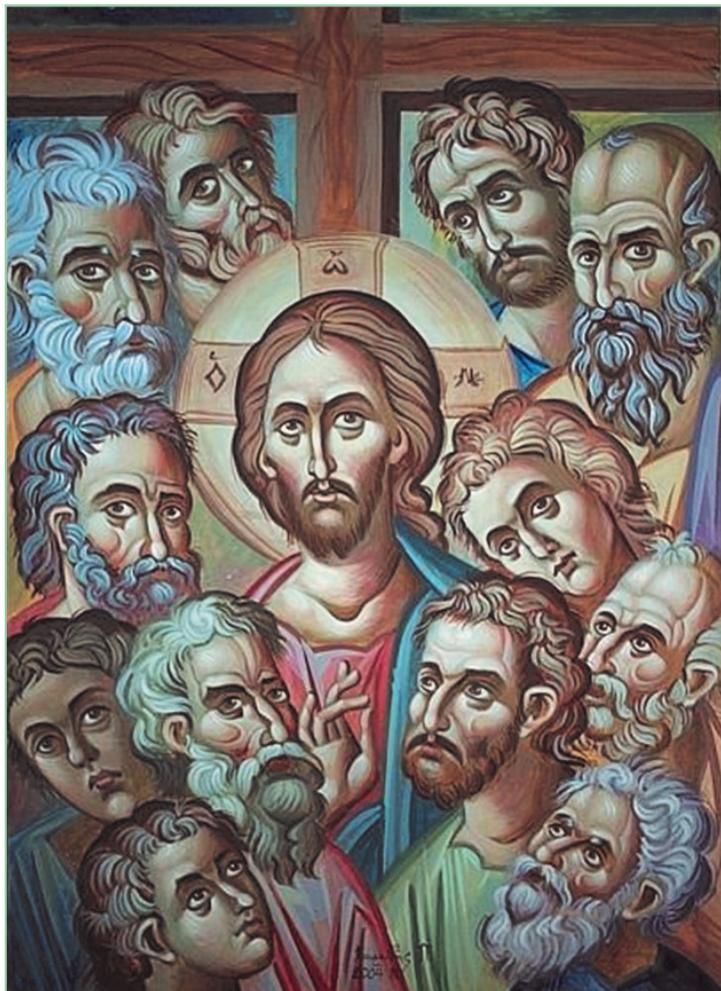


SEPTEMBER 9 & 10, 2017

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Bookkeeper

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Mrs. Maria C. Bovich, Principal
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Beforecare & Aftercare Available
Tuition Assistance Available

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 noon
Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
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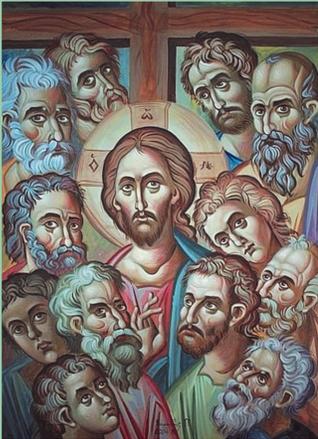
MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to speak with a priest and to schedule Pre-Cana Formation and a wedding date.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



"For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." This is a fascinating promise. Jesus enlightens us today about the power of communal faith. He emphasizes that a gathering of like-minded believers, small though it may be, has a powerful effect. As he tells his disciples, **"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father."**

Alright then, what are we waiting for? We should take Jesus up on this amazing offer! Going to Mass is one way to do so. When we gather together every Sunday, we do more than listen to readings and receive the Eucharist. We also **PRAY** together. The priest leads us in these prayers, of course, but we are meant to join with him, as the Second Vatican Council put it, with **"fully conscious and active participation"** (Sacrosanctum Concilium, #14). We are to make the prayers our own by attentively joining in with them from our hearts. Mindlessly reciting **"Amen"** or absently whispering the words of the Our Father likely loses the effect Jesus was talking about in today's Gospel. But truly praying together with our parish community certainly fits the bill.

