

SUNDAY 5/06	MONDAY 5/07	TUESDAY 5/08	WEDNESDAY 5/09	THURSDAY 5/10	FRIDAY 5/11	SATURDAY 5/12
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 8:30 AM LITURGY 11:00 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM SYG MEETING	12:00 PM ROSARY FOR PEACE 7:00 PM ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A.	7:00 PM JUSTFAITH PATHWAYS	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	5:30 PM LITURGY

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

A friend just said to me, “You are healing so quickly because of your commitment to rehab, the support and prayer of parish and friends, and God’s healing Spirit.” So very true — and because of these factors I am coming home next week -- earlier than expected. **THANK YOU** for the ongoing bundles of cards, your encouraging words and your daily prayer. I am richly blessed! I will see and be with you soon.

Happy Anniversary Wishes — This week, May 1st, both Father Bob French and Father Mike Hanna celebrated their anniversaries of priestly ordination. In the “new year” may their ministries continue to be a source of blessing for many! You may send them a card at 7501 River Road - #15G, Newport News 23607. Also, Father Jim Griffin, who served as a seminarian and deacon here at I.C. in the early 1980’s, will celebrate his 25th anniversary of priestly ordination on May 8th. Fr. Jim is presently Pastor at the Church of Saint Mark (1505 Kempsville Road, Virginia Beach 23464) in case you wish to celebrate with a card.

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. Let us be together in communion with our Confirmands!

Perk’s Picks: My Name Is David is a delightful and hope-filled movie. David is a 12-year-old boy who escapes a post-World War II work camp in Bulgaria, and begins a long journey to Denmark. The journey, although arduous, leads David to both physical, geographical and emotional freedom. His world is created anew! Well worth a view. — Emmanuel’s Gift is a great story of courage, determination and hope. Emmanuel is born “disabled” in the country of Ghana -- usually such a child is either killed by the mother or taken to the forest, abandoned to die. Emmanuel lives his vision, and changes the “vision” others have in his country of one who is disabled. He teaches us that we are not perfect but still can do great things. A good family movie not to miss.

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.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

New Parishioners

PLEASE WELCOME ... Carmen & Robert **Allen**, and their sons, Earl & Jerico; Cristina & Brian **Avelsgard**, and their children, Justin, Irmamarie, Daniella & Thomas, and Irma Contreas; Brian **Budde**; Holly **Chesebrough**; Tiffany & Randy **Nunez**; Jasmine & Jonathan **Oliveras**; Theresa **Stanford**; and Kimberly **Sullivan**, and Bruce Green.

A current session listing and registration instructions for the **VIRTUS “Protecting God’s Children for Adults”** program for the Richmond Diocese is available at www.richmonddiocese.org. Remember that VIRTUS training is mandatory for all volunteers involved in programs with children or youth. There is no charge for this training. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call Ann Ruggaber at the Parish Office (826-0393).

PLEASE HELP — The **PARISH NURSERY** is in great need of more volunteers. Operation of the Nursery is dependent upon parents taking their turns staffing the Nursery during Mass. If you use the Nursery, please call June at the Parish Office to volunteer, or sign up for the next month’s schedule posted in the Nursery. *Remember that you must sign up for VIRTUS training.*

Income Budget: \$625,850

July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

April Financial Information

	<u>Week of 4/22</u>	<u>Week of 4/29</u>	<u>Month of Apr.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 10,766.10	\$ 10,046.00	\$ 61,303.13	\$ 479,417.12
Loose	984.87	1,035.48	7,017.25	56,091.50
Other	188.41	91.21	541.98	8,530.99
YTD Interest				14,171.20
Total	\$ 11,939.38	\$ 11,172.69	\$ 68,862.36	\$ 558,210.81

Members using Envelopes/Checks in April: 443 out of 577

*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

IN TODAY'S GOSPEL, JESUS GIVES HIS DISCIPLES — AND US — A NEW COMMANDMENT: "LOVE ONE ANOTHER." GOOD STEWARDS WHO SPEND THEIR TIME AND TALENTS IN SERVICE TO OTHERS ARE WELL ON THEIR WAY TO FULFILLING THIS COMMANDMENT.

All married couples in the Parish are invited to sign up after liturgies this weekend for the **MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND**, May 18-19. The event is from 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. on Friday, and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. on Saturday; *it is not an overnight retreat*. Facilitators are Steve and Mary Jo Hazard — Mary Jo, a business trainer, and Steve, a hospital chaplain and spiritual director, have celebrated 35 years of marriage, and are frequent presenters at marriage enrichment retreats throughout the Chicago area. We are very blessed that they are able to spend this time with us. There is no charge to parishioners, other than a free-will offering to offset the cost of lunch. Those from outside the Parish are welcome; the cost is \$20.00 per couple. Child care will be available.

MEET THE NEOPHYTES (aka new Catholics) ...

Sean Gibbons is married to another ICC R.C.I.A. alumna, Katherine Curtis. Sean, general manager of the restaurant at the Smithfield Country Club, celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. He and Katherine are raising two boys, Justin and Joey. Justin was baptized with Sean at the Easter Vigil; Joey will make his First Eucharist this month. Sean says he and Katherine needed and wanted to have the Catholic Church in their lives. Of the R.C.I.A. he says, "The time spent with other candidates and catechumens in this experience has been spiritual and beautiful. The Spirit has been around us, and it is felt daily." Sean is sponsored by Mike Hayes.

