

SUNDAY 2/21	MONDAY 2/22	TUESDAY 2/23	WEDNESDAY 2/24	THURSDAY 2/25	FRIDAY 2/26	SATURDAY 2/27
<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b> 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION 11:00 AM LITURGY 2:00 PM GOD'S EARTH MINISTRY 5:00 PM Family of Faith	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING 1ST EUCHARIST MEETING ROSARY SERVICE 7:30 PM R.C.I.A.	7:00 PM R.C.I.A. INQUIRY	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE	8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BOOK DISCUSSION	9:30 AM BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

**What A 'Hearty' Breakfast!** — Last Sunday many of us were served heart-embossed pancakes, bacon, fruit and gracious, kind service. To the Senior Youth Group and their "Senior Adult" helpers, **THANK YOU** for a nice Valentine's Morning breakfast. To all who ate and donated, also **THANK YOU!**

**Attention Leadership Team:** Meeting date change — Fr. Bob has had to alter the meeting from this Wednesday, February 24th, to Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. An agenda and preparation work will follow soon. Sorry for any inconvenience.

During the Lenten Season the Universal Church asks its members to observe the following practices (if one is physically capable of doing so):

**FASTING** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by everyone 18 years of age and older, who has not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day, one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, enough to maintain strength, may be taken, according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but consuming liquids, including milk and juices, is allowed.

**ABSTINENCE** is observed by everyone 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence no meat is allowed. Note that when health or the ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday are days of abstinence. If a person is unable to observe these regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, other suitable forms of self-denial are encouraged.

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## "ONE WORLD, ONE LOVE, ONE PEOPLE"

— On Saturday, February 27, Immaculate Conception will hold its 3rd Annual Black History Month Celebration. The multicultural and multigenerational keynote speakers will present an address, "*A More Perfect Union*," that will highlight a collage of historic relationships and collaboration that enabled many of the accomplishments toward freedom and human dignity in America. The event will also feature presentations by The Christian Fellowship Choir of The First Baptist Church of Hampton and by soloists from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Newport News. The celebration is scheduled for 9:30 A.M. and will be followed by a multi-ethnic brunch.

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**WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH...** Darlene & Wayne **Graddock**, and their daughter, Alexis; Glenn **Kopp**; and Erin **Momper**. **Welcome!**

**ROSARY SERVICE:** Please join us at the next monthly rosary service this Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 P.M.

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**Bernstein's "The Mass"** — In the early 1970's composer Leonard Bernstein presented a very innovative and challenging musical based upon the structure and themes of the Catholic mass. Almost forty years later, a revival of The Mass will be presented in Norfolk's Chrysler Hall on Friday, April 23rd, at 8:00 P.M. Tickets will cost \$55.00 per person (no discounts available). If you are interested in being part of a parish group, please call June Armstrong, our parish secretary, to make a reservation. Call no later than Friday, March 5th, so Fr. Bob can order tickets.

**Msgr. Bob Perkins**

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**Income Budget: \$709,400**

July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

## February 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 2/14</u>	<u>Month of Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 20,043.80	\$ 34,868.90	\$ 380,067.81
Loose	2,189.22	3,228.93	51,467.84
Other	12.50	139.70	3,336.70
YTD Interest			2,526.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 22,245.52</b>	<b>\$ 38,237.53</b>	<b>\$ 437,398.47</b>

Families using Envelopes/Checks in February: 332 out of 585

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**

TODAY'S FIRST READING DESCRIBES THE OFFERING OF FIRST FRUITS THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WERE TO PRESENT TO THE LORD IN THANKSGIVING FOR THEIR DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT AND THE GIFT OF THE PROMISED LAND. IS MY OFFERING AT TODAY'S MASS AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THE MANY BLESSINGS THE LORD HAS GIVEN ME?

**Family of Faith THIS SUNDAY****All-Ages Family of Faith Session****LENT: What Would Jesus Do?****Sunday, February 21st — 5:00 - 7:00 P.M.**

What would Jesus "do" for Lent? The February All-Ages session of **Family of Faith** will focus on the traditional Lenten practices of fasting, prayer and charity through the lenses of the ministry of Jesus and our ministry as today's disciples. Come share a meal, meet some new people and tweak your Lenten plans! — **Bring items for the Food Pantry.** Each month, we share a meal provided by the Parish Life Committee; pay this gift forward by donating food items to the pantry.

Next Week in **ADULT FAITH FORMATION:**

Lenten Soup Supper and Book Series, *The Shack* — Session 2: Trinity, the Living God of Love

- \* Do you think the doctrine of the Trinity makes a difference in your personal devotions?
- \* Do you find one of the three persons of the Trinity easier to approach than others? If so, why?

History of Christianity DVD Series, featuring Bart Ehrman —

- \* How did the Gospels come into being?
- \* How did these four anonymous authors, living decades after Jesus, record traditions about Jesus that had been circulated orally over the intervening years?

**FIRST EUCHARIST:** Parents will meet on Tuesday, February 23, at 7:00 P.M. with Msgr. Bob, while the children meet with their catechists. Children should bring to class a list of special people they wish to invite to the First Eucharist celebration. **Please Note: This session has been changed from Wednesday to Tuesday.**

**CATECHISTS, HELPERS, SUBSTITUTES, YOU ARE IN LUCK ...** the **VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Program**, a must for all those who work with children, will be held at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Newport News on Friday, February 26, at 6:00 P.M. Register on-line at [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org). — **PATHWAYS, "A one-time diocesan certification for catechists,"** will be held at Peninsula Catholic High School on Saturday, February 27, at 9:00 A.M. Register on-line at the Christian Formation Office of Catholic Education, Diocese of Richmond.

