

January 29, 2012

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, January 29th

9:00 am – Mass (Carmen Piccirilli)
(Rite of Welcome RCIA)
9:30 am – RCIA Dismissal (Rm 5 & 7)
10:15 am – Parish Registration (Rm 1)
11:00 am – Mass (Jim Faulkner) (sick)
12:30 pm – Core Team Mtg. (Rm 5 & 7)
4:00 pm – Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 pm – Mass (Mass for the Parish)
7:00 pm – Nest

Monday, January 30th

8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
7:00 pm – Nest

Tuesday, January 31st

8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
10:00 am – Bible Study (Rm 7)
7:00 pm – Nest

Wednesday, February 1st

6:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
11:00 am – Amazing Grays Prayer Service
11:30 am – Amazing Grays Mtg. (Rm 5 & 7)
7:00 pm – AA Set up
7:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal (WS & Rm 2)
8:00 pm – AA Meeting (Rm 3 & 4)

Thursday, February 2nd

8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
6:30 pm – NO DAILY MASS
7:00 pm – Bible Study (Rm 7)

Friday, February 3rd

8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
9:00 am – Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm – Benediction/Adoration

Saturday, February 4th

8:30 am – NO DAILY MASS
8:30 am – Confirmation Retreat with Net Team
4:00 pm – Reconciliation
5:00 pm – Vigil Mass (Mary Menton)

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 am – Mass (Anthony DiNonno)
10:15 am – Parish Registration (Rm 1)
11:00 am – Mass (Mass for the Parish)
12:45 pm – RCIA
12:45 pm – Blaze
2:30 pm – Blaze
4:00 pm – Youth Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 pm – Mass (Muriel Delk)

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

February 5th – 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7

Psalms 147:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Mark 1:29-39

Prayer for Our Troops:

Lord, hold our troops in Your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in all lands. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

Please pray for our men and women in the service, especially: Tracy Vincent, Andy Zyra, & Nathaniel Anemaet, Megan Bittner, Stephen Fleet, Karen Holden Guerra, Andrew Lundgren

If you would like to add to this list the name of a family member who is in harm's way, please call or email the office. (421-7416 or ssm@ssmrcc.org)

Baptism: If you are expecting a child in the next few months, or have an older child in need of Baptism please contact the office to discuss the parish preparation program and scheduling of Baptism. The next baptismal prep class will be held on Sunday, February 12th at 10:15 in Room 5. Please call the office to sign up.



Your prayers are cherished for those from our parish: Jeff Kelleher, Rosalie LaRosa, Veronica Casari, Bill Herb, Patrick Brown, Jean Scherrer Mooney, Fran Holden, Bob Webster, Bill Campbell, Connie DiNardo, Ron Jernigan, Bob Tobin, Barbara Holloway, Ray Hinds, Margie Childers, Loretta Jones.

