

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH
CALENDAR OF EVENTS THIS WEEK – February 14, 2010

- Sun., Feb. 14** Mass with Baptisms, 9:00
Adult Scripture Share, 10:05-10:55 a.m., Library
Mass with Baptisms, 11:00 a.m.
RCIA Rite of Sending, 11:00 a.m.
Scout Bake Sale after Masses, Parish Hall
- Mon., Feb. 15** Girl Scout Troop 167 Meeting, 3:30-5:00 p.m., Rms. 4/5
Girl Scout Troop 941 Meeting, 4:15-5:30 p.m., Rm. 3
Directory Photography, 3:00-9:30 p.m., Rms. 9,10,11
Boy Scout 824 Leader Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Rms. 4/5
Rosary, 7:30 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- Tues., Feb. 16** Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Christian Formation Classes, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Ed. Wing
Rosary, 6:30 p.m., Worship Space
Adult Catechism Class, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Worship Space
Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Ed. Wing
Eagle Scout Board of Review, 8:00-9:30 p.m., Rm. 3
- Wed., Feb. 17** **Ash Wednesday Masses, 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.**
Eucharistic Adoration, 12:00-1:00 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Christian Formation Classes, 4:30-7:00 p.m., Ed. Wing
RCIC, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Rms. 8 & 11
- Thurs., Feb. 18** Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Finance Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Lector Training, 7:30 p.m., Worship Space
- Fri., Feb. 19** Mass, 9:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack 824 Pinewood Derby Set up, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
- Sat., Feb. 20** CS Pack 824 Pinewood Derby, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Parish Hall
First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Rms. 9/10
Reconciliation, 4:30 p.m.
Mass, 5:30 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 21** Masses, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Adult Scripture Share, 10:05-10:55 a.m., Library
Christian Formation Classes, Grades K-11, 10:05-10:55a.m., Ed. Wing
RCIA Rite of Continuing Conversion, 11:00 a.m.
Rosary Making, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Rm. 10
High School Youth Group, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Rm. 1
Christian Formation, Grades 7-11, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Ed. Wing

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL READING
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 14, 2010

Gospel: Luke 6:17, 20 – 26

Question of the Week: How are you sharing the fruits of your life with others?

Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2010

1st Reading: Joel 2:12 – 18

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:20 — 6:2

Gospel: Matthew 6:1 – 6, 16 – 18

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

1st Sunday of Lent, February 21, 2010

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4 – 10

2nd Reading: Romans 10:8 – 13

Gospel: Luke 4:1 – 13

MASS INTENTIONS

Wednesday, Feb. 17 th	12:00 p.m.	Gregoria Munding †
Friday, Feb. 19 th	9:00 a.m.	Lois Kaeding †
Saturday, Feb. 20 th	5:30 p.m.	Gaio Family † Jacqueline Laing †
Sunday, Feb. 21 st	9:00 a.m.	Marian Speicher † Roberto Fiesta †
	11:00 a.m.	For the Parishioners

† Denotes deceased

OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Offertory – 2-7-10	\$ 14,987.64	\$416,165.46
Budgeted Needs	- <u>13,000.00</u>	- <u>416,000.00</u>
	\$ 1,987.64	\$ 165.46
E-Giving – January		<u>3,038.00</u>
		\$ 3,203.46

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SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: Please remember that next weekend, February 20/21, we will have our next monthly second collection for our Capital Improvement expenses. **Thank you for your generosity and continuing support of your parish.**

We welcome to our parish staff Mrs. Elizabeth Flynn as our new Parish Music Minister/Director.

We thank Ms. Laura Soles for her years of ministry as Music Minister/Director here at Prince of Peace and offer her our prayers and best wishes.

2009 TAX STATEMENTS: For tax purposes, individual donations, not cumulative, of more than \$250.00 require a letter from the charitable organization. However, if you are interested in obtaining a financial statement of your contributions to Prince of Peace for the 2009 tax year, please put a **SELF-ADDRESSED, STAMPED ENVELOPE** in the box provided for this purpose in the Commons area, and we will send you this information.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Ash Wednesday Masses are scheduled for 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 17, 2010. We are seeking Liturgical Ministers for both of these masses. If you are able to assist with either of these masses, please sign up on the sheets provided in the Sacristy.

