



In Our Parish

WANT TO EXPLORE THE FAITH? The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) class of 2010 - 2011 is now forming. If you want to learn more about your faith or to become a Catholic, this is the group for you. Faithful Catholics are also needed to serve as companions on the journey for our RCIA inquirers. We meet weekly. Interested? Call Jeanmarie at 301-942-8790.

THANK YOU, REGINA! Today marks the "retirement" of **Mrs. Regina Gratton**, who heads the group of adults leading the Children's Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 9:00 Mass. Regina signed on to help with this ministry "for a few years" when her youngest was three. That was fifteen years ago. Thank you, Regina, for your quiet and faithful service, your care for our children, and the efforts you have made to find and train your successors. Our children and the adult leaders will miss you!

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITES YOU – Please mark your calendars for a very special event. As the "Year of the Priest" comes to a close on June 19th, the Knights of Columbus Rock Creek Council will honor the dedicated priests of the six parishes we support by holding a casual BBQ on our patio and grounds. This is a great opportunity to thank your priests for all they do for you and your families. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 8th from 12-3PM. All are welcome. Rock Creek Council, No. 2797, 5417 West Cedar Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814.

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE: It has long been a custom in the Catholic Church to have a Mass offered for someone who is deceased or for a special intention (i.e., for the recovery of one who is ill, an anniversary or birthday, for a special prayer). The priest then makes it his intention during Mass to remember the particular request made. Each week in our parish bulletin you will see the Mass Requests made for that week. It is presently possible to get a Mass said "almost immediately", because there is a current shortage of weekday Mass intentions. It's a great time to have Masses said for your family and friends! Where you see "*Intention Available*" in the "MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK" section, those Masses are available as of this writing. Simply call the Parish Secretary, Mary Stuart at 301-942-1020 x10 or speak to one of the priests.

NEXT WEEKEND WE CHANGE TO SUMMER SCHEDULE: The Sunday Mass schedule changes, starting Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Starting May 30, the Sunday Masses will be at 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 AM.

POOR BOX NEXT WEEKEND: Twice a year, in May and in October, we dedicate one Poor Box to support our Holy Cross Respect for Life Committee in all they do. The Holy Cross Pro-life Committee uses funds to work for educational purposes for pro-life issues such as partial-birth abortion and embryonic stem cell research; to support pregnancy aid centers such as Centro Tepeyac and the Gabriel Project, and to support Right to Life of Montgomery County by selling Christmas Cards and Carnations for Mother's Day, and for putting on Parish's great annual Family-fun Bingo and Family Night. Please be as generous as you can.

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.

In Our Schools

FALL SOCCER SIGN-UP IS HERE! Holy Cross is blessed with a very active and successful fall CYO soccer program. Fall registration is now underway. Please sign your child up now so we can secure the correct number of teams in the league. Here's how: Step 1: Go the www.washcyo.com and then click on [CYO ONLINE REGISTRATION/FORMS](#). Follow the links for "players – to register participants" and follow the instructions. (Note: if your child is a return player, enter his or her id and password. Otherwise, set-up a new account). This takes just 5 min's. Then PRINT OUT the form and SIGN it. Step 2: Write a check made out to *Holy Cross CYO* for \$80 per player. Step 3: Send BOTH the check and CYO form into school to Mrs. Smith's attention. The coaches for your team(s) will be contacting you to confirm sign-up and let you know plans for practices which generally begin in August. ALSO: Watch for dates for the **summer soccer clinics** – just \$1 per player! They were a huge success last year and we look forward to having them again. It is a fun, laid back way to get the kids geared up for the fall. If you have any questions please contact either Amy Mitchell (asmitch@journalism.org) or your coach from last year. **GO HAWKS!**

SUMMER PROGRAM FOR GIRLS: Seeking adventurous girls, ages 11-17, to join the fun at The Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington, MD, in our "Celebrating the Arts" Summer Enrichment program during months of June and July! Ceramics, American Sign Language, Hip Hop, Creative writing and much, much more! Visit our website: academyoftheholycross.org. (Click on Activities, Summer Programs and Summer Enrichment) or call 301-929-6451 for more information.

In Our Archdiocese

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS: Join your fellow parishioners in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at the "Holy Hour for Vocations" on June 3 at 5-6 PM. (See other parishes' Holy Hours on final page of bulletin. More Archdiocese parish holy hours are in the Catholic Standard.)

Unite with parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Washington as we anticipate the Ordination 8 new Priests on June 19 and pray for a greater number of men and women to respond to God's call.

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." (Mt 9:37-38)

Catholic Police and Fire Society: On the second Tuesday of the month at St. Patrick Church in Washington, DC (10th and G Streets, NW), the Catholic Police and Fire Society remember police and fire personnel living and deceased at the 12:10 PM Mass. The public is welcomed to attend Mass to remember and give thanks.



You know the value of a loving and life-giving marriage. Indeed, your marriage is a gift to all of us.

From Follow the Way of Love
www.foryourmarriage.org

In Our Area

Is God calling you to be a friend to women with unexpected pregnancies? Applications are now being accepted for enrollment in the 2010 Spring session of the Rockville Pregnancy Clinic Volunteer Peer Counseling Training Seminar. The Rockville Pregnancy Clinic is dedicated to assisting teens, women, and families dealing with the consequences of an unplanned pregnancy as well as providing STD testing and sonograms in its free medical clinic. Our ministry is dependent upon our peer counselors and **we will fully equip you**. Our 2010 Spring Training will be held at the pregnancy clinic on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning June 1. If you feel called to this ministry, please visit the website www.rockvillepregnancycenter.org for an information packet and application, or contact RPC at 301-770-4444. You can make a difference in the lives of women and teens!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

23 SUNDAY	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i>
10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM:	Final day of SOR (<i>School</i>)
24 MONDAY	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (<i>School Library</i>)
25 TUESDAY	St. Gregory VII, Pope
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
26 WEDNESDAY	St. Philip Neri
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
27 THURSDAY	St. Augustine of Canterbury
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
12:30 PM -- 2:00 PM:	Bible TimeLine (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
28 FRIDAY	
29 SATURDAY	
9:00 AM:	Confessions
30 SUNDAY	<i>Most Holy Trinity</i>

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, May 24, 2010

6:45 AM Maria Evelin Hernandez 8:30 AM Darlene Michalik

Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

6:45 AM Elizabeth O'Donnell 8:30 AM *Intention Available*

Thursday, May 27, 2010

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

Friday, May 28, 2010

6:45 AM Joseph Hill 8:30 AM *Intention Available*

Saturday, May 29, 2010

8:30 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel
5:00 PM Deceased members of the Sung W. Choi & Woo B. Sun families Fr. Perkins

Sunday, May 30, 2010

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Yaga
9:30 AM Roberto Anaut Fr. Perkins
11:30 AM Fr. Harold Buetow Msgr. Hill

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

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory 3rd Sunday of May 2010 \$ 6,539.02
Offertory 3rd Sunday of May 2009 \$ 6,048.45

Poor Box this week 5/23 INTERFAITH WORKS (CMMC); 5/30 Respect for Life Committee

Schedule for Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to serve 5th Weekend of 5/30/10

5:00 PM	Jim Scanlon and/or Colleen Scanlon
7:30 AM	Nancy Heffernan, Margaret Ann Jacques
9:30 AM	Peter Ramjug, Chris Tucker, Margaret Ferrell
11:30 AM	Patrick Durbin, Millie Durbin