

SUNDAY 2/25	MONDAY 2/26	TUESDAY 2/27	WEDNESDAY 2/28	THURSDAY 3/01	FRIDAY 3/02	SATURDAY 3/03
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY PRESCHOOL RELIG. ED. 7:00 PM 6-10 RELIG. ED.	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A. ROSARY SVCE.	7:00 PM 1ST EUCHARIST - PARENT MTG. JUSTFAITH MTG.	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM SOUP SUPPER & LENTEN PROGRAM	11:00 AM BAG LUNCH PROGRAM 5:30 PM LITURGY

**ON BEHALF OF THE PARISHIONERS OF
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, RICHLANDS**

... thank you for the generous gift of \$375 to support its community outreach programs. To date this fiscal year, Immaculate Conception has contributed \$3,000. ... At the present time, St. Mary's is helping with the ministries of the Sisters of Mercy in the Richlands area, and in support of the Sunrise Center. The Center assists women from three counties in getting back on their feet after personal tragedies.... As to the parish itself, last October we completed a long overdue renovation and expansion program. ...express our appreciation to those at Immaculate Conception who are responsible for maintaining our twinning relationship.

Rev. Gaudencio G. Pugat SVD, Pastor

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Volunteers are needed to serve as prayer leaders -- especially for the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Volunteers are scheduled about once a month for the Mass time of their choice. It is a special privilege to share God's word with the children and lead them through the first part of the Mass using the children's lectionary and the materials provided. If you can assist in this ministry by being a leader or helper at either the 8:30 A.M. or 11:00 A.M. Mass, please call Manola Dobbs at the Parish Office (826-0393).

SATURDAY BAG LUNCH PROGRAM: All parishioners are invited to help make and deliver bag lunches to deliver to the elderly on the first Saturday of the month (March 3) at 11:00 A.M. If you have any questions about the program, please leave a message in the offic for Sandy Mahony.

FOOD PANTRY: The following items are especially needed for our Parish Food Pantry. For whatever you can do, thank you and God bless you.

Soups, Cereal, Jam or Jelly, Peanut Butter, Pasta, Spaghetti Sauce, Powdered Milk, Cornbread/Muffin Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Meats and Tuna.

New Parishioners

PLEASE WELCOME ... Elenita & Roger **Dragoo**; Virginia & Peter **Elliott**; Melissa **Fredericks**; Edna **Gage**, and her sons, Benjamin, Victor, Jr., Mark, Gregory & Eugene; Steve **Jacobs**, and his daughter & grandson, Jessica & Aiden; Lorri & Don **Krance**, and their daughter, Stacey; Katie & Daniel **Litton**, and their daughter, Sarah; Bobbie Mix, and Kim & Leila; and Indiana Brown & Anthony **Nicholas**, and their daughter, Aurianna.

ALTAR (RED ROSÉ) WINE

WE THANK THOSE WHO REGULARLY PROVIDE WINE FOR OUR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS. WITH THE COMING OF THE EASTER SEASON, WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL ALTAR WINE. PLEASE BRING A 3-LITER BOTTLE OF **RED ROSÉ** WINE.

Dear Friends of ICC,

I wish to thank all of you for your cards, calls, and most of all for your prayers — not only for myself, but also for my great-grandson, Brodie. He is still taking chemo. May God be with you all.

*Love,
Anna Marie Schader*

Income Budget: \$625,850

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

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 2/18</u>	<u>Month of Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 9,540.00	\$ 36,563.90	\$ 362,881.41
Loose	1,283.97	3,741.69	42,967.35
Other	52.94	230.42	7,210.72
YTD Interest			11,275.68
Total	\$ 10,876.91	\$ 40,536.01	\$ 424,335.16

Families using Envelopes/Checks in February: 386 out of 556

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?

Next Saturday, March 3, our catechumens and candidates and their sponsors join others from Hampton Roads to celebrate the **RITE OF ELECTION** with Bishop DiLorenzo. At the Rite of Sending at today's 11:00 A.M. Mass, we hear from our sponsors and catechists, who attest that the men and women have been diligent in their preparation and should be welcomed to the Easter sacraments. The catechumens (those to be baptized) then sign the Book of the Elect, and the candidates (the already baptized) are called by the community to continuing conversion. We "send" them to Bishop DiLorenzo with our affirmation, and he, in the name of the universal Church, formally calls them to the sacraments. (*Catechumens, candidates, sponsors, team and family members should be at the ICC parking lot at 9:30 A.M. on Saturday morning to meet the bus for St. Gregory the Great Church in Virginia Beach.*)

FIRST EUCHARIST classes begin with a parents (only) meeting this Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

LENTEN FRIDAYS

Soup, Speaker and Table Talk

Friday, March 2
6:30 P.M. - 8:15 P.M.

