

Church OF THE Holy Family

A Catholic Church

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www.holyfamilyvb.org

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 – **At least nine months** before the wedding, the couple should meet with the pastor, **before** 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.
(11:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on website.)

Holy Family Day School

757-481-1180

Morning Prayer & Daily Mass

Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.;
Tuesday 6:30 p.m.

Reconciliation Saturday
4:00-5:00 p.m.

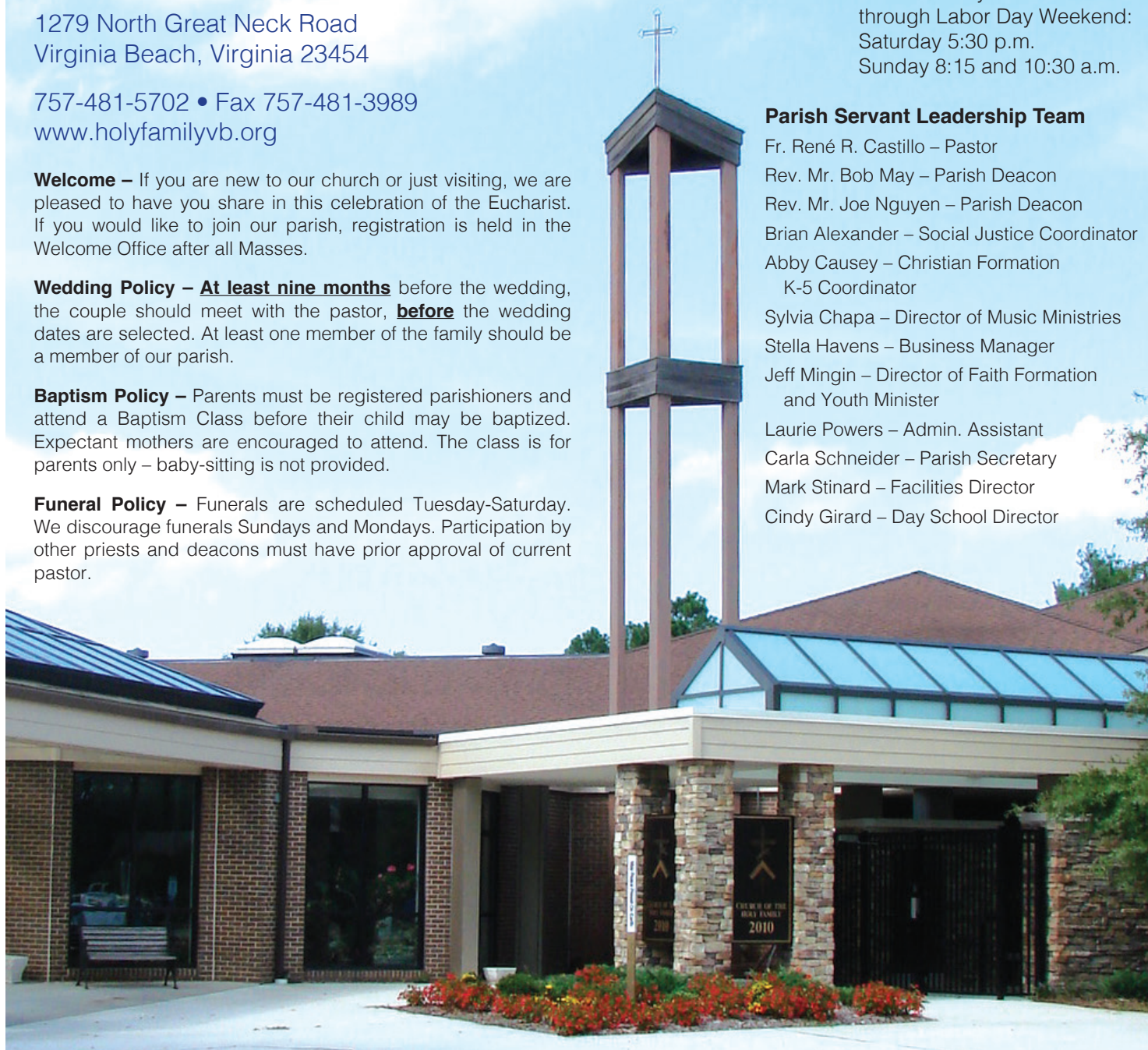
The Room Inside the Chapel

Summer Masses

Memorial Day Weekend
through Labor Day Weekend:
Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 and 10:30 a.m.

