

SUNDAY 2/24	MONDAY 2/25	TUESDAY 2/26	WEDNESDAY 2/27	THURSDAY 2/28	FRIDAY 2/29	SATURDAY 3/01
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:30 AM CONNECTIONS 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:00 PM CONNECTIONS 12:30 PM SYG MEETING 7:00 PM 6-10 RELIG. ED.	7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY PATHWAYS	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING R.C.I.A. ROSARY SERVICE	7:00 PM AFRICAN-AMERICAN PRAYER SERVICE	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN 6:30 PM SOUP SUPPER & LENTEN PROGRAM	11:00 AM BAG LUNCH PROGRAM 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY 6:30 PM B.P. SCREENING

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

For Your Lenten Thinking — “We are not human beings trying to become spiritual; we are spiritual beings struggling to become human and loving.”

Have You Been Faithful To The Promises Of Your Baptism? If you have failed to daily live your baptismal promises (to love God with all your heart, soul and being, and to love others with your whole heart, soul and being), I invite you to come share the Sacrament of God’s Mercy. Along with several other local parishes, we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on the following nights in the following parishes:

(All at 7:00 P.M.)

- March 5 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- March 6 - St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Tabb
- March 11 - St. Jerome, Newport News
- March 12 - St. Joan of Arc, Yorktown

The three most important liturgies in the Roman Catholic Church, also known as the Sacred Triduum, will be celebrated $\frac{3}{4}$

- March 20 7:00 P.M. Holy Thursday
- March 21 7:00 P.M. Good Friday
- March 22 8:00 P.M. Easter Vigil

If you have never celebrated this Sacred Triduum, please try to plan to come and prayerfully celebrate this year.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

ROSARY SERVICE: Please join us for our monthly rosary service this Tuesday, February 26, at 7:00 P.M.

EASTER FLOWERS: Parishioners wishing to make donations toward the purchase of flowers to decorate the Church during Easter in memory of a deceased family member or friend may do so by enclosing a check or cash in an envelope and placing it in the offertory basket.

PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN TO PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ENVELOPE, AS WELL AS THE NAME(S) OF THOSE TO BE REMEMBERED.

CONNECTIONS Invites New Parishioners — Meet and Greet in the Commons for coffee after the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Masses this morning — Sunday, February 24.

PARISH LIBRARY and MAGAZINE RACK: Remember to take advantage of the many library books and videos that you can check out, as well as the selection of current Catholic publications available for sale [just place your payment in the box provided] in the lobby.

SATURDAY BAG LUNCH PROGRAM: Join us at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 1, as we prepare our monthly bag lunches for later distribution to recipients. If you have any questions about the program or would like more information, please leave a message in the office for Carla Winters.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord as we celebrate “**One People, One God,**” our Black History Month prayer service this Wednesday, February 27, at 7:00 P.M. We will pray using the Negro Spirituals, hear a rousing reflection and enjoy some light refreshments. All are invited.

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

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 2/17</u>	<u>Month of Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 8,285.00	\$ 38,225.19	\$ 389,381.48
Loose	1,333.80	4,371.30	43,056.39
Other	23.00	45.50	3,423.50
YTD Interest			10,178.94
Total	\$ 9,641.80	\$ 42,641.99	\$ 446,040.31

Families using Envelopes/Checks in February: 417 out of 600

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

WHEN JESUS ASKED THE SAMARITAN WOMAN FOR A DRINK OF WATER, HE OPENED THE DOOR FOR A LIFE-CHANGING RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM. SCRIPTURE SAYS HER TESTIMONY DREW MANY OTHERS TO HIM AS WELL. WE, TOO, MUST BE READY TO RESPOND WHENEVER AND WHEREVER THE LORD SPEAKS TO US AND BE PREPARED FOR IT TO CHANGE OUR LIVES!

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER and SPEAKER SERIES:

There are only 2 left! If you have not yet had a chance to hear our lineup of 2008 Lenten Soup Supper speakers, these are your last two weeks. Gretta Barnes, the Director of Adult Faith Formation at St. Joan of Arc in Yorktown, will share with us her insights on the last two "commandments" in Joan Chittister's **THE TEN COMMANDMENTS: LAWS OF THE HEART**. These two "laws of love" are — "*You Shall Love Your God With All Your Heart and With All Your Soul and With All Your Mind*" and "*You Shall Love Your Neighbor As Yourself*." [Ms. Barnes has served as the Minister of Religious Education and Pastoral Associate at St. Joseph, Petersburg and Holy Rosary, Richmond.]

For those of you who missed him.... The infamous Rev. Thomas J. Quinlan, Jr., also known as "TQ," will close out our **Lenten Soup Supper and Speaker Series** with a talk on the Cross. Rev. Quinlan has been a priest in this Diocese for many years, most recently as Pastor of Holy Family in Virginia Beach. He has been described as "*one of the most knowledgeable and intelligent*" priests in the Diocese of Richmond. Don't miss the opportunity to hear from this brilliant scholar!

