

# 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** – **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.

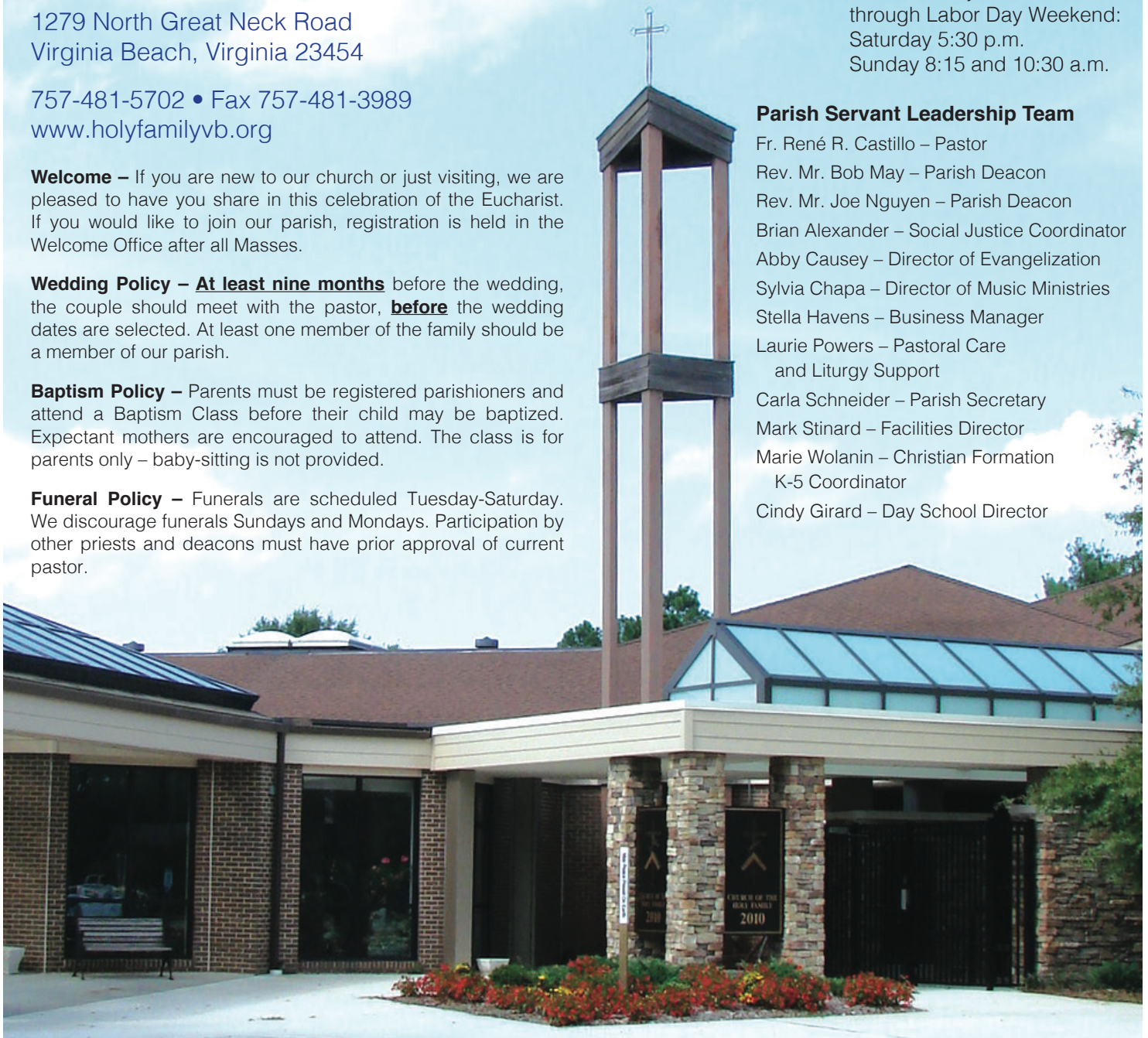
The Room Inside the Chapel

### **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 – Director of Evangelization  
Sylvia Chapa – Director of Music Ministries  
Stella Havens – Business Manager  
Laurie Powers – Pastoral Care  
and Liturgy Support  
Carla Schneider – Parish Secretary  
Mark Stinard – Facilities Director  
Marie Wolanin – Christian Formation  
K-5 Coordinator  
Cindy Girard – Day School Director



A Parish of The Catholic Diocese of Richmond  
Please remember in your prayers our sister parish, St. Jude in Baptiste, Haiti

June 17/18, 2023

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**REMEMBER THE DEAD:** Terry Thomas