Pray For: Danny Kirkby (by Kirkby family), Margaret Warren & Frank Chebetar (by Chebetar family), Nancy Hardin (by Mary Williams), Charlotte Cloud, Fran & Hal Clinger (by Mike Siedlecki), Cole Brennan, Anna Lobay, Kurt & Betty Ann Eberling, Carol Baker, Jackie Molovinsky, Andrew Winebrenner, Carsyn Paige Hawthorne (by Mary Hawthorne), Carol Currens & Larry Norman (by Priest family), Steve Wiggins, Gerald Gerloff, Biff Pearson, Gary Garrison, Jim Silkwood & Megan Berotti & Berotti family (by Gerloff family), Arlene Eylor, Ron Montgomery, Faye Cobb, Jo Nancy Reckling, Roberta Stuchkus, Jenny Cannon, John Walters, Virginia Brown & Carolyn Johnson (by Flynn family), Zachary Calvert, Kristen Bernard (by Kathy Lesko), Barbara White, Arlene Johnson, Emily Gargiulo & Roberta Lopez (by Carol Ehrbar), Ann Frick, Cardell Patillo, Quintel Austin (by Ann Cady), Taylor Beal (by Senich family), Joseph Conner Neary (by Neary family), Bradley Alli, Paula Rix, (by Rix family), Bill Johnston (by Daly family), Marian Wolff (by Dawson family), Jean Trotter (by Gyori family), Laura Yates, Dave Ralston, Aldo Mastrocola, Jr. (by Osborne family), Emily McClung (by Cindy Urben), Jean Jantzen (by Mike Dorchak), Frances Seddon (by Cheryl Van Buren), Lauren Newell (by Pat Newell), Fred Castaldi, Lynne York, William Schmid, Fred Wright, Christopher Hanes (by Schuchhardt family), Tia Cordell, Karen Warren (by Cathy Barrick), Genevieve Johnson (by Ellen DeBlaker), Leslie Wildman (by Ritamarie Searles), James Heiles (by Huysman Family), D'Anna Lineberry (by Troy Munday), Rod Manzano, Helen Cronk, Marcia Downey, Dorothy White, Alice Chase (by Cynthia Owens), Kimi Maurer, Bonnie Lynn Munroe (by Dave Munroe), Seth Martin (by Glackin/Senich family), Mary Beth Hensley, Alice Lenker (by Wilson family), Bill Davenport (by Maryellen Therrien), Keegan Outland, Joe Sapere (by Shipman family), Frank Gross & Michele Ramey (by Unger family), Ann Steegall, Max Leber (by Gary Schuchardt), Stephen Ciesielski (by Ciesielski family), Robert Jeter & Louis Rios (by Jeter family), Rose Ivory, (by Cathy Lahouchuc), Jeff Stroehlein (by Eileen Lane), John Barrientos (by MaryAnn David), James & Price Kilway (by Dickman family), Karen Laughon (by Sam Simmons Conaway), Harcourt Malone (by Klauss family), Eileen & Harold Keatts (by Carscallen family), Nellie Pasion-Callueng (by Loop family), Benjamin Mason, Miles Lynn & Lee Eylor (by Joan Bastian), Stasia West, Mary Petchel (by Petchel family), Kristen Winslow, Mabel Winslow & Ed Caffrey (by Winslow family), Jean Davis (by Eichelberger family), Eileen Brink (by Puchalla family), MaryLou Winkelman (by Rita Szarwark), Lee Addison (by Saltarelli family), Don Simmons (by Mickey Saunders), Parker Curran (by Rodriguez family), Pete G. Decker, Jr., Andy Phelps (by Ann Waibel), Darrell Fleming & Lambert Haupt (by VanZandt family), Ron Berkebile (by Vaughn family), Ida Ann Cannon, Benjamin Liles (by Ellington family), Braden Hennis, Michael McKenna (by Fitzpatrick family), Charlie Miller, Alessandra Senserini, Vivian Smith, Heather Williams Gaona (by Bob Williams), Cecelia Cain-Bohmert (By Cain family), Margaret Phillips (by Francher family) Ted Burzyk (by Stephanie Walling), Dave Demers, Joyce Ethridge (by Giardina family) Lori Noel, Jerry Holt (by Lil Blansett), Margaret Mavrocih (by Younkin family), Virginia Rafferty Ciciano (by Fr. Brian), John Bonanno, Lee Eylor (by Joan Bastian), Elaine Newell (by Newell family), David Short.

REST IN PEACE..... Joshua Reist (son of Rosemary and Jay Reist), Rose Smith (mother of Jill Carbaugh), June Holden (Mother of Ann Fairing & Anita Swygert), Angelo Yakis (father of Missy Dietz), Don Rimer, Travis Riddick, Magdalena Pasion (by Loop Family).

Please help us keep this list updated by calling the office to remove or add a name

January 28th & 29th
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Well Done my Good and Faithful Servant
St. Stephen, Martyr a Stewardship Parish

Total Offertory for last weekend	\$20,796
Other	\$ 120
Capital Campaign	\$ 1,585
Samaritan Fund	\$ 600
Youth Ministry	\$ 90
Haiti	\$ 135
Respect Life	\$ 1,703

St. Patrick's Day Dinner We need someone to coordinate our annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Saturday March 17. If you are interested, please call the office at 421-7416. (The dinner is catered by the Culinary Arts Program at Oscar Smith High School).

