

# Ambo Announcements

## Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### September 14, 2025

- Our charitable tithe this Sunday will go to the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. This is a national collection of the US Bishops.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this weekend are in honor of Jim and Mary Atkinson's 36<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! *We wish them a very Happy Anniversary!*
- This weekend, we continue to observe Patriot Day and pray for those whose lives were violently taken in the terrorist attacks of 9/11. *May they rest in peace.* We ask God to bless and protect the United States of America. Our campus flags are half-mast and our recessional hymn today will be a patriotic hymn.
- Thank you to the Saint Cecilia Girls' Choir for leading us in sacred music at our 11:00 AM Mass this Sunday. The choir was missed during their summer hiatus. *Welcome back!*
- This Sunday in the narthex we have sign-ups for some of the critical ministries in the daily functioning of the parish. We need more people to be a part of Our Lady's Helpers, Helping Hands, Parking Greeters, and Collection Counters/Hall Monitors. Our Lady's Helpers clean and take care of the church and its sacred objects on a rotating basis. Helping Hands is a fluid ministry that assists with various parish projects and needs. Our Parking Greeters are men of the parish who facilitate parking and the orderliness of our parking areas. The Collection Counters and Hall Monitors count and facilitate the process for the Sunday collection.
- The work on the handrails at Mary's Grotto is about to start. Once the handrails are secure and inspected, we can open the Grotto for visits. It is my great hope to move this process along and open Mary's Grotto as soon as possible!