



Curious about the Catholic Faith?

RCIA is a program for adults and older children who are thinking about becoming Catholic. Everyone starts out as an **Inquirer**. When ready to make a commitment, you become a **catechumen** or **candidate**.

Inquirers: Tuesdays - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Meets year round, start anytime

Catechumens & Candidates:
Sundays - 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.
Meets October to May



March 10th - Session 7
March 17th - Session 8

We meet in Ashland House at 9:45 a.m.

Please pray for these adults who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 20th:



- David Pierce (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Carol Pittner (Bap, Conf, FC)
- Karil Courtenay (Conf, FC)
- Josefina Ondo (Conf)
- Kathy Rivera (Conf)



Upcoming Youth Group Events

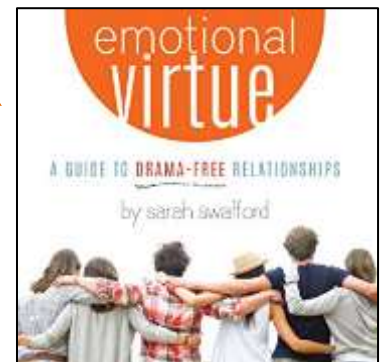
Sundays 6:15 to 8 p.m. in Ashland House

ALL public and Catholic school students in middle & high school (Grades 6 to 12) are welcome.

- Sun, March 17th - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 1
- Mon, March 18th - Fr. Rob Galea at Immaculate Conception in Hampton
- Fri, March 22nd - Set-up for Dinner with the Deacons
- Sun, March 24th - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 2
- Fri, March 29th - Set-up for Dinner with the Deacons
- Sun, March 31st - Youth Group: Emotional Virtue, Part 3
- Fri, April 5th - Set-up for Dinner with the Deacons
- Sat, April 6th - Youth needed to serve at St. Columba Auction
- Sun, April 7th - Tidewater Regional Youth Group Event

*** All Fridays during Lent ***

Youth Group members are asked to help with set-up for Dinner with Deacon Mike and as altar servers for Stations of the Cross.



Steubenville - June 21st to 23rd

All high school students who would like to attend the Youth Conference at Steubenville this summer are asked to contact Mrs. Ficca as soon as possible! Space is limited and deposits are due by March 31st.



The Bishop Keane Institute

A Ministry of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Fr. Rob Galea
Monday, March 18th
7:30 p.m.



Save the Date for CTK's
Roar! Vacation Bible School!
 July 22nd to July 26th
 9:15 a.m. to 12 noon - Ages 5 to 12



A meeting for adult and teen volunteers will be held on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7 p.m.** in Ashland House. We need at least 4 adult and 4 teen volunteers to run this program.



All are invited to join our First Communion parents for Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist!
 Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m.
 Ashland House

March 21st – Session 1: God Is with Us
 March 28th – Session 2: The Story of the Eucharist
 April 4th – Session 3: Bread for the Journey
 April 11th – Session 4: Biblical Foundations of the Eucharist



6th Annual Diocesan Men's Conference
 Saturday, March 23rd
 St. Bede's, Williamsburg

Register online at www.cdrcmfl.org
 Contact Steve Cyr (757) 635-7590 or Janet Ficca (757) 646-2684 for more

Baptismal Preparation for Infants & Children



Sunday, March 24th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
 Godparents must attend 2nd half.
 Please contact Mrs. Ficca to register.

Confirmation Information
 Rehearsal - April 7th after 11 a.m. Mass
 Confirmation - April 10th @ St. Pius X

Please pray for our teens who will be confirmed on Wednesday, April 10th:

- Tyler Gustason
- Divine Satchivi
- Noah Vitug



Q What are the scrutines and exorcisms in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, and what is their purpose?



A The scrutines, celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent, invite the elect, along with the assembly, into prayerful contemplation and repentance. The scrutines help "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." The rituals help purify the heart and mind. They protect the elect from the power of sin, strengthen them against temptations, and orient them toward the saving waters of Baptism (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, 141). Each scrutiny concludes with a prayer of exorcism over the elect, through which they "are freed from the effects of sin" and the influence of evil (RCIA, 144). Unlike exorcisms depicted in popular films, these are beautiful prayers that speak of Christ's saving power over sin and death.

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