Austin Wilson is thirteen years old and was born in Hampton. His father, Timothy, is a member of the Parish. Austin has a dog, and likes music and his computer. He says that "Since I believe in God, I thought why not go to church? The C.I.C.C.A. has strengthened my belief in God and answered many questions." Austin made a profession of faith, and was confirmed and received his First Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. He is sponsored by Anne Keatts.

The final **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES** for this year were held last weekend. Please remember to thank the Catechists (teachers) for all their work with the children, youth and adults of our Parish during the year. At the 11:00 A.M. Liturgy today, we will show the Catechists our appreciation.

REMINDER — to those who were not baptized at IC and will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation this month, please provide a copy of your baptismal certificate to Manola.

SCHEDULES — May 12/13

Nursery

8:30 A.M. Franklyn Richards; Jennifer Romano
11:00 A.M. Maureen Ezechukwu; Kelly Godinez

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Michele Jones; Dave Okerblom
8:30 A.M. Peter Drottar; Jesse Butts
11:00 A.M. Manola Dobbs; Mike Stefanko

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Olivia Foster; Jean Glenn
8:30 A.M. Richard Thomas; Barbara Thomas
11:00 A.M. Wanda McErlean; Mickey Annette

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Rick Jones; Lyndsay Ealey
11:00 A.M. Dayna Hood; Erika Ferbee

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Holly & Gregory Hall; Ginny & Frank Koninski; Monica McDonald
11:00 A.M. Kelly Sibley; Hudgins Family; Restituto Family

Food Pantry — Betsy Layman; Hayley & Daniel Lehoski

Morning Ministry — Volunteer Needed (5/07)

Dee Hoogstraten (5/10)

ADULT FORMATION NOTES —

- * **Threshold Bible Series:** A copy of each of the books (excellent for group or personal Bible study) has been purchased for the parish library.
- * The Sunday morning class, **The Vatican II Church**, is in recess until the fall.
- * **Scripture groups** will continue to meet on the regular schedule.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Mon., 5/07 Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26

Tues., 5/08 Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31

Weds., 5/09 Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

Thurs., 5/10 Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11

Fri., 5/11 Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

Sat., 5/12 Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21

Sun., 5/13 Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Marie & Felix Dautel (+)*
Valeda & Ralph Berube (+)
Anna Rembish (+)

8:30 A.M. *Madeline Amante (+)*

11:00 A.M. *David Doner (+)*
Robert Jeffries (+)

8:30 A.M. *Helen Curseen (+)*

8:30 P.M. *Lula Mae Ellis (+)*

5:30 P.M. *Mary Pardi (+)*
Carrie Piazza (+)
Lancianese, Murphy, Cantalupo, Longhi Families (+)

8:30 A.M. *Lillian Gerczak (+)*
Ann W. Bauman (+)

11:00 A.M. *Maria Cavanna (+)*
Margaret Hudgins (+)

The Peninsula Chapter of **THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS (TCF)** is a bereavement support group for parents whose children of any age have died. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 300 Ella Taylor Road, Grafton. Their Credo is, "*WE NEED NOT WALK ALONE; THE LOSS AND LOVE OF OUR CHILDREN UNITES US ...*"

PATHWAYS participants will view and discuss the video, **GETTING STARTED AS A CATECHIST**. This is required for the Youth and Children's tracks only. If you missed it in January, please plan to attend at 7:00 P.M. this Wednesday, May 9. Anyone who has an interest in being certified as a catechist in the Diocese of Richmond is welcome to come join us at this time. For further information, please contact Nancy Dixon at jndixon@cox.net.

BIRTHRIGHT OF NORFOLK invites anyone interested in volunteer opportunities to attend their upcoming training sessions on Saturday, May 12 and May 19, at the DePaul Health Park on Granby at 100 Kingsley Lane from 9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. [RSVP by May 9.] New volunteers are always welcome. For more information, call Birthright at 489-0222.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Schedules for 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Doughnut Servers and Food Pantry.

The **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG)** will meet tonight (Sunday) from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. in the "triple room." Please bring a snack or canned drinks to share. Hope to see everyone there!

AN ARK OF ONE(S) will have their May potluck lunch meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at 1:00 P.M. For more information, please leave a message in the office for Ann Daiber.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND — June 1-3 — Mary Mother of the Church Abby, Richmond — A weekend marriage preparation program for engaged couples and those contemplating marriage. To register or for more information, visit their website at richmondvacee.org or engagedencounter.org.

VIRGINIA TECH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS — Free counselling is available for students, family members and friends affected by the Virginia Tech tragedy. Licensed, certified counselors from our Commonwealth Catholic Charities offices in Richmond, Roanoke and Norton are available to help. Appointments can be made by calling toll-free 866-357-6090. Licensed, certified counselors from Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia in Chesapeake, Norfolk and Virginia Beach can be reached at 467-7707, or in Newport News and Williamsburg at 875-0060.