

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

Congratulations to the Aliaga family! Martin and Sharon, along with big brother, Gabriel, welcomed Raphael on January 23.

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.

MARYLAND BISHOPS ISSUE STATEMENT ON POVERTY. Thousands of our brothers and sisters who are homeless experience the daily reality of a life in crisis: not sure from where their next meal will come, and desperately hoping to find housing or shelter during the cold winter. Maryland's bishops have issued a statement urging Catholics to take concrete action to help their neighbors living in poverty. Get involved and receive alerts on legislation with messages to send to your elected officials by signing up for the Catholic Advocacy Network (CAN), an email outreach of the Maryland Catholic Conference. Learn more at www.mdccathcon.org.

TAKE SOMEONE OUT TO EAT AND HELP FEED OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS! All you have to do is take your family and friends and dine out on Tuesday, **February 28**, at a participating restaurant. These restaurants will donate a percentage of their receipts to "**Thanksgiving in February.**" All proceeds are distributed among selected non-profit organizations through Interfaith Works which provide food to our hungry neighbors. To find out which restaurants are participating and which non-profits will benefit from this fundraiser, visit www.thanksgivinginfebruary.org or see the flyer on the bulletin board.

BOOK CHAT. On Tuesday evening, the parish Catholic Book Club will be discussing Fr. Gereon Goldmann's WWII autobiography, *The Shadow of His Wings*. Come join us for a lively discussion at 7 pm in the school library. All adults are welcome.

ANNUAL STATEMENTS. If you have any questions about your annual statement for offertory contributions made to Holy Cross Church in 2011, please contact Mary Anne Gadbois at 301-942-1020, ext. 10, or parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org.

HHS MANDATE THREATENS RELIGIOUS LIBERTY. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a rule mandating that almost all health insurance plans include coverage of abortifacients, female sterilization procedures, and contraceptives – even if such products and procedures violate the religious beliefs of the insurer, employer or employees involved. In addition, the regulation includes a religious exemption so narrow as to be meaningless – in order to qualify, most Catholic schools, social service agencies and health care facilities would be forced to stop serving and hiring non-Catholics, among other things. Our religious freedom is in jeopardy. Please visit www.usccb.org and www.mdccathcon.org for more information and to learn how to contact your elected officials in Congress to urge them to support the *Respect for Rights of Conscience Act*, legislation that would reverse this injustice.

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Washington DC 20510
202-224-4654
www.mikulski.senate.gov/contact/

Senator Benjamin L. Cardin
509 Hart Senate Office Building
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Representative Chris Van Hollen (District 8)
1707 Longworth House Office Building
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MERCHANDISE CERTIFICATES.

- ◆ For your grocery needs and for gift cards carried by participating grocers.
- ◆ Sold in Lewis Hall or outside of Church after the 5 pm Mass on Saturday, and the 7:30, 9:00, and 10:30 am Masses on Sunday until noon.
- ◆ Use cash, check, or credit cards.
- ◆ A percentage of sales profit Holy Cross!

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ADORATION OF OUR LORD February 7, 8, and 9

"TRULY, YOU ARE THE SON OF GOD"
Matthew 14:33

After calming the sea, the apostles believed that Jesus was the Son of God. This Son of God waits for us to visit Him, so that He can calm the rough waves in our life. For more information, contact Barbara Ruppert at 933-7646. Adoration begins at 9 am in Quinn Hall Chapel and ends at 10 pm every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Cardinal's Appeal 2012

Seek first the Kingdom of GOD

MATTHEW 6:33

A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Cardinal's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive in your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "Seek first the kingdom of God." (Matthew 6:33)

The Cardinal's Appeal campaign is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over 10 months.

A significant gift to the Cardinal's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way. As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese, and to the work of the Church throughout the world, should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.



FIRST SUPER BOWL PARTY! The Knights of Columbus invite everyone to their First Super Bowl Party, Sunday, **February 5**. Menu includes chicken, wings, pizza, hot dogs, kielbasa, chips and dips. A 50" Big TV will be raffled off. Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$5. Tickets at the door will cost \$7.50. For tickets and other information, please call Steve Kemp at 301-464-0400.



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 **February 12**.

