

In Our Parish

RCIA 2010-2011: Are you hoping to join the Church or looking to brush up on your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) class of 2010 - 2011 is now forming. We are also looking for faithful Catholics to serve as companion sponsors for our RCIA inquirers. Interested? Contact the Director of Religious Ed. at 301-942-8790.

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY: The Religious Ed. Office is considering offering an 8-part DVD course on *Introduction to the Theology of the Body*, presented by Christopher West. This 8-part study, which carries an imprimatur, is based on the teachings of Pope John Paul II. The course would be offered on a weekday. If you are interested, please leave a message for Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790.

DID YOU KNOW....that the **YEAR FOR PRIESTS** ends on the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Friday, June 11, 2010? There is still time to consider your participation in this prayer and celebration. One example: Sunday, April 25, is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Vocations.

Prayer for priests

Lord Jesus Christ, in order for all to worship you in spirit and truth, you instituted the sacred priesthood. We ask that those you have made sharers in your own priesthood may receive your abundant grace to accomplish worthily the service to which you have deputed them. Amen.

INTO THE HEART OF MARY: A MARIAN REFLECTION FOR WOMEN: Sunday, April 25th from 1-5 PM, Sr. Rea McDonnell, SSND will facilitate an afternoon of reflection and give new insights to the Scripture stories of Mary. **Donation:** \$15 payable to Sisters of the Holy Cross, 4910 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895 (att: Sr. Patricia Cornell); registration **due date:** April 22nd.

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 MEETING: *All Candidates* for Confirmation 2011 and one parent should attend the Informational Meeting at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27th, in Lewis Hall.

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)

HAVE YOU HEARD? SPREAD THE WORD! ENTER EVERY DAY TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING. To help Holy Cross Elementary School win a wireless computer lab, go to discoveryeducation.com and enter. If you have a Twitter account, you can enter twice. Enter the [9th annual Win a Wireless Lab Sweepstakes](#) for your chance to win one of three grand prize wireless computer labs for your school, including 20 notebook or tablet computers, interactive whiteboard, mobile cart, projector, printer, wireless access points, portable document camera, digital camcorder, and a \$5,000 digital media grant from Discovery Education. **Plus, 25 additional technology prizes!** In addition to the three grand prizes, they're giving away 20 additional prizes, including projectors, notebook computers, and digital camcorders! Each month one lucky winner will receive a projector from NEC. At discoveryeducation.com/cdwg, enter once per day until May 3, 2010. Share with your friends and colleagues on Twitter and triple your entry each day. No purchase necessary. Sweepstakes runs through May 3, 2010. For complete details, see the official rules posted at discoveryeducation.com/cdwg.



LET'S PLAY: Sprite is giving one lucky My Coke Rewards school \$25,000 towards a recycled playground and 10 schools will win 25,000 Bonus Points to spend on rewards. We can earn one entry for every 10 My Coke Rewards points donated from **February 25 through April 30, 2010**. Donate your points today to help us get rewards for our school and the chance to win. Refreshingly Simple Steps to Donate Points: 1) Purchase participating Coca-Cola beverages – like Sprite® and Sprite Zero™ - to get My Coke Rewards codes. 2) Go to mycokerewards.com (register if you are not already a member). 3) Enter codes to get points – choose "Donate to Your School" from the Six Ways to Spend Points. 4) Find our Holy Cross Elementary School in Garrett Park, then click "Donate Points Now" to enter the amount you would like to donate My Coke Rewards codes can be found on many of your favorite Coca-Cola drinks including Dasani®, POWERADE®, Minute Maid®, Fanta® and other drinks.

In Our Archdiocese

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. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart, by **TUESDAY, April 20, 2010**. Forms are in the church vestibule.



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 Saint Jude Parish team on **Friday, April 23, at 7 PM**. Admission is free! The game will be held at Holy Cross High School Gymnasium, 4920 Strathmore Ave., Kensington, MD.

