

SUNDAY 3/07	MONDAY 3/08	TUESDAY 3/09	WEDNESDAY 3/10	THURSDAY 3/11	FRIDAY 3/12	SATURDAY 3/13
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:30 AM B.P. SCREENING 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION FAMILY OF FAITH (PRE-K - 8) 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:00 PM B.P. SCREENING 6:30 PM SYG PRACTICE	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	1:00 PM ARK OF ONE(S) LUNCHEON 7:00 PM LEADERSHIP MEETING 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 7:00 PM BAPTISM CLASS	8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM LENTEN SOUP SUPPER & BOOK DISCUSSION	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

“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!

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.”

Msgr. Bob Perkins

Don't Forget — DAYLIGHT-SAVING TIME begins on Sunday morning, March 14 — Remember to set your clocks forward one hour

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.

Thank You from the Black History Month Celebration Committee — Our heartfelt thanks to Msgr. Perkins for his unfailing support; to his staff, Carole Dufresne, Ann Hart and June Armstrong; to Mrs. Jeanne Bachmann; to our fellow-parishioners -- Rommy Amadi, Beverly and Bob Amante, Stanley Augustus, Stanley Baker, Charles Buck, Lynetta & Steve Bove and the R.C.I.A. Team, Agnes De Fino, Marge Deitrick, Teresa Diaz, Charlene & Tom Foughner, Michelle Justiniano and the SYG Team, Beni Kavota, Sophia Madril, Tina Meyer, Ruby Parks, Susan Rueger, Dora & Anton Stellwag, Izella Ward, Pauline & Wray Wedding, Janet Werling, Tina & John White, Barbara & Glen Ziemba; and to all our praise dancers and their families. Your generosity of spirit has been inspiring and uplifting. Thank you, and may God bless you.

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 after all liturgies on the list posted in the Commons area, so that we know how much food to buy/prepare. See you then — **CIAO!**

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 2/28</u>	<u>Month of Feb.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 9,242.00	\$ 54,212.10	\$ 399,411.01
Loose	1,194.45	6,239.57	54,478.48
Other	65.00	1,506.00	4,703.00
YTD Interest			2,427.27
Total	\$ 10,501.45	\$ 61,957.67	\$ 461,019.76

Families using Envelopes/Checks in February: 400 out of 591

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

THE PARABLE IN TODAY'S GOSPEL CLEARLY WARNS THAT WE, LIKE THE FIG TREE, WILL BE JUDGED BY OUR FRUIT. WHILE GOD MERCIFULLY PROVIDES US WITH TIME AND OPPORTUNITY, LET US GIVE WITNESS TO OUR FAITH WITH DEEDS OF KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY!

Next Week in **ADULT FAITH FORMATION**:

Lenten Soup Supper and Book Series, THE SHACK — Session 3: The Problem of Evil — *Where is God in the midst of our suffering?*

History of Christianity DVD Series, featuring Bart Ehrman — The Apostle Paul - Next to Jesus himself, the most important figure for the development of earliest Christianity was the Apostle Paul.

Last Saturday morning we celebrated the fact that we are indeed "one people," living in "one world," sharing "one love." Thank you to all who made the Third Annual **Black History Month Commemoration** possible, including:

- * Our keynote speakers, Mrs. Jean Bachmann, Tina White, and John White and his "understudy" — for so willingly sharing their stories with us and providing us with a look at the Civil Rights era from another perspective.
- * Our musical guests, the Christian Fellowship Choir of the First Baptist Church of Hampton, soloists from St. Vincent de Paul, Dr. Marjorie Wallace, Shirley Patterson and Vernon Craft — for their soulful renditions of a medley of Negro Spirituals.
- * Our dancers, the children of Huntington Middle School and our own Immaculate Conception youth under the direction of Mrs. Nina Butts — for reminding us of the beauty of expressions through dance.
- * The Planning Committee, for their vision, hard work, and perseverance in making this a gathering in love and prayer to the glory of our God.
- * All "helpers" including: the RCIA candidates; the SYG group; the office staff; those who moved tables, brought food, set up and cleaned up before and after the scrumptious reception; the Art & Environment ministry; the ushers/greeters; sound production crew; and the list could go on!
- * Our Pastor — for helping to foster a parish community where "all are welcome."
- * You, the community of Immaculate Conception, our guests, and all who attended the event or who could not attend but had us in prayer or contributed in some way — thank you for our constant reminder that we are "One people, one world and one love!"

