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Parish Charities	Sacraments
The generosity of our parishioners helps to support ACCESS-Aids Care Center, H.E.L.P., Lackey Free Clinic, and Transitions Family Violence Services.	<b>Baptism-</b> Call the parish office for information. <b>Wedding-</b> Contact the office six months prior to your planned wedding day. <b>Reconciliation -</b> Saturday 4:00-5 :00 p.m. at St. Joseph Church or by appointment.
Justice & Peace Ministry	Religious Education
<b>H.E.L.P.</b> — St. Mary collects food and clothing for the needy in our area. Donations of canned goods and other staples are gladly accepted.	The Christian Formation program runs from Sept thru May. Classes for first thru 11th grades are offered on Sundays which include First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation classes. Contact Erin Kearney-Lazar for more information.
Bayview Community	Catholic Schools
St. Mary's has adopted this impoverished rural community on the Eastern Shore. We assist residents during the year with monetary funds, household goods, clothing, school supplies, toys and games for summer fun and Christmas gifts for the children.	St. Mary Star of The Sea School 723-6358 Saintmarystarofthesea.com Peninsula Catholic High School 596-7247 pchs@peninsulacatholic.com
Knights of Columbus, Council #511	
Grand Knight, John Nicholson—Meetings every 2nd & 4th Thurs. of each month at 7:30p.m. in Fr. Helldorfer Hall, The Marian Center of St. Joseph Church. For membership or general information call 838-6239.	



**St. Mary Star of the Sea  
Catholic Church  
Fort Monroe, Virginia**



**Twenty-ninth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**October 19, 2008**

Pastor  
**Rev. Peter E. Sousa,**  
 C.Ss.R.  
 Parochial Vicars  
**Rev. William J. Spillane,**  
 C.Ss.R.  
**Rev. Daniel J. Carboy,**  
 C.Ss.R.

It's tough to follow Christ and also live in the world. Most of us are called to do it with a whole lot of the world pulling on us. Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's? OK. Now I just have to figure out which is which.

When many Catholics hear the word *vocation*, they think about its meaning as a call to religious life, particularly to the ordained priesthood. These are vital vocations. Those called in these ways are set apart; they are called to serve the Body of Christ in a visibly unique role.

Vocations for most of us in the Body of Christ look different. Are they less obvious? They are absolutely vital. The work is tough. Our best intentions can be misunderstood. Even with the best of motives we can fail. The next day we still have to get up and go to work. Am I serving God or Caesar? Neither? Both?

Some are called to be teachers, some nurses, some builders of companies, some builders of buildings. Some are called to wait on other people who have been standing in line for a while. In advice attributed to Saint Francis, we hear, "Preach the Gospel always, and if necessary use words.": What does that look like?

We don't always know when we are making an impact on others. On a couple of painful occasions I discovered I had been making a good impression only after I messed it up. After an outburst or incident someone said, "Hey, that's not like you!" But I guess it was.

Cyrus the Persian looked every bit like other warriors when he used power, when he played his pivotal role in Jewish history, releasing God's chosen people to return to their own land. Isaiah calls him anointed—he is a *messiah*. He doesn't even know God or the job he has in the bigger scheme of things, and he is an *anointed one*.

What could we accomplish, who know we are called?

Dan Finucane  
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Mass Schedule	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>12:05 p.m.</b>
Reconciliation	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>4:00—5:00 p.m.</b>
<b>at St. Joseph Church &amp; by appt.</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	
<b>stmarystarofthesea.catholicweb.com</b>	

**St. Mary Star of the Sea, the oldest Catholic parish on the Peninsula and the ninth oldest parish in the Diocese of Richmond holds a unique distinction: It is the only Diocesan Church in the nation located on a military installation. Its upkeep is funded solely by parishioner contributions. Registration Forms are available in the back of Church and at the Rectory.**

**Please remember in your prayers:** Joe Ellis, Sidney Bell, Yvonne Bell, Renaida Duazon, Grace Grant, John Beckno, Edith Gianatasio, Rom & Jean Evdo, Ruby Sansone, Emilie Rogers, Mel & Rose Paulhamus, Hiram Bell, Mike Gabany, Tom Hruby, Julie Sager, Maureen Dodge, Patricia Jones, Michael Elgart, Ed Wild, Anne Marie Hacker, and Dick Welsh. **Please notify the parish office of any changes to this list.**

**Homebound or in the Hospital:** If you know any home bound parishioners, or parishioners in the hospital who are in need of the sacraments, please notify the parish office. We rely on you, the families and caregivers, to let the Fathers know who may be in need. A priest will visit them for anointing and see them periodically as needed. A lay Eucharistic Minister will visit the sick weekly bringing the Eucharist. Thank you for keeping us updated so that we may minister to those unable to get to church.

**The second collection this weekend is for The Propagation of the Faith, U. S. Home Missions, and Black & Indian Missions.**

Religious Education.....Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Women of Faith.....Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Meals with Jesus: A Biblical Buffet  
Childcare available! Join us anytime!  
For information contact Anne Barr 637-7859.

