# Church OF THE Holy Family A Catholic Church

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**Welcome** – If you are new to our church or just visiting, we are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you would like to join our parish, registration is held in the Welcome Office after all Masses.

**Wedding Policy – <u>Six months</u>** before the wedding, the couple should meet with the pastor, <u>before</u> the wedding dates are selected. At least one member of the family should be a member of our parish.

**Baptism Policy** – Parents must be registered parishioners and attend a Baptism Class before their child may be baptized. Expectant mothers are encouraged to attend. The class is for parents only – baby-sitting is not provided.

**Funeral Policy** – Funerals are scheduled Tuesday-Saturday. We discourage funerals Sundays and Mondays. Participation by other priests and deacons must have prior approval of current pastor.

## Church of the Holy Family Pastoral Vision

The Church of the Holy Family is dedicated to manifesting the joy of the Gospel and enriching every individual's Spiritual relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of the Holy Family Ministries dedicate themselves in service to our Parish Community, building a just society, and outreach to those in need.

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

## **Morning Prayer & Daily Mass**

Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. Reconciliation Saturday 4:30-5:00 p.m. The Room Inside the Chapel

#### **Summer Masses**

First weekend in July through Labor Day Weekend Saturday 5:30 p.m. Sunday 8:15 & 10:30 a.m.

Holy Family Day School 757-481-1180

# **Parish Servant Leadership Team** Fr. Eric J. Ayers - Pastor Rev. Mr. Bob May - Parish Deacon Sylvia Chapa – Director of Music Ministries Alfie Martinez-Coyle - Pastoral Assoc. Stella Havens - Bookkeeper Jeff Mingin – Youth Minister Glenn Rodriguez - Facilities Manager Carla Schneider - Parish Secretary Tiffany Watson - Director of Rel. Ed. Cindy Girard - Day School Director



## March 30/31, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Lent

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PRAY FOR: Elsie Ackerman, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Barbara, "Babs" Boggs, Dick Carlson, William E. Coyle, Jr., JoAnn DeJaeger, John Dunn, Judy Dunton, Michael Eaton, Brendan Feely, Pat and Jackie Feeley, Robert Freesmeier, Robert Garrison, The Ginley Family, Roger Hall, Kathleen Horey, Justin Inserra, Richard Jannelli, Susan Kayota, Shannon LePage, Mary Therese Liene, Tony Liene, Connie Loschi, Lou Lucente, Thomas Lyver, Cheryl McLeskey, Vivian Marshall, Doris Maviglia, Debbie Merritt, Matthew Mitsch, Sandy Nuzum, Maria Oakes, Lorraine Ondrasik, Joyce Palacios, Don Parkinson, Carrie Pfeiffer, Ryan Piotti, Annette Reda, Ronnie Shingeld, Tonya Trimble, Ken Watson, Bill Wills, Jeannette Whitmore, Jennifer Wright Case, Meryl Zigila

Some of the names to "pray for" have been in the bulletin for three months and are being removed this weekend. If you need prayers for you or your family members, please contact the Parish Office at 481-5702. These names will be in the bulletin for three months before being removed.

"Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Mark 11:24

## **PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:**

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, March 31: Fourth Sunday of Lent:

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday, April 1: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6,11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, April 2: Saint Francis of Paola, hermit:

Ez 47:1-9,12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, April 3:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18;

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, April 4: Saint Isidore, bishop, doctor of the church:

Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

Friday, April 5: Saint Vincent Ferrer, priest:

Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; In 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday, April 6:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, April 7: Fifth Sunday of Lent:

Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### **CALENDAR**

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 31 - Lent IV**

Second Collection (Catholic Relief Services)

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Second Scrutiny at 11:00 Mass

Christian Formation K-5/Edge 9:30 a.m. RCIA 9:30 a.m.

Adult Formation – "Psalms" 9:30 a.m. LifeTeen 7:00 p.m.

## **MONDAY, APRIL 1**

The Chosen Ministry Group 6:30 p.m. Adult Formation – "Psalms" 7:00 p.m.

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

Lenten Soup Supper 6:00 p.m.

Lenten Program (Video "The Mass") 6:00 p.m.

Boy Scout Order of the Arrow 7:00 p.m.

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

 J.O.Y. Club
 11:00 a.m.