This week's speaker —
Fr. Bob French
"A Biblical View"

This week's reading — Pages 59-75

Next week **THE VATICAN II CHURCH** class will begin a video presentation by Fr. Ron Rolheiser, author of the popular **THE HOLY LONGING**, on "The Cross of Christ." Join other adult learners for this Lenten reflection. The group meets at 9:45 A.M. in the "triple room" next to the Nursery.

SCHEDULES — March 3/4

Nursery

8:30 A.M. Erin Davignon; Volunteer Needed
11:00 A.M. Maureen Ezechukwu; Amanda Cole

Lectors

5:30 P.M. John Dever; Cheryl Carnevale
8:30 A.M. Michele Jones; Mark Rogers
11:00 A.M. Chris Malami; Lydia Huey

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Stephen Cowles; Gayle Cowles
8:30 A.M. Richard Thomas; Barbara Thomas
11:00 A.M. Kim Kosin; Norman Kosin

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Ann Daiber; Kelly Godinez
11:00 A.M. Pat Kippie; Jean Paulus

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Anne Keatts; Debbie Smith; Margarita Mercado; Rommy Amadi; Carla Mitchell
11:00 A.M. Kim & Norm Kosin; Jean & Dick Mahoney

Food Pantry — Kathleen Dujka; Ann Dunn

Morning Ministry — Molly Villano (2/26)

Muriel Baisden (3/01)

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Adults who are practicing Catholics, but have not celebrated Confirmation, are invited to prepare to celebrate the sacrament on Pentecost Sunday, May 27. Meetings will be held on six consecutive Monday evenings, beginning April 16. Please call Ann Ruggaber at the Parish Office (826-0393) for more information or to make an appointment to begin the process.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 2/24 Is 58:9-14 Lk 5:27-32
Sun., 2/25 Dt 26:4-10 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13

Mon., 2/26 Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Mt 25:31-46
Tues., 2/27 Is 55:10-11 Mt 6:7-15
Weds., 2/28 Jon 3:1-10 Lk 11:29-32
Thurs., 3/01 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Mt 7:7-12
Fri., 3/02 Ez 18:21-28 Mt 5:20-26
Sat., 3/03 Dt 26:16-19 Mt 5:43-48
Sun., 3/04 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17 - 4:1
Lk 9:28-36

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Fay Pardi* (+)
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M. *Peter Cavanna* (+)
Rosa A. Morales
8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M. *Barbara Karp*
8:30 A.M. *Mickey Rath* (+)
11:00 A.M. *Johnny Rivera* (+)

ROSARY SERVICE: Our monthly recitation of the rosary will be held on Tuesday, February 27, at 7:00 P.M.

SPIRITUALITY FOR LIFE - RENEWAL — February 25 - March 1 — All parishioners are invited to join Our Lady of Mt. Carmel parishioners and the team from the Thomas More Center (Fr. Mike Champlin, OP; Sr. Joan Bukrey, OSF; and Fr. Nick Punch, OP) for a spiritual renewal. There will be two different sessions held each day: 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon; and 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. Each session involves a talk, refreshment break and question and answer session. Tuesday night, February 27, will feature a Family Reconciliation Service. On Thursday evening the renewal will close with Mass and the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

PATHWAYS: Pathways participants who did not attend the September 13 session, Roles of the Catechist, are reminded that this video will be viewed and discussed again on Wednesday, March 7, at 7:00 P.M.

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.

SCRIPTURE SERVICE at COLISEUM PARK NURSING HOME — **Saturday, March 3:** Those who are 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 Doyle if you have any questions.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Altar Linens, Food Pantry, Lectors and Nursery Volunteers.

The **RED HAT SOCIETY "Purple Poppies"** will gather at 12:30 P.M. on Sunday, March 11, at Applebee's Restaurant at Coliseum Crossing. Remember to wear your red or pink hats! We will discuss future projects for April and May, and potential meeting locations. All women are invited to join the group — there is no age limit, and membership is open.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA 3rd Annual Celtic Mass and Irish Celebration — Saturday, March 10 — 4:30 P.M. Musical/Dance Prelude; 5:00 P.M. Mass; 6:00 - 9:30 P.M. Irish Celebration — To benefit the Little Sisters of the Poor — Please call 245-5513 to purchase your tickets/seating arrangements. Tickets are \$15.00/Adults; \$5.00/Children 12 and older; Free/Children under 12.

The staff of **H.E.L.P.** is putting together a cookbook for the 25th Anniversary celebration. Please submit one or two of your favorite recipes for possible publication (include your name, parish and other information you would like included). Contact Karen Doonan at 723-0648 or helpclinic@help.hrcoxmail.com. Deadline for submission of recipes is March 9. *One of the guests from A Night's Welcome is working on artwork for the book.*

PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will hold an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families for the 2007-2008 school year on Sunday, February 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. For additional information, visit their website at www.peninsulacatholic.com, or call 596-7247, extension 22.