

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Exodus 3:1-8a,13-15; Psalm 103:1-4,6-8,11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12; Luke 13:1-9

Monday: 2 Kings 5:1-15b; Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday: Daniel 3:25,34-43; Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9; Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday: Jeremiah 7:23-28; Luke 11:14-23

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10; Mark 12:28-34

Saturday: Hosea 6:1-6; Luke 18:9-14

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Joshua 5:9a,10-12; Psalm 34:2-7; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3,11-32

What is a Scrutiny?

Beginning the third Sunday of Lent (March 7, 2010) and continuing the fourth and fifth Sunday, the congregation will witness at the 9:15 Mass the ritual of scrutiny.

Scrutiny is an ancient practice in the Church of helping those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil, to look inside their heart and to examine the change/conversion taking place so that they are ready for this life commitment of being a follower of Jesus Christ as a member of the Catholic Church.

At the same time, these members of the Elect, stand as a witness to the entire Church of the same type of Lenten scrutiny that should be happening in our life.

Conversion is an ongoing process. Lent is the time of year that we focus on this "change of heart" in such a way that one will embrace growth in their life with Jesus.



Parish Mission is Coming! It is a mission for the whole family. "Jerusalem, My Destiny" is a great opportunity for families to celebrate in Word, Song, Action and Prayer. Ms. Sam Kauffman of National Pastoral Lyricists and Musicians will lead the parish on this spiritual journey from Nazareth to Jerusalem. Using the Psalms, Ms. Kaufmann will use the art of storytelling and music to deepen our journey of faith during this Lenten season. **Mark your calendars for March 21-24th.** A complete daily schedule of all sessions will be available in next week's bulletin!



Lent Fish Dinner Tickets on Sale Now!

Tickets are now on sale for our Annual Lent Fish Dinner on Friday, March 19th. Seatings are at 5:00 and 6:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$5 for everyone, and includes Baked Orange Roughy, Applesauce, Cole Slaw, Drinks, and your choice of 2: Shoestring Fries, Herb Roasted Potatoes, Halushki and Clam Chowder. Tickets must be purchased in advance, so please stop by the Community Life table after any weekend mass thru March 14th to purchase yours. Volunteers are also welcome and needed; please contact Diann Liptak at diannliptak@verizon.net or stop by the Community Life Board in the Commons to volunteer to help out.

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 7, 2010 – 3rd Sunday of Lent- First Scrutiny

Mass - 7:45, 9:15 & 11:15 a.m.-Child Care Team 1

Blood Pressure Checks after all Masses in 118

9:30 a.m. RCIA Scripture Study (Parish Library)

12:30 p.m. Genesis Choir Rehearsal (AB)

Parish Executive Committee Mtg. (Father's Office)

1:00 p.m. 1st Eucharist Prep. (all space)

3:30 p.m. Syro-Malabar Rite Liturgy (Ctrm)

Monday, March 8, 2010

10:00 a.m. WINGS (122/Clsrms)

4:45 p.m. Elementary Religious Ed. (122/Clsrms)

6:30 p.m. Elementary Religious Ed. (122/Clsrms)

7:00 p.m. Human Concerns Ministry Meeting (AB)

7:45 p.m. Men's Cursillo Prayer Group (116)

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

9:30 a.m. Daily Mass (MW)

10:00 a.m. Epiphany Ringers (Ctrm)

5:15 p.m. Elementary Religious Ed. (122/Clsrms)

7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts (113/115/116/117)

Hispanic Faith Group (MW)

Young Adults Club (Cmns)

Worship Committee Meeting (115)

7:30 p.m. NA Meeting (122)

Wednesday, March 10, 2010

9:30 a.m. Daily Mass (MW)

10:00 a.m. Praying Hands (AB)

5:15 p.m. Elementary Religious Ed. (122/Clsrms)

6:00 p.m. VIRTUS Training (122/Crsng)

7:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo Prayer Group (119)

Chancel Choir (Ctrm)

Epiphany University (Cmns)

Woodland Crossing Ministry Meeting (AB)

7:30 p.m. Cursillo Prayer Group (118)

Thursday, March 11, 2010

9:30 a.m. Daily Mass (MW)

10:00 a.m. Church Ladies Bible Study (116)

6:00 p.m. Epiphany Youth Choir (Ctrm)

7:00 p.m. Women's Cursillo Prayer Group (110)

