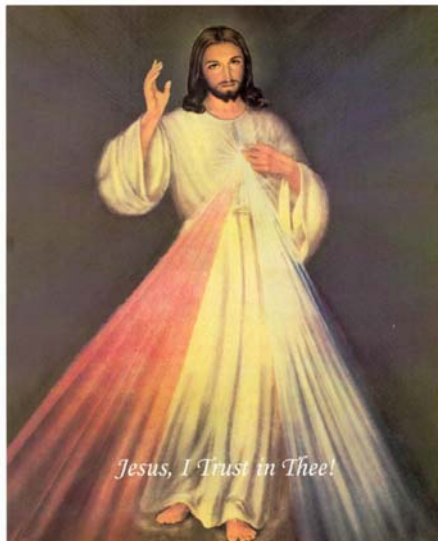


Divine Mercy Sunday



"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."

In Our Parish

COMPANIONS ON THE RCIA JOURNEY: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) – a year-long process of faith-filled learning designed to help inquirers grow in faith and belief in Christ and His Catholic Church – is looking for baptized, practicing Catholics to serve as "sponsors" to accompany and assist our RCIA inquirers. You would be asked to attend weekly meetings with them. Interested? Call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE: Is THIS weekend, **APRIL 10TH AND 11TH:** 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.

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.

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.

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.

In Our Schools

STILL THINKING ABOUT IT? The children in the Holy Cross School of Religion need your teaching talents for school year 2010 - 2011. Call Jeanmarie Keeney and let's chat: 301-942-8790. Thank you!

CONFIRMATION 2011 INFORMATIONAL MEETING: *All Candidates* for our next parish Confirmation and *one parent* should plan to attend the Informational Meeting for Confirmation 2011 at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27th, in Lewis Hall. The meeting will last about one hour. Our next Confirmation is scheduled for Spring 2011; exact date TBA. If you expect your 7th grader to be confirmed in 2011, but he or she is not yet registered with the Religious Ed. Office, please contact us today: 301-942-8790.

SUMMER CAMP AT GOOD COUNSEL: The Ultimate Summer experience is awaiting you at Good Counsel! Camps start June 14th. Our outstanding Athletic Camps for ages 4-18 has a reputation for being the best in the area! New this year is our **FALCON DAY CAMP**. For ages 5-12 this camp has something for everyone! From scavenger hunts to tie-dying t-shirts, themed camp days and the ultimate Field Day Friday—our Falcon Day Camp is one you won't want to miss! We also offer our Summer Institute program for fun Enrichment and Academic classes. **Register now** and be part of *Summer at Good Counsel!* Visit www.OLGCHS.org or call 240-283-3359!

In Our Archdiocese

THE WORK CENTER is a nonprofit association of friends who volunteer to support people who are currently unemployed and under-employed. WorkCenter meetings occur each 1st Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Lourdes, at 7500 Pearl Street, in Bethesda, MD, at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in participating -- either as a job seeker or someone who can help mentoring other job seekers -- please e-mail Monica (gianolinim@niaid.nih.gov)

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.

WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS: Are you looking for opportunities for faith sharing and socializing? Try Post Cana. Post Cana is an organization sponsored by the Office of Family Life of the Archdiocese of Washington for the mutual support of widowed people of all ages. Events include social, educational and spiritual gatherings. For further information or to register please call Joan Mahoney at 301-438-1486.

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.

Workshop for Choirs and Organists: James and Marilyn Biery, Directors of Music at the Cathedral of St. Paul, St. Paul, Minnesota, will share their expertise and music at workshops on Saturday morning, April 24, at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington. All parish musicians are encouraged to attend. This event is sponsored by the local chapters of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians. The Bierys will also present a concert featuring organ music for two hands, two feet, four hands, four feet on Friday, April 23, at 8:00. For more information and to register, go online to www.npmdc.org or call 301-330-7565.

Thinking of Getting Married? The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has developed a website to help you prepare for your marriage. There are sections on "must-have conversations," personality inventories, a marriage preparation blog and much more. Visit www.foryourmarriage.org and find out how you can prepare for your new life together.

SEXUAL ABUSE CRISIS: Please see this week's Catholic Standard for a letter from Archbishop Wuerl to the people of the Archdiocese addressing the sexual abuse. Also, on Easter Sunday, the Washington Post carried an op-ed piece by the Archbishop. In this Year for Priests, please remember in your prayers all who are affected by the abuse crisis, including the victims of abuse, the members of the lay faithful, all priests, bishops and, in a special way, our Holy Father.