Parish Servant Leadership Team

Fr. René R. Castillo – Pastor
Rev. Mr. Bob May – Parish Deacon
Rev. Mr. Joe Nguyen – Parish Deacon
Brian Alexander – Social Justice Coordinator
Abby Causey – Christian Formation
K-5 Coordinator
Sylvia Chapa – Director of Music Ministries
Stella Havens – Business Manager
Jeff Mingin – Director of Faith Formation
and Youth Minister
Laurie Powers – Admin. Assistant
Carla Schneider – Parish Secretary
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A Parish of The Catholic Diocese of Richmond
Please remember in your prayers our sister parish, St. Jude in Baptiste, Haiti

September 24/25, 2022
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Breviary Week II – p. 111

REMEMBER THE DEAD: Peter Antonello

PRAY FOR: Sharon Abdun-Nur, Roberta Affelt, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmaz, Gerard Beres, Mary Bivins, Richard Bourdon, Daniel Brennan, Quinn Carpenter, Marty Chamberlain, Mark Cheverotti, The Clore Family, Elisa Conte, Donald Cortois, Justin Daubar, Linda Davis, Tucker Davis, Bill Dempsey, Joanne Deyo and Family, John Dunn, Michael Eaton, Andrew Erickson, Barbara Evans, Brendan Feeley, Butch Fiore, Cheri Floyd, Connie Gallacher, Tony Gargano, Robert Garrison, Ken Geroe, The Ginley Family, Daniel Girard, Gail Grabowski, Charlene Gregory, Ethan Godfrey, Judith Hamilton, Sister Nancy Healy, George Heath, Russell Heath, Victor Holland, George Horey, Theresa Hughes, Glenn James, Jeremy Johnson, Julia Johnson, The Joseph Family, Kristin Judge, Susan Kayota, Emily Kerr, Marianne Krop, Tony and Tess Lienne, Rick and Joan Long, Connie Loschi, Shaun Maschue, Susan Neal Matousek, Doris Maviglia, Eila Grace McAlphin, Deborah McGrath, Cheryl McLeskey, Thomas McQuay, Debbie Merritt, Isabel Mickle, Dr. Donald Miele, Christine Morgan, Adelaide Teresa Kelleher Neal, Charles Douglas Neal, Sandy Nuzum, Julie Oates, Doug Palczewski, Elenia Pantelidis, Beth Park, Brian Peate, Ryan Piotti, Pete Popeck, Daniel Rafferty, Jeffrey Rafferty, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpelz, Kathy Rivet, John Robishaw, Jr., Bob Rodgers, Viola Rogers, Lou Romano, Mary Romano, Dan Ryan, Jr., Jeff Ryan, Frances Sandusky, Sherry Schieno, Grace Smith, Carole Solliday, Frank Speeney, Carol St. Cyr, Mark Staff, Arlene Stepnick, Ann Stern, Gwen Stinard, Dan Stinson, Diane Taylor, Jim Trimble, Tonya Trimble, Stella Watson, Christine Watt, Emma & Frank Williams, Brianna Willis

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

BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, September 25: *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*
 Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Monday, September 26: *Saints Cosmas and Damian, martyrs:*
 Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday, September 27: *Saint Vincent de Paul, priest:* Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, September 28: *Saint Wenceslaus, martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs:* Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10b-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday, September 29: *Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, archangels:* Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Friday, September 30: *Saint Jerome, priest, doctor of the church:*
 Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14b; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday, October 1: *Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor of the church:* Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday, October 2: *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:*
 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday
 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.
 Sunday – 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 Saturday Reconciliation 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday Evening – 6:30 p.m.
 Morning Weekday – 9:30 a.m.
 Tuesday through Friday
 (11:00 a.m. Mass also Live-Streamed)
 See Church of the Holy Family Facebook
 for more information.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS: If you have an emergency and call the Church Office at 757-481-5702, please follow the directions on the phone as to what number to call for what emergency. Do not call the number listed for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick if you need Financial Assistance. There is a separate number for Financial Assistance.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Note: Some Mass Intentions may have had to be moved or changed after the Bulletin was published. We apologize for this inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding.

