

SUNDAY 2/28	MONDAY 3/01	TUESDAY 3/02	WEDNESDAY 3/03	THURSDAY 3/04	FRIDAY 3/05	SATURDAY 3/06
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION 11:00 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM SYG MEETING	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	7:30 PM R.C.I.A.	6:30 PM STEWARDSHIP MEETING 7:00 PM CATECHIST TRAINING R.C.I.A. INQUIRY	8:30 AM [NO LITURGY] 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 3:30 PM LITURGY PLANNING MEETING 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE	8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BOOK DISCUSSION	11:00 AM BAG LUNCH PROGRAM 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY 6:30 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK B.P. SCREENING

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

There are many Rice Bowls waiting for generous homes! For 30 years or more, Catholic Relief Services have asked Catholic homes to use a “rice bowl” during the season of Lent -- in creative ways left to your imagination, fill them with your money and return them during Holy Week (March 28 - April 3). Fast from the attitude that “I am full and satisfied,” and become generous in almsgiving with an attitude that “the hunger of others makes me hungry.”

“Come Back to Me with All Your Heart” says the Lord. Beyond particular actions or omitted actions, where are you in your relationship with God; where are you in relationship with the people of your life? Is this a moment to “re-form,” “re-order,” “re-prioritize” your relationship with God and neighbor. Is NOW the time?

If so, come to one of our two communal reconciliation services — the sacrament of penance on

Tuesday, March 16th, at 7:00 P.M.

or

Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7:00 P.M.

A time of grace and mercy!

Home Visit — Concerned for my mother’s health and well-being, I will be home in Chicago to visit Mom from this Sunday afternoon until Thursday morning. Please remember my family in your prayer.

Because of my return time, there will be no daily eucharist on Thursday, March 4th.

Family of Faith

THANKS to all the generations of faith in our Parish who contributed to the **Family of Faith** session last Sunday. Special thanks to: Parish Life, who provided delicious food; catechists who share their faith with all ages in the Parish; musicians and floor team who enrich the learning environment; and all who enthusiastically participate with open minds and hearts.

Take-Home Materials — If you missed **Family of Faith** or forgot your take-home materials, stop by the **Family of Faith** table after all Liturgies this weekend and pick up a copy. New gospel weeklies for Grades Pre-K through 12 should be picked up every weekend.

Next Sunday, March 7, Family of Faith Grades Pre-K through 8 will 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.

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 this Friday, March 5th, so Fr. Bob can order tickets.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

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 2/21</u>	<u>Month of Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 10,101.20	\$ 44,970.10	\$ 390,169.01
Loose	1,816.19	5,045.12	53,284.03
Other	1,301.30	1,441.00	4,638.00
YTD Interest			2,427.27
Total	\$ 13,218.69	\$ 51,456.22	\$ 450,518.31

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.

Families using Envelopes/Checks in February: 379 out of 588

STEWARDSHIP

PETER, JAMES AND JOHN WANTED TO BUILD A "BOOTH" FOR JESUS AND JUST STAY ON THE MOUNTAIN WHERE HIS TRANSFIGURATION TOOK PLACE. BUT THE SON OF GOD, THE CHOSEN ONE, KNEW THAT HE MUST INSTEAD KEEP MOVING TOWARD HIS CRUCIFIXION. WE, TOO, MUST RISE FROM WORSHIP AND DO WHAT WE CAN TO HASTEN THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM.

Thank You to all who helped make the celebration of the Rite of Election such a special moment last weekend — Susan Rueger, our music ministry, reception organizers, ushers/greeters, lectors, art and environment, and the R.C.I.A. team members. We all witnessed with great joy the growth of the Church in our midst as we look forward to the Easter Vigil when our catechumens will join us at the table of the Lord.

R.C.I.A. RITES — At the 11:00 A.M. Eucharist and at one of each of the Eucharists over the next three weekends, we will celebrate the Penitential Rites that mark the period of final preparation for those receiving sacraments at this year's Easter Vigil. Today we celebrate the Penitential Rite with Stanley Baker, who has already been baptized and is seeking to complete his initiation. Over the successive three weekends, at the 5:30 P.M., 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Eucharists, respectively, we will celebrate the Scrutinies with the Elect of our Parish, Lynetta Bove and Jason Stewart. These Rites are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective or sinful, and to bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong and good. In this time of reflection that is intensely centered on conversion, may we all be in prayer for Stanley, Lynetta and Jason.

