

SUNDAY 12/02	MONDAY 12/03	TUESDAY 12/04	WEDNESDAY 12/05	THURSDAY 12/06	FRIDAY 12/07	SATURDAY 12/08
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8:30 AM LITURGY 9:30 AM B.P. SCREENING 9:45 AM K-5 RELIG. ED. MINISTRY OF CARE 11:00 AM LITURGY 12:00 PM B.P. SCREENING 12:30 PM CONFIRMATION PROJECT	12:00 PM PRAYER FOR PEACE 7:00 PM BIBLE STUDY	5:30 PM C.I.C.C.A. R.C.I.A.		8:30 AM LITURGY 9:15 AM SCRIPTURE STUDY 6:30 PM MUSIC PRACTICE 7:00 PM SCRIPTURE FROM SCRATCH	8:30 AM LITURGY	FEAST of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 8:30 AM LITURGY & BREAKFAST 4:00 PM RECONCILIATION 5:30 PM LITURGY 6:30 PM YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY POTLUCK

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR —

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 is posted in the Commons.

“36 Into Forever” — To all who came to celebrate my 36th Anniversary of priestly ordination; to all who brought desserts to share; to Teresa Yoder and the Music Ministry; and to all who wrote thoughtful cards, shared gifts, or left warm voice-mail greetings — **Thank You** -- once again you have blessed me!

Come Lord Jesus with Your Mercy — Come experience the Advent Gift of God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. Come open your hearts and be surprised. We will join three neighboring parishes in offering this sacred moment.

December 11th 7:00 P.M. at St. Joan of Arc in Yorktown
 December 12th 7:00 P.M. at Immaculate Conception
 December 18th 7:00 P.M. at St. Jerome
 December 19th 7:00 P.M. at St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Each service will include scripture, shared prayer and individual “confession” with a priest.

Prepare The Way! — An on-line homily service for the Advent Season: The Office of Vocations for the Diocese of Richmond has developed a new on-line homily service for the season of Advent. Each day, you can listen to a homily based on the readings and prayers of the daily Advent Masses. The podcast homilies are preached by priests from the Diocese of Richmond. To access this spiritual resource, go to www.richmonddiocese.org/vocations.

“Creating the Garment for the Body of Christ” — As you come for the Advent season, you will see the attempt of the emerging Art and Environment Committee to enrich our worship space. The people who have stepped forward for this ministry are Kitty Fay, Virginia Buck, Sherry Behun, Merce Kassel, Tina Meyer, Susan Rueger, Marie-Claude David, Dorothy Thornton and Buena Reese. They have already been to a liturgy workshop and have begun doing readings on liturgy ... from these shall their creativity be sparked. I am thankful for each of them.

Msgr. Bob Perkins

A NIGHT’S WELCOME — WE HAVE VISITORS! During the evenings of December 2 through 8, we will be home for some of our brothers and sisters who do not have a place to live. A number of ministries and groups have volunteered to prepare meals (dinner and breakfast) and serve as overnight monitors. Additionally, supplies (towels, toiletries, etc.) are still being collected. Let us give our guests a warm ICC welcome and be in prayer for them as well as the Night’s Welcome team.

A REMINDER FROM FR. MIKE — HEIFER INTERNATIONAL offers a great selection of “gifts” to change a family’s life: Cows, Water Buffalos, Lambs, Llamas, Chickens, Goats, Bees -- you name it.... Just call and place your order at 1-800-422-0474, or go to www.heifer.org for more information.

*To Our Immaculate Conception Family,
 We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your prayers, cards and expressions of sympathy for the recent loss of our mothers. Your continuing and caring support gives us much comfort in this difficult time.*

JEAN AND JOE PAULUS

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 11/25</u>	<u>Month of Nov.</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Env./checks	\$ 9,594.00	\$ 48,374.15	\$ 242,586.72
Loose	1,084.05	5,375.23	25,476.06
Other	2.50	5.00	2,232.00
YTD Interest			5,548.80
Total	\$ 10,680.55	\$ 53,754.38	\$ 275,843.58

Families using Envelopes/Checks in November: 422 out of 620

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

“AT AN HOUR YOU DO NOT EXPECT, THE SON OF MAN WILL COME,” SAYS TODAY’S GOSPEL. GOOD STEWARDS KNOW THAT THEY ARE ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD FOR ALL THEY HAVE AND ARE AND STRIVE TO LIVE IN READINESS FOR HIS COMING.

