

SUNDAY 2/07	MONDAY 2/08	TUESDAY 2/09	WEDNESDAY 2/10	THURSDAY 2/11	FRIDAY 2/12	SATURDAY 2/13
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:30 AM B.P. SCREENING 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION FAMILY OF FAITH (PRE-K - 8) 1ST EUCHARIST MTG. 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:00 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK B.P. SCREENING	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM R.C.I.A.	7:00 PM CATECHIST TRAINING R.C.I.A. INQUIRY	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE	8:30 AM LITURGY	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Old Palms — It is the custom in many parishes in the world to collect the palms that were given out the previous Spring as Holy Week began. When collected, the palms are burnt to become the ashes to be used on Ash Wednesday as the season of Lent begins. If you have dried palms, please bring them to the Church in next week -- a basket will be available at the entrance to the worship space. The palms will become the sacramental sign of our Lenten journey.

IT IS TIME TO RENEW! To renew what, you may ask — Annually the Church asks all of its members to “re-new” their way of living their baptism. What do we need to turn away from, and to who and what do we need to turn towards — Therefore -- **THE SEASON OF LENT**. Ash Wednesday, February 17th, is the beginning of this season. Our Parish schedule is as follows:

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

“Welcome Good and Faithful Servant” — Celso Selom, husband of Angie, died this past week. If you would like to send a card of prayer and care to Angie and the family: 2658 North Armistead Avenue - Apartment #M-2, Hampton 23666.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

PLEASE NOTE — The February 9 **ARK OF ONE(S)** luncheon meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9.

FLOWERS at the ambo are in loving remembrance of the birthday of Pete G. Reantaso from his wife, Elsa, and children, Jojo, Maricris and Alma.

Thank You from Hampton’s Healthy Families Partnership —

... we want to thank you for thinking of us when your organization decided to help provide the children in our community with toys, clothing and food this holiday season.

Due to your generous support and caring nature these children had a wonderful and very special Christmas, and for that, they are very grateful. It was obvious that a lot of thought and care went into picking out just the right gifts! Thanks to you and Immaculate Conception Catholic Church for demonstrating the true spirit of Christmas! Please share this message with all who were involved!

GOD’S EARTH MINISTRY OF THE PENINSULA (sponsored by ICCC) is having a Winter meeting at Hilton Baptist Church (corner of Warwick and Main in Newport News) this Tuesday, February 9, from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. The guest speaker, Doug Dwoyer, Project Director of Hampton Roads Research Partnership, will speak on “The Impact of Climate Change on Hampton Roads.” This will be followed by Randy Gilliland, Hampton City Councilman, discussing Hampton’s actions and future plans with regard to sea-level rise. All are welcome! *Refreshments will be served.* For more information, please leave a message in the office for Terri or Bob Weaver.

Income Budget: \$709,400

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

January Financial Information

Weekly Income	10%	5%
\$100	\$10.00	\$ 5.00
200	20.00	10.00
300	30.00	15.00
400	40.00	20.00
500	50.00	25.00

	<u>Week of 1/31</u>	<u>Month of Jan.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 3,213.00	\$ 45,298.98	\$ 345,198.91
Loose	292.25	6,254.85	48,238.91
Other	15.00	1,026.00	3,197.00
YTD Interest			2,221.72
Total	\$ 3,520.25	\$ 52,579.83	\$ 398,856.54

Families using Envelopes/Checks in January: 382 out of 618

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

IN TODAY'S READINGS, BOTH ISAIAH AND PETER HEAR THE CALL OF GOD AND FEEL THEMSELVES UNWORTHY. BUT, REASSURED BY THE LORD, BOTH ANSWER AND FOLLOW. DO I HEAR THE LORD ASKING, "WHOM SHALL I SEND?" AM I PREPARED TO ANSWER "HERE I AM. SEND ME!"?

ADULT FAITH FORMATION — Today, Sunday February 7th, from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M., grab your coffee and doughnut, and join us for: **THE HISTORY OF EARLY CHRISTIANITY DVD SERIES FEATURING LECTURES BY DR. BART EHRMAN.**

To be covered this week:

- * How Christianity developed away from its Jewish roots and then won converts throughout the Roman Empire.
- * Why and how Christianity was persecuted in its early years.
- * The groups within Christianity, each claiming to represent the true teachings of Jesus.

To be covered next week:

- * The pagan polytheistic religions that existed as Christianity was developing.
- * Understanding Judaism — the religion of Jesus and his followers.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND BOOK SERIES — February 19 & 26, and March 12 & 19 at 6:30 P.M.: The Lenten season is a time to turn -- a time to turn from things that keep us from the fullness of life that God desires for us and toward a loving God. As we stop and take stock of our lives in this Lenten season, consider joining us for our annual Lenten Soup Supper and Book Discussion series. This year's book is the novel *The Shack* by William P. Young, which will challenge us to turn from unforgiveness and our traditional images of God to an all-embracing God. The book takes us "on a redemptive journey through the shacks of deepest pain and suffering in our lives, guided by the triune God of Christian faith." Copies of *The Shack* will be on sale in the Commons after each of the Eucharists. (Please leave a message for Merce Kassel at the Parish Office if you would like to volunteer to prepare soup for one of the Friday nights.)