Eucharistic Minister Training is scheduled for **Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.** If you are interested in attending this training, please contact the office at 547-0356 or Debbie Tucker at 436-0456.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS: Previous efforts to complete a list of volunteers in possession of a parish key have left us with the following key numbers with no documented information. Would the parishioners holding the following keys please contact the Parish Office at your convenience.

Key #'s: 10, 11, 24, 30, 31, 32, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 56, 57, 63, 65. It would be a considerable cost to the Parish to have the locks re-keyed due to the fact we have not completed the needed information. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter. Facilities Coordinator

Stations of the Cross

A group will meet Friday evenings during Lent as follows:

February 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

(The Blessed Sacrament Chapel will also be open for Eucharistic Adoration)

February 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

March 5, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

March 12, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

March 19, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

(Living Stations of the Cross with the High School Youth Group)

March 26, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome, especially families with children of any age. The children will have the opportunity to lead the prayers, and carry the candle and the crucifix.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS ARE BACK: Little Black Books are available in the Parish Hall to assist you during your Lenten journey. The books provide content to spend 6 minutes a day with God. The plain cover allows anyone to comfortably use the book in public. The books have been updated, using the readings for this year. We will be providing The Little White Books for the Easter Season. If you are able, a one dollar donation would help defray the cost of the books.

LIGHTHOUSE CDs: Remember to check the CD stand as you enter the Parish Hall. Fr. Groeschel has a great CD on "When Life Doesn't Make Sense." Stephen Ray, a convert, in "Finding the Fullness of Faith," shares his excitement on becoming a Catholic and shows us how much we take for granted. Try listening to one of these CD's if you're going on a trip, just stuck in traffic, or even cleaning the house or garage. The cost is just \$3.00 per CD.

COUPLES RENEWING MARRIAGE VOWS THIS WEEKEND

Dick & Shirley Buettner	50 years today
Vincent & Teresa Canepa	37 years
Dick & Lorraine DeLong	59 years
Jack & Joan Gorman	57 years
Tom & Pat Pestka	36 years
Leonard & Diana Skebeck	43 years
Robert & Ann Williamson	23 years
Mark & Donna Zaccagnini	11 years

**May God continue to bless all of you with many more years together!
Congratulations!**

PARENTS' DATE NIGHT: Prince Of Peace Youth (POPY) are offering a monthly PARENTS' DATE NIGHT. **The next DATE NIGHT offered will be Saturday, March 6, 2010. CHILDCARE for all ages will be available from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.** We'll be offering games, crafts, and a special movie! There is a minimum \$3 per hour donation/fee to help our youth raise money for their **Catholic Heart Work Camp** mission trip. See you there!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Father Romy will be celebrating his 25th year of ordination into the priesthood on Sunday, June 20th. In honor of this anniversary, Father will be celebrating Mass at 4:00 p.m. More to follow in future announcements.

THANK YOU SCOUTS! Life Scout, Ricky Kaser, of POP Troop 824 conducted his Eagle Scout Leadership Service project on January 17th and 18th for our Parish. Ricky's project consisted of cleaning, preparing and repainting the walls in the Parish Hall. Please join us in thanking Ricky, Capt. & Mrs. Kaser, and all

the other volunteers that assisted in completing the project. Your service to our parish is appreciated.

HOUSING THE HOMELESS. Prince of Peace participates in the Norfolk Emergency Shelter Team (NEST) Program. The week for our parish to house the homeless here at Prince of Peace will run from Wednesday, February 24th through March 3rd. Sign-ups for this year's Housing the Homeless program will be held in the Parish Hall after all masses. For more information call John Nogosek at 548-2794.

***** PARISH COMMUNITY LIFE NEWS *****

Our mission is to strengthen our parish by bringing neighbors together. The following dates have been scheduled for events taking place here at Prince of Peace!