**SCHEDULES — February 27/28****Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Russell Kassel; Terri Weaver  
8:30 A.M. Jim Thornton; Sandra Keenan  
11:00 A.M. Mike Stefanko; Izella Ward

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

5:30 P.M. Nina Butts; Olivia Oliveira  
8:30 A.M. Gayle Fronkier; Jim Fronkier  
11:00 A.M. Damon Saetre; Dolores Saetre

**Children's Liturgy**

11:00 A.M. Angel Stewart

**Coffee and Doughnuts**

8:30 A.M. Anne Keatts; Kelly Sibley; Julie & Tawn Talton  
11:00 A.M. Jake Hansen; Carolyn & Mark Famiglietti; Judy Mitchell; Peg Crocker

**Food Pantry** — Rosalita Suber; Shannon & Kevin Harlow

**Morning Ministry** — Angela DeLong (2/22)

Muriel Baisden (2/25)

**2010 PARISH RETREAT AT HOLY FAMILY** — *Are you tired? Is life stressing you out? Do you need to get away? Here's your chance* -- the women's retreat will be held at Holy Family Retreat House in Hampton on February 26-28. The cost of the weekend is \$120, including a \$50 registration fee. For more information, contact Annette Myer ([ammyer@juno.com](mailto:ammyer@juno.com)).

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sat., 2/20 Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32  
 Sun., 2/21 Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13  
 Mon., 2/22 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46  
 Tues., 2/23 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15  
 Weds., 2/24 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32  
 Thurs., 2/25 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12  
 Fri., 2/26 Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26  
 Sat., 2/27 Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48  
 Sun., 2/28 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17 - 4:1  
 Lk 9:28-36

**MASS INTENTIONS**

5:30 P.M. *Ralph & Valeda Berube (+)*  
 8:30 A.M. *John Snapp*  
 11:00 A.M. *Emerencia Mange (+)*  
 8:30 A.M. *Ryland Campbell (+)*  
 8:30 A.M.  
 5:30 P.M. *Dennis Hill (+)*  
 8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth Hanlon (+)*  
 11:00 A.M. *Joseph Delfine (+)*

The **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP** would like to take a moment to thank everyone for the generous donations made during the SYG Valentine Pancake Breakfast last Sunday, February 14! We hope you enjoyed the wonderful meal of pancakes, bacon or sausage, and fresh fruit -- over \$400.00 was donated! These funds will be used to help offset costs for upcoming youth conventions, as well as other group activities and events. ***Thanks again for your most generous support!***

**MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK:** Lead Eucharistic Ministers, Liturgy Coordinators and Ministers of Care.

**PARISH FOOD PANTRY:** Parishioner donations of non-perishable food items continue to be a blessing and help to those in need. If you forget to bring your food donations, please remember that you can still provide a donation — just drop your monetary donations in the Food Pantry “house” by the tapestry in the Worship Space. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**RESCHEDULED** — Saint Mary Star of the Sea School in Hampton will host an open house for new and prospective students and parents on Sunday, February 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. The event will include tours of the classrooms and discussions about the curriculum.

**Peninsula Catholic High School** will hold an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families for the 2010–2011 school year on Sunday, March 7, starting at 2:00 P.M. The program will provide an opportunity to see the facilities, meet students and staff, tour the school, and learn about academic, athletic and co-curricular offerings at the school. Peninsula Catholic is located at 600 Harpersville Road in Newport News and serves students in grades 8 through 12. For additional information call 596-7247, or visit their website, [www.peninsulacatholic.com](http://www.peninsulacatholic.com).

**Spiritual Direction Institute at The Well - 2010-2012:** Information Meeting Sunday, March 7, at 2:00 P.M., The Well Retreat Center — Do you want a deeper relationship with God? Are you discerning life’s direction and meaning? Do you want to understand yourself and help others? Do you have a prayer life outside of Church? Are you hungering for spiritual growth? Come join us and grow in holiness and wholeness. This is a 2-year course meeting the first Saturday of each month for two (2) years. *No classes during summer months.* We will discuss requirements, commitment, meeting dates, cost and class content at this meeting (255-2366 or e-mail [staff@thewellretreatcenter.org](mailto:staff@thewellretreatcenter.org)); for directions go to [www.thewellretreatcenter.org](http://www.thewellretreatcenter.org).

***Does your child need a little more academic support? Would you like FREE assistance with SAT preparation? Could you benefit from fee waivers for the SAT and ACT exams that your child is taking?*** Educational Talent Search of Hampton University has openings in its free, federally funded program. All services are open to students in Grades 6-12. Assistance is also available to adults (not older than 27-years-old) who would like to enroll or reenroll in postsecondary education. Please call 727-5607 for more information.

The Nike Factory Store at Prime Outlets in Williamsburg has offered to take used athletic shoes -- any brand -- and “turn them into” playgrounds and all sorts of things. The only criteria is that the shoes are dry (no caked-on mud) and have no metal. The collection box is near the “new parishioner” booth. Shoes from other churches/individuals are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Bob or Terri Weaver. ***Thanks for caring for God’s earth!***