

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK. Sharon Aliaga, Virginia Burch, Michael Dangerfield, Brian Finkler, Lorraine Hollen Cary, Tom Choi, Young Choi, John DeConcini, Terra Francella, Michael Gouzoulis, Rose Mary McCann, Richard Mlynarczyk, 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 **RIGHT TO LIFE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INC.** to help defend the dignity of life of all God's children from conception to natural death. Please be generous.

ADULT AND FAMILY RALLY AND MASS FOR LIFE! The Archdiocese of Washington and Association of Ecclesial Movements and New Communities will sponsor the annual *Adult and Family Rally and Mass for Life* at The Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle on the morning of the March for Life, Monday, **January 23**. The Rally kicks off at 9 am and features prayer, music and inspirational speakers including Loretta Fleming from National Committee for a Human Life Amendment and the St. Margaret of Scotland Gospel Choir. Mass begins at 10 am with departure for the National March for Life at 11:30 am. Registration is required. Please visit: www.adultrally4life.eventbrite.com.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE. This year, the anniversary date of the Roe v. Wade decision will fall on a weekend, a time when lawmakers are typically away from Washington. To make sure that our pro-life pilgrimage to our nation's capitol has maximum impact on our elected leaders; and that our Marchers have an opportunity to visit with their Congressional delegations in order to press their pro-life message, the March for Life is scheduled for Monday, **January 23**. Please plan to attend. Your presence, in growing numbers every year, is the best way to draw attention to the untenable legacy of Roe v. Wade, and to persuade our leaders to eradicate it from America's future. (marchforlife.org)

HANDICAP RAMP COMING SOON! A contract has been signed with the contractor and, depending on good weather conditions, we expect the new handicap ramp to be installed soon. There will be new railings and a new exterior light installed with the ramp. We bring this to your attention now as when the work is being done, there will be several days when access at that Church side door will be unavailable. We will post a sign for the days when the ramp is under construction.

VISIT THE PARISH WEBSITE

www.hcrosschurch.org.

The weekly parish bulletin is posted on the website.



ECUMENICAL CELEBRATION FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, SUNDAY JANUARY 29, 3 PM.

Please join us for Holy Cross' eighteenth observance of the annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. This year ten

Christian congregations will meet and pray at St. Bartholomew's Church, 6900 River Road, Bethesda. Father Joseph Sileo, Pastor of St. Bart's, will preside and the homily will be delivered by the Rev. Todd Thomas, Pastor of Church in Bethesda. Special music will be provided by the Trinity Lutheran Handbell Choir and the Unity Choir composed of members from participating churches. A free-will offering will benefit "Bethesda Cares." A reception and fellowship will follow the service. Further info: 301-942-4183 or jfweiss@ymail.com.

MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES.

This program supports Holy Cross by offering the opportunity to buy gift cards at face value that have been purchased at a discount. The difference is the profit to Holy Cross. Please consider buying certificates. It's a great way to contribute while making your regular purchases! Don't forget that you can even use Safeway certificates to buy gift cards for other stores like Best Buy, Target, Nordstrom, Penney's etc. *Certificates are sold after Mass in Lewis Hall.*



FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION. The parish Catholic Book Group will meet on Tuesday, **February 7**, to discuss *The Shadow of His Wings*, the harrowing WWII autobiography of Fr. Gereon Goldmann, OFM, who was drafted into Hitler's S.S. as a young seminarian in Germany. Why not read the amazing story of his ordination and secret ministry to German Catholic soldiers and citizens during the war, then come join our discussion on February 7? All adults are welcome.

SAVE THE DATE! 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 our weekly schedule where there is a 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.



**Holy Cross Celebrates
Catholic Schools Week
January 29- February 4, 2012**

The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2012 focuses on three priorities that Catholic schools establish that make them stand out from other educational institutions. Children are taught faith – not just the basics of Christianity, but how to have a relationship with God. Academics, which in Catholic schools are held to very high standards, help each child reach his or her potential. Service, the giving of one's time and effort to help others, is taught both as an expression of faith and good citizenship. A variety of activities will mark the week at Holy Cross School.

Sunday, January 29

9 am

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK-OFF

Mass: Holy Cross Church - *Students are asked to wear their uniforms and worship together with their family and friends.*

1 -3 pm

Holy Cross School Open House - *Spread the word to neighbors and colleagues about the wonderful work being done at Holy Cross School! Stop by and see all we have to celebrate.*

Monday, January 30

8:30 am

Mass: Opening Liturgy at Holy Cross Church. All are welcome. First grade leads.

