

SUNDAY 3/09	MONDAY 3/10	TUESDAY 3/11	WEDNESDAY 3/12	THURSDAY 3/13	FRIDAY 3/14	SATURDAY 3/15
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT						
8:30 AM LITURGY 9:45 AM ADULT FORMATION K-5 RELIG. ED. 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:30 PM SYG MEETING YAM PRACTICE 7:00 PM CONFIRMATION CLASS 6-10 RELIG. ED.	12:00 PM PRAYER FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	1:00 PM ARK OF ONE(S) LUNCHEON 7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A.	6:30 PM I.C.C.C.W. - OPEN MTG. 7:00 PM JUSTFAITH YAM EVENT	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN 6:30 PM [SYG] STATIONS OF THE CROSS	4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

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. The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) will be celebrated on the following nights in the following parishes:

(7:00 P.M.)

March 11 - St. Jerome, Newport News
March 12 - St. Joan of Arc, Yorktown

The Most Important Worship "Moment" In The Church Year? The TRIDUUM — One continuous prayer over three days (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday) and the majority of Catholics have never celebrated this Easter ritual. Plan to attend $\frac{3}{4}$

March 20 7:00 P.M. The Lord's Supper
March 21 7:00 P.M. Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
March 22 8:00 P.M. The Easter Vigil

WHAT A GLORIOUS TRADITION !

The Stations Of The Cross has been a traditional prayer in the Catholic Church for several centuries. Many different formats have been used to pray the Stations. Our Senior Youth Group is once again offering us a prayer experience with the "Living Stations" this Friday, March 14, at 6:30 P.M. I was personally enriched praying them with our young people last year. I invite you to come to this prayerful moment!

Town Meeting, Town Meeting, Town Meeting

Over the past months, your parish representatives have been part of the Diocesan strategic planning process. The purpose of this strategic plan is to proactively and comprehensively address the challenge of moving the Diocese of Richmond from a one-pastor/one-parish expectation to building a new model of church focused on inter-parish collaboration. We are now at a point in the process where your parish representatives would like to present several models of inter-parish cooperation. In addition, we would like your input, your thoughts, ideas, feelings and wisdom on opportunities for inter-parish collaboration and cooperation.

We are part of Local Planning Group #5, which basically consists of parishes on the Peninsula. In addition to myself, Joe Paulus and Nancy Dixon serve as our parish representatives in this process. Our Region is now presenting three possible "clusters of parishes" on the Peninsula for each parish to review, reflect on, and make recommendations.

— Saturday, March 29th, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon — There will be a parish town meeting to engage in this step of the planning process. All parish members are invited to attend and participate. The planning process will ultimately affect each parish and all parish members, so I strongly urge you to make this town meeting a priority on your schedule. In the next two weeks there will be a registration table in the Commons so we can know the amount of printed materials needed and refreshments to offer. The meeting will be facilitated by Joan Kennedy, a member of our Parish who helped design the process and serves as a member of the Diocesan Planning Team.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

Samaritan Fund Donations

The March 1/2 collection
was \$4,113.00.

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 3/02</u>	<u>Month of Mar.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 16,870.58	\$ 16,870.58	\$ 416,670.22
Loose	1,637.93	1,637.93	45,680.70
Other	0.00	00.00	3,423.50
YTD Interest			10,178.94
Total	\$ 18,508.51	\$ 18,508.51	\$ 475,953.36

Families using Envelopes/Checks in March: 289 out of 604

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.

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

March Financial Information

STEWARDSHIP

WHEN JESUS HEARD ABOUT THE ILLNESS OF HIS FRIEND, LAZARUS, HE RESPONDED, "THIS ILLNESS IS NOT TO END IN DEATH; RATHER IT IS FOR GOD'S GLORY, THAT THROUGH IT THE SON OF GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED."

EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES — OUR GIFTS AS WELL AS OUR SUFFERINGS — CAN, IF SURRENDERED TO CHRIST, LEAD TO BLESSING FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER and SPEAKER

SERIES: Thank you to the Adult Faith Formation Team for coordinating another informative, inspiring and thought-provoking Lenten Speaker Series, to JustFaith and Dan Ruggaber for coordinating the Soup Suppers, and to all who contributed to and participated in our Lenten Fridays. A special thank you goes to our resident photographer, videographer and graphic artist, Susan Rueger, who was responsible not only for the weekly posters advertising the speakers, but also for the wonderful posters of the Saints of African descent that were a part of the Black History Month display.

R.C.I.A. — Please remember our Elect! Our Elect have just returned from a retreat where they reflected upon their spiritual journeys. As they move closer to another major moment on their journey, remember to keep them in your prayers. If you have not already done so, consider writing them a note of encouragement as they approach these final weeks of preparation. 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION: Calling all adults who "missed" the Sacrament of Confirmation — Are you an active, practicing Catholic who has missed the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation? Consider celebrating the Sacrament this Pentecost. Call Carol Dufresne at the Parish Office (826-0393).

