



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Parish Staff

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Parish Registration:

New parishioners are welcome! Registration forms are in the back of the church and on the parish website: <https://www.hcrosschurch.org/registration-form>.

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 the office at (301) 942-1020

Ministry to the Sick & Homebound: Deacon Ron Hansen, rhansen@hcrosschurch.org, 408-390-6496

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.

Parish Bulletin Deadline: Submission for the inclusion in the bulletin are due to the **Rectory** by noon on Friday-10 days before the weekend you want your article to appear. Contact the Parish Secretary (parishsecretary@hcrosschurch.org, 301-942-1020) if you have any questions.

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

Melinda Alde, Teresa Basso, Jerry Behnke, James Behrend, Albena Borisnova-Petkova, Paula Caldwell, Michael Chettle, Joyce Choi, Tom Choi, Young Choi, Luis Alejandro Guevara Coello, Jennifer Colmus, 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, Enrico Manlapig, Stephen Martin, Palmer Jane McNeill, Angelica Miragorod, 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, Tim Szczur, Patricia Tellish, Monica Tinker, Annamarie Vincent, and Philip Wright.

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

This powerful story describes Samuel, who at the time was the servant of the high priest. The Lord called out to Samuel, who twice thought Eli had called him. They gradually realized that it was the Lord who called for him. So the third time Samuel answered and the Lord remained with Samuel as he grew.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Paul explains to the Corinthians that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. He tells them to avoid lewd conduct, and glorify God by keeping their bodies pure.

Gospel: John 1:35-42

John told two of his disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God. They turned and followed him, immediately curious and attracted to him. Andrew told his brother Simon about Jesus. Simon also came to meet Jesus, who renamed him Cephas, or Peter.

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Searching for a great school?

Join us for an
Open House Event
Sunday, January 28th
1:00 pm

Register today!





Holy Hour for *Life*
offered by Father Stephen Wyble
Thursday, January 18
6:30pm-7:30pm in church

Join us as we pray for the intention of life in all stages! We pray that all people will be treated with dignity and respect as children of God.

Eucharistic Adoration offers time for reflection and prayer in the holy presence of our Lord. Invite a friend to share in this solemn experience.

Holy Cross will be celebrating a Mass for Life on Friday, January 19 at 8:30am with the children from the school. All are invited to come!

SAVE THE DATES!
March for Life, National Prayer Vigil and Mass for Life

Plan now to participate in the March for Life on Friday, January 19. In addition, the National Prayer Vigil for Life will take place at the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception January 18-19. Mass will be offered at 5 pm on Thursday the 18th followed by holy hours thru the night and ending with an 8 o'clock closing Mass. There will also be a Youth Mass and Rally for diocesan youth at St Mathews Cathedral on the morning of the 19th. [adw.org/March for Life](http://adw.org/March%20for%20Life).

Gabriel Project Cluster
(founded in 1996 to help struggling pregnant mothers in Montgomery County)
Urgent: Men volunteers are needed.

Want to put your pro-life beliefs into action? You can join one of four men's teams.
(Some men volunteers serve on more than one team.)

- **Crib Team:** Men volunteers meet an Angel Friend woman volunteer at the client mother's home and assemble a new crib.
- **Transport Team:** Items needed by Angel Friend volunteers are transported between the north and south parts of Montgomery County.
- **Shed Team:** Donated items are picked up usually on Tuesday and Friday mornings and brought to a shed in Silver Spring.

- **Money-Counting Team:** Change for Life Baby Bottle collections are held at various parishes. A team of men coordinate counting and depositing the collected funds into the Cluster bank account.

Please contact: Cindy Kratz at cmkratz@hotmail.com or visit our website for more information at www.gpmoco.org.

Blessed Sacrament Bereavement Support Group

The Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 3630 Quesada Street, NW Washington, DC, 20015-2538, will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse, child, sibling or significant other. The next series will begin Tuesday February 20, 2024 and continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays through April 9, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 PM. The meetings are virtual. For more information contact Jim Hoffman at hoffmanlpc@gmail.com or call cell: (202) 577 – 2213.

Wedding Anniversary Mass to Celebrate the Vocation of Marriage



This year Bishop Evelio Menjivar-Ayala will celebrate the Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass to honor the Vocation of Marriage on Saturday, **February 10, 2024, 10 am** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Annual Mass is a celebration of the living vocation of all couples who provide a Catholic witness to the beauty of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples must register with the parish office [parishsecretary@hccrosschurch.org or 301-942-1020] by January 27, 2024 to attend the Mass and/or receive a certificate from Cardinal Wilton Gregory in honor of their anniversary year.

Care for Creation and Environmental Stewardship:

2023 was the HOTTEST YEAR on record. It's part of Earth's warming trend as "The 10 warmest years in the historical record have all occurred since 2010." Scientists (and Pope Francis) tell us that we need to urgently cut fossil fuel emissions to mitigate global warming/climate change.

To see changes in global average surface temperatures over time, access <https://www.climate.gov/news-features/understanding-climate/climate-change-global-temperature>

Also see: The Washington Post, January 1, 2024, page A1, "A glimpse of a hotter climate to come."

Reference: WSSCWater



The rectory office will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2024 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. Mass will be offered at 10:00 am.

MEMORARES4MARYLAND is a grassroots initiative encouraging prayer — three Memorares each day — for the intention of defeating the abortion referendum in 2024. You can add the number of Memorares you pray to the website. The goal is 12 million prayers. Join fellow Marylanders in praying 3 Memorares per day until Election Day, November 5, 2024. Protect Mary's land from having abortion enshrined in the state Constitution. Click on: <http://memorares4maryland.org> for information.

POOR BOX – THIS WEEK'S POOR BOX will go to **SO OTHERS MIGHT EAT (S.O.M.E.)** a non-profit that has been serving the poor and homeless in our nation's capital since 1970. S.O.M.E. provides food, clothing, and health care and tries to break the cycle of homelessness by offering affordable housing, job training, addiction treatment and counseling (www.some.org). Please be generous. Next week's Poor Box will benefit Bethesda HELP.

Your eGiving donations allows our ministry to continue to provide gifts to the community and you can easily get started by:

- Visiting faith.direct/MD22
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Thank you and may God bless your generosity.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 15, 2024

8:30 am Javier Aguirre

Tuesday, January 16, 2024

8:30 am Frances Crews

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

8:30 am Fr. Francis Russo

Thursday, January 18, 2024

8:30 am Dr. Peter Francis Kratz III

Friday, January 19, 2024

8:30 am Edith Stockton

Saturday, January 20, 2024

8:30 am Fr. Joseph Perkins (living)

5:00 pm Alberto Irabien

Sunday, January 21, 2024

9:30 am Sara Panchi

12 Noon The People of Holy Cross

Remember in Prayer those who have died, especially Yolanda Memmo and Ray Mitchell. *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.*

MASS INTENTIONS. To schedule, email parishsecretary@hccrosschurch.org or call (301) 942-1020.

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