

October 10/11, 2015
Twenty – Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Next weekend we will celebrate
World Mission Sunday.

This year we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest diocese in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekends collection for the Society of the Propagation on the Faith.

FOOD COLLECTION WEEKEND
OCTOBER 17/18, 2015

Please select from the following:

Complete meals, canned meats, tuna, instant or canned potatoes, noodles, rice, canned vegetables, macaroni & cheese, canned fruit, hot cereal, pancake mix, syrup, soups, spaghetti & sauce, canned pasta, peanut butter, jelly, juice, coffee and tea.

Thank you for serving the hungry!



Did you know Habitat for Humanity helps low income families right here in Hampton Roads to obtain affordable and safe housing. Habitat families purchase homes from Habitat at cost and with a 30 year interest free mortgage. SSM is seeking volunteers to assist Habitat, which includes helping with rehabilitating a home and/or in one of their ReStores. If you are interested in volunteering or just want to learn more contact Ray Daugherty at 757.374.0769 or ray.daugherty1@verizon.net



The Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond, and The Saint Thomas More Society invite everyone in the Richmond Diocese to join in worship and fellowship at the **32nd Annual Red Mass and Dinner on Wednesday, November 4.** Rev. Msgr. R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Richmond, will celebrate the Red Mass. Mass is at 5:30 p.m. at Saint Benedict Catholic Church, 300 North Sheppard Street, Richmond. The Dinner will follow in the Halsey Lecture Hall at the Virginia Historical Society, across the street from Saint Benedict Catholic Church. The keynote address will be given by Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D., Senior Research Fellow in American Principles and Public Policy at The Heritage Foundation who researches and writes on marriage and religious liberty. Dinner tickets are \$50 each. The Saint Thomas More Society is an educational, fraternal, and service organization of Catholic lawyers. Further information can be obtained from Society President, James Schliessmann, jeschliessmann@hotmail.com or 804-873-1035.



This Campaign runs through November 1st. We will again be holding peaceful prayer vigil daily from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility, 515 Newtown Rd., Virginia Beach 23462. Please join fellow parishioners at this site to pray for the abortionists, abortion clinic workers, all men and women choosing abortion for their children, and most especially for THE UNBORN!. You can sign up at www.40daysforlife.com



The Bishop Keane Institute

**The Bishop Keane Institute Presents: Fr.
James Martin, SJ – Fri, Nov 6 at 7:30 p.m.**

The Bishop Keane Institute presents, "Encountering Jesus: Meeting the Jesus of History and the Christ of Faith," a lecture by Fr. James Martin, SJ. **Tickets are available online beginning Monday, October 12 for \$15 at keaneinstitute.org/tickets.** Fr. Martin is the New York Times bestselling author of *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything* and his most recent publication, *Jesus: A Pilgrimage*. Often using humor to share his profound love of Jesus, Martin has been a guest to late night programs like, "The Colbert Report." The Bishop Keane Institute is a ministry of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Hampton, VA. This event will be held off-site at Bethel Church: 1705 Todds Lane, Hampton, VA 23666. Call the Immaculate Conception Parish Offices with questions: (757) 826-0393.

Attention Singers

You are invited to participate in the 9th annual Chesapeake Community Messiah. Practices are at 7pm on October 26 November 23 and December 15 & 17 with the performance on December 18. Cost is \$10 if you need the Schirmer Choral Book or \$5 if you do not. You may sign up on the first or second night of rehearsals at Great Bridge Baptist Church. Come out and join a great group of people in glorifying God through music. For more information, call Great Bridge Baptist Church at 482-2111 or Barbara Russel at 421-3690.

Difference Makers

The SSM Difference Makers will be participating in the Salvation Army Christmas Stocking Stuffer program again this year! We have 400 stockings to fill up, so please pick up a stocking in the Commons and fill it up for a boy or girl ages 6-11 and return the stockings no later than October 25.



CHESAPEAKE NEEDS YOU TO FOSTER A CHILD IN NEED

In a recent homily, Father Brian told a story of a young boy who had escaped a mass execution of Jews in Nazi Germany. The boy, desperate for help and shelter, was turned down at house after house. Finally, he reminded the last woman who was about to shut the door on him that he was the face of "that Jesus you Christians say you believe in." Struck by the truth of his words, the woman sheltered him for the duration of the war.

Every year right here in Chesapeake, more children enter the foster care system than the City has foster parents to support. These children come from broken homes and have often been subjected to some form of abuse or neglect. Foster parents provide the stability, structure, support, and love that these children need so desperately.

