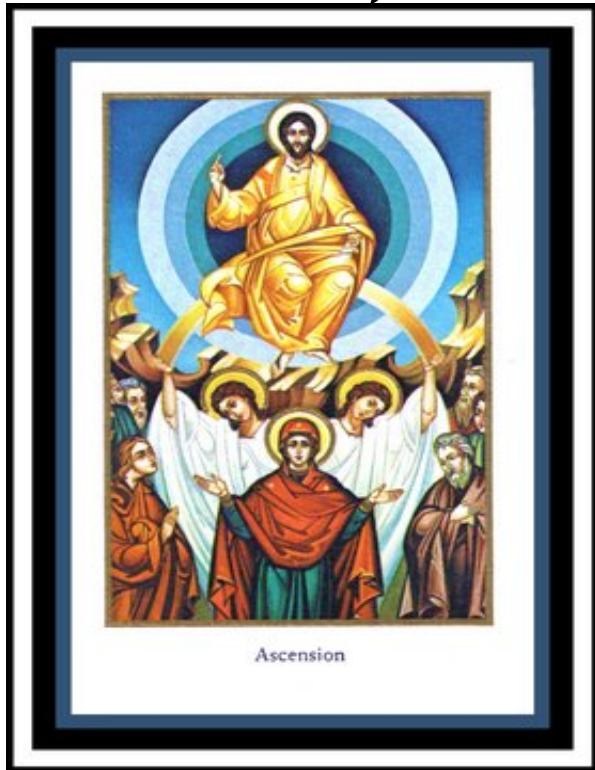


The Ascension of the Lord



In Our Parish

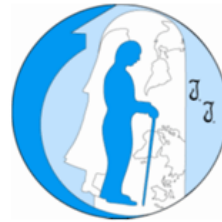
LIKE TO TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) class of 2010 - 2011 is looking for faithful Catholics to serve as companions for our RCIA inquirers as they journey toward the faith. We meet weekly. Or if you are interested in learning more about your faith or in becoming a Catholic, this is also the group for you. To find out more, contact Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790.



The Respect Life Committee of Holy Cross thanks you for purchasing our Mothers' Day Carnations and for helping us to raise \$301 in support of Right to Life of Montgomery County.

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.

LOST AND FOUND: a women's ring found in the Sacristy. If you are missing one, please call and describe it.



THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR are visiting our parish May 15th and 16th to request our assistance with their mission in caring for the Elderly Poor. The Sisters will be at the doors of the Church after each Mass to accept

voluntary gifts of support. Thank you for your kindness to them.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE: Thank you for your response to the last notice regarding this. Once the Mother's Day Novena is over, starting this week, there are many weekday Masses available in the weeks ahead to offer for someone important. Simply call the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or speak to one of the priests.

Coach Bill McGregor's All-Star Football Camp: Ages 8-15, 9 AM – 4 PM. The Academy of the Holy Cross High School, July 19-22. (Also in Prince Georges County 7/26 – 7/29.) Please call Coach McGregor at 301-596-3921 or 240-764-2252. Visit our website at www.coachmcgregor.com.

In Our Archdiocese

PAPAL HONOREES ESTABLISH NEW ASSOCIATION: Archbishop Donald Wuerl has approved the creation of an association of Papal Honorees in the Archdiocese of Washington. The association will include men and women who have received the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Pius IX, the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Saint Gregory the Great, the Pontifical Equestrian Order of Pope Saint Sylvester, the Cross *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* and the Cross *Benemerenti*

The initial goal of the association is to ensure that we connect with all Papal Honorees in a confraternal fashion and celebrate the Eucharist together. Our sincere hope is that Papal Honorees might find encouragement and support from one another as we seek to continue to support the people of our Archdiocese. If you are a recipient of a Papal Honor and did not receive a letter about the new association, please contact Mr. Jeffrey Ludwig at 301-918-2923 or via email at jludwig@naimichael.com.

Project Rachel: Having unresolved feelings after abortion? Do you feel like God could never really forgive you and you surely cannot forgive yourself?

A support group is forming to help you overcome this pain in your life. Spend time with others who faced an unplanned pregnancy and found themselves having an abortion. In this support group, you will experience the safety and encouragement you need to heal and become whole. The support group meets on Tuesday evenings. For additional information, including location, contact Julia Shelava at 301-853-4565 or ProjectRachel@adw.org. All contacts are confidential.



Helping Children Come Closer to the Heart of Christ: The Pontifical Society of the Holy Childhood Association seeks to instill and nurture in children a great love for the missionary work of the Church. The association's programs awaken a missionary spirit among the children in Catholic schools and religious education programs. Children learn ways to raise money and offer prayers for the suffering of their brothers and sisters in the missions. Help your children come closer to the heart of Christ and be able to share His love with others through the Holy Childhood Association. For more information on how to use the program at your school and/or parish, please contact Sister Maria de la Revelacion, mission education coordinator at 301-853-5388 or rcastaneda@adw.org.

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 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.