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The next Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 6th from 8:00-9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. All men of our parish are welcome to come for breakfast, fellowship and to share their faith.

DOUGHNUT VOLUNTEERS: February 14 – Erin Karol, Marty & Amy Malloy; February 21 – Lori Maddux, Christa & Alexis Nelson; February 28 – Deirdre Purcell, Karen Queen; March 7 – Rose Mary Reist, Bill & Susan Sympon.

Keep looking here for more updates and information. Anyone wanting to help or provide donations/sponsorship for any of these events, please contact Sheila Gargiulo at 548-0436.

FOOD COLLECTION: Thank you very much to all the parishioners who brought food for delivery to Harvest Assembly's Food Closet. A total of 143 bags were delivered. Your generosity will help feed many Chesapeake residents who are in need. Thanks to everyone who consolidated bags and helped load and unload bags on Monday morning.

Lenten Food Collections:

During each of the weeks of Lent we will have a food collection. These items will be delivered to Harvest Assembly's Food Closet each Monday morning following the weekend collection.

Weekend of February 20/21 – 1st Sunday of Lent: Soup and Baby Food
Weekend of February 27/28 – 2nd Sunday of Lent: Pasta and Canned Sauce
Weekend of March 6/7 – 3rd Sunday of Lent: Peanut Butter and Jelly
Weekend of March 13/14 – 4th Sunday of Lent: Fruits (dried, canned or juice)
Weekend of March 20/21 – 5th Sunday of Lent: Canned Meat and Rice

Please keep in mind when making contributions: No glass jars, No open foods, No rusted or badly dented cans; Regular or medium size; Watch expiration dates.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Prince of Peace is joining the worldwide ecumenical movement of knitting and crocheting shawls for people in need of prayers. We're looking for volunteers to create these wonderful shawls. Each creator prays for the intended recipient before starting the shawl and throughout its creation. When completed, the shawl will be blessed by Father Romy before being presented. The sample patterns are simple. If you don't knit or crochet, we'll teach you. You can work this ministry in your own home, on your own schedule. If you're homebound, we'll deliver yarn to you. For more information, you may contact: Monica Wheaton at 482-3086 or mmwheaton03@msn.com; or Mary Murphy at 382-4938 or mary12345_99@yahoo.com. Visit <http://www.shawlministry.com/index.htm> to learn more and see the crocheting and knitting instructions.

PLEASE HELP POP RECYCLE: Prince of Peace is looking for some volunteers (a team of volunteers would be great) to help dispose of the church's recyclables. If any parishioner wishes to champion our recycle program, please contact our Facilities Coordinator, John Ricci, in the Parish Office at 547-0356 or email john.ricci@popparish.org.

HAITI RELIEF

Members of Prince of Peace,
Thank you for your interest in the Haiti Project and your desire to help the people and especially the Children of Haiti. We will have many things that might interest you in helping over the long term, both for the Maison Fortune' Orphanage and the Louverture Cleary School.

I just finished an emergency meeting of the Maison Fortune' Orphanage Foundation to discuss the immediate need to prepare for an onslaught of new orphans that have been generated by the natural disaster. The town of Hinche has seen its population double in the past few days as a result of the Haitian people seeking a safe and stable environment. All the markets are closed or the prices of food and diesel fuel have doubled. The orphanage is one of only a few sanctuaries with food, water and lodging, so naturally we believe people will bring orphans to Maison Fortune'. The foundation wants to be prepared and it is making plans to lease additional housing if they can get donors and sponsors to support the increase in orphan population. We will need major donors, so if you know of any businesses looking for a way to support Haiti Relief, please let me know. We are working on a Strategic Communication plan and will start a media blitz within the next couple of days that may generate the attention we need.

The Foundation has several committees that work things like marketing, health, education, sponsorships, endowment, strategic planning, and development. We have immediate needs for volunteers in the following areas. Please let me know if you can help.