Monday, September 26: No Mass

Tuesday, September 27: 9:30 a.m.: Joyce Palacios +
 by Her Family; 6:30 p.m.: No Mass Intention

Wednesday, September 28: 9:30 a.m.: No Mass Intention

Thursday, September 29: 9:30 a.m.: **No Mass**

Friday, September 30: 9:30 a.m.: Robert Ryerson +
 by Bonnie Volker

Saturday, October 1: 5:30 p.m.: Dick Paradiso +
 by Paul & Carla Schneider

Sunday, October 2: 8:15 a.m.: Helen Sanders +
 by Barbara & Jack Drinane; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

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FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Paul Battaglia, Chairperson – pbattaglia1@gmail.com; Jill Broome; Stella Havens; Ray Michellini; David Reda, Bonita Volker; Rob Wright; and Mike Zeiders.

2023 BAPTISM DATES

The following weekends at all Masses:

January 14/15, April 29/30, August 5/6,
November 11/12

Saturday, February 18, 10:30 a.m.

Liturgy of the Word

Parents will need to attend an online **Baptism Class** prior to Baptism. To find out about online classes, see information below.

To request Baptism for your child,

please complete the online form at

<https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form>

or contact Marie Wolanin at 757-937-6712 or

k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org

DIOCESAN SYNOD REPORT:

Below is a link from the Diocese that presents a synthesis of all the Synod Reports of the 150 or so parishes of the Diocese of Richmond. <https://richmonddiocese.org/diocesan-dynodal-synthesis-report/>.

CHRIST-CENTERED YOGA



Please join us as we live and move and have our being in Him (*Acts 17:28*)! Christ-Centered Yoga at Church of the Holy Family offers a gentle yoga practice with Scripture meditation and prayer. Sessions are led by parishioner Amy Walton, a certified Holy Yoga instructor and ambassador and an RYT-200.

Beginning in October, sessions will be every first and third Thursday at 10:15 a.m.

WHAT WE BELIEVE



What We Believe
THE BEAUTY OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe? Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, Adult Faith Formation (AFF) invites you to join us for our fall program titled "What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith." We will meet on

Sundays between the Masses from September 18 to November 20. You can register on the parish website www.holyfamilyvb.org or forms are available at the Welcome Table. Please contact Laurie at pal@holyfamily.org for more information.

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

AND FREEWILL are hosting a Zoom Webinar on Wednesday, September 28, at 11:00 a.m., offering resources for National Estate Planning Awareness Week (NEPAW). You can use the FreeWill platform to create your own will. There is no cost to you and it is legal. Join Zoom Meeting at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86531941480>.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Council 10804



COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The Knights of Columbus Council 10804 monthly membership meeting is held on the first Thursday of each month. The Rosary will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel and all parishioners are invited. The members-only business meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. in the Family Room.

"You are born a man, YOU BECOME A KNIGHT"

We invite all Catholic men 18+ years old to join today. Visit www.kofc.org/join and use the promo code BlessedMcGivney for FREE 12 months of online membership.

(Please list Council #10804 as your preferred council)

For more information regarding our Council or how to join us, contact an officer below:

Grand Knight ~ Tony Agnelli (757-615-5054)

Deputy Grand Knight ~ Chris Delmonte (757-353-7702)

Chaplain ~ Fr. René Castillo

HOLY FAMILY MEN OF FAITH:

The first meeting of Men of Faith will be on Tuesday, September 20, at 7:00 p.m. Future dates to be determined – watch your Bulletin! If you have any questions, contact either Ron Batdorf at ronald.batdorf@gmail.com or Bob Breault at bobb1938@gmail.com.