 Rosary
 6:30 p.m.

 Boy Scouts
 7:00 p.m.

 Parish Choir
 7:00 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Holy Family Ringers 12:30 p.m.
Children's Choir 6:15 p.m.
K of C Rosary 7:00 p.m.
K of C Business Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Ringers 2.0 7:00 p.m.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Patriotic Rosary 9:40 a.m.
Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:45 a.m.
Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon

## **SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

Childbirth Lamaze Class 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Reconciliation 4:30 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m.

Third Scrutiny at 5:30 Mass

## SUNDAY, APRIL 7 - Lent V

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Christian Formation K-5/Edge 9:30 a.m.
First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting 9:30 a.m.
RCIA 9:30 a.m.
Adult Formation – "Psalms" 9:30 a.m.
LifeTeen 7:00 p.m.

**FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY:** Please join us next Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary.

**EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS:** If you have an emergency and call the Church Office, there is an emergency number on the phone directory listing.

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday, April 1: Morning Prayer Tuesday, April 2: William Sabourin

Wednesday, April 3: Christin Drez and Family

by Steve & Lisa Annunziato

Thursday, April 4: Living Intention for Ryan Piotti

by the Benedetto Family

Friday, April 5: Elizabeth Pozinak by Connie Loschi

Saturday, April 6: Dolores Schiavo by "The Merry Widows"

**Sunday, April 7:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;

11:00 a.m.: Dorothy McGill by John McGill

## **SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

Fr. Eric Ayers, Pastor — <a href="mailto:eayers@richmonddiocese.org">eayers@richmonddiocese.org</a>
Rev. Mr. Bob May, Deacon — <a href="mailto:robmay124@gmail.com">robmay124@gmail.com</a>
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facilitiesdirector@holyfamilyvb.org

Carla Schneider, Parish Secretary – <a href="mailto:secretary@holyfamilyvb.org">secretary@holyfamilyvb.org</a>
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Cindy Girard, Day School Director – <a href="mailto:dayschoolprincipal@holyfamilyvb.org">dayschoolprincipal@holyfamilyvb.org</a>

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Fr. Eric Ayers, President; Joe Stefonowich, Chairperson; Kay Flohre, Vice-Chairperson; Audrey Douglas-Cooke, Secretary; Linda Baker; Kim Howell; "Mike" Jakubec; Mike O'Brien; Leah Rowland; Tom Rumely; Amy Schleicher (Youth Representative). ppc@holyfamilyvb.

## **FINANCE COUNCIL:**

Fr. Eric Ayers; Paul Battaglia; Jill Broome; Buzz Crown; Stella Havens; Olive Lincoln; Dan Ryan; Rick Paradiso.

## **NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):**

Kathy Staskin, Chairperson; Mike DeJaeger, Andy Koch, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Cate Sleigh, Todd Solomon, Steve Winter, Fr. Eric Ayers. NET email: <a href="mailto:hfevangelization@gmail.com">hfevangelization@gmail.com</a>

## **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Budget 2018/2019 is \$1,072,000.00. This includes Diocesan Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$105,785.00.

March 23/24 Collection

\$15,125.07

## **LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM:**

Giving to your parish through your will is a wonderful way to continue your stewardship beyond your lifetime.

For more information on the Church of the Holy Family Legacy Giving Program, contact Steven Winter (Legacy Giving Chairperson) at edgewaterw@aol.com or swinter@edgewaterasset.com.

## **Holy Family Day School**



The children at Holy Family Day School are combining prayer, good works, and almsgiving on our Lenten Journey. The children are doing extra chores for coins to contribute to their class alms containers. This year, our school project is to purchase educational visual aids for the schools in our sister parish in Haiti. We hope to help the teachers in Haiti decorate the classroom walls with intresting and cheerful learning materials.

Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is now open. For more information, please see our website at <a href="https://www.holyfamilydayschool.org">www.holyfamilydayschool.org</a>. To schedule a tour, please call the office at 757-481-1180

## Holy Family Learning & Leisure

Meetings on the third Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room



## **COMING ATTRACTIONS:**

## <u> April 18</u>:

Mr. Steve Winter, Legacy Gift Planning.