April 2010

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

On the weekend of April 24-25, 2010, Catholics across the nation are invited to contribute to the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**.

Catholic Home Missions is committed to providing poorer dioceses in the United States with the support they need to sustain essential pastoral care. Over the years, your generosity to the appeal has supported religious education, evangelization, youth ministry, seminarian education and ministry training in mission dioceses in Alaska, Appalachia, the Southwest - across the United States - and in Puerto Rico and U.S. territories in the Pacific islands.

Your contributions make a difference. For example, vibrant youth ministry programs in parishes and dioceses are a tangible way to strengthen the Church. Through youth ministry, young Catholics are evangelized, catechized, trained in leadership roles and encouraged for religious vocations. The young faithful energize the Church and provide a unique vision for the future. Without the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, this essential ministry would not be possible in many mission dioceses in the United States.

As we continue to recover from the economic downturn, please join me in supporting our Catholic brothers and sisters in the United States whose dioceses are financially fragile even in the best of times. Together, we can strengthen the Church at home.

May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout

Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia

Join us in celebration of the Feast Day of ST. ANSELM, Wednesday, April 21 from 8:30 - 10 AM. Prospective students and their families are invited to visit St. Anselm's Abbey School to learn more about the school and the Saint on the 901st anniversary of his death. St. Anselm's Abbey School is an independent, Roman Catholic day school for academically gifted boys in grades 6 - 12 in NE Washington, DC. For more information, please contact admissions@saintanselms.org.

ATTIC TREASURES SALE AT ST. ELIZABETH PARISH at 917 Montrose Rd. in Rockville on Saturday, April 24, in the school from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM. Spring flowers and fresh baked goods will also be available. Proceeds will support farming initiatives for our sister parish in Haiti. Call 301-881-1380, ext. 204 for more information. Thank you.

In Our Area

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNES: A retreat specially planned for men and women facing serious physical illness will be held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA on May 28-30, 1020. A team of doctors, nurses, priests, sisters and helpers will be present around the clock. Scheduling allows plenty of time for rest and reflection. This retreat is offered free of charge. This is a non-smoking weekend. **Registration closes May 19, 2010.** Please call as soon as possible. Dominican Retreat: 703-356-4243 or Doub Sebek 703-860-4929.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

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

20 TUESDAY
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM: Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)

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

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

23 FRIDAY
St. George, St. Adalbert

24 SATURDAY
St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Confessions

25 SUNDAY
4th Sunday of Easter

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 19, 2010

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Eugenia Keeney Deikel

Tuesday, April 20, 2010

6:45 AM August Bellanca 8:30 AM Mildred Muller

Wednesday, April 21, 2010

6:45 AM Philip Glazer 8:30 AM Special Intention

Thursday, April 22, 2010

6:45 AM Lorette M. Wells 8:30 AM Special Intention

Friday, April 23, 2010

6:45 AM Lorette M. Wells 8:30 AM *Intention Available*

Saturday, April 24, 2010

8:30 AM Marianne Joly

5:00 PM Bob Beatty

Fr. Yaga

Sunday, April 25, 2010

7:30 AM Stanley Gruszkesky

9:00 AM Darlene Michalik

10:30 AM Mary Dundon

12:00 PM People of Holy Cross

Fr. George

Fr. Brainerd

Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 2nd Sunday of April 2010 \$ 6,994.64
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 POOR BOX Gift of Peace \$ 247.09
 Faith Direct \$ 12,693.40
 4/18 The Gabriel Project; 4/25 Bethesda Cares; 5/2 Social Concerns

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 4th Weekend 4/24/10 & 4/25/10

5:00 PM	Nancy Gallagher and/or	Yolanda Memmo
7:30 AM	Myrna Zelaya	Mario Zelaya
9:00 AM	Peter Ramjug and/or	Chris Tucker
10:30 AM	John Szczur and/or	Denise Szczur
12 Noon	Maureen Tobin and/or	Jennifer Ivory