**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, Quinn Carpenter, Heather Cervantes, Mark Cheverotti, Carolyn Collings, Carol Collins, Donald Cortois, Linda Davis, Tucker Davis, Bill Dempsey, Joanne Deyo and Family, Michael Eaton, Barbara Evans, Brendan Feeley, Aretha Francois, Connie Gallacher, Tony Gargano, The Ginley Family, Daniel Girard, Cameron Gladon, Mary Ann Golas, Gail Grabowski, Charlene Gregory, Donna Gottshall, Sister Nancy Healy, George Heath, Russell Heath, George Horey, Elston Howard, Theresa Hughes, Jeremy Johnson, Julia Johnson, The Joseph Family, Kristin Judge, Susan Kayota, Emily Kerr, Marianne Krop, Tess and Tony Liene, Connie Loschi, Susan Neal Matousek, Doris Maviglia, Eila Grace McAlphin, Cheryl McLeskey, Thomas McQuay, Debbie Merritt, Isabel Mickle, L.P. Mickle, Steven Molesky, Shaun Maschue, Sandy Nuzum, Julie Oates, Doug Palczewski, Elenia Pantelidis, Beth Park, Ryan Piotti, Pete Popeck, Margarita Rafferty, Margaret Rafferty and Family, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpehlz, Kathy Rivet, Kelly Robinson, John Robshaw, Jr., Bob Rodgers, Lou Romano, Mary Romano, Cindy Anna Russo, Dan Ryan, Jr., Jeff Ryan, Frances Sandusky, Sherry Schieno, Grace Smith, Carole Solliday, Carol St. Cyr, Mark Staff, Roy and Sue Starrin, Arlene Stepnick, Ann Stern, Gwen Stinard, Mark C. and Catherine Stinard, Dan Stinson, Diane Taylor, Jim Trimble, Tonya Trimble, Suzanne Wassel, Stella Watson, Christine Watt, Emma & Frank Williams, Brianna Willis, Dee Whitley, Barbara Woods

*“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, June 18:** *Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

Ex 19:2-6a; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rom 5:6-11; Mt 9:36-10:8

**Monday, June 19:** *Saint Romuald, Abbot:* 2 Cor 6:1-10;

Ps 98:1-4; Mt 5:38-42

**Tuesday, June 20:** 2 Cor 8:1-9; Ps 146:2, 5-9a; Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday, June 21:** *Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious:*

2 Cor 9:6-11; Ps 112:1-4, 9; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, June 22:** *Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop;*

*Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs:*

2 Cor 11:1-11; Ps 111:1-4, 7-8; Mt 6:7-15

**Friday, June 23:** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30; Ps 34:2-7;

Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday, June 24:** *The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist:*

Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-15; Acts 13:22-26;

Lk 1:57-66, 80

**Sunday, June 25:** *Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*

Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rom 5:12-15;

Mt 10:26-33

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday –

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

Friday – 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 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

(10:30 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 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.

**Saturday, June 17:** 5:30 p.m.: James Benedetto

by The Benedetto Family

**Sunday, June 18:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;

10:30 a.m.: Martin & Katherine Zimmer + and

Sharon Abdun-Nur + by Kathy Rivet

**Monday, June 19:** No Mass

**Tuesday, June 20:** 9:30 a.m.: No Mass; 6:30 p.m.: No Mass

**Wednesday, June 21:** 9:30 a.m.: No Mass

**Thursday, June 22:** 9:30 a.m.: No Mass

**Friday, June 23:** No Mass

**Saturday, June 24:** 5:30 p.m.: Virginia Pachasa +

by Tom & Pat Patterson

**Sunday, June 25:** 8:15 a.m.: Donald W. “Bill” Murphy +

by Ada Lou Murphy; 10:30 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Michelle Rack, Chair; Jim McCaddin, Secretary; Bob Breault; Charlie Clarkson; Mariann Gannon; Lucy Klinkhammer; Connie Loschi; Dorothy Lyons; Christina Neveau-Zepf; Adam Stephens; Marie Sexton – [ppc@hollyfamilyvb.org](mailto:ppc@hollyfamilyvb.org).

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**ONLINE GIVING:**



**PASTOR AWAY:** Fr. René will be away from June 19-25. He will be on his Annual Retreat from June 19-23. The weekend of June 24/25, he will be celebrating Mass at Fr. Herman's three parishes in Woodlawn, Floyd, and Stuart, while Fr. Herman is at Holy Family.

#### **SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

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#### **2023 BAPTISM DATES**

**The Following Weekends at all Masses:**

**Sunday, August 6,**

**Weekend of November 11/12**

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.hollyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form>

or contact Marie Wolanin at 757-937-6712

or [k5cf@hollyfamilyvb.org](mailto:k5cf@hollyfamilyvb.org)



#### **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.

**Meet every First and Third Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.**



**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. **NOTE:** There will be an additional Rosary Service at 4:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. Rosary will continue.



