

Wow!!! We are moving right along in the year. We are halfway through Lent and Easter is right around the corner. Please keep the 9th and 10th grade students in your prayers as many of them will be at Smith Mountain Lake this weekend for a Discovery Retreat.

**Morning Program** This Sunday, March 7, grades 3-5 will have a mini church camp. Please meet in the church at 9:30. All other grades go directly to your classrooms at 9:30. Since the basement will be used for the mini camp, Grade 1 will be upstairs in the 4th and 5th grade classrooms. Grade 2 will be in the chapel with Fr. Rush.

The following Sunday, March 14, grades K-2 will have mini church camp and will meet in the Church and grades 3 and 4 will go directly to their classrooms. Grade 5 will have Mass in the Chapel with Fr. Rush. The children will be the lectors and have a prayer of the faithful to read. Please practice.

Please remember that our Lenten Service Project is to bring in food for the Easter Food Baskets that we distribute. The children can bring the food items to their classroom. We need all the food items **no later than March 21st**.

The food items needed are:

<b><u>Pre-K and K</u></b>	Canned Soup
<b><u>Grade 1</u></b>	Canned Meat
<b><u>Grades 2 &amp; 3</u></b>	Canned Fruit
<b><u>Grade 4</u></b>	Cereal
<b><u>Grade 5</u></b>	Peanut Butter

**EVERYONE** The Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service and First Reconciliation is **Thursday, March 18 at 7pm**. The tradition has been that the first grade parents are responsible for serving the cake and ice cream afterwards. Please email me and let me know if you can help. Additionally, have your children wear their keys, if they would like to.

**Afternoon Program** This Sunday, March 7, the 9th grade class will meet on the steps of Court Street Baptist at 10:30am to attend their service. The service begins at 10:45. The teens will meet with Rev. Forrest after the service.

The rest of the classes will meet as scheduled. Please note that the 10th grade class will meet in the soft room as soon as grades 7 & 8 have moved the books for the book sale to the Pre-k Room.

### **Youth Group**

The teens here are very excited about a St. Patrick's themed social they have been planning. They would like to extend an invitation to all teens in our parish and other parishes to come and join us!

**When:** March 20th

**Time:** 1:30 - 4:00 (please join us for mass @ 5pm)

**Who:** All High School teens (and their friends)

**Where:** The Commons @ Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lynchburg

**Admission:** canned good(s)

**Activities:** wii, video games, music, ping-pong, and most of all **SOCIALIZING!!**

Please direct any youth group questions to Sandra Tapia