SCA Meeting (116)

A.A. Meeting (113)

Cub Scouts (119)

7:30 p.m. RCIA (122)

Cursillo Prayer Group (114)

Jubilate Ringers (Ctrm)

Welcome Home (Cmns)

Soul Brothers (111)

Friday, March 12, 2010

7:30 a.m. Daily Mass (MW)

7:00 p.m. MS Late Night in Lent (all space)

Saturday, March 13, 2010- 4th Sunday of Lent- 2nd Scrutiny

8:00 a.m. Men's Cursillo Prayer Group (122)

9:00 a.m. Women's Cursillo Prayer Group (118)

3:30 p.m. Reconciliation (MW)

5:15 p.m. Mass

8:00 p.m. A.A. Meeting (122)

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MINISTRY INFORMATION

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Refreshing Body and Soul: The next session is on March 18th, 12 noon - 2 p.m. in 122. Bring a bag lunch; drinks and desserts are provided.

Soul Brothers meet on alternate Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in 111. The next date is March 11th. You may refer to the bulletin board by the Adult Formation Office for updates. Soul Brothers are an opportunity for men of the parish to deepen their spirituality through prayer and study of the scriptures. All are welcome.

At **Epiphany University on March 10**, Fr. Randy Rule will facilitate a session on "How the parish assists those during times of bereavement" and "Cremation in the Catholic Church?" Join us at 7 p.m. in Room 122.

Welcome Home is an opportunity for anyone who has been away from the church and would like to find their way back. As parishioners, please look at your own family, neighbor and friends to encourage participation. Invite and accompany someone back to the Church. We will meet at 7 p.m. at the fireplace in the commons and will continue for the next 3 Thursdays; join us at any time!

Adult Confirmation classes are for baptized Catholics who are ages 19-?? who have not had the opportunity to receive this Sacrament. The orientation session has already taken place, but it is not too late to inquire or register. To complete a registration form email dbialkowski@epiphanychurch.org and a form will be sent to you. Classes begin on April 14 at 7 p.m. There are 5 sessions with the Sacrament being celebrated on Pentecost May 2.

Please continue to keep in your prayers those who are preparing for the Easter Sacraments through RCIA.

RCIA—"A Year Round Process": You may have noticed that we have welcomed individuals into the Church at the Sunday Liturgy throughout the year. RCIA has become a process of initiation throughout the entire year. Individuals who seek to inquire about the Catholic Church may do so at any time throughout the year. The journey to full initiation into the Church is different for each person. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Diane Bialkowski, 262-1620.

Prayer Partner: a prayer partner is a parishioner who would like to keep in their prayers one of the catechumens or candidates for the Easter Sacraments at the Easter Vigil. If you would like a name, please email Diane Bialkowski at dbialkowski@epiphanychurch.org or Maureen McCabe at mccabe73@verizon.net a note of support periodically would be most appreciated also and can be left in our mailbox at the office. Diane and Maureen look forward to hearing from you!

Young Adult Club is a ministry for 18-30 year olds. Please join us in the Commons on Tuesday, March 9th from 7-8:30 p.m. for fun, food and fellowship. Bring a friend and/or your spouse- this ministry is open to singles and couples! Contact Luke Vercollone at lverc23@comcast.net for questions or information!

HUMAN CONCERNS

LENTEN OUTREACH

"Even now says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting..." Joel 2:12

Lord, may the food that I share with others remind me of your constant love and care for me. Amen

March 14: Food for Bainbridge Community Ministry – Items from the Families List below.

March 21: Food for Freedom House – Institutional size cans of meats, fruits and vegetable.

March 28: Palm Sunday – Monetary Donation to Meals on Wheels from the Parish Stewardship Program. No other outreach this Sunday.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES LIST:

Peanut butter, Crackers, Cereal, Sugar, Powdered Milk, Soups, Stews, Tuna, Pasta Sauce, Pasta, Rice, Dried Beans, Canned Fruit, Canned Vegetables, Tea and Coffee

BLESS THE CHILDREN GIFT CARDS: Help support the Mico Quemado Mountain School Feeding Program in Honduras. On March 20/21 after all the Masses, with a donation to the Bless the Children Feeding Program, you can receive beautiful gift cards to give to those you love for Easter or any special occasion. The card will let the recipient know that 100% of your donation will provide nutritious meals daily to the approximately 400 school age children in the remote mountains near El Progreso, Honduras. Visit our table or the main office any weekday to purchase cards. For more information contact Leslie Moore, 745-0043.