**Mandatory Training**  
**Ministers of Holy Communion**  
Sun, Oct. 19 - 10:45 a.m. or Tues, Oct. 28 - 7 p.m.  
**Lectors**  
Sun, Oct. 26 - 10:45 a.m. or Mon, Oct. 27 - 7 p.m.

Please note that any time you attend Mass at St. Joseph Church and use your St. Mary envelopes, your contribution is forwarded to us. We at St. Mary's do the same.

**We would like to thank the Howell family who provided coffee and doughnuts after 9:30 a.m. Sunday Mass last week.**

**A sign up sheet for you to take a turn at treating is posted in the parish hall.** We all look forward to visiting after Mass and thank all those who have graciously donated their time and doughnuts.

<b>Financial Report—October 12, 2008</b>	
First Collection	1,624.50
Save our Schools	80.00
Building Fund	567.00
Parish Charities	2.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,273.50</b>
<b>Thank you for your generosity!</b>	

<b>Mass Intentions</b>
Saturday, October 18, 5:00 p.m. <b>Dempsey &amp; Marietta Silver</b> requested by Sidney Bell
Sunday, October 19, 9:30 a.m. <b>Reno &amp; Marian Monta</b> requested by Helen & Carl Monk
Friday, October 24, 12:05 p.m. <b>People of the Parish</b>

**Celebrating the year of St. Paul**  
In honor of the Pauline Year there will be Wednesday night adult education program on St. Paul continuing until November 12 at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Center at St. Joseph Church. The hour long sessions will consist of a half hour video program followed by discussion facilitated by Fr. Sousa and Theresa Kshin.

**R.C.I.A.**  
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) has already begun but it is not too late to enroll in the program. **R.C.I.A. meets at 7:30 p.m. each Tuesday in Cordier Hall, St. Joseph Church, 512 Buckroe Ave., Hampton.**

We are all saddened by the news of the death of Andy DeGraff, a long time member of St. Mary's who passed away on October 12. Aileen, his wife died last year.

**Take a good look at the photograph on the front of our bulletin and then take time to thank Bill McCall who made it possi-**

**READINGS**

**Sunday October 19**  
Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 45:1-6 Thes 1:1-5 Mt 22:15-21  
**Sunday October 26**  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ex 22:20-26 Thes 1:5-10 Mt 22:34-40

**The second collection next weekend is for our parish charities, ACCESS-Aids Care Center, H.E.L.P., Lackey Free Clinic, and Transitions Family Violence Center.**

Langley Chapel's Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Community will host a **Men's Retreat** Thursday evening, November 13 thru noon, Sunday, November 16 at **Holy Family Retreat in Hampton.**

The retreat is for any man, Catholic nor non-Catholic, who wants to develop a closer relationship with Christ, presented by past retreatants from Langley Chapel. The focus is:

Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service (ACTS).  
Call Larry Krussel at 867-8999, or the Chapel at 764-3326. <http://www.actsmissions.org>  
**Space is limited and priority goes to Active Duty Military, so call ASAP.**

**Adult flu shots will be offered on Sunday, October 26th, in Cordier Hall at St. Joseph Church from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Please call 722-9855 to reserve a time slot. The cost is \$25 for the flu shot and \$45 for the pneumonia shot. People with Medicare, Part B, should bring documentation so that insurance can be billed.**

The annual Red Mass sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society  
Wednesday, October 29, 2008  
St. Benedict Catholic Church, Richmond.  
Details on the Bulletin Board.

Diocesan Pastoral Planning Commission will unveil the final draft of the Strategic Plan for the diocese for Local Planning Areas 1,2,3,4,5,6,&7 on Thursday, October 30 at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory Church, 5345 VA Beach Blvd. The purpose of this meeting is to inform all interested parties of the plan for their respective Local Planning Areas and how it fits with the overall plan for the Diocese of Richmond. The meeting is open to all parishioners.



Parents Meeting for First Penance/ Communion will be Sunday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30am Mass in the Parish Hall. Important information will be discussed so please plan on attending if your child is scheduled to receive the sacraments this year. Please contact Erin Lazar with any questions at [drestmary@yahoo.com](mailto:drestmary@yahoo.com)



**Faithful Citizenship:**  
The November 2008 election provides a unique opportunity to reflect on the themes of Catholic moral & social teaching and to respond to the baptismal call to engage in civic life. In response to this opportunity, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the VA Catholic Conference are providing a variety of materials for parish use (see this week's insert). In addition, a video on civic responsibility featuring Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo & Arlington Bishop Paul Loverde. This video will be shown at St. Mary's after the Masses on the weekend of November 1st and 2nd.

<b>BULLETIN BOARD NOTICES</b> (DETAILS IN BACK OF CHURCH)
Sep.30-Oct.28—Seminar on Church Structure at St. Kateri Church, Tabb.
Oct.19—Rosary Crusade—Holy Family Retreat
Oct.22 & 24—Irish Tenor, Anthony Kearns at St. Bridget Church, Richmond
Oct.24—Monthly Singles Halloween Dance Church of the Ascension, VA Beach
Nov.7-9—Discernment Retreat for Women
Nov.14—Rachel's Vinyard Retreat-Richmond
Nov.20—St. Petersburg Men's Ensemble St. John's Church, Hampton
Nov.21-23 Follow Me Retreat-Richmond