

# 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.

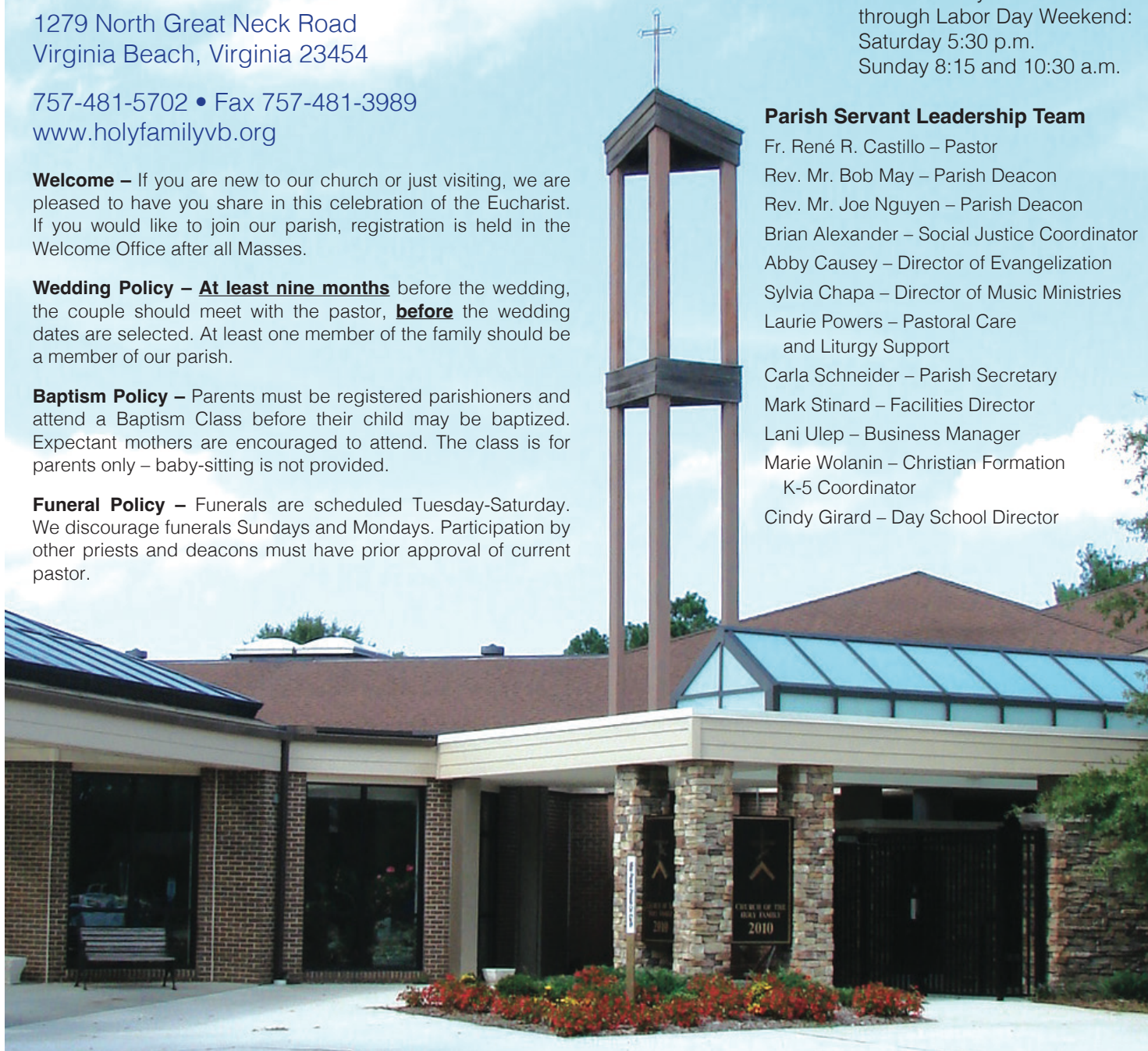
The Room Inside the Chapel

### **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  
Laurie Powers – Pastoral Care  
and Liturgy Support  
Carla Schneider – Parish Secretary  
Mark Stinard – Facilities Director  
Lani Ulep – Business Manager  
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

**THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

August 12 &amp; 13, 2023

**Breviary – Week III – p. 187**

**REMEMBER THE DEAD:** Irene Albert, Richard Bach, Deacon Lawrence Illy, William Walker

**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmaz, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, Quinn Carpenter, Patrick Causey, Heather Cervantes, Carolyn Collings, Carol Collins, Donald Cortois, Mary Crell, 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, Margaret Rafferty and Family, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpehlz, Kathy Rivet, Kelly Robinson, John Robishaw, Jr., Bob Rodgers, Lou Romano, Mary Romano, Cindy Anna Russo, Dan Ryan, Jr., Jeff Ryan, Frances Sandusky, Marlene Sayers, 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, Emilie Yoder

*“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.

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:** If you have an emergency and call the Church Office (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.

**SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS:****Monday-Thursday****10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.****Friday – 10:00 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 – 4:00-5:00 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.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Sunday, August 13:** *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary**Time:* 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5;

Mt 14:22-33

**Monday, August 14:** *Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest,**Martyr:* Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;

Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 15:** *The Assumption of the Blessed**Virgin Mary (USA):* Rv 11:19a: 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:

10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday, August 16:** *Saint Stephen of Hungary:*

Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 17:** Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17;

Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday, August 18:** Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18,

21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 19:** *Saint John Eudes, priest:*

Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 20:** *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary**Time:* Is 56: 1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15,

29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**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@holysfamilyvb.org](mailto:ppc@holysfamilyvb.org).

**FINANCE COUNCIL:**

Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Steve Winter, Chairperson – [swinter@edgewaterasset.com](mailto:swinter@edgewaterasset.com); Rob Wright, Vice-Chairperson – [robwright@thalhimer.com](mailto:robwright@thalhimer.com); Jay Ly; Ray Michelini; Lani Ulep; Bonnie Volker; Mike Zeiders; and Pat Zogg.



**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

“Get hold of yourselves! It is I. Do not be afraid!” If the Lord truly calls you, what you need is trust. Are you called to lead the Lord’s people as a priest, deacon, or in the consecrated life? Call Fr. Brian Capuano at the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661, or email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**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, August 12:** 5:30 p.m.: John and Mary Alleva on their 52nd Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, August 13:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners; 10:30 a.m.: Marco Benedetto by The Benedetto Family

**Monday, August 14:** No Mass

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary –**

**Tuesday, August 15:** 12:00 noon: Charles Davis + by Paul & Carla Schneider; 7:00 p.m.: No Intention

**Wednesday, August 16:** 9:30 a.m.: Francis McCaffery + by Frank McCaffery

**Thursday, August 17:** 9:30 a.m.: Gayle Coxford + by The Gundlach Family

**Friday, August 18:** 9:30 a.m.: No Mass

**Saturday, August 19:** 5:30 p.m.: Raleigh Hamilton + by The Hamilton Family

**Sunday, August 20:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners; 10:30 a.m.: John Patrick Dunn + by Karen Dunn

**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.

**ONLINE GIVING:****SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

Fr. René R. Castillo, Pastor – [pastor@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:pastor@holyfamilyvb.org) or [Father.Rene](mailto:Father.Rene)

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Rev. Mr. Bob Durel, Retired Deacon – [robertdurel@gmail.com](mailto:robertdurel@gmail.com)

**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. Like many others, we are taking a breather for the summer. We’ll resume in September. For more information contact Bob Breault at [bobbro1938@gmail.com](mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com).

**2023 BAPTISM DATES****The Following Weekends:****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 go to the parish website. Under the “Our Faith” tab, click “The Sacraments” and then click “Baptism.” There you will find lots of information about Baptism requirements and godparents. To schedule a Baptism, complete the online form on the parish website. Here is the direct link to the form: <https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form>. You can also contact Marie Wolanin at 757-937-6712 or [k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org).

**ROSARY:**

Please join us every Wednesday evening at 4:00 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 4:30 p.m.

**NOTE:** There will only be one Rosary Service at 4:00 p.m. The 6:00 p.m. Rosary has been cancelled.

**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](http://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 ~ Charles Clarkson (757-416-2707)**  
**Deputy Grand Knight ~ Joe Murray (757-355-2108)**  
**Chaplain ~ Fr. René Castillo**

**Knight of the Month: Jim McHugh**  
**Family of the Month: Shirley McClaskey**

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

Are you or a loved one are 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.