9:30-11:30 am

Career Day - *Parents and parishioners are welcome to visit the classrooms to speak about their professions and stimulate interest in various careers. To volunteer contact Ann Smith by email (a.smith@hcross.org) or call 301-949-1699.*

12:30-2 pm

Middle School Science Fair Expo (grades Pk-5)

2 pm

Band Concert

Tuesday, January 31

9:30-11 am

Holy Cross Open House (For Current Families)

6:30-8:30 pm

Middle School Science Fair Demonstrations and Judging . Lewis Hall
(Awards at 8:30) *Volunteer judges needed; contact Shari Connor, Middle School Science Department via email (s.connor@hcross.org)*

Wednesday, February 1

2 pm

Awards Ceremony (2nd Quarter) in Lewis Hall. All are welcome.

7 pm

Band Concert in Lewis Hall. All are welcome

Thursday, February 2

Student Appreciation Day - Students celebrate with a free tag day and pizza lunch followed by the ever-popular Student BINGO tournament!

Friday, February 3

Teacher Appreciation Day (12:15 pm Dismissal) - *Together with your family, take the opportunity to thank the teachers and staff for all they do. Celebrate their service! The HSA will treat the teachers to a luncheon in their honor.*

The Rectory Office will be Closed on Monday for the Martin Luther King holiday.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

- 15 **SUNDAY** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM No SOR
10:30AM – 11:30 AM No *Catholicism* series
- 16 **MONDAY** Martin Luther King Birthday
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM 1 John Bible Study (*Library*)
- 17 **TUESDAY**
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM *Catholicism* series (*Quinn Hall*)
- 18 **WEDNESDAY**
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)
- 19 **THURSDAY**
9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM RCIA (*Quinn Hall*)
- 20 **FRIDAY**
- 21 **SATURDAY**
9:00 AM-10:00 AM Confessions (*Church*)
- 22 **SUNDAY** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:15 AM – 11:30 AM SOR (*School*)
10:30AM – 11:30 AM *Catholicism* series (*Quinn Hall*)

COLLECTION – PRIOR WEEK

OFFERTORY 2nd Sunday of January 2012 \$9,900.77
 OFFERTORY 2nd Sunday of January 2011 \$12,720.95
 FAITH DIRECT \$16,715.50
 POOR BOX – Bethesda HELP \$135.25
 01/15 Montgomery Right to Life
 01/22 So Others Might Eat (S.O.M.E.)

PARISH BULLETIN DEADLINE. Submissions for inclusion in the bulletin are due on Monday of the week prior of publication. Provide your bulletin announcement to the Parish Secretary by email (*parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org*), fax (301-949-3543), or mail (PO Box 249, Garrett Park, MD 20896). If you have any questions, call 301-942-1020.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday, January 16, 2012
6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel
8:30 AM Eileen Murphy
- Tuesday, January 17, 2012
6:45 AM John C. Keeney
8:30 AM Joseph Tobin
- Wednesday, January 18, 2012
6:45 AM Joseph Tobin
8:30 AM Luke Watkins (living)
- Thursday, January 19, 2012
6:45 AM Michael E. Carey
8:30 AM Margaret Wills
- Friday, January 20, 2012
6:45 AM Gerry Howe
8:30 AM John C. Keeney
- Saturday, January 21, 2012
8:30 AM Patrick Carlin
5:00 PM Patricia Tierney Fr. Eugen
- Sunday, January 22, 2012
7:30 AM Robert Masucci Fr. Eugen
9:00 AM Darlene Michalik Fr. Perkins
10:30 AM People of Holy Cross Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM Celsa Valado Fr. Butta

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 JANUARY 21 AND JANUARY 22, 2012

Mass	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion	Altar Servers	Merchandise Certificates	
				<i>Lewis Hall</i>	<i>Outside Church</i>
5:00 PM	Diana Phelps	Jan St. John	Molly Hutchison Tahana Augustin	Lucy Humphreys Mary Mothersole	(We have
7:30 AM	Colleen Steele	Nancy Heffernan	Madeline Hopkins Nicholas Hopkins	Ruth Heinsen	sales inside
9:00 AM	Yolaine Watkins Don Watkins	William Hamant Paul Whelan Scherri Jacobsen	Lucy Wilkerson Andrew Wilkerson	Jean Horan Phil Schulp	Lewis Hall only
10:30 AM	William Hamant Thomas Murray	Denise Szczur John Szczur	Rocco Del Priore Blaney Del Priore Charlie Ali	Mary Jo Ibanez	during the
12 Noon	George Tamerlani Joanna Joly	Kathleen Gagnon	Devon Lyons Ann Hogan Claire Hogan	<i>Sales end at Noon</i>	winter schedule.)