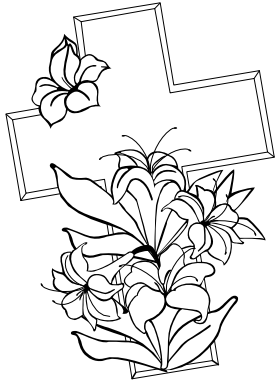


HE IS RISEN



WELCOME HOME!

Holy Cross Parish proudly welcomes these five new members: **Christine Lea Mary Ann Krell** and **Wendy Marie Marguerite Weaver**, who were baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night; and **Michele Jordan Mary Katharine Bartram**, **KerriLaine Catherine Clark**, and **Melanie Michelle Giovanna**

Martinez, who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church.

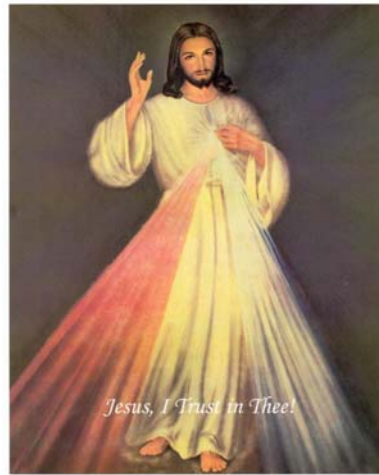
BOOK GROUP MEETING CHANGED: Our parish Catholic Book Group has decided not to meet during Easter Week. We will discuss [Conversation With Christ: The Teaching of St. Teresa of Avila about Personal Prayer](#) by Peter Rohrbach on Tuesday, April 13th, at 7:00 PM in the school library. For our meeting on May 4th, we are reading *The Idiot* by Fyodor Dostoevsky. All adults are welcome to join us.

LIKE TO TEACH? Alas, our Sunday-morning School of Religion is losing some of its talented catechists for school year 2010 - 2011. Is God calling you to this important work? Let's talk about it. Call Jeanmarie Keeney and let's chat: 301-942-8790. Thank you!

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.

SOR RETURNS: Hope you've enjoyed your Easter Break. SOR classes resume next Sunday, April 11th.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: Every year we are encouraged to pray the Novena to the Divine Mercy which started on **Good Friday** and ends on the Sunday after Easter, which is known as Divine Mercy Sunday.



"On that day, the depths of My Mercy are open to all. I 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."

Our Lord revealed the Chaplet of Divine Mercy devotion to St. Faustina, a sister in Cracow, Poland in 1931. On April 30, 2000, Pope John Paul II canonized her and declared the Sunday after Easter to be "Divine Mercy Sunday".

Leaflets containing the Novena and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be available in the vestibule. Please take one home and begin the Novena on your own as soon as possible. During Easter week the Novena will be recited in common after the morning Masses, and the image of Jesus as Divine Mercy will be displayed in the sanctuary.

PROJECT RACHEL MINISTRY, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington, is hosting a support group for women who have feelings of shame, guilt, sadness and other difficult emotions, over their abortion experience. The support group meets on Tuesday evenings and space is still available. For additional information, including location, call or e-mail Julia Shelava 301-853-4565. ProjectRachel@adw.org All contacts are confidential.

POOR BOX for Rebuilding Together: Today's Poor Box for the Social Concerns Committee will go to help with expenses for our **Rebuilding Together Project**. We will be working with two other area Churches to refurbish a local house for a needy family. Any help you can give will be gratefully appreciated.

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.

COFFEE AND DONUTS: There will be no Coffee and Donuts on Easter Sunday.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE RCIA: Did the Easter Vigil inspire you to learn more about the Catholic Church? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a year-long process of faith-filled learning designed to help inquirers grow in faith and discern if God is calling them into His Catholic Church. *If you are interested in becoming a Catholic*, this is the place for you. In addition, *baptized, practicing Catholics are also needed* to participate in the process as "sponsors" who accompany and assist these inquirers on their journey. This is a wonderful opportunity to express and grow in your own faith. To sign up as an RCIA candidate or sponsor, call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790. No obligation but heavenly rewards!

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.

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 **MONDAY, April 12, 2010**. Forms are in the church vestibule.

A PASSION PLAY JOURNEY TO GERMANY AND AUSTRIA:



A pilgrimage journey under the spiritual direction of Most Reverend Martin D. Holley, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will take place September 3-12, 2010. There are still slots available to register for the Passion Play, which is performed by the local townspeople only once a decade. Please consider giving a special gift to a family member or friend. Register as soon as possible at www.gocatholictravel.com/Holley. For more information, contact the Group Coordinator, Ms. Mary Dawn Woods of Our Lady of Mattaponi Retreat Center at 301-952-9074 or mdwoods@adw.org.

MISS A SUNDAY? BULLETIN items are not repeated as frequently as they used to be, because Bulletins are always available on the Parish website www.hcrosschurch.org. Please check it out! (BULL. DEADLINE: Monday before Sunday)

Young Adult Half-day Retreat "The Word of God" with Archbishop Donald Wuerl: Join our own Archbishop Donald Wuerl on Sunday, April 11 at 12:00 PM at the Franciscan Monastery as he encourages us in "the obligation of every believer not only to hear the word of God, but also to share it." Cost is \$20. For information and to register, visit the News and Events page at www.adw.org.

CELEBRATE THE YEAR FOR PRIESTS: On the *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 on Sunday, April 25, 5:00 PM at St. Patrick Church (619 Tenth St., NW). Reverend Joseph Rogers Presider and Homilist. Accessible from Metro Center.