**COMING SOON**

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 to schedule a tour!

**50/50 RAFFLE:**

The 50/50 Raffle has begun again at all weekend Masses. The drawing will be Labor Day weekend (September 2/3).

**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://holyfamilyvb.org/>. Contact Lani Ulep, Business Manager, in the Parish Office if you have questions.





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### SO MANY OF US ARE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING THE DELIVERY OF OUR 2022 PARISH DIRECTORY.

The publishing company is in Ohio and uses yet another facility to do hard-cover binding. We are almost there, so keep your fingers crossed! We who worked on the Directory had no idea of the time-frame, but the first order of business for the next Directory, for our 50th Anniversary, will be to find a different company and ask questions first! Let us know if you are interested in being part of the team! Thanks for your patience!

### HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY



Holy Family Day School is seeking a Preschool Teacher.

Successful candidates will be compassionate, patient, and have an educational background and experience in Early Childhood Education.

This is a part-time position Monday to Friday, when school is in session. The Teacher will instill a love of learning, prepare developmentally appropriate lessons and activities to promote the children's learning. They will also work cooperatively with the classroom assistant. If you are interested and qualified, please send a resume and Diocesan Application to Cindy Girard at [dayschoolprincipal@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:dayschoolprincipal@holyfamilymb.org).

### 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.*

### "CREATION CARE CORNER:"

#### SOIL – PART IV

The last three weeks' articles on "Keeping the Magic of Soil Alive" ended with an explanation of why soil is such a valuable resource for our planet.



When considering the benefits of healthy soil, the urgency of introducing policies to restore a minimum of 3-6% organic matter in agricultural soil becomes apparent and necessary. Governments must implement policies for soil rejuvenation and conservation.

Sadhguru, one of the most influential people of our time and a best-selling author, maintains that this can only happen by implementing a 3-pronged strategy;

- First, world governments need to incentivize farmers to raise the organic matter in their soil. (This is what Farmer John Wilson is doing at his Drishti Project in Pungo. Our parish has joined this project by becoming a collection station for food waste, which is then taken to the farm, where it is processed and transformed into rich, fertile soil through composting.)
- Second, world governments must simplify the carbon credit market so that it is accessible to the farmers.
- The third part of the strategy calls for market recognition and valuation of the produce as per the organic matter of the soil, which it comes from.

Sadhguru, in his travels around the globe, has said that "the whole world knows that the soil must be revitalized and I am sure that policies will be implemented almost everywhere." He claims that "everyone knows there is a serious problem and all know the general direction of the solution."

This article is adapted from "On A Mission to Keep the Magic of Soil Alive," written by Martina Igini and published in *earth.org* on 06/20/2023.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

**ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY:**

In a continuing effort to grow our Altar Server ministry, we would like to invite any student, in the third grade or higher, who has received First Holy Communion to consider this important way to serve. When an Altar Server participates in Mass, they are helping the Priest bring Jesus Christ to the people of the parish through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

**Commitment:** There is a 90-minute training session, the Mass time of your choice when available, and there will be a parent meeting Labor Day week for more information.

**Please check your Flocknotes** and this space in the Bulletin in late August for meeting dates and times! If you have any questions in the meantime, please feel free to contact the ministry coordinator, Michael Barea at [michael.barea@gmail.com](mailto:michael.barea@gmail.com) or Deacon Bob May at [robmay124@gmail.com](mailto:robmay124@gmail.com).

## **Music Notes**

Contact Sylvia for details to join in the happy music making at Holy Family!

Email [music@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilymb.org) or

Call 757-481-5702, ext. 124 or

See Sylvia at the piano after any Mass.

**Summer Schola** sings August 13 at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass, and at the 5:30 p.m. Mass, August 19. Practicing is on your own with rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.

**Teen Singers** sing August 20 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass and then we wave a fond farewell to Carolina who will be leaving for Mary Baldwin to major in music! If you sing in choir at school or can't get it into your schedule, there's room for you in Teen Singers. Heads up! We'll be accepting new singers in September!