**April 28:** Sister Act, the Musical at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts • A matinee performance



**May 8:** Housing Resource Center Tour – 10:30-11:30 a.m.

The **Virginia Beach Housing Resource Center** is a one-stop shop of services for families and individuals experiencing homelessness or a housing crisis. The integration of shelter, housing, health center, cafeteria, learning facility, supportive services and community resources in one facility makes it the first of its kind in South Hampton Roads. At the Housing Resource Center, our community system of City agencies, nonprofit service providers and faith organizations are able to focus and grow our efforts to make homelessness rare, brief and nonrecurring in Virginia Beach.

#### **L&L Hardboiled Egg Ministry:**

• April 4 • April 18 • May 2

Please bring eggs <u>before noon on Thursday.</u> (for Brother Charles to pick up)



# 2019 Annual Diocesan Appeal: Building Our Family of Faith

An important aspect of the Diocesan Appeal is that all parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important parish priorities. All pledges can be paid in 12 monthly installments. If you have already made a pledge, thank you for your partnership in the 2019 Appeal. If you have not made a pledge yet, please prayerfully consider doing so.

# WHO ARE THE MEN OF FAITH? WHAT DO THEY DO?

We are ordinary Catholic men who seek a closer relationship with God. We meet twice each month to support and encourage one another on our spiritual journey. We preview the Mass readings for the following Sunday and discuss how to apply their lessons to our daily lives. We also read and discuss good spiritual books to help us in this. We join the universal Church in praying for our needs and the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If this interests you, please contact Ron Batdorf at <a href="mailto:ronald.batdorf@gmail.com">ronald.batdorf@gmail.com</a> or Bob Breault at <a href="mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com">bobbro1938@gmail.com</a> or (610) 360-6070.



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

Council 10804

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS**

The Knights of Columbus are making soup for the Tuesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Program. See the article elsewhere in the Bulletin for more information.

#### FRIDAY LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday during Lent. See the article elsewhere in the Bulletin for more information.

## **COUNCIL MEETING**

Knights of Columbus Council 10804 monthly business meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month. The Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel and **all parishioners are invited.** The members-only business meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Family Room.

We invite all of the men in our Parish to join our Council and help us make a difference!

> Grand Knight, Scot Stratton (274-3208), Chaplain, Father Eric Ayers Membership, Peter Frangenberg (481-1010)

## **LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS AND PROGRAM:** Please

come join us on Tuesdays throughout Lent for Soup Suppers and a video by Bishop Barron on "The Mass." Throughout the Tuesday Soup Suppers the Knights always serve a delicious homemade soup. Come for dinner, fellowship, and a great program on The Mass. All of the meals are served at 6:00 p.m. with the program starting at 6:30 p.m., except for April 9 when the Soup Supper <u>and</u> the Program will be at 6:00.

April 2 – Session 5 – "Preparing for Sacrifice"

April 9 – Session 6 – "The Real Presence Creates Communication," to be followed by the Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service.

## WEEKLY WISDOM





## Psalms: The School of Prayer

## Session Nine: The Penitential Psalms

Sometimes we feel far from God because of circumstances. Other times, however, we feel far from God because we have sinned. Sin turns us away from God. It lures us from the path of blessing and puts us on the road that leads to separation from Him.

God offers a remedy. Consider the lives of two kings of Israel - King Saul and King David. Both kings sinned. Saul lost the kingdom for his sin. David suffered consequences but his kingdom was established forever. The difference between them is not in the kind or degree of their sins but in what they did after they sinned. Saul justified his actions and shifted the blame. David fell to his knees and sought God's mercy.

One of the greatest treasures of the book of Psalms is David's prayers for forgiveness. They show that our appeal does not rest on the strength of our case but on who God is, on His promises, and His loving kindness.

When sin separates us from God, how do we get back on track? We can learn a lot from these Psalms of David.

Join us on Sundays between the Masses or Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

## It is Not Too Late to Join Us!

**Women's Book Circle:** Our next book is **Barking to the Choir** by Gregory Boyle. Due to Holy Week we will be meeting on Thursday, April 25. **All are welcome!** 

**Women's Scripture Circle** meets on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We are studying the Gospel of Luke. Please join in at any time.

For more information on the faith sharing circles, contact Marie Sexton at 718-4147.