Family of Faith — REMINDERS

This Sunday (March 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.

Sunday, March 21 - All ages meet from 5:00 - 7:00 P.M. Sign up next weekend; check the bulletin insert for more details.

Every weekend - Stop by the Family of Faith table after all Liturgies and pick up copies of take-home materials for adults, and new gospel weeklies for Grades Pre-K through 12.

SCHEDULES — March 13/14

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Leila Shirley; Mark Rogers
8:30 A.M. Frank Koninski; Dan Berry
11:00 A.M. Terri Weaver; Tim Werling

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Nina Butts; Olivia Oliveira
8:30 A.M. Gayle Fronkier; Jim Fronkier
11:00 A.M. Teresa Diaz; Kevin Woisard

Children's Liturgy

11:00 A.M. Paula Ogiba

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Margarita Mercado; Charly Talton;
Rommy Amadi; Monica McDonald
11:00 A.M. Carole Birdsong; Wertman Family;
Kevin Woisard

Food Pantry — Ashley & Jake Carel; Christy & David Hepp

Morning Ministry — Muriel Baisden (3/08)

Claudette Crockett (3/11)

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
 Mon., 3/08 2 Kgs 5:1-15 Lk 4:24-30
 Tues., 3/09 Dn 3:25, 34-43 Mt 18:21-35
 Weds., 3/10 Dt 4:1, 5-9 Mt 5:17-19
 Thurs., 3/11 Jer 7:23-28 Lk 11:14-23
 Fri., 3/12 Hos 14:2-10 Mk 12:28-34
 Sat., 3/13 Hos 6:1-6 Lk 18:9-14
 Sun., 3/14 Jos 5:9-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Pardi Family (+)*
 8:30 A.M. *Elizabeth Collie (+)*
 11:00 A.M. *Andrew B. Crockett (+)*
 8:30 A.M. *Phuong Pham*
 8:30 A.M.
 5:30 P.M. *Valeda & Ralph Berube (+)*
William Murphy (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Dorothy Jelinski (+)*
 11:00 A.M. *George E. Hudgins (+)*

MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY GROUP: This Monday, March 8, at 7:00 P.M. the group will begin the study of “The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts” by Stephen J. Binz. If you would like more information, please leave a message in the office for Merce Kassel (826-0393).

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Food Pantry Shoppers & Stockers, Lectors 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.

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.**

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Charlene & Richard **Frey**, and their daughter, Alison; JoAnn & Keith **Hoff**, and their children, Mason & Courtney; Keith **Johnson**; Noreen & Austin **Moody**; and Sarah & Allen **Torres**, and their daughter, Isabella. **Welcome!**

The **SATURDAY BAG LUNCH PROGRAM** has grown, and your help is needed! During December we became aware that Langley Village residents were in need of additional bag lunches. We are now providing 100 lunches to the residents each month, and our supplies are depleted. We are requesting your assistance in fulfilling this commitment by providing any of the following: Individually wrapped pudding cups (regular or sugar-free), crackers, 100-calorie snacks, raisins, fruit cups (regular or sugar-free) or drinks (100% juice). As always, we appreciate your support! Please leave a message in the office for Ann Wilson or Bobbi Karibian if you have questions.

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.

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!**

Were you baptized, celebrated First Communion, or confirmed at St. Mary Star of the Sea, Fort Monroe? On March 13 at the 5:00 P.M. Mass and on March 14 at the 9:30 A.M. Mass, we will be commemorating those who were baptized or confirmed, or received their First Communion at St. Mary’s. Be a part of the yearlong 150th Anniversary Celebration. Mark your calendars now, and plan to attend.

AN ARK OF ONE(S) will have their monthly luncheon this Tuesday, March 9, at 1:00 P.M. This is a potluck luncheon, so please bring a dish to share. All singles are invited.