50/50 DRAWING:

Thank you to all those who have helped selling 50/50 tickets during the past few weeks. The drawing will be October 3! Watch for your number in the Bulletin and/or Flocknote. If you have a winner, bring it to the church Business Manager during a weekday to claim your prize.



1. Harris Teeter \$50.00 gift card. 2. Half the cash prize! Good Luck!

HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

757-481-1180

Celebrating 20 Years in 2022!!




Enrolling children from

2 years old-Prekindergarten

Half-day and Full-day Programs from 7:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Music – Spanish – Outdoor Classroom

Educating

Mind  Heart  Spirit

Please call 757-481-1180 to schedule a tour!

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY**Annual Budget Projection****7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023**

INCOME	2022-2023
Offertory	\$ 1,027,123.00
Other Donations IGive Catholic	\$ 25,468.00
Designated Donations - Stolle Fees	\$ 6,000.00
Fundraising Activity Revenue	\$ 30,000.00
Fundraising Activity Expense	\$ -
Gift Shop Revenue	\$ 8,000.00
Faith Formation and Evangelization	\$ 21,000.00
Bequests	\$ 5,500.00
Liturgy, Worship, and Parish Life	\$ 10,600.00
Annual Diocesan Appeal – Parish Share	\$ 15,000.00
Facility Rental	\$ 4,450.50
Total Income	\$ 1,153,141.50

EXPENSE	
Clergy, Salaries, and Admin Costs	\$ 600,682.50
Liturgy and Worship	\$ 19,550.00
Ministry, Parish Life	\$ 10,200.00
Faith Formation and Evangelization	\$ 17,050.00
Youth Ministry	\$ 11,000.00
Adult Ministry	\$ 6,200.00
RCIA	\$ 500.00
Catholic Schools	\$ 94,328.00
Cathedraticum, Catholic Virginian	\$ 133,481.00
Facility Maintenance and Utilities	\$ 239,150.00
Rectory	\$ 21,000.00
Total Expense	\$ 1,153,141.50
Income – Expenses	\$ -

This budget is based on the projected income from tithing, fundraising, and other revenue sources that will be happening over the next year. Our operating account has a current balance of \$124,071.00. Over the last two years this account's reserves have been depleted due to low weekly tithing. As you can see, the largest part of our expenses come from personnel costs and facility expense.

ROSARY:

Please join us every Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary in the Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray as a family. We promise to start on time and have you out by 6:30 p.m.

HOLY FAMILY SEEKS DOCENTS:

What is a docent? A docent is tour guide who leads observation and inquiry based tours. No formal training or experience is required. Enthusiasm and commitment are the main qualifications. As our renovation project nears completion, we plan to conduct tours of the new church so that parishioners can learn about the design, liturgical furnishings, and upgrades. If you are outgoing, energetic, and enjoy telling stories, you are the person we seek. A guidebook and training will be provided. Contact Frank Coyle, Building Committee Chairman, at frank.coyle143@gmail.com.

RENOVATION CORNER

The Renovation project is completing all punchlist items and is in preparation for receipt of inspections required for occupancy. The date for the Dedication Mass is not yet determined. We will let you know via Flocknote as soon as we know the date. Thank you for your patience.

NEED HELP?

Do you need help around the house? Or need medical assistance? If so, please call Bruce McKenna at 757-362-4955.

RCIA

RCIA is short for the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults." RCIA is the normative process where those who are interested in the Catholic Church have a time of discernment about a possible call to full participation in the Catholic faith.



RCIA is open to:

- Those adults who have not been baptized and are spiritually looking
- Those adults who have been baptized in a recognized non-Catholic Christian tradition
- Those adults who were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Eucharist and Communion

Participating in RCIA does not mean that you **have** to become Catholic, but it does help you discern as to whether God is calling you to join the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Office at 757-481-5702 if you are interested in learning more.



CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

~ Leo Buscaglia

Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by a change or an end in a familiar pattern or behavior; it is the normal and natural reaction to loss. Our Bereavement Support Group meets Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you, or someone you know is grieving, please join us. These meetings will be confidential and held in a safe environment.

PARISH LIFE:

We are looking ahead to our Worship Space Dedication and the Reception to follow in the Family Room!

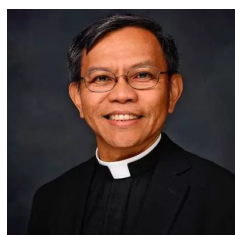
As of the moment, we don't have the exact date and time. However, we would like to make you aware that we will have sign-ups for anyone who would like to contribute food items for the celebratory Reception! Keep an eye out for more information coming soon!

2022-2023

Holy Family Parish

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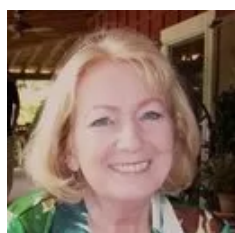
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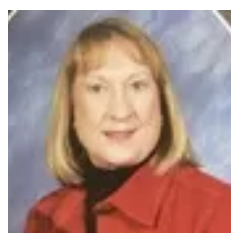
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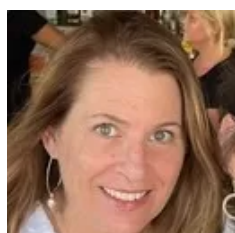
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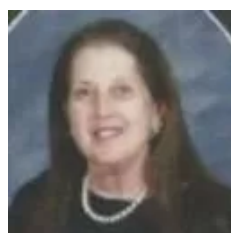
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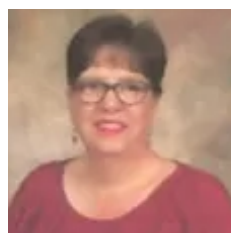
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Sacred Space

Welcome to a fairly new column that is going to help prepare us as we look forward in faith – to returning to our beautiful Worship Space. Why do we do the things we do in the Church, in the Mass? Do you have a question? Please email Laurie Powers at pal@holyfamilyvb.org and you might see the answer to your question here in the bulletin.

Church: Reverence for and in God's House

Question:

How can I explain to someone that the Church is a sacred place and one must have respect?

Answer:

Explain in humble charity that a church is sacred space because offered there on a daily basis is the holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which is “the source and the summit of the Christian life,” because in it we participate anew in offering sacramentally Christ’s one redemptive Sacrifice of Calvary! (CCC 1324).

In addition, Jesus’ Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament remains in Church Tabernacles 24/7, which is another reason to have proper reverence while inside of a Church. The tabernacle in Church is so named because it is a place where Christ dwells in the Eucharist. Church tabernacles are located in sanctuaries, often behind altar rails. When we enter the Worship Space, we draw nearer to Christ’s presence.

It is good to be mindful about correcting people in Church if they are talking before or after Mass. The Church encourages a reverent silence in preparation for Mass, but some brief conversations may take place for one reason or another.

If one feels called to have a lengthy conversation, it is more appropriate to utilize another room in the Church. Church of the Holy Family has a wonderful Family Room in which to hold conversations or socialize. We also encourage families to keep their conversations in lower tones out of respect for those who might remain afterward to pray.

Source: Nash, Tom. <https://www.catholic.com/qa/church-reverence-for-and-in-gods-house>.



Kids' Ice Cream Social

ALL KIDS ARE WELCOME!

FOR KIDS:

Pre-K to 12th grade

WHEN:

Sunday, September 25
after the 11am Mass
(Rain date: October 2)

WHERE:

In the back parking lot,
near the tent &
playground

After Mass, find a
Parish Servant
Leadership Team
Member to receive
your ticket for a
FREE ICE CREAM!

Meet other families from
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Parish, Day School,
Christian Formation
& Youth Ministry!



Ice cream for adults will be available for purchase.