- Data Base Management
- Sponsor Committee support
- Assistant to the Executive Director
- Assistant to the Treasurer (accountant experience)

Please pray for the people of Haiti, the volunteers that are supporting their needs and especially the Children of Haiti. God Bless, Rick Martin

PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays at 12:00 noon

First Friday of the month 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon, with Exposition and Benediction

(The next first Friday is March 5, 2010.)

Third Friday of the month 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

(The next third Friday is February 19, 2010.)

Any time the building is open, the Blessed Sacrament Chapel is available for Adoration.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as though You have already come, and unite myself entirely to You, never permit me to be separated from You.

Rosary

Mondays at 7:30 p.m. in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

And following daily Masses at 9:30 a.m.

Please see the display table in the Commons for information about other devotions. We have rosaries, brown scapulars and prayer books available.

Contact Ann Roth at 819-7659/acroth5@cox.net or Vicki Olenick at 549-2192/olenickv@yahoo.com with any questions or suggestions.

ROSARY MAKERS: Please join us for our annual meeting to learn the time-honored Catholic craft of rosary making, which is also a ministry that honors the Blessed Mother. We welcome new members, as well as current rosary makers who can share your skills and tips. Our rosaries, which are always available to parishioners, are also used for sacramental programs, are distributed at hospitals and nursing homes, and have been sent around the world to our military troops and to missions. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., in the Education Wing (Room 10). For more information, please call Kathy Hanna (546-9226) or Tracy Decker (487-5559).

RCIA CORNER FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Last Sunday, the RCIA-adult catechumens (five persons) and RCIA-children catechumens (seven children) signed the Book of the Elect at Mass and will

travel to Hampton this coming Saturday to be acknowledged as members of the Elect by our Bishop at the Rite of Election. They will no longer be called catechumens but are, having been presented to you the community as sincere in their desire to join us in our sacraments and acceptable to our Bishop, are to be called the Elect. In the coming weeks of Lent, this community prepares them for their celebration of the Easter Sacraments through rites at Mass (3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent) known as The Scrutinies. As you listen to the words of these Scrutinies, you will understand the welcoming and prayerfulness of the church's process in assisting these good people as they discern God's calling. Our Candidate will accompany them on their journey, but is already part of the Body of Christ in baptism. She will be encouraged by all of you at the 11:00AM Mass on February 21st. The discernment process for all continues right through Lent to Holy Week. Peace!

***** ADULT CHRISTIAN FORMATION *****

ADULT CONFIRMATION: If you are an adult, practicing Catholic who has never been Confirmed, we will be offering a series of 5 classes during Lent. Adult Candidates will need to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate and have a sponsor who is a Confirmed, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. Sponsors need to be present for the celebration of the sacrament and are welcome, but not required, to attend the classes. For more information please contact Sister Dolores at the Parish Office.

RCIA FOR ADULTS: If you know of anyone who might be interested in becoming Catholic, we offer sessions every Wednesday evening. Please contact Sister Dolores in the Parish Office for more information.

****WEEKLY CATECHISM SESSIONS AT PRINCE OF PEACE** - "WHAT CATHOLICS BELIEVE"** is an ongoing educational forum taking place on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Worship Space (plus optional 30 min. Q&A). The weekly program will cover the "*Catechism of the Catholic Church*." Each session will address a different topic, so you may attend sessions as your schedule allows. Visitors and guests from other churches are welcome. This is a great resource for catechists and highly beneficial for parents in teaching their children the Catholic faith. Questions regarding the class may be directed to Adrian at 651-4953. Come enhance your knowledge of the basis of our faith and be sure to invite a friend. Bring a copy of the Catechism, if you have one. Join us for the Rosary at 6:30 p.m.

***** CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS *****

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN RECEIVING THEIR FIRST EUCHARIST:

There is a mandatory 1st Eucharist Parent Orientation meeting coming up this month. For your convenience, there will be three times from which you can choose.

- Saturday, February 20th at 10:00am in Rooms 9 and 10

- Tuesday, February 23rd at 6pm in Rooms 9 and 10
- Wednesday, February 24th at 6pm in Rooms 9 and 10

At the meeting you will receive your child's preparation books and valuable information on their religious formation process. For more information please call: Melody Smith at 547-0356.

