

| SUNDAY 9/02 | MONDAY 9/03 | TUESDAY 9/04 | WEDNESDAY 9/05 | THURSDAY 9/06 | FRIDAY 9/07 | SATURDAY 9/08 |
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| TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8:30 AM LITURGY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING [FOLLOWING LITURGY] 11:00 AM LITURGY BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING [FOLLOWING LITURGY] | [PARISH OFFICES CLOSED] | | 12:00 PM HAPPY WANDERERS | 8:30 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM FAITH FORMATION TEAM MTG. | 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN | 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY |

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Gifts in Memorial — Last weekend I mentioned that I was planning to “re-order” the alcove next to the daily chapel. In addition to the Book of Remembrance already present, wherein people can inscribe the name of someone who has died recently or years previously, we will add a Book of Intercessions, wherein people can write any prayer intention they have (for a person, event, anniversary, etc.). Also in this space is where the sacred oils are reserved — oil of the sick, oil of the catechumens and the sacred chrism. (These oils are blessed annually during Holy Week by the Bishop at the Cathedral. The various oils are then carried to parishes all over the Diocese, where they will be used in the celebration of sacraments.) I wanted to change the vessels holding the oils -- the new festive vessels were donated by three parishioners in memory of their parents:

BOB WEAVER, in memory of Rose & Joseph Weaver

TERRI WEAVER, in memory of John Paul & Ruth Crowley

CLIFFORD DUNN, in memory of John S. and Deborah H. Dunn

On behalf of the Parish and all who will be sacramentally anointed — Thank You Bob, Terri and Cliff.

It Is Coming! — The newly created parish photo directory is closer to being printed. Terri Weaver and her “staff” recently finished a second proof review, and have sent it back with some minor corrections so that the publishers may print it soon. Thank You, Terri & crew!

Perk’s Picks — The Mountain Patrol is a movie set in the mountains of Tibet, where a small native group tried to protect something sacred to them and to respect God’s creation. It is also a sad story of the clash between Tibetan and Chinese cultures. Well worth renting! — And, the last Harry Potter film, The Order of the Phoenix, continues the struggle of good and evil -- Also worth a view!

Praying for Dear Friends — This week Fr. Mike Hanna had medical procedures on his heart, and Fr. Bob French, Pastor Emeritus, will have surgery in a few weeks. Please take the time to send them a card of care and prayer: 7501 - 15G River Road, Newport News 23607.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

ALTAR FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND are in celebration of the 54th Wedding Anniversary of Horace & Lillian Bellamy.

CALLING ALL LADIES OF ICC: It is back to school time for you, too! The infamous Thursday morning **Scripture Study** will reconvene at 9:15 A.M. on September 13. We will be studying THE FEASTS OF JUDAISM, a Threshold Bible Study by Stephen J. Binz. Come journey with us as we learn more about the faith of Jesus. Join us as we seek to understand the roots of our Christian faith in the faith of our elder brothers and sisters in Judaism.

FOOD DRIVE

Beginning next Sunday the Social Ministry Committee will start having monthly food drives for our **PARISH FOOD PANTRY** at one Mass per week. The food drives will start with the 5:30 P.M. Mass on the second Saturday of each month, followed by the 8:30 A.M. Mass on the third Sunday, and the 11:00 A.M. Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. The hope is that a higher level of food will be maintained and that no one will be turned away because the Pantry is out of food. — Mark your calendars to bring in food.... *“On my mind, on my lips, and in my heart is not enough.”* Msgr. Robert Perkins. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Keatts at 825-0693.

PLEASE NOTE — Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. (PARISH OFFICES WILL AGAIN BE OPEN ON FRIDAYS BEGINNING THIS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7.)

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

August 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 8/26</u> | <u>Month of Aug.</u> | <u>YTD</u> |
|--------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Env./checks | \$ 8,067.00 | \$ 44,648.40 | \$ 97,695.95 |
| Loose | 983.27 | 4,509.69 | 10,151.96 |
| Other | 88.04 | 246.11 | 529.24 |
| YTD Interest | | | 1,668.07 |
| Total | \$ 9,138.31 | \$ 49,404.20 | \$ 110,045.22 |

Families using Envelopes/Checks in August: 408 out of 603

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 THE GOSPEL TODAY, JESUS WARNS US NOT TO GIVE IN HOPES OF REPAYMENT, BUT TO GIVE OPEN-HANDEDLY TO THE POOR AND NEEDY. THAT SORT OF GIVING MIRRORS THE BOUNTIFUL GIVING OF GOD, AND JESUS ASSURES US IT IS BLESSED INDEED!

CATECHISTS are needed for all age groups. Please consider volunteering to be a catechist in one of our Faith Formation (religious education) classes for the coming school year. Orientation [background checks, interviews and training] for catechists will be held after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on September 9 in the "triple room." *Catechists are also asked to participate in Pathways.* If you are called to this teaching ministry, please contact Manola Dobbs at the Parish Office (icc.mjdobbs@verizon.net or 826-0393).

If you are not sure about being a catechist in our Formation Program, consider the fact that we have an excellent training process which leads to certification by the Diocese. **PATHWAYS for Catechist Formation** will help you make the best use of your gifts and to identify skills that will be helpful in your ministry as a parish catechist for children, youth or adults. Please leave a message in the office for Nancy Dixon to learn more about the program. Signups will take place at the Catechists' meeting following the 11:00 A.M. liturgy on September 9.

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. All diocesan employees, clergy, religious, teachers, staff and all volunteers who regularly work with or are regularly involved with children or youth are required to attend a training session. Parents are welcome to attend. There is no charge for this training.