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 the 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). For more information, contact Carol Flannery at 240-432-4340 or 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 2nd Annual Quo Vadis Camp, from July 18-21. Father Rob Walsh, assistant director of priest vocations, will lead the retreat at the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat Center in Sparks, Maryland. This four day camp includes prayer, talks, sports and much more. For more information, visit www.dcvocations.org or contact Fr. Walsh at 301-853-4580. Cost: \$100.00, scholarships available.



ST. CHARLES SUMMER CAMP: Looking for a summer camp experience? Camp St. Charles in Newburg, Maryland offers all of the traditional camping experiences for boys and girls ages 7-13 plus an emphasis on Christian values and teamwork.

Sessions run from June 20 - August 14. Camperships and sibling discounts are available. Visit www.campstcharles.com for more information.



Father and mother have said a complete “yes” in the sight of God, which constitutes the

basis of the sacrament which joins them together. www.foryourmarriage.org

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. See <http://www.rc.net/washington/sdc/Retreat-2009.pdf> for the registration form.

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.

MARRIAGE BUILDING PARISHES CONFERENCE : On June 23-26, 2010 at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, National Catholic Divorce Ministry and National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved will host a conference for all those interested in helping create “Marriage Building Parishes.” The conference will provide practical guidance on how parishes can help marriages through their lifespan. For more information or to register, go to www.nacflm.org or call 937-431-5443.

ASSISTED LIVING BY VICTORY HOUSING: Victory Housing is a private, non-profit formed in 1979 to serve as the housing development arm of the Archdiocese of Washington. Victory Housing operates seven assisted living communities in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. A typical senior residing at a Victory Housing assisted living residence is 62 years of age or better; needs assistance with bathing, dressing and grooming; no longer cooks or drives; and/or needs oversight of their medications. A customized service is developed for each resident based on needs, preferences and abilities. Each residence is unique with custom architecture, design and program to meet the needs and preferences of the community it serves. Currently, three assisted living communities are in the process of expanding the number of residents by adding more suites. These locations include: Bartholomew House, Bethesda at 301-320-6151; Byron House, Potomac at 301-469-9400; and Grace House, Silver Spring at 301-924-4424. Please call to schedule a tour or learn more by visiting www.victoryhousing.org.

In Our Area

IHM Conference – June 11th and 12th, 2010: *The Ninth Annual Immaculate Heart of Mary National Home School and Parent Conference* will be held at the Dulles Expo & Conference Center – North Hall on Friday, June 11th (9 AM – 9 PM) and on Saturday, June 12th (9 AM – 4:30 PM). See website www.ihmconference.org for listing of nationally-renowned speakers giving 30 talks and over 58 vendors! Special Teen Program on Friday! **ADMISSION IS FREE** and there's plenty of free parking! For more information, please call 540-636-1946.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR PEOPLE FACING SERIOUS ILLNES: Held at the Dominican Retreat House in McLean, VA on May 28-30, 2010, offered free of charge. **Registration closes May 19, 2010.** Please call as soon as possible. Dominican Retreat: 703-356-4243 or Doub Sebek 703-860-4929.

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.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

16 SUNDAY	Ascension of the Lord
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	SOR Classes (<i>School</i>)
17 MONDAY	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
18 TUESDAY	St. John I, Pope
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
19 WEDNESDAY	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	NO RCIA
20 THURSDAY	St. Bernadine of Siena
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM:	Bible TimeLine (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
21 FRIDAY	St. Christopher Magallenes & Co.
22 SATURDAY	St. Rita of Cascia
9:00 AM:	Confessions
23 SUNDAY	Pentecost Sunday

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 17, 2010

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann 8:30 AM Names on our Altar for Deikel Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

6:45 AM Janice Poch 8:30 AM Kay Rathgeber

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

6:45 AM Eileen Parker 8:30 AM People of Holy Cross

Thursday, May 20, 2010

6:45 AM Ann Feitelberg 8:30 AM *Intention Available*

Friday, May 21, 2010

6:45 AM Robert Laut 8:30 AM George & Anne Martin 50th Anniversary

Saturday, May 22, 2010

8:30 AM *Intention Available*

5:00 PM Msgr. Louis Quinn Fr. Perkins

Sunday, May 23, 2010

7:30 AM Stanley Gruszesky Fr. Perkins

9:00 AM Albert Lauck Msgr. Hill

10:30 AM Pedro Miguel Bueno Fr. Yaga

12:00 PM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 2nd Sunday of May 2010	\$ 8,389.66
Offertory 2nd Sunday of May 2009	\$ 9,376.02
FAITH DIRECT.....	\$ 15,055.00
POOR BOX Father McKenna Center	\$ 217.95
5/16 Little Sisters of the Poor;	

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 4th Weekend of 5/23/10

5:00 PM	Jan St John and/or	John DePalma
7:30 AM	Margaret Ann Jacques	Nancy Heffernan
9:00 AM	Don & Yolaine Watkins	Ellen/Rob Kennedy
10:30 AM	John Szczur	Denise Szczur
12 Noon	Kathleen Gagnon and/or	Ida Sullivan