RCIC FOR CHILDREN: If you have a child over the age of 7 who is not Baptized, please contact Sr. Dolores at the Parish Office for further information.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN (VIRTUS TRAINING):

All volunteers age 18 and older who work with or around children in the parish must complete the Virtus "Protecting God's Children" Awareness Seminar. **A training session will be offered at Our Lady of Mount Carmel (located at 100 Harpersville Rd. in Newport News) on Friday, February 26th beginning at 6:00 p.m.** To register for the session go to the Diocesan website: www.richmonddiocese.org, click on "Diocese of Richmond Safe Environment Program," then "Diocesan Training Sessions," and follow the Virtus link. You can attend any seminar at any location as long as the web listing does not restrict the audience. You may also call Diocesan Offices: 804-359-5661 and ask for Office of Human Resources.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER these people, and all that are kept from joining us due to their health...**(Nursing Home Residents) ALLZWELL:** Ray Ammarino, Frank Stingo. **AUTUMN CARE:** Carol Bryant, Soledad Romarez. **CEDAR MANOR:** Vera Dunleavy, Colleen Kouzek, Leona Kropp, James Stritch. **CHESAPEAKE HEALTHCARE CENTER:** Janet Blazes, Kathleen Curtis, Marcia Duckworth, Mary Dodge, Georgene Durbin, Joann Evans, Araminta Jacobs, Joan McCormack, Louis Murden, Verona Reese, Concetta Shaffer, Anna Simmons, Connie Szczukowski, and Marie (Mittie) Woods. **GEORGIAN MANOR:** Pauline Bennett, Mary Jeske, Antonia Jones, Michael Sedlacko. **SENTARA:** Catherine Black, Patricia Conway, Genevieve Gordy, Fred Harvey, Lucy Madden, Carmen Martinez, Marie Merha, Margareta Quintana, Mitchel Stockstad, and Serena Williams. **SENTARA VILLAGE:** Sharon Brox, Veronica Casari, Fred Dawson, Connie Dinardo, Marie Gillespie, Florence Lentini, Bernadine Lewis, Linda Scholtman, and Ron Sharp. **WHITEHURST MANOR:** Tamara Cecil, Leonida Kraft, Rose Marie Romano, and Betty Smith.

AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL: Margaret Bailey, Irene Champion, Dolores Collins, Pat Cornwall, Phil Correll, Bobbie Dameron, Sharon Dameron, Katherine Demme, Marcia Duckworth, Eileen Ettwein, Kathleen Hopping, Dominick Iaftrato, Dorothy Janifer, Thomas Jenkins, Mary Kelly, Bob & Micheline Kennedy, Jaqueline Knight, Glenn Maynard, Joan McCormack, Tina Moses, Louis Murden, Michael Peasley, Nancy Shashaty, and Sally Vincent.

REMEMBER ALSO THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Marian Speicher; Tony Vinoradski; and Joanne Wilson.

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COOKIES! Aaron Decker from Boy Scout Troop 824 will be holding a cookie bake sale in the parish hall following all masses this weekend, February 13 and 14. The funds will go toward his Eagle Scout project which is to donate a math game to daycare facilities in and around Chesapeake. Thank you for your support.

PRO LIFE NEWS

The Catholic Church teaches that we must respect and protect human life at all stages, from conception to natural death. If you would like more information on this topic, please stop by the Family Life table in the Commons. Literature is available free of charge. Let us know if you did not find the information you were looking for or if you have suggestions for other resources.

We are planning events and activities to promote and support the dignity of human life. We need volunteers to help with this important work. Men, women and youth are welcome. Please call Ann Roth at 819-7659 or Vicki Olenick at 549-2192.

