

## In Our Parish

Our parish has about 800 registered families who eat at least one meal a day at home. Experts say that home meals cost an average of \$20. Assuming those experts are correct, our parish families spend a total of \$16,000 a day for home cooked meals. That equates to \$5,840,000 a year for our parish!

Just think: **if every parish family used gift certificates every week for all their food purchases, the parish would earn \$233,600 a year as based an average 4% discount!** Fantastic, huh? So why don't you try a Merchandise Certificate/gift card the next time you buy food at the market? If you do not try it, you will never know what a nice feeling it is to buy your groceries, meats, and yes, even your prescriptions and postage stamps using Merchandise Certificates/gift cards, knowing you are making money for your parish!

This is an easy way to support Holy Cross without costing you an extra penny. Stop by the sales table in Lewis Hall and see!

**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 Jeanmarie Keeney at 301-942-8790.

**MOTHERS' DAY CARNATIONS** will be available after all Masses on May 8 and May 9. Honor your mother and donate to Right to Life of Montgomery County at the same time.

On Wednesday, May 5, after the 8:30 AM Mass, transportation will be provided to St. Francis Church in Derwood, where we will make the Mothers' Day corsages. For details, please call Rosanna Dundon at 301-933-8770.

**WHAT IS THE "THEOLOGY OF THE BODY?"** In the early 1980's, Pope John Paul II gave a series of talks focusing on the beauty of God's plan for the union of the sexes. He taught that God created the body as a "sign" of his own divine mystery and spoke of the body as a "theology," a study of God. The Holy Father used the Scriptures to explore what it means to be human and how we can live in a way that brings true happiness and fulfillment. The Pope's teachings reflect his belief that our creation as male and female is the "fundamental fact of human existence." These teachings, known as the "Theology of the Body," are meant to help us rediscover the true meaning of human life and existence, as well as sex and marriage.

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

## THE MOTHER'S DAY NOVENA IS STARTING IN TWO WEEKS!

If you would like to remember your Mother, Godmother, Grandmother, stepmother or other mothers who are dear to you in the Novena of Masses beginning on Mother's Day, please return the names to us on the novena intention envelopes available at the vestibule of the Church. You can put multiple Mother's names on the back of the envelope. Return the envelopes to the Rector - you may use the poor box or offertory collection. The names will be placed on the altar for the duration of the novena. Cards are also available for you to send to your mother notifying her that she is being remembered.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Three children's winter jackets, hats, gloves, keys, etc. Please check this shelf located by the choir steps. At the end of the month, any clothing items left on the shelf will be removed, cleaned and donated to charity.

Also, Women's Ring Found: about two weeks ago, Msgr. Hill found a ring in the sacristy, if you are missing one, please call and describe it to him.

**THE CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL** collection will take place this weekend. Please be as generous as you can.

## In Our Schools

### FIRST COMMUNION 2010 CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY, MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>:

- Music Rehearsal for all First Communicants; grade 2 classroom, 10:15 – 11:15 AM
- Retreat #1 for SOR and KAOS students, 11:15 AM – 2:00 PM
- Pew banners due to teachers

#### MONDAY, MAY 3<sup>rd</sup>:

- Retreat #2 for HCS students, 12:30 – 2:45 PM (during school)

#### TUESDAY, MAY 4<sup>th</sup>:

- Confession for HCS students (during school)

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 5<sup>th</sup>:

- Rehearsal for all First Communicants, church, 6:00 – 7:30 PM

#### SATURDAY, MAY 8<sup>th</sup>: FIRST COMMUNION DAY!

- Drop off students *only* in Lewis Hall at 9:45 AM *sharp*
- FHC Mass begins at 10:30 AM in the church

#### SUNDAY, MAY 9<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day

- 9:00 AM Mass: First Communicants wear their sacramental clothes and go forward after Communion to sing their special song

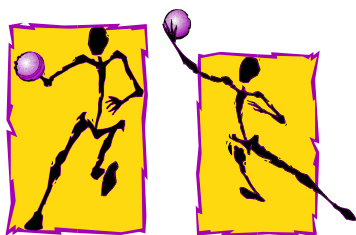


**HAVE YOU HEARD? SPREAD THE WORD! ENTER EVERY DAY TO INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING,** once per day until May 3, 2010. To help Holy Cross Elementary School win a wireless computer lab, go to [discoveryeducation.com](http://discoveryeducation.com) and enter. (See last week's bulletin for more details.)

## *In Our Archdiocese*

### *This is Good Shepherd Sunday and World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

**PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT DINNER:** Have you ever felt called to the priesthood? If so, consider attending the annual Men's Discernment Dinner (College age through 40's) on Sunday, May 16, 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, 6001 Western Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC. Evening includes Holy Mass, dinner and a chance to discuss the priesthood with other young men from the Washington, D.C. area. For more information and to register, contact Msgr. Robert Panke, Director of Priest Vocations and Formation, at 301-853-4580 or [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org).



**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](mailto:cflannery@adw.org).

**2010 Quo Vadis Days – Camp for High School Young Men:** Where are you going? What are you doing with your life? Come join other high school young men at the second annual Quo Vadis Camp. Led by Father Rob Walsh, Assistant Director of Priest Vocations, at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, Maryland, this four day camp includes prayer, talks, sports and much more. For more information, contact Fr. Walsh at 301-853-4580 or [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org). Cost: \$100.00, scholarships available.

