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SUNDAY OF

LENT

March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Holy Cross Catholic Church

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Rev. Mark F. Hughes, *Administrator pro-tem*

Rev. Joseph F. Perkins, *Retired, In Residence*

Deacon Robert Hubbard

Holy Cross School is a co-educational Catholic school serving children in Pre-K-8th grade. Our school is a diverse, faith-centered community that was recognized in 2013 as a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. We are an inclusive learning community that strives to achieve each student's full potential and develop a positive attitude toward learning.

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Mrs. Lisa Maio Kane, *Principal*
301-949-0053

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday ..... 5:00 pm
Sunday ..... 9:30 am & Noon

Monday-Friday 8:30am
Saturday ..... 8:30 am

Holy Days ..... As Announced

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday .... 9 - 10:00 am *or by appointment*

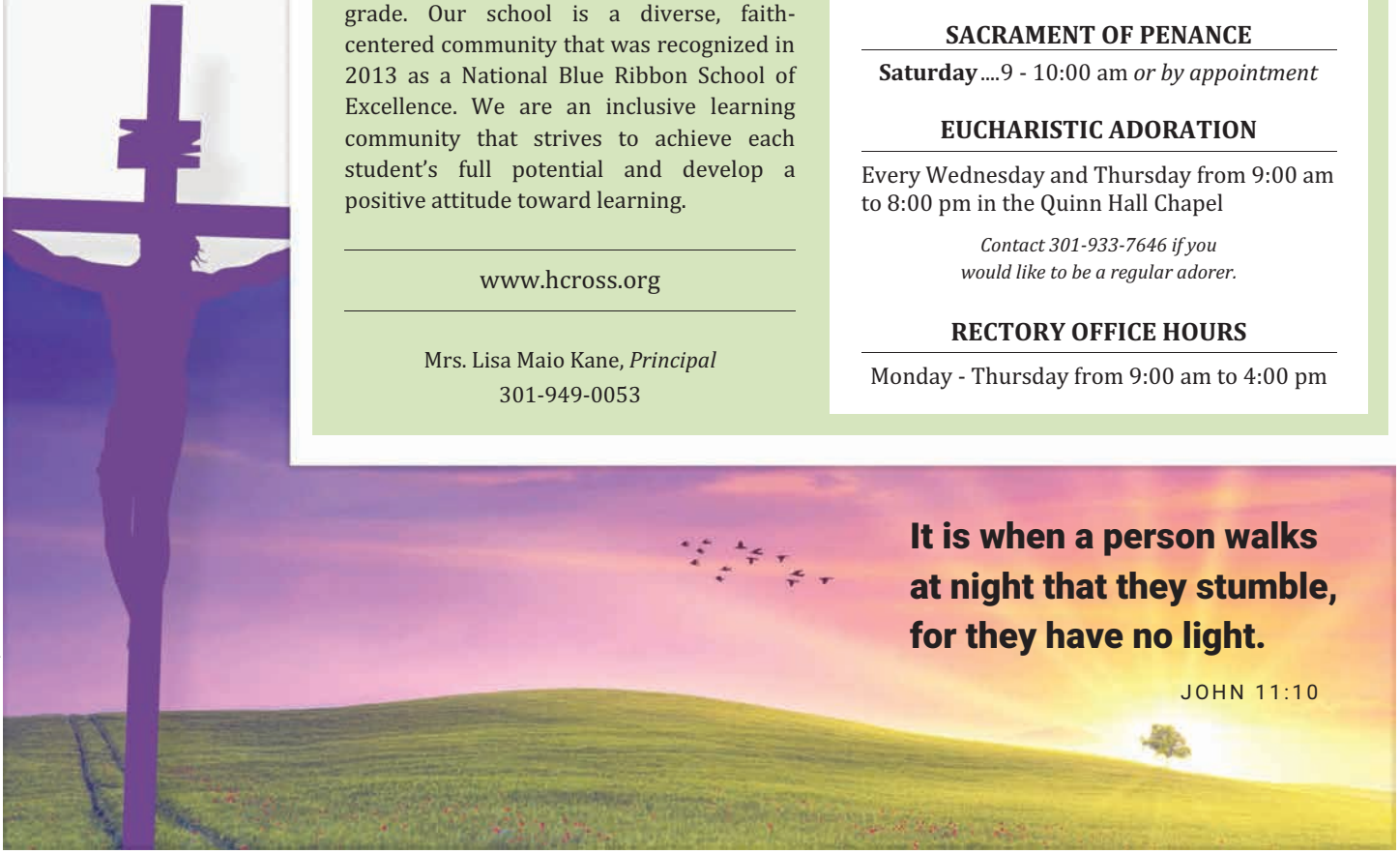
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm in the Quinn Hall Chapel

Contact 301-933-7646 if you would like to be a regular adorer.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm



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Parish Registration:
New parishioners are welcome! Registration forms are in the back of the church and on the parish website (www.hcrosschurch.org/registration).