#### **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.

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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:**

**Men of Faith – Who Are We?** Just a group of guys trying to share our thoughts and feelings about how we can be true to our Faith in this sometimes confusing world. We meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. here at church. We read, discuss, and pray with the readings of the following Sunday's Mass to see how they can be applied to our lives. And we believe in the power of prayer to change things for the better. If you are interested in learning more, please contact either Ron Batdorf at [ronald.batdorf@gmail.com](mailto:ronald.batdorf@gmail.com) or Bob Breault at [bobbro1938@gmail.com](mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com).



**50/50 RAFFLE:** The 50/50 Raffle continues at all Masses this weekend, and continues until the end of the month.

Drawing in early July. If you are interested in selling tickets before and after the Masses, please stop by the table and leave your information. Thank you!

#### **WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

**Budget 2022/2023 is \$1,027,103.00**

Our new online giving company (Faith Direct) only provides us with total online giving donations twice a month. In order to provide a more accurate depiction of the total contributions being received from parishioners, we will be providing monthly figures in the bulletin.

Make your stewardship easy with e-giving. Have your contribution taken from your bank account or charged to your credit card. See "Online Donation" on the Parish website: <https://hollyfamilyvb.org/>. Contact Lani Ulep, Business Manager, in the Parish Office if you have questions.

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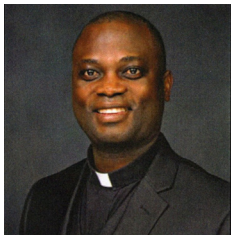
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**PASTORAL CARE FOR THOSE IN THE HOSPITAL:**

Are you or a loved one sick and in the hospital? Would you like to receive Communion? If so, please call the Parish Office at 757-481-5702 and leave a message with your name and the best way to contact you. We will make arrangements to accommodate you during your hospital stay.

**MISSION COOPERATIVE**

Next weekend (June 24/25), Fr. Herman Katongole, Pastor of the Virginia Cluster Parishes of St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Woodlawn; All Saints Catholic Church in Floyd; and Church of the Risen Lord in Stuart, will be here to celebrate all Masses and to tell us how we can help with the Richmond Diocesan Mission Cooperative.

Please welcome Fr. Herman. There will be a second collection. Please be generous and please make checks payable to "Holy Family" with "Mission Cooperative" in the memo.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:** "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few." Are you ready to labor for the harvest? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at the Vocations Office at (804) 359-5661 or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL**

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**"CREATION CARE CORNER:"**

Each year, there is approximately 400 tons of plastic produced. Of that, at least 14% goes into bags. Unfortunately, only about 16% of plastic is recycled and the rate for plastic bags is significantly lower. Many local recyclers do not accept bags and we cannot be certain that those we drop off at stores' containers are actually recycled. Granted getting a plastic bag to carry our purchases makes shopping so much quicker. We don't think about the harm those bags are doing to our environment and even our health. Studies have found that it takes up to 2,000 years or more for plastic to completely decompose. Even then, dangerous micro-plastics form and enter our food supply, among other areas of life. If we need reasons to switch from plastic bags to reusable ones like canvas and cloth, here are some:

- Plastic bags kill up to around 100,000 animals yearly, many of them in our waterways.
- The production of plastic bags drains the supply of petroleum and causes a rise in oil prices
- There is a large amount of water used in the production of plastic and in many areas of the world, water is a precious item.
- Help future generations have a cleaner environment.
- The BPA product found in plastic can lead to health problems of cancer, among other diseases.

July has been declared "Plastic-Free Month!" Millions of people throughout the globe will be celebrating by avoiding plastic items, some days or every day of July. In 2022, plastic-free participants reduced plastic waste by 2.6 million tons (the weight of 13 blue whales). The theme for the event is "Small Steps, Big Differences!"

Using cloth, canvas, or some reusable bag when you shop instead of the plastic bags stores provide could be one way to make July a plastic-free month!

Another would be swapping from individually-packaged snacks to unpackaged treats, going to a bulk store, where snacks are now stored in glass containers and washable tongs are used to gather them.

The first part of the article is adapted from a May 5, 2023, article by Steve Kriz, [stephenkriz@gmail.com](mailto:stephenkriz@gmail.com), in the *St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Community* newsletter.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

**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.



## 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.

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Do You Have Three Hours Each Week To Help Pregnant Women In Need?**

Birthright of Norfolk is seeking volunteers to join our mission of offering practical assistance to pregnant women in crisis so they can choose life for their child. All training is provided. Women and men, age 18 and up, are invited to join us. Contact us at [BRNvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:BRNvolunteers@gmail.com) for more information. [www.birthright.org/NorfolkVA](http://www.birthright.org/NorfolkVA)

## **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:**

*My Jesus, I believe that You are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

## EVENTS

**PARISH LIFE:** The next Parish Life meeting is Tuesday, June 20, at 6:00 p.m. Please join us!

## **CURSILLO WEEKENDS** **FOR 2023**

**Women's Cursillo – October 26-29**

**Men's Cursillo – October 12-15**

Watch for more information on Flocknote, Holy Family website, and/or in the Bulletin.