The City and the children need you! We have all levels of need, from regular foster homes to foster homes for children with special needs. St. Paul said: "Remember: anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well -- and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well. . . God is perfectly able to enrich you with every grace, so that you always have enough for every conceivable need, and your resources overflow in all kinds of good work." Should you decide to become a foster parent, you will receive extensive training, monetary support, and other support services from the City.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or learning more about Chesapeake's Foster Care Program, please contact the City's Home Finding Unit at 757-382-2249 or 757-382-2246 or check out our website at www.cityofchesapeake.net/government/City-Departments/Departments/human-services/Chesapeake-Social-Services/Foster-Care-Program.htm.

The Jewish boy's story reminds us so powerfully of the lessons of the Gospel. Jesus said, "Anyone who welcomes a little child in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me, welcomes not me but the one who sent me." Please prayerfully consider opening your heart and home to a foster child.

Maison Fortune
Orphanage



We need your help to provide necessities for the children of Maison Fortune Orphanage. A group from SSM is going to visit MFO Nov. 4 – 11, 2015. They will bring suitcases packed with your donated items for the children. Let your generous gifts bring joy! Bring items to help the children with their daily needs. Put items in the boxes in the Commons.

Toiletries and Hygiene items: clear deodorant, toothpaste, lotion, bar soap, sanitary napkins, Selsun Blue Shampoo or any shampoo with selenium sulfide in it is very helpful in preventing the spread of hair fungus which is hard to treat;

Boys: underpants, t-shirts, belts and dress socks;

Girls: underpants, camis, bras and short white dress socks;

Art supplies: markers, watercolors, brushes, acrylic paints, crayons, coloring books, charcoal, pens, watercolor and thick paper for acrylic;

Bingo prizes: Decks of cards, Uno cards, Chess & Checkers sets, Puzzles of 300 pieces or less, tennis balls, Dice, jump ropes, other small games; Musical Instruments: Guitars, drums and harmonicas.

For more information about Maison Fortune Orphanage or questions contact Julie Thomas at sponsorship@mfofoundation.org. If you want to write a letter to a child, we will hand deliver those as well! Thank you for helping the children! (Gently used items are perfectly fine!) www.mfofoundation.org

Praying with the Word Book Study

We are finishing our study of John's Gospel and will begin our study of the works of mercy with the book '*You Did It to Me*' by Michael E. Gaitley, MIC. The book divides the works of mercy into five areas and gives practical examples of how to live them. We start on Thursday, December 3rd from 0930 to 1100. We meet in Room 1 (the couch room) after the morning Mass on the first and third Thursday of each month. Please join us! For more information contact Michelle Gray at funpt@cox.net or 757-233-2638.

Tim McKearney, member of St. Stephen, Martyr and life scout of troop 824 is having a bake sale on Oct 24 / 25 after all Masses to raise funds for his Eagle Project. The Eagle Project will consist of repairing the damaged fire pit, ground preparation, and installing pavers 10 feet wide around the fire pit at Saint Stephen Martyr. the pavers will provide stable footing for Father Brian during vigil fires.

Coats for Kids Drive
& Family Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a **Coats for Kids Drive after each Mass on the weekends of October 17/18 & 24/25.** Please donate a new or gently used children's coat to those in need in our community. Donations will be given to children directly through Catholic Charities of Eastern VA. Please check your closets for those coats that may no longer fit or which you would be willing to donate to a child who needs a coat this winter. Coats are needed for children of all ages – from infants to teens.

We will spotlight our coat drive by hosting a **free family breakfast** for all members of the parish on **Saturday, October 24 from 9-11am** in the church commons. Please stop by after Mass on the weekend of October 17/18 to get your ticket to breakfast. We will be serving pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, fruit, coffee, milk, and juice. So bring your family and come on down to join us for breakfast, you'll be glad you did. Coats can also be donated at the breakfast.

Your thoughtfulness and generosity is greatly appreciated.



BLAZE

Make sure to do the Family and Faith pages and Unit Reviews before our next BLAZE session, **October 11th**. **This is a kids meeting only. We will begin our new unit, diving into the Trinity!**



**Mark your Calendars for SLIMETIME
on Oct 30
6pm until 8pm**

SLIMETIME is exploding with carnival games, candy and so much more! The cost is \$4 per child and registration will take place online this year – **go to ssmrcc.org, click on EVENTS, ELEMENTARY, then SlimeTime Registration.** Costumes are welcome but nothing scary please!

