

Happy New Year!

Please note that on Monday, January 2, 2012,

- ♦ the Rectory Office will be closed and
- ♦ there will be no 6:45 am Mass

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK. Virginia Burch, Michael Dangerfield, Patricia Dee, Brian Finkler, Lorraine Hollen Cary, Tom Choi, Young Choi, John DeConcini, Terra Francella, Michael Gouzoulis, Rose Mary McCann, Joey Norris, Anthony Paige, Clayton Parker, Father Joseph Perkins, Sidney Reed, Marion Schreitmueller, Michael Spodnik, Betsey Surmeier, Elizabeth Tolton and Christopher Vita.

THIS WEEK'S POOR BOX will go to our **SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE.** Your generous donations fund the Committee's service projects on behalf of Holy Cross. These include the monthly food and clothing drives, the Giving Tree at Christmas time, preparation and delivery of bag lunches to area shelters, and much more. Please visit our parish website, www.hcrosschurch.org, and select *Social Concerns* to find out about the work of this Committee and ways you can help.

FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE. The Social Concerns Committee holds its Monthly Food and Clothing Drive, **January 7 and 8.** Please bring non-perishable foods to Lewis Hall after all Masses. Merchandise Certificates for grocery stores are gratefully accepted in lieu of food. Please label donated clothing bag (women's medium, girl's size 8). This is a huge help in sorting the clothing. Thank you for your support of this project.

FIRST OF THE MONTH DEVOTIONS

January 5 is the **Thursday before the First Friday of the Month.** There is exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church from 1:15 to 5:45 pm, followed by the Sacred Heart Novena and Benediction. All are welcome to join us!

January 6 is the **First Friday of the Month.** There is Benediction and the Sacred Heart Novena following the 8:30 am Mass. After Mass, the Holy Cross **OVER 50 CLUB** goes to breakfast at the I-Hop on 355 at 10 am. Call Charlene Hubbard, 301-942-1522, for more information.

January 7 is the **Devotion of First Saturdays** as requested by Our Lady of Fatima. The devotion will take place after the 8:30 am Mass. The Rosary will be recited for world peace. All are welcome!

WHAT'S NEW? You may have noticed the recent addition of our parish bulletin board to our Church vestibule. Postings are intended to supplement the bulletin with welcoming information about our Parish, our activities and programs. Be sure to take a look! We are grateful to Peter and Cindy Kratz who have made this donation in memory of Cindy's parents and long-time parishioners, Bob and Rose Masucci.

CHURCH MISSIONS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. The second collection next weekend is for Church Missions within the United States and combines the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions with the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Those of you who receive offertory envelopes have the correct envelope included in the packet for this collection. There are also envelopes in the back of church for your use. These incorrectly have the former name of the designated collections but will be included with this collection.



HOLY CROSS BEARERS SOCIETY. Over the years many parishioners have made the decision to make gifts to the parish in their wills and estates. To remember those who have done so in the past as well as those who are living and have made such a provision for the parish at the time of their death, we are offering a monthly Mass for them. In this small way, we can express our continuing gratitude for their generosity toward the parish in the past and in the future. Please remember them in your prayers especially on **January 8.**

FIRST PENANCE PARENTS' MEETING RESCHEDULED. Due to an unavoidable conflict, the meeting for parents of parish children receiving First Penance has been **rescheduled for Wednesday, January 25, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm** in the school library. **HCS parents take note:** This First Penance meeting is incorrectly listed on the school calendar for January 12. One parent of each child receiving First Penance on Saturday, March 10, should plan to attend this meeting on January 25.

IN APPRECIATION. Special thanks to members of the Holy Cross Altar Society who prepared the Church for Christmas: to Rosanna Dundon and Rosalia Murray who arranged the beautiful flowers, candelabra and greenery in the sanctuary, and Rosanna for the festive holly in the vestibule; to Fran Kleinhenz for her special attention to our beautiful crèche; and to those who worked on the wreaths, window boughs and choir garland: Mary Ann Crespy, Charlene Hubbard, Anne Martin, Joan Murphy, Dottie O'Neill, Veronica Sauvain and Josie Shore.