Family of Faith — REMINDERS

This Sunday (February 7) - Grades Pre-K through 8 meet from 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. Meetings will be in the same classrooms as for the all-ages sessions; please check the door signs to find the correct room. Younger children should be dropped off and picked up in the classroom.

Next weekend (February 13/14)

- * Sign up after liturgies for the February 21st All-Ages session at the Family of Faith table in the Commons; or check your in-box for an e-mail response option; or call the Parish Office (826-0393) and leave a message for the Family of Faith Team.
- * Volunteers are needed to help Parish Life with the preparation and setup for the Family of Faith meal. Please sign up (OPTs Board or table in the Commons) if you can help on Sunday (February 21st) at 3:00 P.M. Many thanks.

Sunday, February 21 - All ages will gather from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. This session will be the Lenten preparation session that was cancelled due to snow.

Every weekend - Stop by the Family of Faith table in the Commons after liturgies to pick up a new gospel weekly for Grades K-12.

SCHEDULES — February 13/14

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Dan Berry; Lydia Huey
8:30 A.M. John Dever; Joni Littreal
11:00 A.M. Mark Rogers; Leila Shirley

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles
8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell
11:00 A.M. Kim Kosin; Norman Kosin

Children's Liturgy

11:00 A.M. Pat Kippie

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Holly & Greg Hall; Ginny & Frank Koninski
11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett; Lisa Napier; Ana Korrasik

Food Pantry — Andrew Crawford; Rose Infante

Morning Ministry — Angela DeLong (2/08)

Annamarie Schauer (2/11)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 2/06 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Mk 6:30-34
Sun., 2/07 Is 6:1-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 Lk 5:1-11
Mon., 2/08 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56
Tues., 2/09 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13
Weds., 2/10 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23
Thurs., 2/11 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30
Fri., 2/12 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37
Sat., 2/13 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10
Sun., 2/14 Jer 17:5-8 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20
Lk 6:17, 20-26

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Bill Hanses (+)*
8:30 A.M. *Pete Reantaso (+)*
11:00 A.M. *Robert & Lee Boucher (+)*
8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth McCabe (+)*
8:30 A.M. *Guillermo Rivera (+)*
5:30 P.M. *Jacqueline Turpin*
8:30 A.M. *Eileen Hickey (+)*
11:00 A.M. *Ollie & Marie Thomas (+)*

In Matthew 14:15-16, the disciples wanted Jesus to “dismiss the crowds so that they can go to the villages and buy food for themselves.” (Jesus) said to them, “There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.” — As modern-day disciples of Christ, let us continue to “feed the crowds.” **Donate non-perishable items to the Food Pantry today.**

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Altar Linens, Collection Counters, Ministers of Care and Registering New Parishioners.

Missed breakfast on Sunday? The **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG)** will be hosting a special Valentine’s Day Pancake Breakfast just for you! The Breakfast will be held on Sunday, February 14, and will be served from **9:45 to 10:45 A.M. only** (between the 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. liturgies). Donations are welcome! Any funds received will be used to help offset SYG activities and upcoming conferences. **Thanks for your support!**

Parents, we are in need of children to perform a dance during the **BLACK HISTORY “UNITY” PROGRAM** on Saturday, February 27. There will be three Saturday rehearsals, starting on February 6 from 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. If interested and available for the three rehearsals [February 6, 13 and 20], please leave a message in the office for Nina Butts. Rehearsal attendance is required for performance. All who come to the rehearsals will dance.

R.C.I.C.: Children ages 7 and above who are preparing for their sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) will meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 P.M. Please contact Carol Dufresne at the Parish Office [icc.caroldufresne@verizon.net or 826-0393].

FASCHING — Come celebrate German Mardi Gras! — Saturday, February 13, at Immaculate Conception — \$20.00 per person — Doors open at 7:00 P.M.; Food served at 7:30 P.M.; Fasching program starts at 8:00 P.M. — Continuous entertainment ... authentic German food ... dancing ... costume prizes. *Support the ICC Food Pantry; bring a non-perishable food item.*

Were you or your parents or grandparents or your child married at St. Mary’s on Fort Monroe? Be a part of the yearlong 150th Anniversary Celebration. At both masses on Valentine’s weekend [February 13 at 5:00 P.M. or February 14 at 9:30 A.M.], special blessings will be offered to those who celebrated marriage at St. Mary’s. For more information, please call Kate (722-9855) or Shannon (245-5822).

Immaculate Conception will hold a “**Celebration of Unity Prayer Breakfast**” to commemorate Black History Month on February 27, from 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. More details to follow.

HAITI DONATIONS — A new law allows you to claim donations for Haitian relief on your 2009 tax return. To be eligible for a deduction on your 2009 tax return, donations must be made after January 11, 2010 and before March 1, 2010. You have the option of deducting these contributions on either your 2009 or 2010 tax return, but not both. Federal law requires that you keep a record of any deductible donations you make. Be sure to keep a bank record, such as a cancelled check or a receipt from the charity. Contact the Parish Office if you need a special contribution letter for your Haitian relief donations.