THEOLOGY ON TAP – Washington: Theology on Tap presents "Marriage is Forever" beginning **April 6th!** Each week we'll have a different couple present on their marriage, sharing spiritual reflections on the sacrament of marriage as well as practical advice for young adults. We'll hear from couples who have been married for 2, 18, 26 and 41 years! For more information, visit the News and Events page at www.adw.org.

Has your MARRIAGE become cold or unloving? Are you making plans to move out, considering separation or even divorce? There is a Catholic Program called Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) that can help you rediscover one another. Our next weekend is May 14-16, 2010. All calls and inquires are confidential. For more information please call (410) 647-0350 or (301) 468-6764. For more information visit our web site at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com. If you would like to receive information in the mail, email us at: TomnCarol@comcast.net.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Experience the joy of the Risen Christ more fully in your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The weekend will help you develop new skills in communicating and loving one another. The next weekend will be in Lexington Park, MD on April 23-25, 2010. Register now! These weekends fill quickly. You can download a registration form at dc.wwme.org or for more information call 301-541-7007 or email wwme@whalenfamily.com.

Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered on **Tuesday, April 13 and Tuesday, April 27** at 8 PM at the Natural Family Planning Center, 8514 Bradmoor Drive, Bethesda, MD. Reservations are required. Phone 301-897-9323. Instruction is free, but a one-time donation of \$25.00 for materials and follow-up is requested if possible.

HAVE YOU MADE YOUR RETIREMENT PLANS?

Please remember Holy Cross in your Will.

Alleluia!

*The priests of Holy Cross Church
extend their wishes to the Parish
for a joyous and Blessed Easter!*

Happy Easter from the Holy Cross Priests!

Catholic High School Fairs: Middle school families: Get a sneak peek at Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Washington at any of the Regional High School Fairs and plan for your child's future. These special events offer families one-stop shopping; an opportunity to learn about most of the region's 18 Catholic high schools, meet administrators and admissions directors, and learn about tuition assistance and the application process. Join us at any of the following fairs. All events and parking are free. For more information, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org or call 301-853-4519.

- ◆ Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Marriott Bethesda North (5701 Marinelli Rd.; White Flint Metro)
- ◆ Thursday, April 29, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, in Waldorf, TBA
- ◆ Wednesday, May 5, 6:30 - 8:30 PM, Marriott Greenbelt (6400 Ivy Ln.; Greenbelt Metro)

MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Teach in a Catholic School! Discover a diverse, faith-filled environment where teachers are empowered to impact young lives through faith, service and scholarship. Discover a supportive community of fellow teachers, parents and students. Discover the difference you can make in students' lives. Faculty positions available across the Archdiocese. For employment information and a listing of faculty positions, visit www.CatholicSchoolsWork.org, email teacherapplications@adw.org or call 301-853-4518.

BASKETBALL GAME FOR VOCATIONS: Come and enjoy a lively basketball game to help promote vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. The DC 'Hood, a basketball team of priests and seminarians, will take on Mother Seton Parish team on Friday, May 21, at 7:00 PM. Admission is free! The game will be held at Watkins Mill High School Gymnasium (10301 Apple Ridge Rd., Gaithersburg, MD). For more information, contact Carol Flannery at 240-432-4340 or cflannery@adw.org.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

4 SUNDAY	Easter Sunday
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	NO SOR Classes (<i>school</i>)
5 MONDAY	Easter Monday
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
6 TUESDAY	Easter Monday
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO Catholic Book Group
7 WEDNESDAY	Easter Monday
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO RCIA
8 THURSDAY	Easter Monday
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM:	Bible TimeLine (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
9 FRIDAY	Easter Monday
10 SATURDAY	Confessions
9:00 AM:	
11 SUNDAY	Divine Mercy Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<u>Monday, April 5, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Lorette Wells	8:30 AM	Gabriella Heggaman
<u>Tuesday, April 6, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Marie Walsh	8:30 AM	Edelmirade Aragon
<u>Wednesday, April 7, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Lorette Wells	8:30 AM	Catherine Trevithick
<u>Thursday, April 8, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Lorette Wells	8:30 AM	People of Holy Cross
<u>Friday, April 9, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Monica & Paul Dupre	8:30 AM	Lorette Wells
<u>Saturday, April 10, 2010</u>			
8:30 AM	Marianne Joly		
5:00 PM	Nick DeRita		Fr. Yaga
<u>Sunday, April 11, 2010</u>			
7:30 AM	Zelaya-Quesada Family (Living)		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	People of Holy Cross		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	Betty Molly		Fr. Perkins
12:00 PM	Robert Lauterbach		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; Bonnie Riddenhower; Gregory Sexton; Mary Smith

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 4th Sunday of March 2010	\$ 8,987.97
Offertory 4th Sunday of March 2009	\$ 6,488.97
POOR BOX Food for the Poor	\$ 250.75
4/4 Social Concerns; 4/11 Gift of Peace; 4/18 The Gabriel Project	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 2nd Weekend 4/10/10 & 4/11/10

5:00 PM	Jan St John and/or	John DePalma
7:30 AM	Margaret Ann Jacques	Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	Paul Whelan and/or	Ellen/Rob Kennedy
10:30 AM	Mary Jo Ibanez and/or	Brian Madigan
12 Noon	Jennifer Ivory and/or	Maureen Tobin