SUMMER CAMP ON THE HILL MEETING: The snow delayed our first meeting. Let's try again! An informational meeting will be held on March 18th at 7 p.m. in room AB. Summer is a challenging time for inner city children without school to provide activities and a good lunch. Richmond Hill, an ecumenical community in Church Hill, developed this program to help address the issues. Talk with those who went last year about the joys and challenges of their week. We partner with an inner city church working with elementary aged children from the Church Hill area during the day and then spend the night at Richmond Hill sharing with them in different evening adult programs. This summer our week is tentatively July 26-31. There is a cost of \$300 per person which partially pays for the program and your room and board at Richmond Hill. The week starts Monday afternoon and finishes around 12 noon on Saturday. For more information, please contact Ed Groat, 763-3437, egroat@gmail.com, or Molly Smith at 794-0222, molly.smith@epiphanychurch.org.

You are invited to a **Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing** of the negative consequences from abortion, April 9-11 at the Benedictine Abbey in Richmond. Guidance through critical steps of healing leads women and men to process their sorrow, shame, fears, guilt, and grief; God's grace, mercy, and love can be accepted to receive healing and reconciliation! Inquire confidentially: Kay Marie & Joe Geiger, Retreat Facilitators, 330-3137, or Molly Smith, 794-0222. E-mail kmg4hope@verizon.net Website: www.rachelsvineyard.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Middle School and High School Religious Education Classes meet as follows:

3/14, 3/28, and 4/18

3-5 p.m. Year 1/Year 2 Confirmation & 6-8 p.m. 6th-9th:

Confirmation Class Of 2010 will be celebrating Confirmation Mass on Friday, May 7th at 7 p.m. We will be hosting St. John Neumann parish!

“**DISCOVERY**” is a 9th and 10th grade weekend retreat led by 11th and 12th graders and a small team of adults from all over the Diocese of Richmond. Due dates are coming up soon! Please see www.richmonddiocese.org for registration forms and information!

- Camp Hanover/Ashland (March 5-7) – Epiphany team members include: Christian Hogge, Teresa and Shawn Herrington, Yvonne Pfluger, Kara Polignone, Victor and Carisa Valle, Sarah Chua, Christine McDonnell, Mike Olsen, Sarah Clifford and Fr. Rule.

Upcoming VIRTUS® Session: Epiphany is hosting a VIRTUS session on Wednesday, March 10th. Check-in begins at 6 pm and a light supper is available. We invite all new and prospective volunteers to attend this spring session. Volunteers (and possible chaperones) for programs involving children or youth, i.e. Vacation Bible School, Workcamp, Diocesan Youth Conference, Harvest of Hope, or other Religious Education/Youth Ministry program, are required to attend VIRTUS®--under Diocesan rules. Register online, www.virtus.org for this or any VIRTUS® session. Contact Maureen Martin (mmartin@epiphanychurch.org) or Tracy Brookmire ([tbroomire@epiphanychurch.org](mailto:tbrookmire@epiphanychurch.org)) with any questions.

The Hispanic Apostolate and the Office for Youth Ministry of the Richmond Diocese are co-sponsoring the 11th annual Hispanic-Latino Youth Encuentro of the Diocese of Richmond on March 20 and 21 in Blackstone, VA. Please see the flyer and application on the bulletin board in the Epiphany commons. This information is also available on the Diocesan website at: <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/oha/youth-events.htm>.

Register for the **2nd Annual Benedictine and St. Gertrude High School 5K Challenge**. The registration fee is \$25 per person. The walk/run will be held on **Saturday, March 13th at 9 AM** and will begin and end in the Benedictine parking lot and will feature the Museum District and Windsor Farms neighborhood. All proceeds from this event will directly benefit the students of BHS and SGHS. Register online at <http://www.benedictinehighschool.org>.

25 Hours of Silence: R U Ready? In today's busy, noisy, crazy world, it is often difficult to hear the voice of God. If you want to listen more attentively to Christ, this is the retreat for you! Fr. Michael Renninger is leading the **25 Hours of Silence** retreat, April 9 (6:30 PM) to April 10 (7:30 PM) at the Roslyn Retreat Center in Richmond. This retreat is open to young adult Catholic men and women, and costs \$45. Participants will shut off cell phone, iPods, and computers, and will stop talking so that God can speak. Space is limited! For more information, contact the Office of Vocations: mrenninger@richmonddiocese.org.

ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

SUNDAY CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED for the 4th Sunday of the month for the 11:15 a.m. Mass. Please call Coleete Burns at 794-0222 ext. 21. Also, please consider helping out with child care on Easter Sunday

Epiphany's children celebrated First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 27th. Please keep them in your prayers. They will begin First Eucharist classes on Sunday, February 28 at 1 p.m.

Please pray for the young people preparing for First Eucharist, that they may be open to the presence of God as they listen to the Scriptures.

Infant Baptism: Please call the parish office to register for Baptism for your child and for the preparation session for parents. Baptisms are celebrated during the weekend Liturgies 6 times a year. We recommend that you make plans early in your pregnancy, so that the Godparents and family can make plans to attend. **Next Baptism Class is Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00 p.m.**, with **Baptism on April 10/11th**. To register for the class or a Newcomer's Orientation (next date is Saturday, **JUNE 12TH – this is a change**) call our Receptionist, Brenda Rogers, at 794-0222. Please pick up a Baptism brochure containing the policies and future dates from the bookrack in the Commons.

Attention Those New To Epiphany: If you wish to become a parishioner, you need to come to the next Newcomers Orientation on Saturday, **JUNE 12TH (this is a change!)** after the 5:15 Mass. Call the office, 794-0222, to sign-up. Newcomers Orientation will include a dinner, information portion, and prayer.

Inclement Weather Policy

Religion classes follow the decision of Chesterfield County Schools. If schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions there is no class. If inclement weather conditions begin to worsen after school ends, or on a Sunday, a message will be left on the tape at Church, 794-0222. A decision will be made no later than one hour before class. Please do not come to the building if there is any doubt. Contact the church or the teacher. All changes in Mass schedule because of inclement weather or meeting cancellations can be heard on epiphany's answering machine by calling 794-0222, or by going online to Epiphany's website at www.epiphanychurch.org, or on WWBT's webpage at www.NBC12.com and look in the Community Closings tab.

Rainbow Fashion Show/Luncheon: The Catholic Woman's Club will hold a luncheon/fashion show on Monday, March 22, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. The event, at the Columbian Center, 2324 Pump Road, will include fashions from Peebles, the raffle drawing, a silent auction, and prizes. Catered by Silver Spoon, this is the final FUNdraiser of the year to benefit scholarships for Benedictine and St. Gertrude's, and other philanthropic projects. Deadline for reservations is March 15. Mail \$30.00 to Joan Walton, 300 Burnwick Rd., Richmond, 23227. Telephone 266-3612.

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MISCELLANEOUS

ALL EPIPHANY FAMILIES: As part of your Lenten outreach, please consider sponsoring an Epiphany youth who will be attending a Workcamp or the Diocesan Youth Convention this summer. For only \$25 you can sponsor a teen who is setting aside part of their summer to assist the needy and grow in faith. Please stop by the bulletin board after any Mass from March 6/7 through March 20/21 to sponsor one or more teens. Take the top tag with the person's name and sponsorship information on the back. Checks can be left in the box on the table or placed in the offering basket during Mass. Each program has a financial obligation; your support directly offsets part of the cost and is truly appreciated.

ART NOTES 3rd Sunday of Lent

In the Centrum is a copy of "The Last Supper" by Andrea del Sarto. The original was painted in 1527 and is in the Monastery of San Salvi in Florence, Italy. Placing the dark haired Judas next to Jesus was most unusual in Renaissance art. In the back of the Centrum is a plaque of "Abraham About to Sacrifice his Son, Isaac". This work is a copy of the panel submitted by Lorenzo Ghiberti in 1425 in a competition for the Cathedral in Florence. With this piece, he secured the commission to design "The Gates of Paradise" for the east doors of the Baptistery.

Remember to pray for those in military service: Brandon Anderson, Jeremy Anderson, Colin Boyle, James Burke, Jonathan Burrill, Paul Cale, Daniel Claytor, Andy Collier, Steven Cowern, David Foecking, Daniel Gomez, John Gonzaga, Jimmy Graham, Danny Heffernan, Jeremiah Hensley, Bradley Hicks, Thomas Hoban, Christopher Hostick, Allan Huebner, Christopher Huebner, Christopher Januski, Paul Jessup, Patrick Johns, Nickolas Kieper, Tyler Marciano, Dan McConnell, Scott McConnell, Christopher McKinley, Daniel Parker, Brian Piercy, Matthew Provost, Donald Reed, David Shugart, Brian Smith, Allie Speers, Keith Speers, Eric Stanar, Logan Storey, Anna Watson, Doug Woods, Christopher Wootton, Joshua Wootton.