We need not be at church to fulfill this kind of prayer, however. It only takes two! Those of us who live with others can exercise communal prayer every day in our own homes, just by joining each other for a few moments of petition or praise. Those who live alone may need to reach out more deliberately, but it only takes a phone call to **"gather together"** with another believer and offer up our prayers. May we have the courage to invite others to join us as we bring our needs to God.

***You Are Invited!
This Thursday!!***

***Join Us to Celebrate our
Holy Redeemer Parish
Feast Day***

**The Exaltation of
the Holy Cross**

Thursday, September 14th

**7:00 p.m. Mass in the Church
followed by a Dessert Potluck in the
Four Seasons Room
(Please bring 2 dozen cookies
or a dessert for 8 to share!)**

***Hosted by the Holy Redeemer
Young Adult Group***

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION
REGISTRATION**



Today is our first day of School of Religion classes! We are excited to begin a new year of opportunities to grow in prayer and in knowledge about the faith.

School of Religion will also be in session on September 17th and 24th.

If you've missed the opportunity to register for School of Religion - it's not too late. Please contact Mrs. Berard at the parish office or e-mail her at beth.berard@holy-redeemer.org.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



Important Date - Mark Your Calendar!
Orientation Meeting for Pilgrims:
Sunday, September 24th, 5:30 p.m., Library

SCHOOL OF RELIGION OPEN HOUSE



Are you interested in School of Religion but unsure of what the program consists? Or maybe you have always wondered what goes on in the school hallway on Sundays during the school year?

If so, we encourage you to stop by the School of Religion Open House **next Sunday, September 17th**. All are welcome to stop by the hallway in the school after all Sunday Masses that weekend to find out more information on School of Religion. We look forward to seeing you there!

In addition, next weekend, we will also be celebrating Catechetical Sunday. **Our catechists and other volunteers who help with our religious education programs will receive a blessing at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.** Please keep our catechists and volunteers in your prayers this upcoming year as they teach the faith to the children of our parish!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Monday, September 18th is the start of our inquiry sessions from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Goretti Room/Youth Center**. These inquiry sessions are opportunities to learn about the foundational teachings of the Catholic faith. We encourage non-Catholics as well as adults who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation to attend these sessions. Parishioners are encouraged to invite friends and family who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to join us as well. The inquiry sessions will take place on **September 18th, September 25th, and October 2nd from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Goretti Room**. Please give the parish office a call if you have questions or e-mail Beth Berard at beth.berard@holy-redeemer.org.

COMMUNITY SUNDAY



Please join us for coffee, donuts, & juice **next Sunday, September 17th following the 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., & 12:00 noon Masses on the Mezzanine**. This Community Sunday is hosted by the Holy Redeemer Parish Council and the Finance Council.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION



The Confirmation Family Information Night will take place **next Sunday, September 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Four Seasons Room**.

All eighth graders and their families who want to be a part of the Confirmation preparation at Holy Redeemer are expected to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berard at the parish office or via e-mail at beth.berard@holy-redeemer.org.

"FAN INTO FLAME" **HOLY REDEEMER** **PARISH RETREATS**



Are you looking for an opportunity to enrich your faith, to deepen your friendship with Jesus Christ – to fan into the flame the gift of God?

Holy Redeemer is developing weekend retreats, led by Father Mark and Father Matt with others in the parish, centered on witness talks, small group discussions, and time for silent reflection and prayer. Encounter Jesus in a new way, and grow in your relationship with Him and His Church! To learn more, contact Bob Wassmann at 301-345-7098 or at bob.wassmann@verizon.net.

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

2 Timothy 1: 6-7

FROM THE MUSIC OFFICE

WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!