2012 ARCHDIOCESAN MEN'S RETREAT: GUARDIANS OF THE MISSION. Join men from parishes throughout the Archdiocese on Saturday, **March 3**, from 8 am – 3 pm at St. Mark the Evangelist Church, 7501 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville. The day will be centered around Mass with Cardinal Wuerl. Speakers for the day will give us encourage us to find build the skills to live courageous and heroic lives. Talks include: "Guardians of the Truth about Men," "Guardians of Your Heart," and "Guardians of the Kingdom." Invite your son, your dad, or a friend to join you on this retreat. If you have been thinking about forming a men's group in your parish, if you want to be a better son, husband or father, if you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, this retreat is for you! For more information, please call Rick Kramer at 301-853-4546, to register visit www.adw.org/conferences. Cost is \$20.00, lunch included.

VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN. The Little Sisters of the Poor will hold a Vocation Discernment Retreat for young women aged 18-35 at 4200 Harewood Road, NE, Washington, DC. The retreat begins at 5:30 pm on Friday, February 17, and ends at 3 pm on Sunday, February 19. If you have questions or to register, call Sr. Camille Rose at 202-269-1831 or email her at vocwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org.

MEN'S VOCATION RETREAT. Cardinal Wuerl is sponsoring a **Men's Vocation Retreat for men** in their 20's-40's who are considering a call to the priesthood in **February 2012** at Blessed John Paul II Seminary, beginning Friday evening, February 10 and ending on Sunday, February 12 at noon. It will cost you nothing more than your time. To register or for more information, contact Father Carter Griffin, Director of Priest Vocations, at 301-853-4580 or vocations@adw.org.

VISIT THE HOLY CROSS WEBSITE

www.hcrosschurch.org.

The weekly parish bulletin is posted on the website.

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www.adw.org

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, February 6, 2012

6:45 AM Jonathan Christopher A. Tengco

8:30 AM Emil Haut

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

6:45 AM Jack Keeney

8:30 AM Luz Hernandez

Wednesday, February 8, 2012

6:45 AM Geneveive Ann Deikel

8:30 AM Elinor Billerbeck

Thursday, February 9, 2012

6:45 AM Joan Andrew

8:30 AM Bill Quinlan

Friday, February 10, 2012

6:45 AM George Kiener

8:30 AM Major and Mary Euroe

Saturday, February 11, 2012

8:30 AM Peter and Anne Caffoe

5:00 PM Nick DeRita Fr. Perkins

Sunday, February 12, 2012

7:30 AM People of Holy Cross Fr. Eugen

9:00 AM Holy Cross Bearers Fr. Eugen

10:30 AM For Prayers Answered Msgr. Hill

12:00 PM Marianne Dellatorre Joly Fr. Perkins

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

05 SUNDAY Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM SOR (*School*)

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM *Catholicism series (Quinn Hall)*

06 MONDAY

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM 1 John Bible Study (*Library*)

07 TUESDAY

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Catholic Book Group (*Library*)

08 WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)

09 THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration (*Quinn Hall*)

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM RCIA (*Quinn Hall*)

10 FRIDAY

11 SATURDAY Our Lady of Lourdes

9:00 AM-10:00 AM Confessions (*Church*)

12 SUNDAY Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM SOR (*School*)

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM *Catholicism series (Quinn Hall)*

COLLECTION – PRIOR WEEK

OFFERTORY 5th Sunday of January 2012 \$7,262.82

OFFERTORY 5th Sunday of January 2011 \$6,249.73

POOR BOX – Christ House \$224.10

02/05 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 February 11 and February 12, 2012

| Mass | Lectors | Extraordinary Ministers Of Communion | Altar Servers | Merchandise Certificates | |
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| | | | | <i>Lewis Hall</i> | <i>Outside Church</i> |
| 5:00 PM | Cynthia Kratz Paul Huang | John DePalma | Jon Marc Olivier Carrick O'Reilly | Joan Stearman | (We have |
| 7:30 AM | Margaret Dikel | Nancy Heffernan | Madeline Hopkins Nicholas Hopkins | Cindy Hedges | sales inside |
| 9:00 AM | Bert Keys | Ellen Kennedy Steve Toomey Chris Tucker | Julie Souza Danielle LeBlanc | Laura Ramirez-Ramos | Lewis Hall only |
| 10:30 AM | William Hamant Thomas Murray | Lynda Gage | Madeline Schiller Isaac Schiller Kevin Berry | Nora Koscelnik | during the |
| 12 Noon | Joanna Joly George Tamerlani | Kathleen Gagnon | Andy Lopez Michael Schultz | <i>Sales end at Noon</i> | winter schedule.) |