CATECHIST TRAINING will be held this Wednesday, March 3, at 7:00 P.M. All catechists are invited to attend, as we resume our parish catechists gatherings. *If you have a need for child care, please contact Nancy (826-0393).*

BAPTISM PREPARATION: The next celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism will be at the April 17/18 Eucharists. Parents wishing to present their children (infant to age 6) for baptism must attend the preparation session on March 11 (7:00 -9:00 P.M.), as well as a walk-through (practice). Please contact Charlene Foughner at foughner@msn.com to receive preliminary information and to register for the pre-baptism gatherings.

SCHEDULES — March 6/7**Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Karen Miller; Mike Miller
8:30 A.M. Sandra Keenan; John Dever
11:00 A.M. Tina Meyer; John Meyer

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Nina Butts; Olivia Oliveira
8:30 A.M. Bev Amante; Bob Amante
11:00 A.M. Linda Carel; Denny Carel

Children's Liturgy

11:00 A.M. Kaylee Khau

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Susan Palmer; Lois Smith; Joe Lehman;
Betty & George Palko
11:00 A.M. Kim & Norm Kosin; Jean Mahoney;
Marirose Brase

Food Pantry — Gener Alcantara; Lana Brin; Elena Byrd**Morning Ministry** — Angela DeLong (3/01)

Annamarie Schauer (3/04)

The Diocesan Disability and Justice and Peace offices are hosting a seminar, **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING - A DAY OF LEARNING, REFLECTION AND TRANSFORMATION**, from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, March 6, at the Pastoral Center in Richmond. Registration is \$15.00 for a continental breakfast, lunch and materials. For more information and the link to on-line registration, please contact the Richmond Diocese Office for Persons with Disabilities at (804) 622-5260, or go to <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/disabilities/>.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
 Mon., 3/01 Dn 9:4-10 Lk 6:36-38
 Tues., 3/02 Is 1:10, 16-20 Mt 23:1-12
 Weds., 3/03 Jer 18:18-20 Mt 20:17-28
 Thurs., 3/04 Jer 17:5-10 Lk 16:19-31
 Fri., 3/05 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Sat., 3/06 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
 Sun., 3/07 Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12
 Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Dennis Hill* (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth Hanlon* (+)
 11:00 A.M. *Joseph Delfine* (+)
 8:30 A.M. [No Eucharist]
 8:30 A.M.
 5:30 P.M. *Pardi Family* (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth Collie* (+)
 11:00 A.M. *Andrew B. Crockett* (+)

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.**

PLEASE NOTE: All bulletin notices must be received in writing **by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday**. They may be placed in the "bulletin box" in the Commons or sent via e-mail or fax. Thank You!

REMINDER — BAG LUNCH PROGRAM — Saturday, March 6, at 11:00 A.M. — Volunteers gather on the first Saturday of each month to prepare 75 bag lunches for senior citizens. If you have any questions about the program, please leave a message in the office for Bobbi Karibian or Ann Wilson.

SPAGHETTI DINNER The Parish Life Committee invites you to join your fellow-parishioners for an evening of fun, fellowship, and most importantly -- good, Italian food -- at 6:30 P.M. on Saturday, March 20. The Parish will provide salad, pasta, meatballs, bread and all beverages; and you are being asked to bring a favorite dessert to share. If you plan to come, please sign up on the list that will be posted in the Commons area after all liturgies, so that we know how much food to buy/prepare. See you then — **CIAO!**

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Food Pantry Shoppers & Stockers, Lead Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Liturgy Coordinators and Ministers of Care.

PARISH BLOOD DRIVE — Sunday, March 14, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. — Sign up after all liturgies.

SCRIPTURE SERVICE at COLISEUM PARK NURSING HOME — **Saturday, March 6:** If you are willing to assist wheelchair-bound residents to and from their rooms for the scripture service, please arrive at the nursing home at 10:00 A.M. If you have any questions, please call John Meyer at 827-5620.

YOUNG ADULTS: Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Newport News is hosting **Theology on Tap** once a month at Marker 20 in downtown Hampton (marker20.com), and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, from 7:30 – 9:00 P.M. Sr. John Paul and Sr. Elizabeth Marie, Dominican Sisters of the St. Cecilia Congregation from Nashville, will be talking about Vatican II (an overview and some common misconceptions associated with it). For more information contact Steve Branning at sbranning@olmc.org or 595-0385, extension 128.

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.

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.