The Holy Redeemer Choir returns this week from their summer break, to sing the Sunday 10:00 a.m. liturgies. The Choir is comprised of over two dozen faithful and faith-filled singers, who strive to inspire the parish into deep and joyful prayer. This week, they sing Harold Friedell's arrangement of "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether", as well as Christopher Tye's "Laudate Nomen Domini", which is translated: "Praise the name of the Lord, you servants of the Lord; from the rising of the sun to its setting. The decrees of God are just, and delight the heart: praise God, rulers and all people." May we join the choir and all of the Church in always lifting our voices together to praise and glorify God!

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

VIRTUS "PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN"



Two Virtus Training classes will be offered at Holy Redeemer School. The first will be offered on September 13th at 6:30 p.m. The second will be offered on October 2nd at 6:30 p.m. Both will be held in the Four Seasons Room.

You must register in advance for these classes. They will fill up quickly as they are open to anyone in the Archdiocese. Please go to www.virtus.org to register a Virtus account and sign up for Virtus Training class.

ALL Holy Redeemer School & Parish Adults, Ages 18 and above, who have any substantial contact with children at Holy Redeemer School and Parish events must be in complete compliance with the Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Policy which includes attending Virtus Training. This includes room parents, coaches, lunch volunteers, catechists & aides, scout leaders, field trip chaperons, parents attending class parties, etc.

In addition to volunteers attending the Virtus Training, volunteers must:

- Fill out and return a Volunteer Application to the Parish Office found at http://adw.org/childprotection/,
• Read the Archdiocese of Washington Child Protection Policy found at http://adw.org/childprotection/ and fill out and return Appendix E to the Parish Office,
• Complete and pass an Electronic Background Check held in the Parish Office. Once submitted, and Electronic Background Check can take up to 4 weeks to process.

Please contact Marie Winterson in the Parish Office for assistance in completing your Child Protection requirements at 301-474-3920 or at parish@holy-redeemer.org.

HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL 9/11 MEMORIAL PRAYER SERVICE

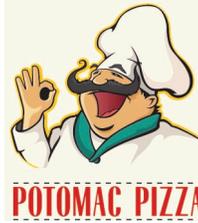


Our first prayer service of the year is to commemorate the September 11th anniversary.

At this event, we invite all service members and first responders from our community to join us.

If you are a service member or first responder, or know of someone who is, please invite them to join us on Patriot Day, Monday, September 11th at 8:20 a.m. on the parish lawn near the flag pole. This event is open to all, not just family members of our students. Please feel free to invite anyone you may know to join us for this event, which lasts about 30 minutes.

HOLY REDEEMER RESTAURANT NIGHT



Our first Holy Redeemer Restaurant Night will be Wednesday, September 20th from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the newly opened Potomac Pizza in The Hotel in College Park. Mention Holy Redeemer at checkout for either carryout and dining room purchases. We hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES

- Christmas Break: Dec. 21st - Jan. 1st
Easter Break: March 29th - April 6th
Last Day of School: Friday, June 8th

HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL PAYPAL

The Holy Redeemer School PayPal account is now active. If you would like to pay for lunches, field trips or make a donation to Holy Redeemer School at any time, please use our PayPal link at https://www.paypal.me/HolyRedeemerSchool.

This is an easy way to support Holy Redeemer School. Please remember you can also support Holy Redeemer School through the following programs:

- Box Tops for Education
• Giant A+ Bonus Bucks Group ID # 00458
• Maryland Charity Campaign School ID #2903
• Safeway Group ID #149190335
• School Giving Tree
• United Way Designation #8733