**Run for Vocations 2010 - Marine Corps Marathon & 10K:** You are invited to join the "Run for vocations" team. All levels of runners and walkers are most welcome. This is a unique experience to get into the best shape of your life, accomplish an amazing goal, meet new people, and support our seminarians. For more information and to register go to [www.dcvocations.org](http://www.dcvocations.org) or call Jenny Mulhare, 301-853-4580. We are also looking for leaders to organize Parish Teams for the Marathon and 10K race. If interested, please contact Msgr. Rob Panke at [vocations@adw.org](mailto:vocations@adw.org)

**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 ([gjanolinim@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:gjanolinim@niaid.nih.gov))

**FORWARD IN FAITH** was implemented in 2004 to raise money to support many of the ministries and programs that are provided by the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic Charities and other Catholic agencies. As of March 31, 2010, Forward in Faith has raised more than \$109 million dollars in support of the six priorities that were outlined for the campaign. The fundraising phase of Forward in Faith will conclude in December, 2010. Please visit the Forward in Faith section of the Archdiocese of Washington website at [adw.org](http://adw.org) to learn more about the campaign's educational, pastoral and ministerial objectives.

This spring, Masses will be celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Washington to acknowledge the work of Forward in Faith and to thank its supporters. Each Mass will be followed by a reception. Nearest Location: St. Jane deChantal, Bethesda, May 19, 2010, 8:00 AM, Bishop Francisco González. For additional information about the Forward in Faith Mass and Reception schedule, please contact 301-853-5344.

**Online Resources to Keep Kids Safe:** *April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month:* Parents, guardians and other adults who care for children face constant challenges in trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The Archdiocese of Washington has created a series of parent guides, "Keeping Kids Safe" on the archdiocesan child protection policy, safety tips, Internet safety, cyber bullying, sexting and healthy teen relationships. Please visit the **Office of Child Protection Services in the Archdiocese of Washington** at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org) and click on "Protecting Our Children."

**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, contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565 or [ProjectRachel@adw.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@adw.org). All contacts are confidential.

**NFP:** Introductory class on the Billings Ovulation Method of Natural Family Planning will be offered on **Tuesday, May 11 and Tuesday, May 25** 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.

SEPARATED AND DIVORCED CATHOLICS (SDC) of the Archdiocese of Washington will hold its Memorial Day weekend, May 28-30 at Loyola Retreat House in Faulkner, MD. Our retreat master will be Father Joe Breighner. Total cost for the retreat is \$225. Meals only and Saturday only rates are available. For information, call the Loyola Retreat House at 301-392-0801. The registration form is available at <http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/Retreat-2009.pdf>.

THEOLOGY ON TAP continues April 27 and each Tuesday, presenting "Marriage is Forever"! 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. For more information, visit the News and Events page at [www.adw.org](http://www.adw.org).

### In Our Area



Tuesday, June 29, 2010 - 10 AM to 10 PM

#### WHAT IS CATHOLIC LIVE?

Catholic Live! is a day conference for high school teens sponsored by Mount St. Mary's University's Center for Campus Ministry. It is an opportunity for young people to grow in faith and experience the larger Church through speakers, music, break-out sessions, and the Sacraments. In this first annual event we spotlight Catholic Identity, and the joys/challenges adolescents face as they live their faith today.

The day is open to rising freshmen through graduating seniors.

- **Speaker:** Fr. Leo Patalinghug
- **Awesome music** with Judd and Maggie and Clint Felts
- **Mass with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski**, Seton Vicar & Vicar for Hispanic Ministries, Archdiocese of Baltimore
- **Great Breakout Sessions** on relationships, media, music, and MORE
- **Outdoor Low Ropes Leadership Course** (Limit two participants per parish)

Cost: \$40 per person (includes lunch & dinner)

Ropes Course available at additional cost.

Sponsored by MSM Campus Ministry (301) 447-5223

[www.msm.edu/catholiclive](http://www.msm.edu/catholiclive)

**"His Truth endures through all generations."**

So, too, your legacy can endure through all generations. Consider remembering Holy Cross Church in your Will.

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

25 SUNDAY	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Vocations World Day of Prayer</b> SOR Classes (school)
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	
26 MONDAY	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
27 TUESDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
28 WEDNESDAY	<b>St. Louis de Montfort, St. Peter Chanel</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
29 THURSDAY	<b>St. Catherine of Siena</b>
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM:	Bible TimeLine (Quinn Hall)
30 FRIDAY	<b>St. Pius V, Pope</b>
1 SATURDAY	<b>St. Joseph the Worker</b> (1st Saturday)
9:00 AM:	Confessions
2 SUNDAY	<b>5th Sunday of Easter</b>

#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

##### Monday, April 26, 2010

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel 8:30 AM Rose Marie McLaughlin

##### Tuesday, April 27, 2010

6:45 AM Peter Reilly 8:30 AM Ruth Merino

##### Wednesday, April 28, 2010

6:45 AM Daniel Coleman 8:30 AM Poor Souls in Purgatory

##### Thursday, April 29, 2010

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Intention Available

##### Friday, April 30, 2010

6:45 AM Intention Available 8:30 AM Intention Available

##### Saturday, May 1, 2010

8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
5:00 PM David & Young E. Eum (Living)

##### Sunday, May 2, 2010

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross  
9:00 AM Darlene Michalik  
10:30 AM Giovanni & Modesta Biondi  
12:00 PM Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor

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

#### COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of April 2010 .....	\$ 6,026.87
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POOR BOX The Gabriel Project .....	\$ 127.25 4/18 4/25
Bethesda Cares; 5/2 Social Concerns; 5/9 Father McKenna	

**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 need to keep someone on the bulletin sick list, you must contact the Parish Secretary each month at [stuart@hcrosschurch.org](mailto:stuart@hcrosschurch.org).