



HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 28, 2024
Fourth 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
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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: <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 **Rector** 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, Philip Wright, Frank O'Brimski.

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

Holy Cross Church welcomes Mr. Colin Snyder, Pastoral Year Seminarian!



Colin Snyder is the oldest of ten children, three boys and seven girls. He first desired to become a priest when he read the life of St. John Marie Vianney in elementary school. This desire was reinforced by altar serving at Sacred Heart Church in Bowie, Maryland, and by the witness of holy priests. Colin was homeschooled through high school before he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard for two years. The decision to enter seminary was a difficult one, because Colin has strong desires for marriage and family. However, Our Lady of Fatima made it clear to him on October 13th, 2017, which is the 100th anniversary of the Fatima miracle, that God was calling him to enter Seminary and discern a vocation to the priesthood. Colin is in his sixth of eight years as a seminarian. He is residing in Holy Cross parish this year to pray and discern before making his final vows to the Lord at his diaconate ordination in 2025. Colin is elated to serve and be a part of the Holy Cross parish and school communities this year.

Ash Wednesday is February 14!

Mark your calendars for exciting Lent opportunities to grow in faith as a whole parish!

- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner (Feb. 13)
- Soup Supper every Friday in Lent from 6:30pm-7:30pm except Good Friday (will include a Lent “check-in” with Fr. Wyble!)
- Stations of the Cross every Friday at 7:30pm
- Special Presentation on the Shroud of Turin on March 2 after the 8:30am Mass

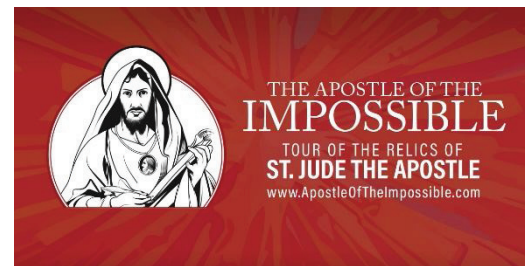
More announcements coming soon...

Relics of St. Jude is coming to Maryland!

When: Saturday, February 3, 2024

Where: Shrine of St. Jude Catholic Church
12701 Veirs Mill Road
Rockville, Maryland 20853

Special Mass celebrated in Saint Jude's honor at 1:00 PM
Public veneration of Saint Jude Relics begins immediately following Mass
Public veneration ends at 10:00 PM





The **Washington DC Archdiocese Post Cana for widows and widowers** is hosting a *Half Day of Lenten Reflection, Tuesday, February 20th* to be held from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church in Leisure World, 15663 Norbeck Blvd., Silver Spring, Maryland, 20906. Father John MacFarlane, former pastor of St. Elizabeth's Parish in Rockville, will be our guest speaker. Traditional spiritual music from our Judeo-Christian roots will be provided by a stringed quartet of exceptional musical students from Blake High School in Silver Spring. Lunch will be catered by Olney Bagel Bakery and Deli with a variety of delicious Bagel sandwiches to select. The cost for lunch is \$15, payable after Mass. The deadline for the order below is **Tuesday February 13th**.

Please email your name and meal order to: marydugan12@yahoo.com. You may also call Mary at (301) 873-3902. Mary will notify you to confirm your order.

BAGEL: Plain, Sesame, Everything, Cinnamon Raisin

TOPPING: Egg Salad, Tuna Salad, Chicken Salad, Turkey and cheese

ADD ONS: Lettuce Onion Tomato

Information Session on Physician Assisted Suicide

Andrew Rivas, manager for Public Policy and Advocacy for the Archdiocese of Washington, will be speaking in Caulfield Hall, Saint Jane de Chantal, 9701 Old Georgetown Road, Bethesda, Maryland, 20814, on Sunday, January 28, 2024 from 11- 12pm, immediately after the 10am Mass. Mr. Rivas will be discussing the Maryland legislature's proposed bill to make physician-assisted suicide legal; as well as the abortion amendment slated to be on the 2024 November election ballot. The amendment seeks to take away parental rights:

children could have abortions and transgender treatments and surgeries without parental permission and without parental knowledge. It will be important that all people of faith keep our elected officials in our prayers as they address a wide array of very important issues this year. We will also need to write, call, and email our elected officials so they know what we as a community of faith, support and what we oppose. Let us join together with Mr. Rivas and help in this important effort.

Marriage Help

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Retrouvaille (retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 26th, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email us at: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.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.

Giving Tree 2023 Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of Holy Cross Church Parishioners, School and SOR Families, we fulfilled approximately 600 requests from the Giving Tree Wish List, including those using an Amazon link. We were also able to add the "Welcome Home Re-entry Program," a new agency managed by Catholic Charities. We have heard many expressions of gratitude from our partner agencies, and this was only possible through the tremendous support and spirit of our community.

