

SUNDAY 4/29	MONDAY 4/30	TUESDAY 5/01	WEDNESDAY 5/02	THURSDAY 5/03	FRIDAY 5/04	SATURDAY 5/05
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 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 ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BIBLE STUDY	10:00 AM ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM 7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A. ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM	12:00 PM HAPPY WANDERERS 7:00 PM JUSTFAITH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM BAPTISM CLASS SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN	FALL BAZAAR 11:00 AM BAG LUNCH PROGRAM 5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

As most parish members are aware, Ann Ruggaber, our Parish Pastoral Associate, who has served for 19 years at Immaculate Conception and a total of 30 years in the Diocese, will be retiring in June. Ann has given her mind and heart, time and energy, love for God and God's Church so generously — a ministry well done, a people well served! The weekend of June 9/10, we will feast and celebrate her years of ministry and service.

A couple of months ago I initiated a low-key “search process” to find a new Pastoral Associate to serve the Parish and complement my ministry as Pastor. A small group from the R.C.I.A. and Adult Formation Teams assisted me. It is with great delight that I announce that Ms. Carol Dufresne shall become our new Pastoral Associate beginning July 1st. For the past few years, after receiving her Masters of Divinity degree, Carol was employed by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond as Campus Minister at both Hampton University and Norfolk State University. Carol will continue many of the ministries initiated by Ann Ruggaber, but will also expand into some new ministry areas as well.

In this time of transition, let us pray for both Ann and Carol, and for our Parish — May God's Spirit enlighten and guide our faith efforts and journey.

On May 17th, fifteen of our teenagers will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** when Bishop Francis DiLorenzo comes to our Parish to preside at this sacred moment of Initiation. Youth from several other local parishes will also be joining us for this grand celebration. As our young people continue their journey towards this sacrament, I urge you to send them (one, or several, or all) notes of prayerful support. I wrote to them praying that God's Holy Spirit may enliven them and call forth their talents to be used for the service of others. Let us be together in communion with our Confirmands!

Perk's Picks: You can imagine the “quiet” nights of a hospital or convalescent home, so I am reading and watching videos in the alone time. Here are some suggestions — Akellah and the Bee is a delightful story about a young teenage girl going beyond the “obstacles” in her life to embrace the challenge of a National Spelling Bee contest -- a good family together movie. — The Last King of Scotland is an emotionally challenging movie, as a young Scottish doctor becomes a favored aide to the brutal dictator, Idi Amin, of Uganda. The young doctor's favored status becomes his dilemma and point of decision-making. It is not an easy movie to watch, but it is worth it for the great performances.

As the fifty days of Easter continue to unfold into Pentecost, please consider reading the New Testament book, Acts of the Apostles. The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the Holy Spirit forming and shaping the early believers and early Church. It is perhaps a “blueprint” of the Spirit's good work in our lives and our Church today.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

PARISH FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Parish Food Pantry. As a reminder, we are most in need of the following items — Cereal, Powdered Milk, Peanut Butter & Jam or Jelly, Cornbread Mix, Pasta & Sauce, Crackers, Canned Meats and Tuna.

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

**NO FINANCIAL
INFORMATION
AVAILABLE
THIS WEEK.**

*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

PAUL AND BARNABAS ENCOUNTERED BOTH VIOLENT REJECTION AND JOYFUL ACCEPTANCE OF THE MESSAGE THAT THEY PREACHED. WE, TOO, MAY MEET WITH MIXED REACTIONS WHEN WE USE OUR GIFTS IN THE SERVICE OF GOD. BUT, THE GOSPEL ASSURES US, THE REWARD FOR THOSE WHO FOLLOW FAITHFULLY IS ETERNAL LIFE.

The Sunday morning Adult Formation class, **THE VATICAN II CHURCH**, will be in recess for the summer after this weekend. Plan to sign up and participate in the fall! In the meantime, don't forget our collection of books and videos in the Parish Library, as well as the selection of current Catholic publications for sale.

R.C.I.A. REMINDERS: Neophytes and Sponsors will attend the presentation on scripture study on Tuesday. Class will be held the following week as usual; and on May 15, Fr. French will present *Catholic Trivia You Should Know*. Our final meeting will be a celebration on May 22.

MEET THE NEOPHYTES (aka new Catholics) ...

Beverlyann Moore celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Born in Brooklyn, New York and married to an active-duty airman, they have two children, Kitrina and Kelly. Beverlyann is an account manager for a brokerage firm. (She is also a second degree black belt in karate.) The warmth she received from all drew her to the Church. She says, "The R.C.I.A. has been a great experience. I have learned so much, and time has passed quickly. Thank you, R.C.I.A. team, for a wonderful experience." Beverlyann is sponsored by Pat Yoder.

Kitrina Moore (Beverlyann's daughter) is twelve years old and in the sixth grade. She began life in San Antonio, Texas, and credits the people, especially her mom, for her interest in the Church. She wants to share that "from this program I have learned about my Catholic faith and about our heavenly Father." She participated in the C.I.C.C.A. (Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age) program, and was baptized, confirmed and received first Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Kitrina's godmother is Joyce DiMarco, and her parish sponsor is Brenda Drottar.

HOW CATHOLICS USE SCRIPTURE — Don't miss Stephen Binz, author and lecturer, who will present a workshop on Catholic scripture study on Tuesday, May 1. He will present a morning session from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon, and repeat the session that evening from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Materials and procedures for private and group Bible Study will also be offered. This workshop is sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Richmond. There is no cost. For more information, please call Ann Ruggaber.

