

SUNDAY 3/23	MONDAY 3/24	TUESDAY 3/25	WEDNESDAY 3/26	THURSDAY 3/27	FRIDAY 3/28	SATURDAY 3/29
EASTER SUNDAY  8:30 AM LITURGY 11:00 AM LITURGY	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	6:00 PM YAM PRACTICE 7:00 PM FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING ROSARY SERVICE [PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	[PARISH OFFICES CLOSED]	8:30 AM LITURGY	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN	9:00 AM PARISH TOWN MEETING 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY

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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

**“Lord, Teach Us To Pray!”** — A significant part of my Lent was listening to a very creative spiritual advisor named John Shea, and his four CD reflections on the “prayer of Jesus” which we refer to as the Our Father. I think Shea offers some very insightful and creative thoughts about this prayer, which is so often upon our lips. So I am inviting anyone who would like to look at this prayer in some new refreshing ways to join me for four nights in the Easter Season and listen to and discuss these four compact discs together. I will facilitate these reflection sessions on the following Thursday evenings: April 3, 20, 17 and 24, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. in the “triple room.” If you wish to prayerfully join me, please call the Parish Office to register.

**A Wise Steward** — In the Gospel of Matthew, one of the parables contains the image of servants being entrusted with “talents” with the intention that they invest them for the Master. Manola Dobbs, our Associate Pastoral Minister, has indeed “invested” herself to the glory of God and God’s people in her Christian Formation and Social Ministry ministries for the last 5 years here at Immaculate Conception. Manola has invested her own natural gifts and her acquired skills/knowledge as blessings for this Parish. Manola has decided to make a change in her life direction and will be leaving her staff position at the end of August. Manola, we as a parish are most appreciative of your ministry these years. God bless you! We will party before your farewell.

In light of this decision, a part-time (1/2 - 3/4) position will be created in our Christian Formation Program — overseeing and guiding the youth catechetical programs (1st - 12th grades) and our sacrament programs of 1st Eucharist/Reconciliation/Confirmation. More details to come soon after Easter week.

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**Our Journey Of Faith** ... led by the Holy Spirit, a Strategic Planning Process for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond — Be part of the process to determine how we can build working relationships and share one another’s resources and gifts with our neighboring parishes. We need your insights, ideas, wisdom and feelings. Come to the ICC Town Meeting this coming Saturday, March 29, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon.

**Perk’s Picks** — Into the Wild most recently was a DVD (and a few years earlier a novel). One way to approach this movie is to see it as a spiritual odyssey and journey of a young adult who literally travels into the wilderness of Alaska. While he may have taken a different and tragic “fork in the road,” he did come to some wise insights -- one being that “happiness can only be real when it is shared.” Worth a view or read.

While John Grisham’s latest book, The Appeal, is a work of fiction, it provides the reader with the challenge of making the right and wise moral decisions in daily life. Worth the read, if only for the ending’s twist.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

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**ROSARY SERVICE:** We will have our monthly rosary service this Tuesday, March 25, at 7:00 P.M. Please join us.

**RICE BOWLS** — Please turn in your Rice Bowls on or before next Sunday, March 30. If you are going to write a check, it should be made out to *Immaculate Conception Church*. The total collected will be forwarded to Catholic Relief Services.

**PLEASE NOTE:** PARISH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR EASTER MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY. Offices will reopen at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, March 27.

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**Income Budget: \$637,850**

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

**March 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 3/16</u>	<u>Month of Mar.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
<b>Env./checks</b>	\$ 11,897.08	\$ 40,628.74	\$ 440,428.38
<b>Loose</b>	1,130.98	4,611.41	48,654.18
<b>Other</b>	0.00	10.00	3,433.50
<b>YTD Interest</b>			11,190.93
<b>Total</b>	\$ 13,028.06	\$ 45,250.15	\$ 503,706.99

Families using Envelopes/Checks in March: 409 out of 608

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**

**VERY EARLY IN THE MORNING AFTER THE SABBATH, MARY MAGDALENE WENT TO THE TOMB TO ANOINT JESUS' BODY WITH PRECIOUS OILS. THE REWARD OF THIS GOOD AND CONSCIENTIOUS STEWARD WAS TO BE THE FIRST TO KNOW THAT JESUS HAD BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD! ALLELUIA!**

**WELCOME TO THE NEOPHYTES — THE "NEW ONES"!** The former Candidates and Elect are now Neophytes. We welcome these newest members who, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, entered into full sacramental communion with us at the Easter Vigil —

**CHRISTY BARONI**, sponsored by Tammy Bergtholdt

**JENNIFER BROWN**, sponsored by Ed Taylor

**SHARON CORRADO**, sponsored by Beverly Amante

**JENIFER KELLY**, sponsored by Stephanie Keatts

**KAYLA KHAU**, sponsored by Anne Keatts

**KAYLEE KHAU**, sponsored by Brenda Drottar

**MARY BESS KLEIN**, sponsored by Maggie Strawsnyder

**HAYLEY LEHOSKI**, sponsored by Carolyn Famiglietti

**SHELLY SPENCER**, sponsored by Kim Kelly

**TRIDUUM** — Thank you to all who worked to make the Triduum so prayerful! Your generosity of time, talent and treasure made this a wonderfully Spirit-filled experience.