SAVE THE DATE! Friday, Feb. 10th join us for an Art Auction-Dinner "Post Super Bowl Tailgating Party" in memory of Gordon Hawthorne. Dinner catered by Court House Café. You will dine under the stars (in a heated tent!) Prizes, raffles, good food and fun. Oh and don't forget, art monies raised will help fund needed improvements to Nolette Hall.

RENEWAL OF VOWS will take place after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, February 18. The cost for dinner will be \$20 per couple. We are also in need of people to help set up and clean up. Bring your wedding photo the night of the dinner to share with others. You can reserve your space by signing up beginning the weekend of January 28 and 29.

Palms Please bring in last year's PALMS and place in the basket in the commons. They will be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 22. ***Please*** remove all rubber bands or other ties and take them out of bags.

BLESSING OF THROATS will take place after Masses on the weekend of January 28th and 29th, 2012.



CELEBRATE 2012...We spend so much of our lives waiting to be happy: *When I meet "the one"....when the kids are grown...when I retire....*What about enjoying life right now? Discover what's possible at a WOMEN OF FAITH event. Hear from hilarious speakers sharing REAL-LIFE STORIES, plus exhilarating music and worship. Be encouraged, refreshed, and renewed. Ladies, join us in Charlotte, NC on Oct 19 and 20, 2012 and CELEBRATE with us. The cost will be between \$185-\$250 and a \$30 non-refundable deposit will hold your place. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Renee Cunningham or Cathy Barrick. *The most ORDINARY moments in life deserve to be CELEBRATED!*



MARK YOUR CALENDARS and prepare to take off to "SKY" – where EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE WITH GOD! Our summer Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, July 29 through Thursday, August 2 from 5:30pm-8pm. We need LOTS of FLIGHT CREW LEADERS – if you are an adult, high schooler, or middle schooler that would like to help in any way with SKY, please email Renee Cunningham at renee@ssmrcc.org.



A CROSS IN EVERY HOME – Join us on Sunday, February 26, 2012 at 12:30pm to make a GLASS-FUSED cross for your home. It is a process where you take small pieces of smooth glass to make a design on a cross mold. Once fired, it looks like a stained glass cross. You must pre-order the crosses you would like to complete. See the table in the commons next weekend, February 4th & 5th for prices, samples and to sign up. A FUN, FAMILY FUNCTION on a FROSTY FEBRUARY afternoon.

CPR OFFERING: CPR/AED training will once more be made available through the sponsorship of our Parish Nurse Ministry and the expertise of Mary Montero, our resident EMS representative. The projected date for this is Saturday morning, April 28, 2012, and it will be offered first to our youth, 16 years and older. A small fee will be charged to hold a spot in the class. Signups will be at a later date. **Instructors who are trained in the American Heart Program are needed to make this happen.** Please contact Mary at bubufxr2@aol.com or Carol Flach at nurses@ssmrcc.org to if you have the time to volunteer your instructorship skills.

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY MEETING—The next PNM meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 7 – 9 p.m., Nolette Hall. Currently licensed RNs are invited to participate in this ministry. Please feel welcome to attend to see how you might be able to contribute your time and talent toward the health of your parish. Contact Person: Carol Flach at nurses@ssmrcc.org or at 757-482-9506 (H).

Pathways Training The next pathways training session for catechetical leaders is February 4, 2012 at Star of the Sea VB. To register please visit <http://www2.richmonddiocese.org/ocf/pathways/register.php>.

“Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned to which God has called you.” Are you considering a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Michael Boehling at (804) 359-5661 or write mboehling@richmonddiocese.org.

CATHOLIC PASSION MINISTRIES PRESENTS – "PREPARING FOR ETERNITY!" an ongoing educational forum will take place on Wednesday evenings beginning February 29, 2012 from 7:00 to 8:00 PM in the Minor Worship Space at Prince of Peace. Each session will be followed by an optional half-hour of Q&A. Join us for the Rosary at 6:30 PM. The weekly program will cover "How to prepare an eternal retirement plan". Each session will cover an individual topic, so if a class is missed you will still be able to continue with the program. The individual sessions will be led by Adrian Marchi, Ph.D. Visitors and guests from other churches are welcome to attend. Come enhance your knowledge of the basis of our faith and be sure to bring a friend. Questions regarding the classes may be directed to Adrian at (757) 651 4953.