Have a blessed week, Your AFF Team



# **KOVAR IS COMING!!!**

## WHAT IS KOVAR?

In 1971, the Knights of Columbus in the Commonwealth of Virginia sought a means to accomplish the charitable goals of the Order throughout Virginia. The result was the formation of a 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to providing financial support to organizations which support fellow Virginians with intellectual disabilities, regardless of race, creed or ethnic background. This organization was chartered as KOVAR.

In 2018, KOVAR awarded 37 grants for a total of over \$600,000. Additionally, all \$1,800,000 in the Home Loan Fund will soon be outstanding in the form of 19 interest-free loans to non-profit group home operators. Organizations that have benefitted from KOVAR include Sugar Plum Bakery, Marian Homes, Lutheran Family Services, St. Mark Catholic Schools, Little Sisters of St. Francis, Special Olympics Virginia, Holiday House of Portsmouth, Young Life of Williamsburg, group homes, many local ARCs and Down Syndrome Association of Greater Richmond.

## WHAT DOES KOVAR DO?

KOVAR collects donations through the volunteer efforts of the members and families of the Knights of Columbus and distributes the funds collected in the form of grants and loans to tax-exempt organizations that serve people with intellectual disabilities in Virginia.

## **HOW ARE GRANT FUNDS USED?**

Grant funds are used to purchase scholarships for Special Olympics athletes, to purchase furniture for group homes, to renovate group homes, to purchase wheelchair accessible vans, and to provide job training opportunities; among other things.

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME!!!** 

# GREAT NECK 5K & 1 MILE RUN/WALK

## Light up the Night for Haiti FRIDAY, May 3, 2019 VA BCH, VA

## Starting Time and Place Rain or Shino

7:00 p.m. Church of the Holy Family 1279 North Great Neck Road Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Pre-registration packet pick-up and Race Day Registration: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

## Course

5K runs through Laurel Cove Neighborhood

## **Entry**

\$20 per participant ■ \$55 a Family 3 or more **Price increases \$5 on Race Day** 

## REGISTER ON-LINE AT

www.5kgreatneck.com

Make checks payable to: Holy Family Mail Entry and Payment to:

Brian Alexander at Haiti Committee 1279 North Great Neck Road Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Questions: briangreatneck5k@gmail.com

For more information visit www.5kgreatneck.com







Proceeds Benefit: Teacher 2 Teacher Education Supporting 5 schools and 40 teachers in Baptiste Haiti

## **Awards**

5K Men and Women (Top 3 in each group) 12 & under, 13-18, 19-29, 30-49, 50 and over Over all metals given to top 3 male and female runners

2019 Run Theme: Light Up the night for Haiti.

## Wear bright colors & glow gear.

Participants will receive Haiti themed key chain flash light & glow sticks

**Need Child Care during race?** Child care will be provided during race for ages 1 and up. Check box below if needed!

## **AFTER RACE PARTY: DINNER and ENTERTAINMENT**

Following the run, join your fellow runners for a Creole Dinner of black beans and rice. 

Quench your thirst with soda, a cash bar with beer, wine and Haitian rum and coke and specialty drinks

Dance the evening away to the DJ sounds of the best Dance music. Be ready to party outdoors and indoors all night long

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Runner Agreement Walver, Release & Acknowledgement: All participates are required to sign the walver below.  I know that a three mile run/walk is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter a run/walk unless I am medically able to compete. I understand that this road run/walk is not intended for vehicles (skateboards, rollerblades etc) or distractions (headphones, dog on leash etc) and I will abide by these guidelines. Also I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run/walk. I assume all effects of weather, including heat or humidity, traffic and the condition of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release Church of the Holy Family, the Diocese of Richmond, the Holy Family Haiti Committee, Teacher 2 Teacher Ministry and the City of Virginia Beach, and all sponsors, their representative and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event. I grant permission to all of the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures recording or any other record of this event for legitimate purposes.				
Signature of Runner/Walker		Signature of Parent/Guar	dian if under 18	-

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 31, 2019



## **VBS Save the Date!**

## June 24-28, 2019: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Age 4-rising 5th Grade – Campers

Rising 6th-12th grades - Crew Leaders

Registration forms and Crew Leader forms will be available soon! Please note space is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited!

You don't want to miss this fun and faith-filled week of Bible stories, prayer, music, crafts, games, and more!