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



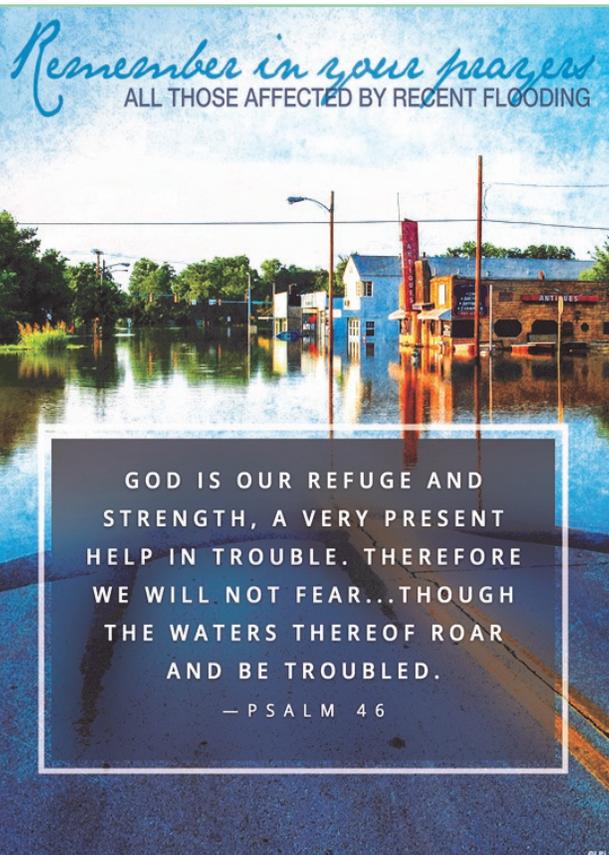
Holy Redeemer School is looking for Pizza Tuesday and Chick-Fil-A Thursday volun-

teers for the school year. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, which would fulfill the volunteer hours for the year, please contact the school office.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
Monday: Col 1:24--2:3/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab/Lk 6:20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17
Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday: Sir 27:30--28:7/Ps 103:1-4, 9-12/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35



HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

HAVE YOU BEEN thinking of joining the Catholic Church?

Do you have friends or family you would like to introduce to the Catholic faith?

Were you baptized into another faith, but find yourself drawn to the Catholic Church?

Were you baptized, but missed out on receiving Eucharist or Confirmation?

COME AND SEE what the Catholic Church teaches and why.

Ask questions, hear from converts, meet parishioners.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) begins with **three Inquiry sessions**:

- ♦ **Monday, September 18, 2017**
- ♦ **Monday, September 25, 2017**
- ♦ **Monday, October 2, 2017**

Each is held at **7:00 p.m. in the St. Maria Goretti Room.** (Follow the signs through the Interior Mezzanine.)

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Matthew 28: 19-20

We hear this command straight from Jesus right before His Ascension. It is a command He gives to all Christians and it is the work of this parish. ***If you go, therefore, and find them and invite them, we will teach them and baptize them.*** Our School of Religion and Rite of Christian Initiation start soon. We depend on you to pray for and accompany your friends and family members who might be called by God to a closer communion.

Please contact Beth Berard (Director of Religious Education), Fr. Matt, or Fr. Mark with any concerns or questions.

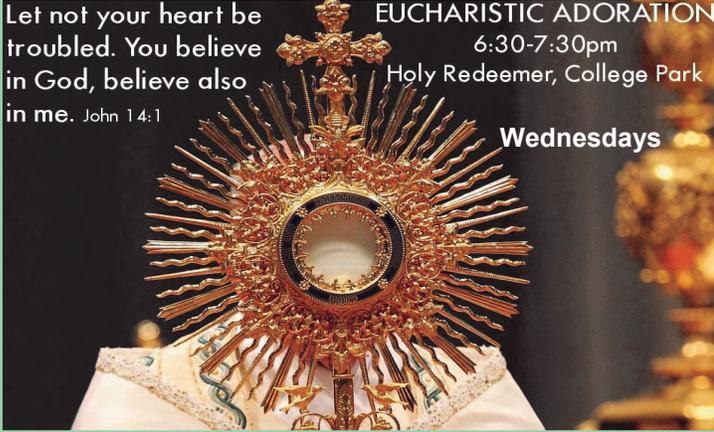
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WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