Financial Update

Catholic Relief- Haiti Total	\$ 30,629
Sunday Collection 2/28	\$ 30,048
Total YTD Collection Revenue	\$ 754,201
Projected Budget YTD	\$ 764,991
Overage (Deficit) YTD	\$ (10,790)
Capital Improvement YTD	\$ 9,219



SET YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD! Daylight Savings Time begins next weekend on Sunday, March 14th. Remember to set your clocks and watches forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday evening, March 13th.

PRAYER LIST

Please pray for the sick in our parish family: John Alsing, Benedict Beran, Edna Bickett, Delores Cale, David Draper, Barb Ellington, Lanie Evans, Pat Gosselin, Fred Hayton, David Hindelang, Don Kyle, Aimee Lupino, Lillian Marcario, Michelle McMoon, Peter Neal, Marilyn Niernerger, Maria Rice, Peter Sierlecki, Bob Sutliff, Jane Troutman, Bob Williams; George Binns, Nellie Bruce, Christian Burgess, Sal Bussa, Mary Cairo, Vernon Case, Lucy Colletti, Mildred Curry, Margaret Ess, Sean Greenwood, Edythe Hendrickson, Robin Hickey, Loretta Isenberg, Ken Kinder, Pat Kunz, Adrianna Long, Nick Marcario, Michael Maynes, Larry Mellina, Perry Morehouse, Chris Munton, Brandon O'Hara, Anne Pappacoda, Mary Parshall, Marie Petraitis, Mary Pope, Patrick Pope, Kitty Pugh, Brianna Ragland, Peter Reed, Jim Rodriguez, Jacque Roe, Chris Smith, Mary Spagnolo, Walter Spzrak, Kollin Wagner, Isadora Williams, Ruth Williams.

And for those loved ones in our extended family: Tucker Armstrong, Wilson Braun, Janice Burroughs, Linda Carlson, Christopher Cary, Marguerite Cole, Ellen Deane, Lorraine Dickenson, Bishop DiLorenzo, Mackenzie Edmondson, Rita Elliot, Albert Ferrari, Yolanda Ferrari, Mike Fink, Elsie Foreman, Frank Gardner, Theresa Gravel, Lori Grennan, Elizabeth Herring, Paul Jeffries, Carol Kelley, Valley Kelley, Madonna Killin, Casimer Krycka, Jackson Laskowski, Steve Liptak, Dorothy Maino, Marguerite Miles, Jason Minton, Virginia Neville, Jim Parker, Gen. Pete Pedroli, Lois Ann Rustin, Mike Schenning, Eleanor Sharpe, Nancy Sheridan, Dorothy Singer, Peg Stipetich, Helen Stroud, Barbara Sulanke, Marilyn Timlin, Lorraine Zavorskas.

Pray for those who have died: Doris Powers, mother of Peg Andrae; Sandra Villari, niece of Millie Robinson.

Daily Mass Intentions: Special Mass intentions are offered Tuesday through Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and Friday at 7:30 a.m. Please call the office, 794-0222, to make arrangements.

WEEK OF MARCH 8, 2010

Tuesday, March 9: Jean & Pete LaBella, deceased; Connie Dufilho, deceased; George Weston, deceased

Wednesday, March 10: Rudolph A. Huebner, deceased

Thursday, March 11: Paul Andersen, deceased

Friday, March 12: Dan Mare, deceased

St. Edward Knights of Columbus Council #5646 will hold a Fish Fry every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) from 5-7 p.m. in the Community Center; eat in or take out! Adult menu is \$9 for fried catfish or baked salmon, cole slaw or tossed salad, baked potato, hush puppies, beverage. Children's menu is \$3 (children under 6 free) for macaroni & cheese, smaller portion of fish, French fries, soft drinks.

If you have a medical emergency during office hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., please call 794-0222. If you have a medical emergency when the office is closed, after hours or on weekends or holidays and you need to speak to Father Rule, please dial 794-4957.