R.C.I.A. — Last week, short biographies of our Elect were included in the bulletin. As they near the end of their period of preparation to join the Body of Christ and to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, consider writing them a note of encouragement. Please place your sign of support in the R.C.I.A. mail drop in the Commons, or turn it in to the Parish Office.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY — When Hampton City Schools are closed, parish offices will be closed, and all evening meetings will be cancelled. On weekends if there is a travelers' advisory by the state or local police, faith formation classes are cancelled. For other occasions, please use your own good judgment as to whether you should come or stay home!

SCHEDULES — March 1/2

Nursery

11:00 A.M. Cena Kirsch; Lisa King

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Julie Mannen; Mike Mannen; Dave Okerblom
8:30 A.M. Jim Thornton; Karen Miller; Dan Berry
11:00 A.M. Ed Hartman; Izella Ward; Jesse Butts

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles
8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell
11:00 A.M. Linda Carel; Virginia Buck

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Ann Daiber; Lyndsay Ealey
11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Jean Paulus

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Jackie Guerette; Linda & Ed Miller; Debbie Smith
11:00 A.M. Kim & Norm Kosin; Jean Mahoney; Marirose Brase

Food Pantry — Diana Reed; Patricia Quigley

Morning Ministry — Deborah Reese (2/25)

Dee Hoogstraten (2/28)

PATHWAYS will gather to view THE PERSON OF THE CATECHIST on Monday, February 25, at 7:00 P.M. in the "triple room." This is required for all Adult, Youth and Children's Catechists. All participants who have not viewed this video have received a notice. Please notify Nancy Dixon [jndixon@cox.net if you will be attending.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SPEAKERS: We will be blessed on Sunday, March 2, with A WORD FOR OUR LENTEN JOURNEY by Georgeann Campbell, SFO, a national speaker and revivalist from the Diocese of Brooklyn in New York. She will speak during the Adult Faith Formation hour (9:45 to 10:45 A.M.).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 2/23 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun., 2/24 Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 4-8 Jn 4:5-42
Mon., 2/25 2 Kgs 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30
Tues., 2/26 Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
Weds., 2/27 Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
Thurs., 2/28 Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
Fri., 2/29 Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
Sat., 3/01 Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
Sun., 3/02 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Ralph & Valeda Berube (+)*
Albert Lancianese (+)
8:30 A.M. *Ryland Campbell (+)*
11:00 A.M.
8:30 A.M. *Betty Collie*
8:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M.
8:30 A.M. *Rolf Seidel (+)*
Josephine Gannon (+)
11:00 A.M.

SCRIPTURE SERVICE at COLISEUM PARK NURSING HOME — Saturday, March 1: Those willing to assist wheelchair-bound residents to and from their rooms for the scripture service should arrive at the nursing home at 10:00 A.M. Please leave a message in the office for John Meyer if you have any questions.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Food Pantry, Lead Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Liturgy Coordinators and Nursery Volunteers.

Next weekend a **SECOND COLLECTION** will be taken up **for the SAMARITAN FUND** to assist parishioners in need. Each member of the Parish, including teenagers, is asked to give at least \$1.00 to the Samaritan collection.

The next **I.C.C.C.W. OPEN MEETING** will be held on March 12 [not March 5 as previously noted], with fellowship and food at 6:30 P.M., followed by the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The topic will be “Where Are We Going.”

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST! St. Mary Star of the Sea School will be hosting a FREE Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 2, immediately following the 8:30 A.M. Mass. Come and enjoy food and fellowship with the Sisters and students of St. Mary’s!

SINGLE FRIENDS IN CHRIST — A smoke-free, alcohol-free, singles only (monthly) dance will be held from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. on Friday, February 29, at the Church of the Ascension Community Center, 4853 Princess Anne Road in Virginia Beach. Admission is \$6.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members. For additional information, call 754-7067 or 474-0775, or check their website, <http://sficvbva.dot5hosting.com>.

REMINDER — The Diocese requires that every volunteer who works with children or youth attend the **VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children for Adults” Program**, a three-hour training class on awareness of child sexual abuse. [There is no charge for this training.] A current session listing and registration instructions are available at www.richmonddiocese.org.

FARM FRESH ABC REWARD PROGRAM — Please continue to place your Farm Fresh cash register receipt stubs (bottom portion) in the basket in the “ticket booth.” St. Mary Star of the Sea School extends their thanks for your continued support of this program. Also being collected are Campbell’s soup labels and Box Tops.

Does your marriage need reviving? Are you seeking a more fulfilling marriage? **RETROUVAILLE** (Re tro vi’) is also a lifeline for troubled marriages. Retrouvaille (“Rediscovery”) offers a weekend experience with follow-up sessions, which help couples reflect on the strengths as well as the difficulties in their marital relationship. The next weekend begins February 29 in Virginia Beach. For more information, visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com, or call Bruce & Colleen at (800) 470-2230 or (804) 639-1870.