Can you help with donations of decorations and food? We need door and window fringe decorations (Party City and any color) and bags of individually wrapped candy. Mark your donations as "Slimetime" and return to Room 5 by October 25th.

Interested in volunteering with SlimeTime? All middle school and high school youth and adults are invited to help make SLIMETIME a huge HIT! Register to help by going to **ssmrcc.org, click on EVENTS, ELEMENTARY, and then SlimeTime Volunteer Registration.** Thank you for helping make this fun for the kids!



Come on, live on the **EDGE** with us!
Sundays, 3:30pm – 4:45pm

Words with Friends! This EDGE Night (October 11) will help the youth see the importance of words and how they impact other people. They will be able to see how their words shape the person they are and their witness as Christians.

Upcoming EDGE Dates:

October 11th

October 18th

November 1st

November 7th – Service Saturday

Middle School Youth Rally for EDGE

Middle school youth are invited to attend the 6th annual Middle School Youth Rally on October 25th at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School. The Rally is a one-day diocesan gathering of middle school youth (grades 6-8) from around the Diocese for a day filled with high-energy, community building and prayer. This year, Paul J. Kim, an AWESOME Catholic speaker and beatboxer will be this year's keynote speaker. The Rally cost \$35 and includes admission to the Rally, a tshirt, lunch and a great give-away item. Middle school youth are encouraged to attend. There will be **NO EDGE** on Oct 25th to allow our middle school youth to attend this great rally! Forms are available online and on the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board. **Registration closes on October 11.**



Sundays, 6:00pm – 7:45pm (6-6:25pm is Dinner)

SPENT! Money Money Money! This Life Teen (October 11th), we will help teens understand that everything we have first belongs to God and that the practice of tithing or almsgiving is connected to a healthy spirituality at any age.

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 Our Gifts to the Lord

Offering 10/4/15	\$21,055
Other	\$ 640
Debt Reduction	\$ 1,766
Samaritan Fund	\$ 2,597

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 11

7:00am Mass (William Ferrara)
 8:30am Mass (The Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)
 11:30am Mass (Joe Hrabovsky)
 5:00pm Mass (The Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)

Monday, October 12 Office Closed

8:30am Mass (Leona Calvello)

Tuesday, October 13

8:30am Mass (Deacon Adrian Marcha 3rd Year of Ordination)

Wednesday, October 14

6:30am Mass

8:30am Mass

Thursday, October 15

8:30am Mass

6:30pm Mass

Friday, October 16

8:30am Mass (Mary Szarwark)

Saturday, October 17

8:30am Mass

5:00pm Mass (The Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)

Sunday, October 18

7:00am Mass (Arnold & Erika Ing)

8:30am Mass (Rosa & Dominick Tran)

11:30am Mass (The Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)

5:00pm Mass (The Parish of St. Stephen, Martyr)

Announcements

Our table sign-ups for all weekend Masses is now on our website. Go to ssmrcc.org, click "About" tab then click sign-ups.

NO 8:30am Mass There will be no 8:30am Mass on October 20-23 and October 26-30. In addition, there will be no Reconciliation or evening Mass on October 29.



Bishop DiLorenzo will be in the hospital for medical tests and foot surgery beginning Thursday, October 1. Doctors expect him to be in the hospital for about five days and, afterwards, recovering at home for two weeks. Bishop DiLorenzo appreciates your prayers on his behalf. Cards may be sent to his office at 7800 Carousel Lane, Richmond, VA 23294,

Our prayers are cherished

For those in our Parish:

Sylvia Guirlinger	Denise Weixel
Jennifer White	Terry Mulich
Jeff Kelleher	Ann Williamson
Ray Hindes	Jane Albertini
Denise Spatz	Amanda Gordon
Maureen Francher	Joan Wright
Clare Kohl	Bruce Petri
John Markham	Gibson Family
Michael Jones	Judy Pfeifer
Tony Cieslewicz	Ann Reisch
Nikki Burris	

**Your prayers are cherished for loved
ones outside of our Parish:**

Bishop DiLorenzo
Dolores Kurimsky (by Cholish Family)
Victor Fanucci (by Cholish Family)
Mary Hensley (by Mary Finch)
Dick Werkmeister (by Sorenson Family)
Delores Suchora (by Lesko Family)
John Achorn, Sr. (by Achorn Family)

Rest in Peace:

Justin Pierce (by Siedlecki Family)

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.