*Holy Family*



*Serving through Music*

## **CALLING FOR NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL!**

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is a small group of parishioners who advise the Pastor in promotion of the ideals and goals of our parish. The PPC is committed to creating an inclusive, diverse space for worship and fellowship. We advise the Pastor with a visionary outlook for the parish and serve as a liaison between parishioners and the Pastor. Canon Law No. 511 refers to the duties of pastoral councils in terms of investigating, reflecting, and making recommendations concerning the pastoral works of the church.

### **Duties include:**

- 1. Participation** in monthly meetings usually held on the second Thursday of each month
- 2. Contribution** of advice and ideas intended to promote the vision of the parish
- 3. Service** to the parish as a representative to the Council while upholding the parish mission
- 4. Working cohesively** as a member of the team.

This is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in our parish. All those who are interested in serving are asked to submit a **Letter of Intent**. This letter will be reviewed by a committee including Father Rene, PPC, and Servant Leadership Team members. **We want to hear from you!**

### **In your letter, please include the following:**

- Basic contact information
- What do you feel you can contribute to the PPC?
- What are your expectations for serving on the PPC?
- What, in your opinion, is the most significant challenge that we face as a parish as we look ahead to the next three-five years?

Letters of Intent must be submitted **on or before August 20, 2023**. Please mail to:

Church of the Holy Family  
1279 N. Great Neck Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23454  
Attn: Michelle Rack, Chairman PPC  
or  
Email to [ppc@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:ppc@holyfamilymb.org) ~  
Please cc: [pastor@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:pastor@holyfamilymb.org)



**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.

**"THIS IS MY BODY"**

The book, "This is My Body, A Call to Eucharistic Revival," by Bishop Robert Barron, is available after Mass for a donation. It is an exceptional explanation of why we celebrate the Liturgy of the Eucharist as Catholics.

**SUMMER PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**

Please note that our Parish Office hours have changed for the rest of the summer. On Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the Parish Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Friday, the Parish Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. After Labor Day, we will go back to our regular hours.

**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.

**James**  
*Pearls for Wise Living*

**PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

Have you ever struggled with living your faith practically? Do you want advice on how to live as a Catholic? James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. Its teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and their faith.

Adult Faith Formation (AFF) invites you to join us for our Fall program titled "James: Pearls for Wise Living." This study applies the wisdom of James to our current day. We will meet on Sundays between the Masses from September 10 through November 19. You can register on the parish website [www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org) or forms are available at the Welcome Table. Please contact [PAL@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:PAL@holyfamilyvb.org) for more information.

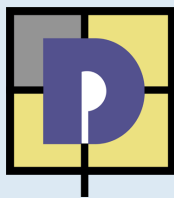
TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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August 12-13, 2023

A special thanks for everyone who made the Art & Environment Camp week such a creative and fun time. Thanks to Susie Stefonowich and Sandy May for their planning and guidance during the week. Susie focused our opening prayers on BELONGING, BELIEVING & BECOMING. Joe and Elizabeth Panchik spent the week helping everyone be creative and inspired. Thanks to Abby Causey, Marie and Stan Wolanin for chaperoning our trip on the light rail and to the Chrysler Museum. Thank you Christina Neveu Zepf for carpooling us to and from the light rail. Ed Marroni (The Chairperson of the Holy Family Environmental Ministry) spoke to the group throughout the week on how Holy Family cares for creation, the upcoming season of creation, and the life of St Francis. Thanks to AJ and Stan Wolanin for spending the day with us at First Landing State Park. Thanks to Laurie Powers for bringing us lunch at First Landing. High School students, Lucy Klinkhamer, Bella Mlodzinski helped plan the week and Sean Spearman spent the week helping where needed. Thanks to Chuck Kline for helping students design and create environmental signs. And a special thanks to Audrey Douglas-Cooke and Abby Causey for helping the students make healthy lunches for the group. We thanked God for the gift of creation and we reflected throughout the week on the importance of our wetlands and how God lets us know in the book Genesis that all of creation is GOOD.







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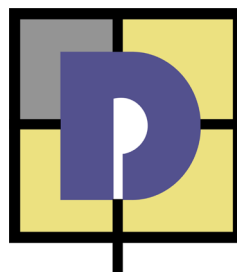


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