PONTIFICAL SOLEMN HISTORIC MASS, Extraordinary Form, Honoring Pope Benedict XVI on the 5th Anniversary of His Inauguration, will be celebrated by Vatican Prelate Dario Cardinal Castrillon Hoyos on Saturday, April 24, at 1:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. www.thepaulusinstitute.org

ARCHDIOCESAN LEGAL NETWORK SEEKS ATTORNEY VOLUNTEERS: Calling all MD and DC attorneys! Whether you are working full-time, a sole practitioner, a stay-at-home parent, retired or transitioning back into the workforce, the Archdiocesan Legal Network (ALN) of Catholic Charities is seeking attorney volunteers to take pro bono cases or conduct law-related community seminars on civil law topics. ALN services low-income individuals in the District of Columbia and Maryland who otherwise would not have access to legal representation. We provide assistance in a variety of legal areas, including consumer debts, employment disputes, family law, landlord/tenant and housing, public entitlements and wills/probate. We will provide you with training and mentoring as needed. Spanish-speaking attorneys are welcome. If interested, please contact ALN Senior Program Manager, James D. Bishop at 202-772-1201 or james.bishop@catholiccharitiesdc.org



PILGRIMAGE FOR WORLD PEACE & REPARATION! One 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.

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)**

Holy Land Peacemaking Pilgrimage : Are you ready for a trip of a lifetime to literally walk the streets of Bethlehem and Jerusalem in the footsteps of Jesus or take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee? Are you also open to discover the presence of the risen Christ in the midst of the present struggle for justice, peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land? Then join the Franciscan Peacemaking Pilgrimage to the Holy Land scheduled for June 15-25, 2010. For information, visit St. Camillus parish website (www.stcamilluschurch.org) or contact Fr. Jacek Orzechowski at jacekofm2002@yahoo.com.

In Our Area

VOLUNTEER MEDICAL DIRECTOR SEARCH: Mercy Health Clinic is seeking a part-time volunteer Medical Director to replace our current director, Dr. James A. Ronan, who is retiring after 9 years of dedicated service. The Clinic and its volunteer medical staff offer free primary and secondary care to uninsured low-income adults. Located near the MVA in Gaithersburg, the Clinic provided over 6,000 doctor visits last year. Join us in experiencing the joy of helping those most in need in our community. For more information, please contact Alvina Long (301) 758-2635 or alvina.long@verizon.net

The Sacred Made Real - Exhibition: Religious artists of 17th-century Spain created arrestingly realistic sculptures and paintings that still have the power to shock the senses and stir the soul. From February 28 through May 31, 2010, the National Gallery of Art on the National Mall will be the only U.S. venue for a major exhibition revealing the relationship between these art forms in The Sacred Made Real: Spanish Painting and Sculpture, 1600-1700. Many of the sculptures have never been exhibited away from the Spanish churches, convents, and monasteries where they continue to inspire many. To get more information on the exhibition and scheduled events, and to plan your visit, click www.nga.gov/sacred. To schedule tours, please contact Arlette Raspberry at 202-842-6247 or a-raspberry@nga.gov.

NOTA BENE "PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK" LIST: Parishioners and family members put on the bulletin sick list will stay there for one month. For ongoing and personalized prayer, we invite you to place the names of your dear ones in the intention book in the Adoration Chapel in Quinn Hall. Adorers pray faithfully for these intentions. If you must keep someone on the bulletin sick list, you must contact the Parish Secretary each month at stuart@hcrosschurch.org

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS*:

March 2009 \$ 52,640.06 (4 Sundays)
 March 2008..... \$ 61,913.47 (5 Sundays)

* Includes First Sunday Collections and Faith Direct

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Divine Mercy Sunday

11 SUNDAY
 10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM: SOR Classes (school)

12 MONDAY
 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)

13 TUESDAY
 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: Catholic Book Group

14 WEDNESDAY
 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
 7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM: RCIA

15 THURSDAY
 9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
 12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM: Bible TimeLine (Quinn Hall)

16 FRIDAY

17 SATURDAY
 9:00 AM: Confessions

18 SUNDAY
3rd Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 12, 2010

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Lorette Wells
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Tuesday, April 13, 2010

6:45 AM Lorette Wells 8:30 AM John, Betsey &
 Jacqueline Surmeier (L)

Wednesday, April 14, 2010

6:45 AM Maxine Marion 8:30 AM Lorette Wells
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Thursday, April 15, 2010

6:45 AM Marilyn Perry 8:30 AM Lorette Wells

Friday, April 16, 2010

6:45 AM Lorette Wells 8:30 AM Adibeh Mouchahoir

Saturday, April 17, 2010

8:30 AM Marianne Joly
 5:00 PM Anna M. Capozzola Fr. Yaga

Sunday, April 18, 2010

7:30 AM Jim & Betty Tritschler
 9:00 AM Darlene Michalik
 10:30 AM Lisa Kennedy
 12:00 PM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Virginia Burch; Michael Gouzoulis; Msgr. Hill; Bill Quinlan

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 1st Sunday of April 2010 \$ 8,868.87
 Offertory 1st Sunday of April 2009 \$ 13,470.46
 FIRST SUNDAY \$ 4,098.51
 POOR BOX Social Concerns (Rebuilding Together).....\$ 216.59
 4/11 Gift of Peace; 4/18 The Gabriel Project; 4/25 Bethesda Cares

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 3rd Weekend 4/17/10 & 4/18/10

5:00 PM	Jim Scanlon and/or	Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Burt Keys	Charlotte King
9:00 AM	Yolaine Watkins and/or	Don Watkins
10:30 AM	Elizabeth Reilly and/or	Linda Gage
12 Noon	Ida Sullivan and/or	Kathleen Gagnon