Baptism:
Please call the office to request a date for baptism. The parish offers baptismal preparation as part of the process.

Weddings:
You must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to your requested wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA): If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith, contact Michelle Ilagan (ilagan@hcrosschurch.org, 301-942-8790).

Social Concerns: For information, contact socialconcerns.hc@gmail.com.

Parish Council: Contact Cindy Kratz, at parishcouncil@hcrosschurch.org for opportunities to share your gifts in our parish community.

That Man Is You! (TMIY) meets every Saturday at 6:45 am except for Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's weekends in the Quinn Hall meeting room both in person and virtually, if desired. All men are welcome. Contact David Ruppert at brupp1970@hotmail.com or call 301-785-5709 for more information.

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Please keep the sick and elderly of our parish in your prayers, especially…

Melinda Alde, Marion Ballmann, Teresa Basso, Jerry Behnke, Albena Borisnova-Petkova, Michael Chettle, Joyce Choi, Tom Choi, Young Choi, Luis Alejandro Guevara Coello, Jennifer Colmus, Philip Combs, Dorothy Conroy, Barbara Desiderati, John Paul Durkin, Karen Dwyer, Joe Gagnon, Kathleen Gagnon, Demos Georganas, Myriam Gonzalez, Dennis Gorden, Michael Gouzoulis, Susan Grisby, Eileen Haggart Rudy Heglas, Carlos Hernandez, Evan Hilburn, Stephanie Hipsley, Charlene Hubbard, Bo Hunt, Dan Johnson, Doris Johnson, Jamie Kaufmann, Mary Lee Leonard, Stephen Martin, Palmer Jane McNeill, Angelica Mirgorod, Ray Mitchell, Markie Mlynarczyk, Richard Moellering, Jr., Nelson de Melo Dias Neto, Estelle Nguyen, Sue Numrich, Vivian Porro, Silvia Pugliese, Dan Reinwall, Jessica Ringler, David Roberts, Pedro Saavedra, David Skola, Rebecca Shepherd, Patricia Spodnik, Tim Szczur, Patricia Tellish, Monica Tinker, and Philip Wright.

Please contact the Parish Secretary to add or remove someone's name from our list

Break for Coffee and Donuts during Holy Week.
Our Coffee and Doughnut service after the 9:30 mass will take a break on Palm Sunday, April 2 and Easter Sunday, April 9. A big "Thank You" to our dedicated team of volunteers who provide a cheerful service each week. Coffee and Donuts will return after the 9:30 mass on Sunday, April 16th. Easter Blessings to you all!

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after all the Sunday Masses on the weekend of March 25/26 and April 1/2.

Stations of the Cross is held every Friday in lent at 7:30pm

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel. Hosanna in the highest." Matthew 21:9

April 3
8:30am Daily Mass

April 4
8:30am Daily Mass

April 5
8:30am Daily Mass

April 6 Holy Thursday
10:00am Mass of the Last Supper
7:30pm Mass of the Last Supper
Eucharistic Adoration to follow in church until 11pm

April 7 Good Friday
No morning Mass.
3:00pm Stations of the Cross
7:30pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

April 8 Holy Saturday
12:00pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets
8:00pm Solemn Vigil Mass of Easter

April 9 Easter Sunday
9:30am Mass of Easter Day
(9:15am Musical Prelude)
Easter Egg Hunt following the Mass

12:00pm Mass of Easter Day
(11:45am Musical Prelude)

Newly Baptized at Holy Cross!

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"May the Lord give His angel charge over you,
to guide you in all your ways."

-Psalm 91:11

POOR BOX – This week's Poor Box will go to **THE SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE LENTEN FOOD DRIVE.** All monetary donations will be used to purchase gift cards to give to families for perishable items. Next week's Poor Box will be the monthly collection for the Holy Cross Social Concerns Committee

SECOND COLLECTION: This week we take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection to **reveal Christ's love** to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at *www.usccb.org./catholic-relief*.

