Catherine Laboure, Burtonsville Crossing. Cost \$45. Info; Muriel 301-595-1770 or Richard 1-512-93-4800. Register now. Coach fills up: only 49 seats. See **Bulletin Board** for flyers.

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. stuart@hcrosschurch.org

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

28 SUNDAY	<i>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion</i>
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	NO SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
29 MONDAY	<i>Holy Monday</i>
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
30 TUESDAY	<i>Holy Tuesday</i>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
31 WEDNESDAY	<i>Holy Wednesday</i>
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:	NO RCIA
1 THURSDAY	<i>Holy Thursday</i>
9:00 AM:	Holy Thursday Mass
7:30 PM:	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
2 FRIDAY	<i>Good Friday</i>
3:00 PM:	Stations of the Cross (<i>Church</i>)
7:30 PM:	Divine Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
3 SATURDAY	<i>Holy Saturday</i>
9:00 AM:	Confessions
8:00 PM:	<i>Easter Vigil Mass</i>
4 SUNDAY	<i>Easter Sunday</i>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Holy Monday, March 29, 2010

6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	David Charles Boyd (Living)
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Holy Tuesday, March 30, 2010

6:45 AM	Mary Isabel Reiff	8:30 AM	Terry Dorrington
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Holy Wednesday, March 31, 2010

6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Sam Attansio
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Holy Thursday, April 1, 2010

9:00 AM	Tracy & Mike Holtman family (L)	7:30 PM	Raquel Wendy Lagos-Perez
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Good Friday, April 2, 2010

3:00 PM	Stations	7:30 PM	Divine Liturgy
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Holy Saturday, April 3, 2010

8:00 PM	Cecilia Lima (Easter Vigil)	Fr. Perkins
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Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

7:30 AM	NO MASS	
9:00 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Victor J. Articola	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; Jean McAndrew; Chloe Mulcahey; Walter Murphy; Anthony Paige; Bill Quinlan; Bonnie Riddenhower; Gregory Sexton; Mary Smith

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of March 2010	\$ 7,722.29
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POOR BOX Birthright.....	\$ 83.25
3/28 Food for the Poor; 4/4 Social Concerns; 4/11 Gift of Peace	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 4th Weekend 4/03/10 & 4/04/10

5:00 PM	Yolanda Memmo and/or	Nancy Gallagher
9:00 AM	Chris Tucker and/or	Steve Toomey
10:30 AM	Linda Gage and/or	Charlene Hubbard
12 Noon	Kathleen Gagnon and/or	Ida Sullivan
5:00 PM	Yolanda Memmo and/or	Nancy Gallagher