Contemporary Church Lawn Art Auction.

How would you like to know where you would be parking when you come to Mass? Your prayers may be answered. The first items to be auctioned at the Art Auction on February 10, 2012 will be for the coveted first spot in our parking lot. It will be auctioned four times – once for each Mass. The highest bidder from each Mass will win parking for that spot from February 10th through June 10th, 2012. Parking applies only during weekend mass times. Keep in mind that this is meant to be fun and used as a fundraiser with the monies raised to refurbish Nolette Hall. We are accepting

sealed bids if you cannot attend the art auction. Be aware that we will open the highest bid at the auction and the auctioneer will auction that amount as a starting bid open to the people in attendance. Please come to the Art Auction table for your paperwork. We will accept sealed bids until February 5th at the 5:00 PM Mass. Please come out and support our auction in Memory of Gordon Hawthorne, who loved working on this project. Also, we would like to mention Theresa Williams, who brought a lot of fun to auction night. Support your church and help us refurbish Nolette Hall.

Thank you,
The Art Auction Committee

ART AUCTION RAFFLE ITEMS

We will be selling raffle tickets for the following prizes:

Trip to NYC – 2 airline tickets, 3 nights stay at a 3 star hotel.

Heart shaped diamond in gold pendant with white gold necklace, total diamond weight .31 carats.

Ipad - 16mb WiFi

One Pandora Sterling Silver Bracelet with pink daisy Pandora enamel charm

“Welcome Friend” Lithograph by Denise Patchell Olsen, hand signed and numbered

Four photographs by Fred Flach

2 free green fees at Cahoon Plantation

1 night stay in Hampton Inn in Newport News with complimentary breakfast and 2 tickets to the Virginia Living Museum

1 night stay in Hampton Inn in Gloucester with complimentary breakfast

We will update our lists as we receive new prizes.

Tickets will be \$5. We will draw at 7:45 in the church prior to the auction that will start at 8:00 PM.

Need not be present to win. Come to our table in the commons where we will have photos and some of the items displayed. Only 1,000 tickets are to be sold.

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and services for the 2011 Christmas tree fund raiser. There are too many of you to name individually, but I would like to give a special thanks to Roger Rees who put in countless hours to make things work when I needed him. I would also like to thank all of the parishioners who purchased trees from us as well to make this fund raiser a success. We raised \$6,000 for the church. See you next year!!



Valentine's Day Dinner Dance



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th, 6:30PM PRINCE OF PEACE PARISH HALL

Social Hour & Munchies 6:30 PM, Dinner at 7:30 PM (Recommend bringing a favorite appetizer/munchies to share at your table.) \$60.00 per couple includes: 3 Course Dinner, Beverages (Wine, Beer, Soda, Coffee, & Mixers) Music, Dancing & Door Prizes

MENU: Green Salad, Dinner Rolls & Butter, Prime Rib OR Marinated Grilled Chicken Breast, Roasted Red Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine PLUS Dessert & Coffee

Chairman: Stephen Clock, 615.2367 (sjclock@phoenix-group.com) Co-Chairman: Steve Poniatowski, 482.5366 (poniatowski3@cox.net or steve.poniatowski1@navy.mil) For Tickets: Bob Stermer, 549.8205 (stermers@cox.net) Knights of Columbus - Council 8240/11984

Next Weekend, please welcome Rev. Bill Martin who will be with us to celebrate Masses and tell us about the work of Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. CFCA is a lay Catholic sponsorship ministry that helps children and elderly in 22 developing countries. To learn more, call (800) 875-6564 or visit CFCA online at www.hopeforfamily.org



EGIVING: Sign-up for E-giving to make your Weekend Offering, Debt Reduction/Capital Campaign, Christian Formation Fees, Catholic Virginian, Haiti Donations, Mass Intentions, Initial Envelope Offerings, Christmas/Easter Flowers and Samaritan Fund Offering. Simply go to <http://e-giving.org> and put in the zip code 23322 and select Catholic Church of St. Stephen, Martyr. From here you will need to create your account. All you need is your credit card (Visa, Master Card, Discover, American Express or Debit Card) and your envelope number. It's that simple!