# SCHEDULE OF PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- April 2 Star of the Sea
- April 3 Holy Spirit
- April 4 St. Nicholas
- April 9 HOLY FAMILY
- April 10 St. Luke
- April 11 St. John the Apostle

Note: All services are at 7:00 p.m.

## **EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS:**

Envelopes for donations for Easter Flowers are in the Commons (near the front doors by the plants). Please pick up an envelope and donate in memory of a loved one. In order for the list which is published in the bulletin to be accurate, **please print names clearly.** 

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Please keep in your prayers our Elect/Candidates/Confirmands who are journeying towards the Easter Sacraments through the RCIA:

Sabrina Whyte, Lauren Brazie, Kristin Jens, Mika Barrie, Malique Buie, Sophia Chepy, Isabella Chepy, Frank Kingsley, Maria Marquez, Angel Lara, Mark Baker, Alex Whyte

## 2019 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

Class: Thursday, May 2 – 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Baptism Date: Weekend of May 11 & 12:

Saturday – at the 5:30 p.m. Mass; Sunday – at the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Mass

# **Music Notes**

## **LITURGY SCHEDULE:**



Parish Choir Sings: Saturday, March 30, at 5:30 p.m. Mass

Teen Ensemble (orchestra & band instruments) plays Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, April 14, at 11:00 a.m.

## **MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULES:**

<u>Holy Family Ringers</u>: THURSDAYS, 12:30 p.m. <u>Ringers 2.0</u>: THURSDAYS, 7:00-8:00 p.m. <u>Children's Choir</u>: THURSDAYS, 6:15-7:00 p.m.

Teen Ensemble (Orchestra & Band Instruments): SUNDAY practice on April 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Church.

**Parish Choir:** Wednesday 7:00 p.m. weekly practicing weekend music from 7:00-8:00 p.m. and Holy Week music from 8:00-9:00 p.m. You may join either or both.

# <u>Interested in Music Ministry?</u> Contact Sylvia Chapa at 481-5702, ext. 116 OR Email <a href="music@holyfamilyvb.org">music@holyfamilyvb.org</a>

You may also visit the Music Ministry website and sign up online: https://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry-



**CURSILLO** is a worldwide movement of the Catholic Church. It provides a method of living a Christian life where one's spirituality may be developed, lived, and shared.

There is a Men's Spring Cursillo weekend scheduled for April 11-14, 2019. Weekends are scheduled to take place at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, in Toano, Virginia. If you are interested in learning more about the Cursillo movement or participating in the weekend, email Nicole, <a href="mailto:nicole.cursillo@gmail.com">nicole.cursillo@gmail.com</a> or call 757-874-5670.

**PARISH FAIR UPDATE:** Greetings from your friendly neighborhood Parish Fair Committee.

Soon, yes soon in this spot, we'll have when we'll be opening up for taking things in grandma's attic. So stay tuned! Next Fair meeting will be Tuesday, April 16.

With costs rising, we are also looking for help to keep costs down this year. We are looking for donations of any of the following:

Full bags of charcoal

Ketchup

Mustard

Relish

16.9 oz bottled water

12 oz soda any variety (yep, even TAB)

Any donations can be left beside the food pantry shopping carts by the main entrance. If you are able to help, this will go a long way in helping us to try and keep prices down.

If you have any questions, please email Mike O'Brien at <a href="mailto:freearcadia@live.com">freearcadia@live.com</a>.

**CHURCH BUILDING SECURITY:** Key and door lock work is all but complete, and soon we will switch to a key card system rather than a key for Church entry after hours. This means key access cards will have to be used where you presently use a key on the exterior doors. The doors will be automatically locked and unlocked as required for weekday and weekend schedules. If you presently use a key to get into the building for your ministry, be sure you have a key card. Contact Glenn or Jeff through the Church office to get a key card. We will continue to update you in the bulletin as changes are made.

# PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE MILITARY:

Every Friday, we say the Patriotic Rosary after morning Mass. Everyone is welcome.

If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them by name, please email Mary Sorrentino at <a href="mmsorrentino@gmail.com">mmsorrentino@gmail.com</a> with their name, and branch of service. Please remember that we still have military members in harm's way and keep them in your daily prayers.