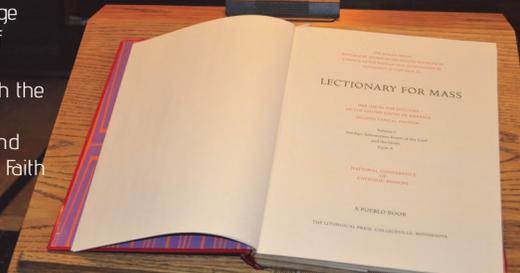
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
6:30-7:30pm
Holy Redeemer, College Park

Wednesdays



Lectio Divina
Saturdays, 9 AM

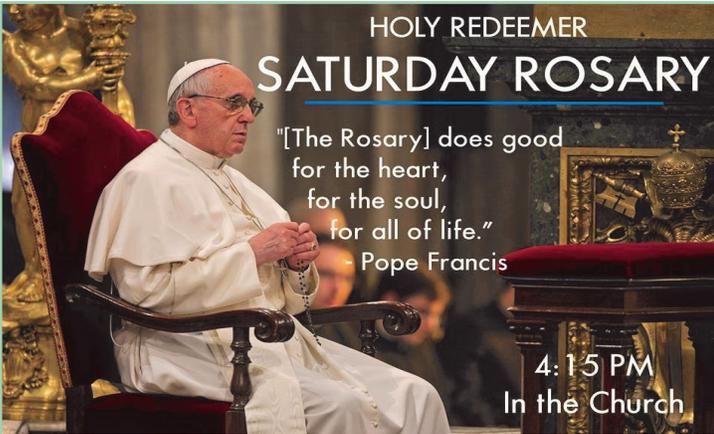
- Grow in Knowledge and Appreciation of Sunday Readings
- Learn to Pray with the Bible
- Encouragement and Support of a Small Faith Group



HOLY REDEEMER
SATURDAY ROSARY

"[The Rosary] does good for the heart, for the soul, for all of life."
- Pope Francis

4:15 PM
In the Church



IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL & INFIRM

Jill Charles
Lawrence Herbert, cousin of Pat Krug & Sharon O'Brien
Elaine Stillwell

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

LaVere Henderson
Claire Marie Stevens, aunt of Christine O'Brien

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Saturday, September 9, 2017

8:30 a.m. Special Intentions of the Martin Family
5:00 p.m. All Parishioners

Sunday, September 10, 2017

8:00 a.m. Thomas Gorman, RIP
requested by Iris Gorman
10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families, RIP
requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams
12:00 noon John E. Day, RIP
requested by the Day Family

Monday, September 11, 2017 (Patriot Day)

7:30 a.m. Members of the United States Military & First Responders, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:30 a.m. Rita Landers, RIP
requested by the Landers Family

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

7:30 a.m. Jessica Davenport, RIP
requested by Beth Berard

Thursday, September 14, 2017 (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)

7:30 a.m. Rachele B. Schultz, RIP
requested by Ray Smith

7:00 p.m. All Parishioners for the Parish Feast Day

Friday, September 15, 2017

7:30 a.m. Thomas William Fox, RIP
requested by Tom & Carol Fox

Saturday, September 16, 2017

8:30 a.m. Homer & Rosaria Evangelista, RIP
requested by the Sosing Family
5:00 p.m. Rose Hilda Walker, RIP
requested by Flore Gooch

Sunday, September 17, 2017

8:00 a.m. Deborah L. Krug, RIP
requested by Pat Krug
10:00 a.m. Margaret Callaghan, RIP
requested by Joan Laskey
12:00 noon Kathleen Grabenstein, RIP
requested by Bob & Carol Martin

MEMORIAL CANDLE



This week, we remember **Milton Blount, Jr.** who went home to the Lord a year ago at this time. A Memorial Candle bearing his name will light the Tabernacle this week.

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS

Figures are not available this week due to last week's Labor Day holiday weekend.