St. Gregory the Great Church Women's Club Craft Show and Flea Market will take place on Sat., March 10th in the gym. (5345 Virginia Beach Blvd. VA Beach) Each six foot table rental is \$20. Applications are available by calling Peggy at 497-6753.

40 Days for Life Campaign 40 days for life starts from February 22nd to April 1st, 2012. This is an intensive effort designed to raise awareness, save lives, bring healing and lead our nation to repentance for the sin of abortion through: 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil and 40 days of community outreach. Please check at the table in the commons for more information and to sign up for prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood on Newtown Road in Virginia Beach.

YOUTH MINISTRY

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE ART AUCTION on Friday February 10th for either or both times – 3:00 – 4:00 pm or 6:45pm – 10:30pm. The truck will be unloaded from 3-4pm. From 6:45 – 10:30pm, volunteers are needed to display and package purchased art work. The theme of the evening is a tail gate party, therefore attire is blue jeans and or any sports associated attire. Pizza dinner provided for volunteers. If you are in need of service hours for NHS or would just like to help out, please contact Larry Bittner at ltbittner@verizon.net

ANNUAL YARD SALE DONATIONS are needed. Start cleaning out your closets and attics! Youth Ministry will have another yard sale this spring. Donation drop off dates & locations are still to be determined. ***Please do not*** begin leaving items at the Church; we have no place to store them yet!

WHAT IS THE U.S. ABORTION RATE? At current rates, nearly one fourth of American pregnancies end in abortion. Since 1973, over 50 million legal abortions have occurred in the U.S. And approximately 3,300 abortions occur daily. (Guttmacher Institute, *Facts on Induced Abortion in the United States*, August of 2011.)

DO CATHOLICS PRAY TO STATUES? Catholics do not pray to statues. That would be *idolatry* and therefore, a violation of the First Commandment. If a person prays to a statue out of superstition, believes that the statue has special powers or is even God – that is idolatry. However, **this is not what Catholics do when they pray in front of a statue.** Catholics worship with their whole person and all of the senses. A statue, or any other piece of religious art, is intended to draw the soul deeper into prayer by helping the senses to recall the mystery that it represents. Crucifixes, a statue of Mary or stain glass windows help to provide a “centering point” for a soul to meditate and contemplate the great mysteries of God. To read the rest of the article, visit <http://lifeteen.com/why-do-catholics-pray-to-statues/>

TIRED OF ANGRY BIRDS AND OTHER OUTDATED APPS? Here is a unique way to help end hunger and spend some spare time! Free Rice, freerice.com for every vocabulary question you get right, the website donates 10 grains of rice through the UN World Food Program to help end hunger. Try it today!

RITE OF WELCOME FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS The next date to attend the Rite of Welcome is February 12th at the 5pm Mass. For instructions and “rehearsal” please be checked in and seated no later than 4:30pm.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION will be conferred on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 7:00 pm here at St. Stephen. Please mark your calendars & tell your sponsors!

INTERVIEW SIGN UPS – It’s time to sign up for your Confirmation interview! Sign up lists will be posted on the Confirmation bulletin board in the education hallway beginning the weekend of Jan 28th. The interview is one-on-one with an adult from the Confirmation Team and about 15-20 minutes in length. Interviews are scheduled for Sunday afternoon on March 11TH, 18TH & 25TH. Check your calendars and begin signing up this weekend! See your teen or parent handbook for the interview questions and for more details.

ASSIGNMENTS DUE – The “Holy Spirit” portfolio assignments are due on January 31ST, the “Community” assignment is due February 28th and, last but not least, sponsors should submit their letter regarding the teen’s readiness to receive the sacrament by March 1st. All three of these items may be e-mailed to Suzanne@ssmrc.org.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT #2 – SSM will host the Eastern Vicariate Confirmation Retreat on Saturday, February 4th. Check in will begin at 8:30 am; the retreat starts at 9:00 am and continues until approximately 6:15 pm. Confirmation students who did not attend the October retreat are expected to attend this opportunity. Failure to attend a retreat will postpone your reception of the sacrament until next year.