**ONLINE GIVING** is available for your Tithes and for your donations to the Capital Fund. You may make your donation through your bank account, MasterCard, or Visa. This service is not available for American Express or Discover card.

You can sign up on Holy Family's website. There are also forms in the Front Office and in the Commons which you can complete for processing.

## **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord." Are you called to bring the Light of Christ to the world through a vocation to the priesthood? Call the Vocations Office (804-359-5661), to speak with Fr. Michael Boehling or Fr. Brian Capuano; or email <a href="wocations@richmonddiocese.org">wocations@richmonddiocese.org</a>.

## 11TH ANNUAL 5K RUN/WALK FOR HAITI FRIDAY, MAY 3, 2019

Visit **5kgreatneck.com** for more information and to register.



- Light up the Night for Haiti
- Wear your brightest colors and Glow Gear
- After Race Dinner and Dancing

Do you want to volunteer or be on the Planning Committee?

 $Brian \ Alexander \ (\underline{brsnl@yahoo.com})$ 

Nicole Wallace (<a href="mailto:ptnikki2@cox.net">ptnikki2@cox.net</a>), Volunteers Gwen Stinard (<a href="mailto:livinbch@aol.com">livinbch@aol.com</a>), Sponsors

## IS IT TIME TO MAKE YOUR MANDATORY

**ANNUAL IRA WITHDRAWAL?** You may receive a tax benefit by contributing all or a portion to the Church. Please consult your tax advisor or financial planner to see if this could work to your benefit.



## **LENTEN FISH FRY**



The Knights of Columbus Assembly #1505 is hosting a Fish Fry every Friday night during Lent from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m., and located at 1236 Prosperity Road in Virginia Beach. (Near Red Wing Park). This is our major fundraising event for the year and an opportunity for Our Sir Knights to provide an evening of great food and company for your family and friends. Fried or Baked fish, French fries, homemade coleslaw, hushpuppies, rice pilaf, and nuggets for the young ones. Beverages for all ages available and scrumptious desserts provided by our wonderful ladies. Leave the cooking and clean up to us and come out to support the Knights. Adults pay \$9.00 (13 and up) \$5.00 (7 to 12) and under 6, FREE. Eat in or carry out. We look forward to seeing you.

## "HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL:"

You are invited to "Hope Springs Eternal" presented by Bellissima! Women's Chorale Ensemble on Sunday, April 7, 4:00 p.m., at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 424 Kings Grant Road, Virginia Beach.



## "CREATION CARE CORNER"

Most of us take for granted that insect, animal, and plant species we rely upon daily will always be around. Not so! In fact, if we continue to burn carbon, stripmine the soil, and raze forests, we are headed towards the Sixth Mass Extinction. Scientists estimate that we are losing species 1,000 to 10,000 times more than the previous rate of 1 to 5 species per year. Ninety-nine percent of threatened species are at risk from human activities. Every species' extinction potentially leads to the extinction of others bound to that species. It is dangerous to separate an entire group of organisms apart from all others, ignoring their impact on the broader economy of nature. Everything is intertwined. Among all life's creatures, insects are some of the most vital.

Consider just one of the myriad ways in which insects support our survival. Of the nearly 300,000 species of flowering plants, around 90% rely on animal pollinators. Of the 200,000 species that supply this critical service, 199,000 are insects. As insects disappear, plants diminish. Plants for food, trees for building, resources for pharmaceuticals and natural products, which provide many other materials, will be insufficient for our needs. Ultimately, our survival is threatened. The insect, plant, and animal species are not inextinguishable.

When ants, mosquitoes, aphids, spiders, insects of all kinds come into your home or yard, what measures do you use to minimize or get rid of them? One strategy does not work for all. We have the job of ensuring that they are protected and that their habitats are restored and preserved in order to maintain balance in the environment.

Check into Earth Day Network (<a href="mail-reply@earthday.org">email-reply@earthday.org</a>), to take the pesticide pledge, which will reduce the amount of pesticides that are killing insects like pollinators. Other ways you can protect the insects are also provided. And Garden Centers sell organic fertilizers and pesticides that are not harmful to insects.

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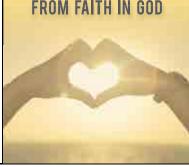
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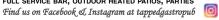
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