HELP WANTED: Ann Ruggaber has two requests for assistance. Please call her if you can help —

- Sponsors for adult confirmands to join candidates on Monday nights through May 21, and to represent the community at their Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, at the 11:00 A.M. Mass.
- Volunteers to offer child care for the marriage retreat on May 18/19.

SCHEDULES — May 5/6

Nursery

- 8:30 A.M. Shauna Cannella; Christine Aiello
- 11:00 A.M. Maureen Ezechukwu; Ann Dunn

Lectors

- 5:30 P.M. Cheryl Carnevale; Ann Hart
- 8:30 A.M. Sandra Keenan; Jesse Butts
- 11:00 A.M. Dan Ruggaber; Ann Ruggaber

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

- 5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles
- 8:30 A.M. Gayle Fronkier; Jim Fronkier
- 11:00 A.M. Kim Kosin; Norman Kosin

Children's Liturgy

- 8:30 A.M. Robin Weisbrod; Pat Unizskiewicz
- 11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Stephanie Keatts

Coffee and Doughnuts

- 8:30 A.M. Charlene & Tom Foughner; Deanna & Walt Johnson
- 11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett; Maria & Hugh Umphlet; Lisa Napier

Food Pantry — Christine Bodden; Shannon & Kevin Harlow

Morning Ministry — Marie-Claude David (4/30)
Jan McPheter (5/03)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 4/28 Acts 9:31-42 Jn 6:60-69

Sun., 4/29 Acts 13:14, 43-52 Rv 7:9, 14-17
Jn 10:27-30

Mon., 4/30 Acts 11:1-18 Jn 10:1-10

Tues., 5/01 Acts 11:19-26 Jn 10:22-30

Weds., 5/02 Acts 12:24 - 13:5 Jn 12:44-50

Thurs., 5/03 Acts 13:13-25 Jn 13:16-20

Fri., 5/04 Acts 13:26-33 Jn 14:1-6

Sat., 5/05 Acts 13:44-52 Jn 14:7-14

Sun., 5/06 Acts 14:21-27 Rv 21:1-5 Jn 13:31-35

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Ken Crocker (+)*
Arthur Taylor (+)
Allen Ashberry (+)
Carrie Piazza (+)

8:30 A.M. *Frank Foy (+)*
11:00 A.M. *Art McElroy (+)*

8:30 A.M. *Billy Osterloh (+)*
8:30 P.M. *Mary Ireland (+)*
5:30 P.M. *Marie & Felix Dautel (+)*
Valeda & Ralph Berube (+)
Anna Rembish (+)

8:30 A.M. *Madeline Amante (+)*
11:00 A.M. *David Doner (+)*

THANK YOU! — The Senior Youth Group (SYG) would like to thank the I.C.C.C.W. for the generous donation of all proceeds made from the Dinner/Play, “Women of the Gospels,” held on April 22. Our thanks also goes to all parishioners, family and friends who came out for this very entertaining evening. The SYG will be able to send several teens to the Diocesan Youth Convention (Lynchburg, VA) and the National Catholic Youth Conference (Columbus, OH). We are truly blessed to have your support.

I.C.C.C.W. SPRING BAZAAR — **Saturday, May 5 — 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.** — There will be various craft vendors, attic treasures, a bake sale and food available in the kitchen. The Bazaar will be open after each of the weekend Masses as well. *Donations for the attic treasures are still needed and will be accepted until Friday.*

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASSES begin this week for parents who wish to present an infant or preschool-aged child for baptism. The spring series will be held at 7:00 P.M. on May 3, 10 and 17; the next series will be held in October. If you plan to have a child baptized this summer or early fall, you should attend this series. Please contact Ann Ruggaber at the Parish Office to sign up if you have not yet done so.

REMINDER — SATURDAY BAG LUNCH PROGRAM — Saturday, May 5, at 11:00 A.M.

RICE BOWL COLLECTION: The Faith in Action Committee would like to thank the community of Immaculate Conception for their generosity in response to Operation Rice Bowl. Our Lenten collection totalled \$2,863.00.

The annual **EMPOWER HAMPTON ROADS JUSTICE BANQUET**, *Justice In Our Time*, will be held today (Sunday) at Murray Hall in Norfolk. A carpool will meet at Immaculate Conception at 4:20 P.M. Directions will be provided, and drivers will be recruited at that time. If you still need a ticket (\$35) or need information, call Dan Ruggaber at 599-5115.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: 8:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. Coffee & Doughnuts, Food Pantry, Lectors and Nursery.

THE BEST IS YET TO BE — All married couples are invited to register for a Marriage Enrichment couples’ retreat being held at ICC on May 18/19. Fill out and return last weekend’s flyer to Ann Ruggaber, or sign up at the table in the Commons this weekend or one of the next two weekends. There is no cost to parishioners, but there will be a free-will offering to offset the cost of lunch and snacks; registration for those outside the Parish is \$20.00 per couple.

Two diocesan immersion retreats to Haiti are planned for this spring and summer. The trips are designed for individuals to be immersed into Haiti, giving them the opportunity to learn about the country and to begin establishing relationships with the people of Haiti. The first retreat will be May 12 - 20, and the second retreat will be June 30 - July 7. For an application and/or information, call or e-mail Patrice Schwermer at 804-622-5129 or pschwermer@richmonddiocese.org.

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School Open House — April 30, 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. — Call 596-2754 for information.