

SUNDAY 11/25	MONDAY 11/26	TUESDAY 11/27	WEDNESDAY 11/28	THURSDAY 11/29	FRIDAY 11/30	SATURDAY 12/01
CHRIST THE KING 8:30 AM LITURGY 11:00 AM LITURGY 6:30 PM SYG MEETING	12:00 PM PRAYER FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	7:00 PM C.I.C.C.A. FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING R.C.I.A. 7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF MSGR. BOB'S 36TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION	6:30 PM I.C.C.W.- BOARD MTG. 7:00 PM FAITH IN ACTION	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 7:00 PM ADULT FORMATION PROGRAM	8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM WOMEN LISTENING TO WOMEN	11:00 AM BAG LUNCH PROGRAM 2:00 PM CONFIRMATION PROJECT 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY 6:30 PM ANOINTING OF THE SICK B.P. SCREENING

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

Prayerful Support — If you would like to send a card of prayer and encouragement to Father Bob French, our Pastor Emeritus, as he undergoes medical treatments, please address them: 7501 River Road, Apartment #15G, Newport News 23607.

Hearty Thanks To Many Of Our Teens: Last Sunday at the 11:00 A.M. eucharist, many of our teens served the Parish by participating in a variety of liturgical ministries. They served well and helped enliven our faith. Thank you to all and to those who trained them.

Welcome Home — to all of our college and university students home for the Holiday. Enjoy your family and friends, good meals and clean laundry!

“You Are A Priest Forever” — I am celebrating the 36th year of forever on Tuesday, November 27th. I invite you to a simple anniversary of priesthood eucharist that night at 7:00 P.M. In you, the People of God at Immaculate Conception, I am very blessed, and it is my privilege to serve you. -- If anyone wishes to bring a small dessert to share afterwards, please do so.

Parish Feast Day — The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is our parish “feast day” and is also a holy day. Saturday morning, December 8th, at 8:30 A.M., we will celebrate who we are as part of the Body of Christ and the local parish. After this eucharist, the Parish Life Committee will be hosting a breakfast. A signup for breakfast will be posted soon.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

A NIGHT’S WELCOME — MANY THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR A NIGHT’S WELCOME DURING THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 1-8, when we will once again provide overnight shelter in our parish facilities for homeless men, women and children. With your help we will be able to serve two hot meals and provide a warm, hospitable environment to our guests. Next weekend we will be having a *towel and wash cloth drive* -- a box will be set up in the Commons area.

The **MINISTERS OF CARE** will have a workshop on Sunday, December 2, from 9:45 to 10:45 A.M. in the “triple room”.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Aaliyah Leilahni Rosalia Carver**, daughter of Janice and Adam Carver, baptized this weekend.

SCRIPTURE SERVICE at SENTARA NURSING HOME — Saturday, December 1:

Those willing to assist wheelchair-bound residents to and from their rooms for the scripture service should arrive at the nursing home at 10:00 A.M. Please leave a message in the office for John Meyer if you have any questions.

Next weekend the **SECOND COLLECTION** will be **for the RESERVE REPLACEMENT/CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND**. This collection will fund any major improvements that may be needed, as well as the replacement of any equipment that is beyond repair.

Income Budget: \$637,850

July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

November 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 11/18</u>	<u>Month of Nov.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 10,164.00	\$ 38,780.15	\$ 232,992.72
Loose	1,083.85	4,291.18	24,392.01
Other	0.00	2.50	2,229.50
YTD Interest			5,548.80
Total	\$ 11,247.85	\$ 43,073.83	\$ 265,163.03

Families using Envelopes/Checks in November: 403 out of 622

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

TODAY WE CELEBRATE CHRIST THE KING AND ARE REMINDED THAT ALL WAS CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. DOES MY STEWARDSHIP OF THE BLESSINGS ENTRUSTED TO ME GIVE EVIDENCE THAT CHRIST IS LORD OF MY LIFE?

R.C.I.A. — Over the last two months, you may have noticed some people sitting in the first two rows during the three Eucharistic Liturgies. And you have probably heard our Pastor explain that they are persons inquiring about becoming members of the Catholic family. On December 2, 2007 at the 11:00 A.M. Eucharist, we will accept and welcome them as they formally declare their intention to join our Church family. May we all join in the celebration of the **Rite of Acceptance** for those not previously baptized and the **Rite of Welcoming** of those who are already baptized Christians.

BACKGROUND SCREENINGS and VIRTUS:

If you are an adult or youth interested in volunteering in a child-related ministry (Nursery, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Hall Monitors, Catechists, etc.), or if you are currently volunteering in a ministry that involves working with children and have not yet completed the Diocesan Safe Environment Regulations requirements — we are offering the following to assist you:

- ◆ Tables will be set up in the Commons between the 8:30 and 11:00 A.M. Eucharistic Liturgies on December 9 and 16 with Volunteer Select and CPS Central Registry background forms. Notary Publics will also be on hand to notarize the completed forms; please bring a picture ID to show the Notary.
- ◆ We have scheduled a VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" Awareness session here at Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 10, at 6:00 P.M. Please register on-line for the training at www.virtusonline.org. There are a limited amount of spaces available so please register as soon as possible. The training will begin promptly at 6:00 P.M. and last until 9:00 P.M. Sandwiches will be provided at the start of the training. If **requested** we will arrange for child care.