**Registration for the Day School & Christian
Formation can be completed at this event!**

Fr. René Gives Final Blessing at the Virginia Interfaith Power & Light Climate Revival



On Tuesday September 13th, The Virginia Interfaith Power & Light (VIPL) hosted a "Climate Revival." The theme of the evening was "It's Time to Act." The event took place simultaneously across the state in Bristol, Roanoke, Richmond, and Hampton. The Church of the Immaculate Conception

Catholic Church hosted the event in Hampton. Climate scientists have made it clear the urgency to act on climate change.

Holy Family Planning for the Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice (IFTJ) is finalized.

Eight Holy Family parishioners will be attending this year's Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice in Washington D.C. from October 22-24, 2023.

IFTJ KEYNOTE SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

Bill McKibben: Author, Educator, Activist, founder of Third Act and 350.org campaign. Third Act organizes people over the age of 60 to work on climate and racial justice. He also founded 350.org.



Before the 18th century, when humans in the industrial west began to burn coal, oil, and gas, our atmosphere typically contained about 280 parts per million on carbon dioxide. Those are the conditions "on which civilization developed and to which life on earth is adapted" Now, as the use of fossil fuels spreads through the world, the amount of the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide is skyrocketing-we're now well over 415 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. The goal of 350.org is to reduce carbon dioxide levels to at least 350 parts per million.



Haiti "Teacher 2 Teacher" Sponsorship Letters have been Mailed Out.

Every September, a letter is mailed updating those parishioners who have sponsored a teacher for the past year. You should be receiving your letter last week. Please return the enclosed postcard to indicate your intentions for future sponsorship.



Photo: Construction of kindergarten classroom at the TQ school in Baptiste Haiti. The classroom was outdoors and exposed to the rain and would flood.

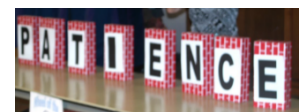
Photo: Students preparing for school



The Chosen is Back!



The Chosen is returning to their regular scheduled nights after a summer break. The Chosen meet on the first three Monday's of each month. Last Monday they played "The Wheel of the Spirit" starring "Vanna" Georgia, "Vanna" Emily and host Jim "Sajak". Answers to all the puzzles were the fruits of the spirit.



“CREATION CARE CORNER:”

For Catholics, October 4 is widely recognized as the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Francis is also known as the Patron Saint of Ecology. He was born in a small Italian town, Assisi, sometime between 1181 and 1182, and died in October, 1226. He was known for his love of all creation, but also for his dedication to the poor, peace, and interreligious dialogue, such as his encounter with the sultan of Egypt during the Fifth Crusade. It was on November 29, 1979, that Pope Paul II issued a papal bull that declared St. Francis of Assisi the patron of ecology and those who promote ecology. In the bull, Pope John Paul II wrote, “Among the holy and admirable men who have revered nature as a wonderful gift of God to the human race, St. Francis deserves special consideration.” Being named the Patron Saint of Ecology at the end of the 1970’s, it was the same decade that witnessed the birth of the modern environmental movement and began with the celebration of the first Earth Day, held in the USA.

In Catholic tradition, a patron saint is someone believed to have the ability to intercede with God on behalf of someone’s prayers. They are also titles that honor the life that saint lived. In his “The Canticle of the Creatures,” which the saint composed near the end of his life, Francis not only offers up praise of God for all of creation, but invites each creature to join him in praising God. The canticle isn’t just a hymn of praise, but a reflection of how he encountered God in all things.

Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio wrote that “for Francis all creation became a theophany, a manifestation of the goodness of God, for the Canticle discloses Francis’ view of nature as a sacramental expression of God’s generous love.” She adds that for Francis, respect for creation sprang not from an obligation, but from love, because he saw it as “intimately united with God. Everything spoke to Francis of the infinite love of God.”

Franciscan Father Daniel Horan said that “St. Francis called all creatures – and not merely those nonhuman animals we classify as sentient, but rocks and trees alike – his sisters and brothers because in a real sense, they are, adding that the consequences of humanity’s hubris, which sets us above creation, are visible in the pollution of the Earth, extinction of species, and climate change.”