COME AND SEE — Immaculate Conception Catholic Church invites you to come and see! *Is God calling you to a closer relationship? Come and see. Are you yearning for something more in your life? Come and see. Want to know more about the Catholic faith? ...* Do you know someone who is asking these questions? Join us as we ask questions, study and discern where God is leading us. We are all on a journey. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.)** is an opportunity to participate in this process. We will gather for our first meeting Tuesday, September 11, at 7:00 P.M.

SCHEDULES — September 8/9

Nursery

8:30 A.M. 2 Volunteers Needed

11:00 A.M. Ann Dunn; Maureen Ezechukwu

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Peter Drottar; Leila Rice

8:30 A.M. Russell Kassel; Lydia Huey

11:00 A.M. Karen Miller; Mike Miller

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles

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

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

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Ann Daiber; Tony Romano

11:00 A.M. Melissa Wright; Jean Paulus

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Susan Palmer; Lois Smith; Joe Lehman; Betty & George Palko

11:00 A.M. Kim & Norm Kosin; Jean & Dick Mahoney

Food Pantry — Pamela & Michael Dye; René & José Dominguez

Morning Ministry — Paula Lehmann (9/06)

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Nancy Muraca; and James and Yvonne Solomon, and their sons, Khalid & Jamahl. Welcome!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**MASS INTENTIONS**

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| Sat., 9/01 | 1 Thes 4:9-11 Mt 25:14-30 | 5:30 P.M. | <i>Marie Bojorquez (+)</i> <i>Pardi Family (+)</i> |
| Sun., 9/02 | Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24 Lk 14:1, 7-14 | 8:30 A.M. | <i>Kenneth Haberberger (+)</i> |
| | | 11:00 A.M. | <i>Julie & Peter Guerreri (+)</i> <i>Vincent & Clara Restituto - 30th Wedding Anniversary</i> |
| Mon., 9/03 | 1 Thes 4:13-18 Lk 4:16-30 | | |
| Tues., 9/04 | 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Lk 4:31-37 | | |
| Weds., 9/05 | Col 1:1-8 Lk 4:38-44 | | |
| Thurs., 9/06 | Col 1:9-14 Lk 5:1-11 | 8:30 A.M. | <i>Fr. Mike Hanna</i> |
| Fri., 9/07 | Col 1:15-20 Lk 5:33-39 | 8:30 A.M. | |
| Sat., 9/08 | Col 1:21-23 Lk 6:1-5 | 5:30 P.M. | <i>Frank Lancianese (+)</i> <i>Bill Check (+)</i> |
| Sun., 9/09 | Wis 9:13-18 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33 | 8:30 A.M. | <i>Jim Foughner (+)</i> <i>Kenya S. Collins (+)</i> |
| | | 11:00 A.M. | <i>Michael Esposito (+)</i> <i>Raymond Lohier (+)</i> |

There will be a **FAITH FORMATION TEAM** meeting this Thursday, September 6, at 7:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Manola at the Parish Office (826-0393).

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK: Children's Liturgy, Food Pantry Stockers, Funeral Calling Tree Updates, Nursery Volunteers, and 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. Coffee & Doughnut Servers.

COME — Hear Attorney Susan Jean “*Wandering through Forests of Government Benefits*” for Seniors at the Happy Wanderers luncheon at Noon on Wednesday, September 5. Bring a dish to share.

ADORE TOUR AND SOURCE AND SUMMIT CONFERENCE: The Adore Tour (concert) will be held at St. Bede in Williamsburg on Thursday evening, September 6, at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$15.00 at the door. For advance tickets, go to stjeromennva.org and click on “Adore Tour.” The concert will kick off the Source and Summit Conference at St. Jerome in Newport News on September 7 and 8. Some of the presenters at the Conference will be Mark Hoggard, Catherine Combier-Donovan, Terry Simon and Teresa Yoder. If you have any questions, please call St. Jerome at 877-5021, or go to the above web site.

A PARISH BLOOD DRIVE will be held on Sunday, September 30, from 9:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Volunteers are needed to register donors and help with the canteen. [Sandwiches or fruit would also be welcomed.] Please leave a message in the office for Patti Mugler if you are interested in helping.

The **RED HAT SOCIETY “Purple Poppies”** will gather at Chili's Restaurant in the Riverdale Shopping Center on Sunday, September 16, at 1:00 P.M. The group will be discussing their upcoming “Tea Social.” Space is very limited, so please respond no later than September 9. Plans for the rest of 2007 will also be discussed. All females of all ages are invited to join the Red Hat Society for any of its activities. Please R.S.V.P. to Deborah.

Teenagers Wanted — If you are a teenager in Grades 8-12, join other teenagers in the **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG)** for an **Ice Cream Social** on Sunday, September 16, from 6:30 - 8:30 P.M. in the “triple room.” The SYG is made up of teens from many different schools on the Peninsula. As the group's numbers grow, they continue to serve our Parish and community in a variety of ways, such as helping with A Night's Welcome, caroling at nursing homes, serving at special functions, volunteering at VBS, etc. As a social group, activities include rock climbing, white water rafting, lock-ins, basketball tournaments, Catholic Youth Day at Busch Gardens, etc. Whether you attend all meetings and activities or just a few, you are very much a part of the youth of Immaculate Conception. There are adult volunteers who work to sponsor the group, but the teens are responsible for the decision-making for the group. **Give the group a try on Sunday, September 16!** For more information, please leave a message in the office for Polly Milby.