UPPER GRADE FAITH FORMATION classes will participate in **A Night’s Welcome** as their class activity tonight (December 2). Grades 6-10 will be bringing food items for the evening meal. *(Those in Grades 8-10 who are in the SYG will help serve the meal.)*

PARISH NURSERY: Very few parents have responded to the survey regarding use of the Nursery. If you have not yet done so, please give us your feedback via the on-line survey.

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.

ANGEL TREE — Our tradition is to adopt families for Christmas and provide Christmas gifts for each of the adopted families. Please take an angel from the “Angel Tree” in the Commons, purchase the gift identified on the tag, and place the unwrapped gift [with the angel tag attached] under the tree. The families we are supporting this year are from Refugee and Immigration Services and Transitions Family Violence Services. All gifts must be returned by December 14.

SCHEDULES — December 7/8

Lectors

Immaculate Conception

8:30 A.M. Julie Mannen; Jim Thornton

5:30 P.M. Buena Reese; Peter Drottar

8:30 A.M. Dave Okerblom; Ann Hart

11:00 A.M. Mike Mannen; Sherry Behun

Lead Eucharistic Ministers

Immaculate Conception

8:30 A.M. Wanda McErlean; Mickey Annette

5:30 P.M. Annette Myer; Nina Butts

8:30 A.M. Lori Stefanko; Martha Campbell

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

Children’s Liturgy

8:30 A.M. Rick Jones; Pat Uniszkiwicz

11:00 A.M. Tricia Rainone; Jeremy Roca

Coffee and Doughnuts

8:30 A.M. June Cave; Jackie Guerette; Linda & Ed Miller; Debbie Smith

11:00 A.M. Kelly Sibley; Hudgins Family; Restituto Family

Food Pantry — Patricia Quigley; Kryisia & Todd Ritter

Morning Ministry — Molly Villano (12/03)

Paula Lehmann (12/06)

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Young adults (married or single in your 20’s, 30’s or early 40’s) — it’s time for fun and fellowship ... and you are invited! **On December 8** we will gather for Eucharist at 5:30 P.M. and then partake in a potluck supper immediately thereafter. Please sign up to bring a dish to share. If you need more information or have any questions, please e-mail Kim Kelly or Becky Mitchell at iccyoungadults@gmail.com.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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
 Mon., 12/03 Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
 Tues., 12/04 Is 11:1-10 Lk 10:21-24
 Weds., 12/05 Is 25:6-10 Mt 15:29-37
 Thurs., 12/06 Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Fri., 12/07 Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
 Sat., 12/08 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38
 Sun., 12/09 Is 11:1-10 Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

5:30 P.M. *Marie Staib (+)*
Woodie Attaway (+)
 8:30 A.M. *Fr. Bob French*
 11:00 A.M. *Marie Thomas (+)*
Stephen Schauer
 8:30 A.M. *Fr. Bob French*
 8:30 A.M.
 8:30 A.M. *Pat McElroy*
 5:30 P.M. *Cecilia Ryan (+)*
 8:30 A.M. *Edward & David Bittenbender (+)*
 11:00 A.M. *Marian Paulus (+)*
Marie Thomas (+)

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.

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.

Sign up now for **HAPPY WANDERERS' Christmas Luncheon and Entertainment** — 11:00 A.M. on Wednesday, December 12, at Crabber's Restaurant for \$19.00. Call Ann Hart at 826-0393.

WE WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.... Tamara & Christian **Bergtholdt**; Willande & Chrisner **Brissaut**, and their son, Shadrick; and Shelly **Spencer**. **Welcome!**

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.

MAIL PICK-UP THIS WEEK — Schedules for Children's Liturgy and Collection Counters.

FARM FRESH ABC REWARD PROGRAM — St. Mary Star of the Sea School extends their thanks for your continued support of this program. Please continue to place your Farm Fresh cash register receipt stubs (bottom portion) in the basket in the "ticket booth." Also being collected are Campbell's soup labels and Box Tops.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha will host the *Chesapeake Bay Wind Ensemble*, who will present **A HOLIDAY FESTIVAL** on Sunday, December 9, at 3:00 P.M. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5.00 for adults [students and children are free].

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).

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP (for people with any type of cancer) — Meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. at the Sentara Cancer Institute, 3000 Coliseum Drive, Suite 100. For more information, call 827-2438.