PLAN AHEAD. Our Annual Parish Lenten Retreat will be held at Georgetown Prep on Saturday, March 24, from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Archdiocesan priest, Fr. Kevin Regan, will be our presenter. Watch this space for registration information.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



The Eucharistic Adoration Society wants you to know that there are two hours in great need for a weekly adorer: 9-10 am on Thursdays and 12 noon-1 pm on Thursdays. Please consider if the Lord might be calling YOU to visit Him at one of these times in the new year. Call Barb or Dave Ruppert at 301-933-7646.

WMET 1160 AM - CATHOLIC RADIO. Guadalupe Radio Network (which includes EWTN radio programming) is on WMET 1160 AM. To listen live or for a programming schedule, visit www.grnonline.com.

MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES. The Sales Team for Merchandise Certificates would like to thank all those who bought certificates in 2011. It's a small, but important effort to support Holy Cross. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE at www.hcrosschurch.org. Weekly bulletins are posted there.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE	
01 SUNDAY	Octave Day of the Nativity of our Lord, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM No SOR 10:30AM – 11:30 AM No <i>Catholicism</i> series
02 MONDAY	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM No Bible Study
03 TUESDAY	9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM <i>Catholicism</i> series (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
04 WEDNESDAY	9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
05 THURSDAY	Thursday Before First Friday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) 1:15 PM - 5:45 PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, Novena (<i>Church</i>) 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (<i>Quinn Hall</i>) 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM RCIA (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)
06 FRIDAY	First Friday After 8:30 AM Mass Benediction/Novena (<i>Church</i>)
07 SATURDAY	First Saturday After 8:30 AM Mass Devotion to Our Lady (<i>Church</i>) 9:00 AM-10:00 AM Confessions (<i>Church</i>)
08 SUNDAY	The Epiphany of the Lord 10:15 AM – 11:30 AM SOR (<i>School</i>) 10:30AM – 11:30 AM <i>Catholicism</i> series (<i>Quinn Hall</i>)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, January 2, 2012**
8:30 AM Jack Keeney
- Tuesday, January 3, 2012**
6:45 AM Mary Angela Memmo
8:30 AM Michael Kirschbaum
- Wednesday, January 4, 2012**
6:45 AM Mary Becker
8:30 AM Delores Jones
- Thursday, January 5, 2012**
6:45 AM Marylynn Placet
8:30 AM Sandra Vidas
- Friday, January 6, 2012**
6:45 AM Peggy Kerwin
8:30 AM Fr. Joseph Perkins (living)
- Saturday, January 7, 2012**
8:30 AM In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Anna Capozzola and Louis Capozzola
5:00 PM
- Sunday, January 8, 2012**
7:30 AM Holy Cross Bearers
9:00 AM Anne Green
10:30 AM Charles Michael Glowacki
12:00 PM People of Holy Cross

COLLECTIONS – PRIOR WEEK	
OFFERTORY 3 rd Sunday of December 2011	\$7,926.37
OFFERTORY 3 rd Sunday of December 2010	\$6,923.67
POOR BOX – Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County	\$333.15
12/25 Interfaith Works	
01/01 Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee	

MASS INTENTIONS. To schedule a Mass intention, call Mary Anne Gadbois, Parish Secretary, at 301-942-1020 x10 or stop by the rectory Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4 pm.

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 31, 2011 and JANUARY 1, 2011					
Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Altar Servers	Merchandise Certificates	
				<i>Lewis Hall</i>	<i>Outside Church</i>
5:00 PM	John DePalma Carlos Hernandez	Colleen Scanlon and/or Jim Scanlon	Danielle LeBlanc Tahana Augustin	Jan St. John	(We have
7:30 AM	George Martin	Nancy Heffernan	Andrea Shirdon	Ruth Heinszen	sales inside
9:00 AM	Ellen Kennedy Dan Bowen	Eileen Haggart Ron Haggart William Hamant	Catherine Paxton Marie Clare Paxton	Margaret Weston	Lewis Hall only
10:30 AM	William Hamant Thomas Murray	Millie Durbin Patrick Durbin	Gregory Gadbois Clare Hogan Ann Hogan	Al-Kenna Schrader	during the
12 Noon	Joanna Joly George Tamerlani	Kathleen Gagnon	Chris Mulcahy Matthew Shipley	<i>Sales end at Noon</i>	winter schedule.)