Do you or someone you know need help with an unexpected pregnancy? Is your pregnancy a crisis? The Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater or Birthright can help you figure out your options:

Crisis Pregnancy Center
1021 Eden Way N #116
Chesapeake, VA 23320-2776
(757)410-9703

Birthright DePaul Hospital Norfolk
150 Kingsley Ln
Norfolk, VA 23505-4602
(757)489-0222

Congress continues to work toward passage of a Health Care Bill that mandates taxpayer funding of abortion for all 9 months of pregnancy, for virtually any reason. Please call your Congressmen and request that they vote against any bill that would require taxpayers to fund elective abortions and any bill that contains Medicare cuts as a means of "funding" health care reform. Call Sen. Warner @ (757) 441-3079 Sen. Webb @ (757) 518-1674 Rep. [Forbes @ \(757\) 382-0080](http://www.forbes.com) Rep. Glen Nye @ (757) 326-6201."

Congratulations to Jacqueline and Frederick J. Napolitano, Sr. who have been named the recipients of the 2010 Bishop's Humanitarian Award for their service and charitable works in Hampton Roads. The couple, who are parishioners at Star of the Sea in Virginia Beach, will receive the honor from the Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo at a Gala award ceremony at the Renaissance Portsmouth Hotel on Saturday evening, February 27, 2010. Invitations have been sent out. If you would like to receive an invitation or inquire about the event, please contact Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, which is sponsoring the Gala, at 757-456-2366 ext. 504 or ext. 521.

Volunteers needed ----Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia is seeking volunteers to assist with outreach activities and to help families sign up their

children for FAMIS, a Children's health insurance plan. Please contact Kathy on the Southside at 757-467-7707 or Vanessa on the Peninsula at 757- 875-0060.

DOMINICAN RETREAT: Information regarding forthcoming programs at Dominican Retreat can be found on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall or on their website at www.dominicanretreat.org.

Spiritual Direction Institute at The Well 2010-2012

Information Meeting Sunday, March 7, 2010 at 2 pm, The Well Retreat

Center. Do you want a deeper relationship with God? Are you discerning life's direction and meaning? Do you want to understand yourself and help others? Do you have a prayer life outside of Church? Are you hungering for spiritual growth? Come join us and grow in holiness and wholeness. This is a 2-yr. course meeting the 1st Saturday of each month, for two (2) years. No classes during summer months. We will discuss requirements, commitment, meeting dates, cost, and class content at this meeting. 757-255-2366 or email staff@thewellretreatcenter.org, directions; www.thewellretreatcenter.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, the 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.



The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization composed of Catholic men dedicated to helping our parish and community: from donating to local charities, to visiting the elderly, to assisting local churches, to supporting youth programs. We humble ourselves in service. If you are a practical Catholic gentleman (18 years or older) who would like to help make our community a better place to live, our fellowship needs you! If you are interested in learning more about the Order please stop by the information table in the Parish Hall immediately following Mass on February 27/28, 2010 or ask a Knight (wearing a green K of C name tag).

The Knights of Columbus Council 8240 is presenting a Fraternal Benefits Night at St. Stephen Martyr Catholic Church on Thursday, February 25, 2010 from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. This Fraternal Benefits Night will be open to All Catholic Families to learn more about the benefits available to families such as Retirement, College Savings, Life Insurance, Long Term Care planning, and also a common sense

approach to our financial portfolios. Please RSVP by Monday, February 22nd to Mike Gaspar at (757) 450-5549.

The ANNUAL DIOCESAN HAITI GATHERING will be held on Saturday, March 20th at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville from 8:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.: All those involved in Haiti Twinning or interested in Haiti are welcome to join in a day of celebration, education and networking. This year's focus is "Haiti Solidarity – After the Earthquake "Our Stories, Our Struggles, and Our Search for Solutions". The registration fee of \$20 includes continental breakfast, lunch and handouts. To register, call Patrice at (804)-545 -5974 or email patrice.schwermer@cccova.org.

ST. GREGORY'S WOMEN'S CLUB will be having a Flea Market and Craft Show on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in their school gym.

ST. MATTHEW'S SCHOOL: Due to inclement weather, St. Matthew's School has rescheduled their Open House for Saturday, February 20th from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We offer Preschool through Grade 8. This is a great time to come and visit the school and ask any questions you might have. It is also the first opportunity to sign your child up on our waiting list for the coming school year. Hope to see you there!

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