

ANNOUNCEMENTS SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2012

BLESSING OF THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS TODAY

Please join us today as we acknowledge the tremendous work done by Dickson Berry and his Scouting Troup in the constructing the Stations of the Cross which we will bless today. In the days and weeks to come we will be working together to identify each Station; the numbers you will see today are temporary. Thank you Dickson for this wonderful gift to Fork Church.

COFFEE HOUR

Please join us for Coffee Hour after Church.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES:

MAY 20TH – Blessing of the Stations of the Cross.

MAY 27TH – The First Day of Pentecost. **WEAR RED!** PENTECOST READERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS SERVICE: How's your Spanish or French, Italian, German or Portuguese or Farsi, Russian or Chinese?? We need readers to render the Pentecost Gospel on this the Feast of Pentecost in multiple languages. You specify the language and Bill Wells will (attempt) to provide the text.

JUNE 3RD – Service to acknowledge our Graduates. If you have a child making any of the following transitions, please let Lisa Licata or Boo Smythe know as soon as possible so that we can acknowledge them that Sunday.

NOVEMBER 1ST – this is All Saints Day and the date of the Bishop's Visitation. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A THURSDAY. If you interested in being Confirmed or being Baptized or renewing a Baptism please let Bill Wells know. Also if you are interested in a Conversion Class, please talk to Bill.

MISSION

CARITAS: Please mark your calendars for **Tuesday, May 29th** which is Fork Church's night for Caritas at St. James the Less. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare food, serve food, clean up and set up for dinner, pack lunches for the following day, transport guests to laundry and showers that night, donate quarters for laundry, prepare breakfast for the following morning, and a male to stay overnight (all the guests will be male). Please begin thinking about how you can participate to make Caritas a success. If you have questions, please contact Howard Anderson, Court Warfield or Beth Schubert. <http://theforkchurch.thediocese.net/Ministries/CARITAS/>. *There is a jar in the entryway of the church to collect quarters for laundry for Caritas. Please find the sign-up sheet posted in the foyer of the church, Thank You.*

PARISH LIFE Save the Date for Upcoming Events!

June 10: End of year church picnic at the Smyth's

July 28: Cocktail party for ALL the women of Fork Church at Emily's

August 18: Cookout/Pool Party at the MacDonald's (Janeway) for the entire congregation, (date to be confirmed)

August 25: Possible all age bike ride on the C&O (get the youth group to participate) - to be talked about more with Kathy Thomas,

September 22: French (Julia Childs) Supper - set up the parish house like a French Rest. And (hopefully) have the youth group "kids" serve

October or July Paul's BBQ Fund Raiser (date still needs to be confirmed)

October 13: Supper Club

November 1: Bishop Visits, Confirmations, and Baptisms

November 3/4: Shrine Mont weekend

November 10: Supper Club

November 17: Cookout/Bonfire at the Caves (date to be confirmed)

December __: Heavenly Stew Sale (Date to be confirmed)

December 2: "Court In" - free tour of Richmond landmarks

December 8: Supper Club Christmas Party

SHRINE MONT FAMILY WEEKEND - November 3 - 4. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the Church. Alternatively you can email Alice Noland at anoland@centurylink.net.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held June 25 – June 29th. Please contact Boo Smythe or Anne Neri if you plan for your children to attend.

OUTSIDE OF FORK CHURCH

BABY BOOMER WEEKEND: **This July Shrine Mont** is hosting a new four-day program for adults of the baby boomer era called appropriately, "Boomer Camp." Shrine Mont (540) 856-2141, (540) 335-7238 (cell) (540) 856-8520 (fax) www.shrinemont.com