

SUNDAY 2/03	MONDAY 2/04	TUESDAY 2/05	WEDNESDAY 2/06	THURSDAY 2/07	FRIDAY 2/08	SATURDAY 2/09
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:30 AM B.P. SCREENING 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:00 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK B.P. SCREENING	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 6:00 PM GATHERING OF WOMEN	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A.	ASH WEDNESDAY 8:30 AM LITURGY / DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 12:15 PM DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES 7:00 PM DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM ECUMENICAL MEETING SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM SOUP SUPPER & LENTEN PROGRAM	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Wise, Generous Stewards — The Parish and I are most thankful to the Stewardship Committee and all the active ministry leaders who helped create the “Ministry Fair” last weekend. And, thank you to the women and men who have made wise and generous choices to begin activity in particular parish ministries — May you be a blessing for others!

Ecumenical Gathering — About seven people have expressed an interest in gathering with me to discuss how we as a parish might have some outreach to other Christian traditions and other faiths. If you have such an interest, please come to the meeting on Thursday, February 7th, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the “triple room.”

What occurs “The first Sunday after the first full moon after March 22nd”? You’re right -- **Easter!** For the six weeks previous, we reflect upon our baptismal commitment and “turn away” from anything unloving towards God or our brothers and sisters. This Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday.

“Turn Away from Sin and Believe in the Gospel”

The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 6th. There will be three celebrations of liturgy that day:

- 8:30 A.M. Eucharist with the Distribution of Ashes
- 12:15 P.M. Liturgy of God’s Word with the Distribution of Ashes
- 7:00 P.M. Liturgy of God’s Word with the Distribution of Ashes

Msgr. Bob Perkins

ALTAR (RED ROSÉ) WINE — Additional altar wine is needed. If you are able to provide a 4-liter bottle of **red rosé wine** for our eucharistic celebrations, it will be greatly appreciated.

The **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE** would like to thank all the ministries that gave of their time and talents to participate in the Ministry Fair. Thank you to all the parishioners who stopped at a table, collected information or signed up for a ministry. A special thanks to all those who responded to OPTS (Opportunity to Serve) and helped set up and take down the tables.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Jennifer & Stanley **Augustus, Jr.**, and their children, Markis & Asia; Diana & John **Begg**; and Michael **Combs**. Welcome!

ATTENTION PARISH SOUP MAKERS in need of taste-testers — Fr. French and Fr. Hanna would be happy to be of assistance.... Just call the Parish Office and leave a message for them.

The **YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM)** is getting together for Sunday morning brunch immediately following the 11:00 A.M. Mass on February 10. Young adults (between the ages of 18 and 45) will be meeting in the Commons to go out for food and fellowship. Location of the brunch is TBD after Mass, so please come with your ideas of good local spots to try!

AN ARK OF ONE(S), a group of singles who meet monthly for a potluck lunch, will have their next lunch meeting on Tuesday, February 12, at 1:00 P.M. For more information, please leave a message in the office for Ann Daiber.

I sincerely wish to thank the kind, caring people of Immaculate Conception for your many prayers, good wishes and visits, especially from the Ministers of Care, during my stay in the hospital. Thankfully, I am doing much better now. God Bless You All.

Annamarie Schauer

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

January Financial Information

	<u>Week of 1/20</u>	<u>Week of 1/27</u>	<u>Month of Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 7,310.00	\$ 10,890.08	\$ 44,312.08	\$ 351,156.29
Loose	765.46	1,014.10	4,941.10	38,685.09
Other	98.00	136.50	1,101.00	3,378.00
YTD Interest				9,036.69
Total	\$ 8,173.46	\$ 12,040.68	\$ 50,354.18	\$ 402,256.07

Members using Envelopes/Checks in January: 410 out of 621

*A **Tithe** is 10% of one's gross income. That 10% is divided: 5% is placed in the Sunday collection for the ministries and operations of the Parish. The **other** 5% is donated to diocesan collections, local appeals for the needy, disaster relief, favorite charities, and Catholic school tuition. Above all, **Tithing** is an act of faith on the part of a believing person.*

STEWARDSHIP

BLESSED ARE THEY WHO ARE WHAT THEY ARE AND DO WHAT THEY DO FOR THE SAKE OF THE KINGDOM! THE GOSPEL TODAY ASSURES GOOD STEWARDS THAT THEIR SUFFERING AND THEIR SERVICE ON BEHALF OF THE KINGDOM WILL BE REWARDED!

R.C.I.A.: For the next five Sundays and one Saturday evening, our Candidates and Catechumens will enlist your prayers and participation in the Rites marking the final weeks of their journey to become full members of our Church. Please be in prayer for our six Candidates — **Christy Baroni, Sharon Corrado, Kaylee Khau, Mary Bess Klein, Hayley Lehoski and Shelly Spencer;** and our three Catechumens — **Jenny Brown, Jennifer Kelly, and Kayla Khau.** As we recall our own baptism in preparation for celebrating the Paschal Mystery, let us minister to them with our presence and prayers in this Lenten season.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER and SPEAKER SERIES: Have you purchased your copy of **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: LAWS OF THE HEART** by Joan Chittister? Our series will begin this Friday with a variety of soups prepared by the R.C.I.A. Candidates, Catechumens and Team at 6:30 P.M., followed by a reflection by our very own Pastor, Msgr. Robert M. Perkins. Come and be blessed!