In *Laudato Si’*, Pope Francis wrote, “the poverty and austerity of St. Francis were no veneer of asceticism, but something much more radical: a refusal to turn reality into an object simply to be used and controlled.” The pope goes on to say that “Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace.”

According to Sister Ilia Delio, a theologian at Villanova University, it took Francis his lifetime to develop his vision on creation. We can honor St. Francis and celebrate his life by striving for such a goal ourselves – with God’s help!

The material in this article was taken from, ‘Why is St. Francis of Assisi the Patron Saint of Ecology?’ in earthbeat.org, October 2, 2020, issue, written by Brian Roewe.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry



“Chillin’ on the Church Lawn”

Sponsored by
the Knights of Columbus

Saturday, October 15
immediately following 5:30 p.m. Mass

**Food, Beverages,
Live Entertainment**



“Mini” Granny’s Attic
after Mass



on Saturday **and** Sunday

Do you have “mini” or small items to donate?
If so, please donate them!
If not, please come buy some!

Please keep all bigger items (furniture, yard items, exercise equipment, etc...) for May when we have our annual BIG Granny’s Attic.



♪ ♪ Music Notes ♪ ♪

Children, Teens, & Adults!
Sign up now to sing, ring, or play!

Contact Sylvia Chapa NOW!

Director of Music Ministries, at

757-481-5702, ext. 124 or email music@holyfamiyvb.org

Children's Choir (Grades 3-5) – Contact Ms. Sylvia now!

Boys and Girls sing and make music and have fun! You'll learn to read music better, too. **You'll practice at 4:30 p.m. in the Music Room 134** (that's during the Sunday afternoon Middle School Christian Formation Class – one stop for Mom & Dad!

Teen Singers (grades 6-12) – Singers in Middle and High School practice between Christian Formation classes on Sunday afternoon! **Rehearsals begin Sunday, October 2, at 5:45 p.m. for High School and Middle School. Contact Ms. Sylvia NOW!**

Parish Choir: Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Singing September 25 and October 2 Masses at 11:00 a.m.



Christmas Choir

Starts Wednesday, October 5, at 8:00 p.m. in Music Room 134.

Handbells – Holy Family Ringers
practice all Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. –

openings for 2-3 ringers this fall – did you ring choir chimes at school? Play an instrument but say “I love music, but I can’t sing?” Handbells are for you! Can’t read music – we’ll teach you. *Contact Sylvia now!*

Instruments – Contact Sylvia now – especially would like to hear some strings at the 8:15 a.m. Mass – you know who you are! Instruments welcome at any Mass on any weekend.



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Thanks for a spectacular September! We have begun scheduling photo shoots for October, and are making it fun. Bring your own little son/daughter “pumpkins” and they’ll take home their own mini pumpkin! Each family who schedules a sitting for

a Directory photo will receive a FREE mini pumpkin for each child. Couples and individuals might walk out with one, too! Make this a fun time, and one you’ll always remember by your picture in the Directory.

Check in at the sign-up table on the weekends before and after Mass, and sign up online during the week at www.ucdir.com. If you want to sign up online, see below:

- go to Universal’s website www.ucdir.com
- click on the top box on the right that says: Photography Appointment Scheduling Login
- enter va168 in church code field
- enter photos in church password field
- follow prompts to schedule your family photo time

Pick an October date and get ready!



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At Church of the Holy Family, small groups are where we build fellowship – friendships based in faith. Groups of 6-10 people gather to learn to love God and love others as we discuss God’s Word. Small groups are where we support others and allow others to support us as we strive to live life as followers of Jesus.

You can sign up online at holyfamiyvb.org or at the Welcome Table before or after weekend Mass.

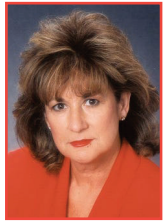
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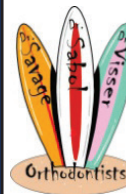
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