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES will participate in **A Night's Welcome** on December 2: Preschool and K-5 have decorated placemats for our overnight guests; Grade 6 is asked to bring a bag of salad; Grades 7-8 are asked to bring corn bread (ready to eat); and Grades 9-10 are asked to bring a dessert. Confirmation candidates will prepare soup, and the Senior Youth Group (SYG) will serve dinner to our guests. Due to the number of guests expected, we ask that only the SYG be present to serve. If you have any questions, please contact Manola at the Parish Office (826-0393 or icc.mjdobbs@verizon.net).

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES are asked to meet in the kitchen at 12:30 P.M. with the food items they signed up to bring to prepare soup for our overnight guests. (If you are not sure what item you signed up to bring, please call Manola.)

SCHEDULES — December 1/2

Lectors

5:30 P.M. Jim Thornton; Tere Gustafson
8:30 A.M. Karen Miller; Mike Miller
11:00 A.M. Terri Weaver; Ed Hartman

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

5:30 P.M. Gayle Cowles; Steve Cowles
8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell
11:00 A.M. Wanda McErlean; Mickey Annette

Children's Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Annemarie Amante; Lyndsay Ealey
11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Jeremy Roca

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. Mike Stefanko; Mary Middleton; Greta Kruger; Anne Keatts
11:00 A.M. Helen & Lauren Burke; Angela Rhett; Lisa Napier

Food Pantry — Ann Loucks; Christine Bodden

Morning Ministry — Marvin Sproston (11/26)
Deborah Reese (11/29)

SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH SCHEDULE:
The group will not meet this Thursday, November 29. Also, there will be no meetings on December 20 and 27, and January 3, 2008.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sat., 11/24 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40
Sun., 11/25 2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43
Mon., 11/26 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Lk 21:1-4
Tues., 11/27 Dn 2:31-45 Lk 21:5-11
Weds., 11/28 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Lk 21:12-19
Thurs., 11/29 Dn 6:12-28 Lk 21:20-28
Fri., 11/30 Dn 7:2-14 Lk 21:29-33
Sat., 12/01 Dn 7:15-17 Lk 21:34-36
Sun., 12/02 Is 2:1-5 Rom 13:11-14 Mt 24:37-44

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Lena Lancianese* (+)
8:30 A.M. *Isaac Evans* (+)
11:00 A.M. *Marian Paulus* (+)
8:30 A.M.
8:30 A.M.
5:30 P.M. *Marie Staib* (+)
Woodie Attaway (+)
8:30 A.M.
11:00 A.M. *Marie Thomas* (+)

There will be **NO ROSARY SERVICE** this Tuesday, November 27, as Msgr. Bob will be celebrating the 36th Anniversary of his ordination with a liturgy at 7:00 P.M.

The **SENIOR YOUTH GROUP (SYG)** will meet this evening (Sunday) from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. New members in Grades 8-12 are welcome to attend. — T-shirt orders are in; please bring \$8.00 for each t-shirt ordered.

CLOTHE THE NEEDY — The Parish Life Committee is collecting [until December 1st] gently worn, clean winter coats, sweaters, scarves and gloves (men's, women's, children's), and new socks and t-shirts (white, XXL) for our homeless friends. A box is set up in the Commons area for your generous gifts of love.

Hear from and talk with your elected officials — Now that elections are over, it is time to encourage them to pass just laws. The **PENINSULA SOWERS OF JUSTICE**, a coalition of the Justice and Peace Committees from several local Roman Catholic Churches, invites your participation in the Seventh Annual Legislative Forum at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, December 13, at Immaculate Conception Church.

THURSDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE STUDY: Join the women of the “infamous” Thursday Morning Scripture Group in the study of the Jewish feasts of the New Year (Rosh Hashanah) and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur). As we approach the close of another year, we are looking at the annual cycles of renewal and grace offered to the people of the covenant

SATURDAY BAG LUNCH PROGRAM: All parishioners are invited to help make bag lunches to deliver to the elderly this Saturday, December 1, at 11:00 A.M.

Tigers, Wolves, Bears and Webelos ... Calling all boys in Grades 1-4 — St. Mary's Star of the Sea School Cub Scout Pack 9 is hosting an Open-Pack meeting for all interested boys on December 10 at 6:30 P.M. at St. Mary's cafeteria. For more information, call Suzanne Wade (838-0579).

SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS CHRISTMAS PARTY: The **Tidewater Catholic Alumni Club (TCAC)** is holding a Prospective New Members Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9, at 4:00 P.M. If you are Catholic, single and seeking to gather for religious, social and cultural activities with people of similar backgrounds, please come and join the group. Members are generally in the age range of 30's to 50's. For more information, call 595-6996 or 480-8737, and visit www.freewebs.com/tidewatercatholicalumclub.

PENINSULA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL will hold an Admissions Open House for prospective students and their families for the 2008-2009 school year on November 28, from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M. Visit their website at www.peninsulacatholic.com; for additional information, call 596-7247, extension 22.

THE COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS (TCF), a bereavement support group for parents whose child of any age has died, will have a **Candlelight Memorial Service** on December 9, at 2:00 P.M. at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 300 Ella Taylor Road, Grafton. Family members and friends are invited. A time of fellowship and sharing will follow.