Parental, Spousal and Significant-Other Bereavement Support Group

St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The sessions will be held virtually using the Zoom format. The Spring series will meet on Thursday evenings at 7 – 8:30 PM, from April 13 - June 1, 2023. There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962) or Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457).

Let Your Pro-Life Voice Be Heard!

STEP 1
Sign Up for Email Updates & Action Alerts at MDRTL.org

STEP 2
Go to the TAKE ACTION Tab for Pre-Written Email & Phone Messages

STEP 3
Share Action Alerts with Friends, Family and Contacts.

The 2022 Maryland General Assembly is in session! Each year, Maryland Right to Life empowers constituents to send 30,000 + pro-life messages to legislators through the MDRTL.org website. YOU can help us to stop the continued expansion of abortion and Assisted Suicide in Maryland.

- Sign up for email action alerts at MDRTL.org TODAY. It's as easy as 1,2,3! (home page, scroll down)
- Go to the **TAKE ACTION** tab (upper right). Click on each bill campaign and view bill synopsis and letter.
- Enter your name and address. Your elected representative will automatically come up.
- Press send and a **pre-written (editable) letter** will be emailed from you, the constituent.
- Follow up with a **quick phone call.** You need only share your name, address and whether you support or oppose the bill in question with the legislative aid. You will not be required to debate in any way.

Your voice WILL make a difference and save lives when it matters most - right before a vote!

Questions? Email Contact: julie@mdrtl.org

GABRIEL PROJECT

The Gabriel Project Cluster of Montgomery County serves mothers and their families in crisis pregnancies. During the past 12 months, 350 have requested assistance. Please help us provide maternity clothes and winter clothing for newborns and older children of our client families. **We especially need girl/boy 0-3 months, girls' size 6 everything, and long-sleeve boys' size 5-16.** New or gently used clothing is greatly appreciated, or go to our Website, www.gpmoco.org. Click on our Amazon wish list and choose from any number of items. We also need women volunteers to serve as Angel Friends. **We don't want to turn away any pregnant mother who is needing help**. *Please pray about joining our team of over 90 Angel Friends who stay in touch with client mothers during their pregnancies*. **We especially need bi-lingual women to serve as Angel Friends**.
A volunteer photographer is also needed. Questions? Contact Cindy Kratz @cmkratz@hotmail.com.

Care for Creation and Environmental Stewardship

World Water Day has been held on March 22 every year since 1993. This United Nations observance celebrates water and raises awareness of the *2 billion people* living without access to safe water. The 2023 global campaign is called "BE THE CHANGE" and encourages us to change the way we use, consume, and manage water.
To learn more see: https://www.unwater.org/news/world-water-day-2023
For tips on saving water and lowering bills, please see: https://www.wsscwater.com/conservation

Thank you for your continued support!

Through continued generous donations, Father Jean Prosper Yaga sends photos of the roof covering Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Bertoua, Cameroon. Father is happy this phase is completed before the rainy season begins and is grateful to God for His Help and for the financial support he received from Holy Cross parish. Father Yaga prays that work will continue to complete the church and continues to keep Holy Cross in his prayers.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 29th, 4th and 5th grade will have a fundraising dinner at Villa Maya Restaurant in Rockville (located at 5532 Norbeck Rd, Rockville, MD 20853). Enjoy delicious, authentic fine Mexican cuisine! Dinner will be served beginning at 4:00 p.m. until close. **Just be sure to mention Holy Cross School**. All proceeds will help offset the cost of the 4th and 5th grade St. Mary's City field trip

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 27, 2023
8:30 am Victoria Voronyak and Angela Mirgorod (Living)

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
8:30 am Alexander Mirgorod (Living)

Wednesday, March 29, 2023
8:30 am *Mass Intention Available*

Thursday, March 30, 2023
8:30 am Robert C. Gumphrey Jr.

Friday, March 31, 2023
8:30 am *Mass Intention Available*

Saturday, April 1, 2023
8:30 am *Mass Intention Available*
5:00 pm The Capozzola Family

Sunday, April 2, 2023
9:30 am John Matthew Filloramo
12 Noon Margaret Inberg

Remember in Prayer those who have died. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.*

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HOLY CROSS SCHOOL MASS. Next School Mass is April 21, 2023.

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