## **WINE FOR MASS:**

If you haven't already done so, please bring at least one bottle of Berenger White Merlot wine to be used for Communion in the coming year. It is available at Harris Teeter across the street.

## **ALZHEIMER's CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP:**

This Support Group will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1396 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia, 23453, on **Thursday, June 22, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Cenacle Room. It is held the fourth Thursday of each month.

The topic to be discussed is ***"Take Care of yourself: Managing Caregiver Stress,"*** presented by trained facilitator member, John Termini, Ph.D.

A support system has been developed with exchanging practical information on care giving challenges and possible solutions; also talking through issues and ways of coping by sharing feelings, needs, and concerns. For further information or directions, call Dottie at 757-486-7455. **ALL ARE WELCOME!**



## **CHRISTIAN UNITY:**

Do you have an interest in worship for the unity of the Church of Christ? Our parish needs representation to our local Christian Ecumenical Network (CEN). Please contact Fr. René if you are interested.

## ♪ ♪ Music Notes ♪ ♪

### **Summer Schola**

A summer choir with no weeknight rehearsals! We practice one hour before Mass. Music is given out one (1) week in advance, and you learn on your own. You don't have to be a current singer in any choir. Email [music@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org) or text/call Sylvia at 757-469-8957.

**Instruments:** Contact Sylvia with info above!

### **Holy Family Music Ministry**



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# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

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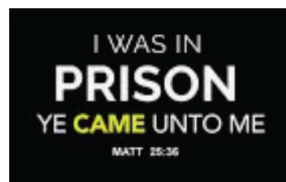
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## Prison Ministry Meeting The Third Tuesday of the Month

The next Prison Ministry Meeting is Tuesday June 20<sup>th</sup> on Zoom at 7:00pm. The ministry includes participants from near and far. The Zoom format allows for frequent guest speakers. The outline of the meeting follows education, advocacy, and outreach.

If you are interesting in learning more or joining a meeting, contact chairperson Lynn Kline [lynnhklaine@hotmail.com](mailto:lynnhklaine@hotmail.com)



## What is Juneteenth?

Juneteenth is Monday, June 19, 2023! It is the oldest celebration marking the end of slavery in the United States.

- April 1862: Slavery abolished in Washington D.C.
- Sept 1862: Emancipation Proclamation is signed.
- **June 19, 1865: Marks the end of slavery in the United States.**
- Dec. 1865 Slavery abolished with ratification of the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- 1980 Texas is first state to recognize Juneteenth.
- June 2021: Juneteenth becomes a federal holiday



"Let this holiday be one of furthering our communion with one another as members of the Body of Christ." "It is with hope that this

holiday, along with Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, and Fourth of July, is a reminder that we can progress as a people to ensure the promise of our nation to guarantee the blessing of liberty and justice for all."

**Statement from Bishop Knestout following the establishment of Juneteenth as a federal holiday.**

The Holy Family Racial Justice and Unity Ministry wishes everyone a blessed and peaceful Juneteenth.

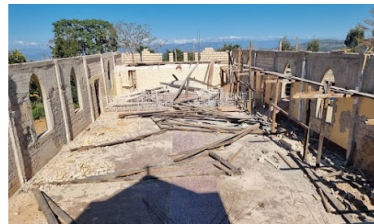
## MIDDLE SCHOOL ART AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> through Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>

Learn more and register at [www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org)

## UPDATE ON ST JUDE CHURCH RENOVATION IN BAPTISTE HAITI

On November 9, 2021, an earthquake damaged the church at our twining parish of St. Jude in Baptiste Haiti. The Church required major re-enforcing. Thanks to the generosity of the Holy Family parishioners, structural repairs have been made. Columns and walls have been secured. The roof is complete and the flooring and altar are now being installed.



The ceramic tiles for the flooring and altar have arrived and installation has begun. The creation of the Two stain glass windows above the altar has begun.

The side windows of the church will be glass and the windows will be able to open. Opening glass windows in Baptiste is very uncommon. The final phase is to complete the interior roof, install electricity for chandeliers. The cost for phase three is \$18,000 USD. Currently, there is no fund raising plan for phase three. At this time the Haiti Committee does not have the funds for this project. Fr. Ronel hopes to have the church ready for the Feast of St. Jude on October 28, 2023.





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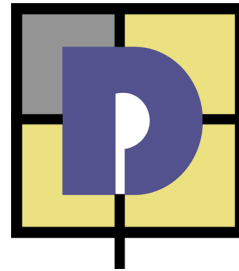


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