BAPTISM: We will welcome new children into our Christian family on March 29th and 30th. As their church family, may we all be in prayer for them and their families as we prepare to celebrate this very important sacrament.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION: Class for all Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors will be held tonight (Sunday) at 7:00 P.M. Please let Manola know if you are unable to attend.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAM): Please join the YAM on Wednesday, March 12, from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. as they discuss the **PASSION NARRATIVES**. Carol Dufresne will lead the discussion. — On Friday, March 14, the YAM will have a Potluck and Game Night at Becky Mitchell's home. Bring a dish to share and any games that you enjoy playing. If you have questions about these YAM activities, please contact Kim Kelly or Becky Mitchell at iccyoungadults@gmail.com.

SCHEDULES — March 15/16

Nursery — [No Nursery for Palm Sunday]

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Manola Dobbs; John Dever

8:30 A.M. Joni Littreal; Mike Miller

11:00 A.M. Sherry Behun; Ed Hartman

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Nina Butts; Olivia Foster

8:30 A.M. Laurene Sproston; Marvin Sproston

11:00 A.M. Kim Kosin; Norman Kosin

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Annemarie Amante; Pat Uniszkievicz

11:00 A.M. Pat Kippie; Stephanie Keatts

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Margarita Mercado; Charly Talton;
Steve & Pat Uniszkievicz; Rommy
Amadi

11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett;
Lisa Napier

Food Pantry — Adleen & Emmanuel Nneji; Marie Narcisse

Morning Ministry — Muriel Baisden (3/10)

Jan McPheter (3/13)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Thank you again to all who lent us their precious art pieces and fabrics for the Black History Month display. All the pieces have been carefully placed in Carol's office. Carol or Marie-Claude David will be available today after the 11 A.M. Liturgy to return items to anyone who has not yet retrieved their pieces.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., 3/08 Jer 11:18-20 Jn 7:40-53
 Sun., 3/09 Ez 37:12-14 Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

Mon., 3/10 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 Jn 8:1-11
 Tues., 3/11 Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30
 Weds., 3/12 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Jn 8:31-42
 Thurs., 3/13 Gn 17:3-9 Jn 8:51-59
 Fri., 3/14 Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42
 Sat., 3/15 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24

Sun., 3/16 Mt 21:1-11 Is 50:4-7 Phil 2:6-11
 Mt 26:14 - 27:66

5:30 P.M. *Denise Filipone (+)*
 8:30 A.M. *Don Hermann (+)*
 11:00 A.M. *George E. Hudgins (+)*

8:30 A.M.
 8:30 A.M.
 5:30 P.M. *Joseph David*
Innocent Opara (+)
Nancy Joye (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Denise Filipone (+)*
Phyllis Bell (+)
Israel Rosario (+)
 11:00 A.M. *Margaret L. Hudgins (+)*
Innocent Opara (+)

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.**

The next **I.C.C.W. OPEN MEETING** will be held this Wednesday, March 12, with fellowship and light refreshments at 6:30 P.M., followed by the meeting at 7:00 P.M. The topic will be “Where Are We Going?” **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW** — The Annual Spring Bazaar [one day only] will be held on **Saturday, April 26.**

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Melanie & Thomas **Galloway**, and their children, Lilly & Robert; Joëlle **McKee**; Richard **Rhodes**; and Deborah & Patrick **Space**, and their son, Shawn. **Welcome!**

AN ARK OF ONE(S), a group of singles who meet monthly for a potluck lunch, will have their next lunch meeting on Tuesday, March 11, at 1:00 P.M.

PARISH FOOD PANTRY: These items are especially needed for our Parish Food Pantry — *Peanut butter, jam/jelly, canned meats, and spaghetti & sauce.* For whatever you can do, thank you.

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH will not meet from March 13 - March 28. The group will resume meeting on April 3 at 7:00 P.M. [If you have any questions, please leave a message in the office for Ed Taylor.]

Becoming Fully Human and Fully Alive is at times a struggle -- discerning one's sexual and religious identity. If so for you, consider: **Discussion Group for Gay and Lesbian Catholics.** Members of this confidential group meet in York County at 7:00 P.M. on the second Monday of every month to pray and to talk about life, church and society. For more information, contact Dave Schleck at catholicelp@aol.com — or visit the website: hometown.aol.com/catholicelp.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for Altar Linens and Food Pantry.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with Registering New Parishioners, especially after the 8:30 A.M. Liturgy. If you can assist in this ministry, please call June at the Parish Office (826-0393).

The **RED HAT SOCIETY “Purple Poppies”** will gather at Peking Restaurant in Hampton Towne Center (near the Dollar Tree) at 1:00 P.M. on Sunday, March 30. All women are invited; there is no age limit, and membership is open. To RSVP, please leave a message in the office for Deborah before March 24.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA is hosting an Adoption Information Night for people who wish to learn more about domestic, open and international adoptions. The session will be held at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, March 13, at Catholic Charities, 5361 Virginia Beach Boulevard, Virginia Beach. For information, please call 533-5217.