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH PRAYER SERVICE: February is African American History Month. Come let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord in the African American style — on Wednesday, February 27, at 7:00 P.M. Let us celebrate one of the many ways that the people of God come together to pray.

The **CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS** for all Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors will meet next Sunday night, February 10, at 7:00 P.M. If you are unable to attend the class, please contact Manola at the Parish Office (826-0393 or icc.mjdobbs@verizon.net).

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY will not meet the next two Mondays. The group will resume meeting on February 18.

SCHEDULES — February 9/10**Lectors**Ash Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Terri Weaver; Jim Thornton

12:15 P.M. Manola Dobbs; Chris Malami

7:00 P.M. Sherry Behun; Dave Okerblom

5:30 P.M. Cheryl Carnevale; Chris Malami

8:30 A.M. Tina Meyer; John Meyer

11:00 A.M. Karen Miller; Mike Miller

Lead Eucharistic MinistersAsh Wednesday

8:30 A.M. Virginia Buck; Charles Buck

5:30 P.M. Gayle Fronkier; Jim Fronkier

8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell

11:00 A.M. Kim Kosin; Norman Kosin

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Rick Jones; Lyndsay Ealey

11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Stephanie Keatts

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Arlene & Ben Guenther; Mike Stefanko; Mary Middleton; Gretta Kruger; Anne Keatts

11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett; Lisa Napier

Food Pantry — Craig Sorrells; Debbie Smith**Morning Ministry** — Marie-Claude David (2/04)Volunteer Needed (2/07)

PARISH FOOD PANTRY: "*THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE.*" ... The Christmas season is over, but let us keep the Spirit of giving alive. Please donate non-perishable food items to the Parish Food Pantry. At present we are most in need of soups, jam/jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, mashed potatoes, and macaroni and cheese. Thank you for your support and generosity.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 2/02 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17 Mk 4:35-41
Sun., 2/03 Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12
Mon., 2/04 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Mk 5:1-20
Tues., 2/05 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30 - 19:3
Mk 5:21-43
Wed., 2/06 Jl 2:12-18 2 Cor 5:20 - 6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thurs., 2/07 Dt 30:15-20 Lk 9:22-25
Fri., 2/08 Is 58:1-9 Mt 9:14-15
Sat., 2/09 Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sun., 2/10 Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Harmon G. Smith* (+)
8:30 A.M. *James Ferrell* (+)
11:00 A.M. *Edmund Coonan* (+)
8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M. *Jon Shelton* (+)
8:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M. *Carrie Piazza* (+)
8:30 A.M. *Kenneth R. Lambert* (+)
11:00 A.M. *Guillermo A. Cordova* (+)

The Peninsula Chapter of **THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS (TCF)** is a bereavement support group for parents whose children of any age have died. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 300 Ella Taylor Road, Grafton. Their Credo is, "*WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE; THE LOSS AND LOVE OF OUR CHILDREN UNITES US ...*"

2008 PARISH RETREATS AT HOLY FAMILY: The Women's Retreat will be held from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, February 8-10; the Men's Retreat will be the following weekend, February 15-17. Holy Family Retreat is on Mallory Street in Hampton. Brochures and registration cards are available across from the magazine rack near the entrance. The cost for the weekend is \$120.00, including a \$50.00 registration deposit. For more information, please contact Annette or Robb Myer ammyer@juno.com or rmyer3@verizon.net.

Support the RONALD McDONALD HOUSE in Norfolk. Girl Scout Troop 1313 is trying to earn their Bronze Award by collecting items for the Ronald McDonald House in Norfolk. Items needed include kitchen and cleaning supplies (the complete list of items is on the bulletin board in the Commons and on the box in the Social Ministry Office). Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Contact Manola at the Parish Office [826-0393] if you have any questions.

JOB POSTING: Principal - Star of the Sea Catholic School in Virginia Beach — Applicants must have a minimum of five years of teaching experience, as well as experience in administration at the elementary and/or middle school level. The successful candidate will be a practicing Catholic; will hold a master's degree in Education/Administration; will possess or qualify for Virginia certification as a school administrator; and will have a proven record of outstanding student achievement. Qualified candidates should send letters of interest and résumés by March 3, 2008 via e-mail to gwright@richmonddiocese.org, Attention: Gloria Wright. Originals or copies should be sent to: Star of the Search Committee, c/o Catholic Diocese of Richmond, 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond 23294. Applications can also be viewed and submitted via the Diocese of Richmond website at www.richmonddiocese.org.

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL is hosting **Rev. Joseph Morris' Gospel of Mark Live** on Friday, February 22, at 7:00 P.M. Come and witness this gospel come to life first hand. Experience the entire Gospel of St. Mark in two hours of storytelling by priest and actor, Rev. Joseph Morris. For more information, call 595-0385.

ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL will host an Open House on Sunday, February 10, from 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. For more information or to receive an information packet, please call the school office at 723-6358 or visit www.saintmarystarofthesea.com.

The **LEUKEMIA/LYMPHOMA SUPPORT GROUP** meets from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Sentara Cancer Institute, 3000 Coliseum Drive, Suite 100. Family and friends are welcome. For more information about the group, please call 827-2438.