Catholic Charities

Because of your kind parishioners, the Catholic Charities Montgomery County Family Center was able to assist 80 children and their appreciative parents:

~"My family and I are living in a shelter. What a blessing for me and my children to have gifts this year. I don't have words to express my gratitude to your donors. Without your generosity these wonderful kindnesses would not have been possible!"

Linkages To Learning

The staff at Linkages was so grateful to help assist over 80 families most in need. Here are some of the touching quotes they shared:

~"More than something material, it is the fact of feeling appreciated. May God multiply everything you have given us."

So Others Might Eat (SOME)

~"Once again, SOME is in awe of the generosity of the Holy Cross Community! Because of the gift cards we received from generous communities like yours, all our 200+ households received gifts this year, that's over 600 individuals! We appreciate your participating with us to bring joy to so many, and we look forward to continuing our special holiday partnership next year."

Betty Ann Krahne Shelter

This special shelter houses approximately 20 families totaling about 60 residents. Holy Cross has had a partnership with the Betty Ann Krahne Shelter for many years. We also support them occasionally throughout the year.

~"Our residents were overwhelmed and grateful. The mothers were very thankful as the gift cards enabled them to buy Christmas gifts for their children. Thank you for your generosity. Our holiday party was a super meaningful event. There were plenty of tears and expressions of gratitude. You cheered many people and

truly eased some burdens this season. Thank you and Happy New Year!"

Interfaith Works (IW) Homeless Services Programs

The Giving Tree provided Target Gift Cards, small gifts and sweet treats to residents and clients in two programs.

~"I hope you understand how empowering that is. While some cards no doubt went to pay for essentials, it is cheering to know that some clients were able to purchase something for themselves or perhaps even others. That feeling is a real gift." ~ Courtney Hall, IW CEO

♦ **New Leaf Emergency Shelter:** Thirty residents spent Christmas at the shelter on Marinelli Road. The volunteer coordinator thanked parishioners for their generosity and thinking of the residence during the holiday season.

♦ **Priscilla's House:** Eight women are provided permanent housing, 24-hour oversight, and support. Each resident received holiday candies and a target gift card enabling them to choose something special for themselves. The Program Manager was thankful for all the festive touches.

Holy Cross Families

The Target and Giant gift cards were greatly appreciated by Holy Cross families and used for both adults and children to have gifts under the Christmas Tree. The card donations also gave families the ability to purchase holiday meals, special treats, and in some cases prepared meals were delivered.

~"My whole family is sending their thankful hearts! You made our children's wishes come true and put smiles on their faces! We had a beautiful Christmas because of all your caring. God Bless you!"

The Arc of Montgomery County

~"We are so appreciative of our long-term partnership with Holy Cross and the JOY the parish gift brings to people with intellectual disabilities in our community. Over the past several years, you have helped us transition to an Amazon link. This has enabled individuals, together with their caseworker, to select something particularly meaningful to them!" Stephanie Benedetti, Chief Development Officer

L'Arche

~"We appreciate our partnership with Holy Cross Parish. Thank you for your continued generosity and caring. All four houses had a lot of excitement and a wonderful Christmas Day!" Haley Barnett, L'Arche Development Coordinator

Welcome Home Re-entry Program

The program, sponsored by Catholic Charities, provides mentoring and other support services to men and women returning to their communities after incarceration. The participants at the Rockville pre-

release center requested Target gift cards to purchase gifts for their children. Here are their quotes of gratitude:

~*"It means a lot that people who don't even know us are willing to help us. God bless them."*

Say NO to Physician Assisted Suicide

"All life has "inestimable value" – "even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn, and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect." – *Pope Francis, July 2013*

Elderly in Maryland have a higher rate of suicide than any other age group – double the teen suicide rate. Yet a proposed physician-assisted suicide bill would not require any mental health evaluation to screen for depression. Assisted suicide isn't dignified, it's deadly. Tell your state

There will be no Children's Liturgy in February. We will resume in March.



Care for Creation and Environmental Stewardship:

Here's another "GREEN" Idea: Check closets, cabinets, pantries, drawers, refrigerators, and other storage spaces in your home (garages, basements, attics) and use/use up what you already have.

POOR BOX – 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. Visit their website at www.mdrtl.org to learn more. Please be generous. Next week's Poor Box will benefit Mid-County United Ministries (MUM).

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 29, 2024

8:30 am Lawrence E. Ingberg

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

8:30 am Steve and Rena Crespy
and Beverly Schell

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

8:30 am Ted Helgersen

Thursday, February 1, 2024

8:30 am Peter and Anne Caffoe
Richard Earland and Roger Caffoe

Friday, February 2, 2024

8:30 am Palma Castelli

Saturday, February 3, 2024

8:30 am Paul Konapelsky
5:00 pm Capazzola Family

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:30 am Evelyn Articola
12 Noon The People of Holy Cross

Remember in Prayer those who have died, especially Bishop Mario Dorsonville. *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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