**PRAISE NIGHT** — *"Praise God in his holy sanctuary. Give praise with blasts upon the horn, praise him with harp and lyre. Give praise with tambourines and dance, praise him with flutes and strings.... Let everything that has breath give praise to the Lord!"* (NAB Psalm 150). Join the Young Adult Ministry and the Senior Youth Group for a night of praise, prayer and fellowship on Saturday, April 12, at 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Becky Mitchell or Kim Kelly at [iccyoungeadults@gmail.com](mailto:iccyoungeadults@gmail.com).

All **FAITH FORMATION** classes [Pre-K through Grade 10] will resume next Sunday, March 30.

**BAPTISM:** We will receive children into the Christian family as we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism on March 29th and 30th. Please be in prayer for them and their families.

**SCHEDULES — March 29/30****Nursery**

11:00 A.M. Krista Barajas; Lisa King

**Lectors**

5:30 P.M. Lydia Huey; Jim Thornton

8:30 A.M. Chris Malami; Michele Jones

11:00 A.M. Frank Koninski; Tina Meyer

**Lead Eucharistic Ministers**

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

8:30 A.M. Bev Amante; Bob Amante

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

**Children's Liturgy**

8:30 A.M. Yvonne Randall; Lyndsay Ealey

11:00 A.M. Melissa Wright; Erika Ferbee

**Coffee and Doughnuts**

8:30 A.M. Charlene & Tom Foughner; Deanna & Walt Johnson

11:00 A.M. Gail Helmick; Carolyn & Mark Famiglietti;

Ann Loucks; Judy Mitchell

**Food Pantry** — Betsy Layman; Gail Helmick

**Morning Ministry** — Dee Hoogstraten (3/27)

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION** sessions will resume according to the following schedule:

- **Sunday Morning** - March 30 at 9:45 A.M.
- **Monday Night Bible Study** - March 31 at 7:00 P.M. — If you have any questions, please contact Merce Kassel at 596-1637.
- **Scripture From Scratch** - April 3 at 7:00 P.M. — Please call Ed Taylor at 826-6656 if you have any questions.
- **R.C.I.A.** - April 8 at 7:00 P.M.
- **Thursday Morning Women's Scripture Study** - April 10 at 9:15 A.M.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK****MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat., 3/22	Gn 1:1 - 2:2 Ex 14:15 - 15:1 Is 55:1-11 Ez 36:16-28 Mt 28:1-10	8:00 P.M.
Sun., 3/23	Acts 10:34, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9	8:30 A.M. <i>Anthony Restituto</i> (+) 11:00 A.M. <i>Maria &amp; Peter Cavanna</i> (+)
Mon., 3/24	Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15	
Tues., 3/25	Acts 2:36-41 Jn 20:11-18	
Weds., 3/26	Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35	
Thurs., 3/27	Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48	8:30 A.M.
Fri., 3/28	Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14	8:30 A.M. <i>Mercado Family</i> (+)
Sat., 3/29	Acts 4:13-21 Mk 16:9-15	5:30 P.M. <i>Valeda &amp; Ralph Berube</i> (+) <i>Hilda &amp; Barney Karp</i> (+)
Sun., 3/30	Acts 2:42-47 1 Pt 1:3-9 Jn 20:19-31	8:30 A.M. <i>David Bittenbender</i> (+) 11:00 A.M. <i>Marie Sanfilippo</i> (+) <i>Rudolph Loffredo</i> (+)

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Are you an adult who has not yet celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation? If so, you are invited to celebrate with other adults from the Parish on Pentecost Sunday, May 11, at the 11:00 A.M. Liturgy. There will be a series of preparation meetings held on April 6, 13, 20 and 27, and May 4 at 1:00 P.M. to review Catholic teaching and practice. Please call Carol Dufresne at the Parish Office to register for the program. You may ask any adult member of the Parish who is a practicing Catholic (other than your parents) to serve as your sponsor [or we can assist you in selecting a sponsor].

**JUSTICE BANQUET** — Empower Hampton Roads' Fourth Annual Justice Banquet will be held on April 27, at 5:00 P.M. Please plan on attending this worthwhile event supporting an interfaith force working for justice for all the people of Hampton Roads. Tickets are \$35.00 and can be purchased from Faye Boninu, Buena Reese or Dan Ruggaber.

*Abraham's Children Together* presents **THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS**, a documentary film which explores the role that forgiveness holds in the various faith traditions. The film will be shown on Sunday, April 13, (1:30 - 3:30 P.M.) in the Mills Godwin Building, Room 101, at Old Dominion University. The film will be followed by a panel representing the Catholic, Jewish and Muslim religions on the topic of forgiveness. The event is free and open to the public. [Sponsored by ACT, Diocesan Office of Justice and Peace, Bishop Sullivan High School, Hillel and Catholic Campus Ministry and University Chaplains Associations.]

**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. next Sunday, March 30.

*Spring is here, and it is time to clean out those attics and garages again....* **ATTIC TREASURES ARE NEEDED** for the Annual **I.C.C.C.W. SPRING BAZAAR** to be held on Saturday, April 26 [one day only]. Please bring your treasures, labeled "ICCCW Bazaar," to the volunteer receptionists's office. Thank you for your support!

**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, March 28, 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>.

**ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA SCHOOL PTO** (Parent-Teacher Organization) invites you to **Auction Night** (formerly Casino Night) at 7:00 P.M. on Saturday, April 19. All proceeds from the Auction will go to support PTO activities for the students at St. Mary School. Tickets are \$20.00 on or before April 10 (\$25.00 at the door). Please contact your St. Mary's parish representative, Tish McDonald or Michelle Simpson, by leaving a message for them in the parish office.