

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.

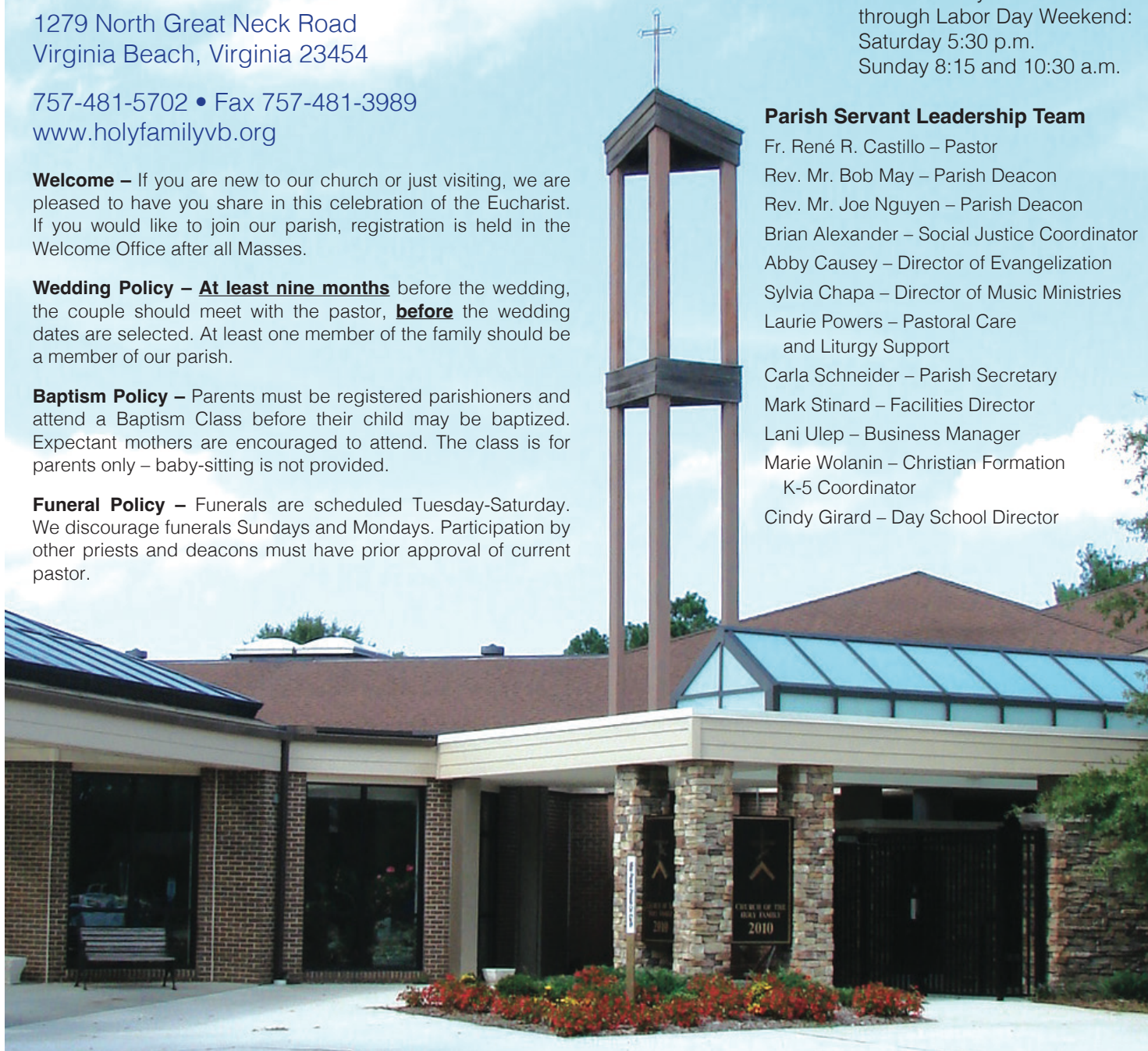
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Summer Masses

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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26 & 27, 2023

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PRAY FOR: Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmas, 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, Marge Galgon, 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, Billy Jankosky, 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, Collin O'Rourke, 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 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.

ONLINE GIVING:**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 27: *Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time:*
Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Monday, August 28: *Saint Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church:* 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1-6, 9; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday, August 29: *The Passion of Saint John the Baptist:* 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mk 6:17-29

Wednesday, August 30: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12b; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday, August 31: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday, September 1: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25:1-13

Saturday, September 2: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday, September 3: *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time:* Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

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@holyfamilymb.org.

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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 26: 5:30 p.m.: John Dunn +

by Paul & Carla Schneider

Sunday, August 27: 8:15 a.m.: Joseph Gately +

by Bob & Jeanne Weaver;

10:30 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

Monday, August 28: No Mass

Tuesday, August 29: 9:30 a.m.: Manuel Pelaez +

by Carmen Pelaez; 6:30 p.m.: Raleigh Hamilton +

by Tom & Karen Beatty

Wednesday, August 30: 9:30 a.m.: No Intention

Thursday, August 31: 9:30 a.m.: Bruce W. Edwards +

by Jean Edwards

Friday, September 1: 9:30 a.m.: Abel Naranjo +

by Barbara Kledzek

Saturday, September 2: 5:30 p.m.: Judi Phillips

by Tom & Pat Patterson

Sunday, September 3: 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;

10:30 a.m.: Claire Capomagi + by Mike & Cathy

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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.

**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!”

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(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

FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD

For those of you who might not have recorded or remembered the website Father René provided to join this Guild, here it is again: **fathermcgivney.org**. Should you prefer utilizing a QR code, it is below as well. As Father stated, all Catholics are invited to join for free this thriving community of prayer and spiritual support which promotes

the sainthood cause of the founder of the Knights of Columbus.

Be part of Blessed McGivney becoming a Saint by joining the Guild.

**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.

**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.

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.



~ HARM HAPPENED IN ISOLATION ~

~ HEALING CAN HAPPEN TOGETHER ~

As a community, we strive to support survivors of child sexual abuse on their journey toward healing and wholeness. For those who have suffered abuse by clergy residing in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, we invite you to join virtually on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m. Spouses and affected community members are also welcome.

These gatherings, led by an independent facilitator, will offer a safe environment for participants to connect, share experiences, support, and heal.

If you would like more information, or the virtual meeting link, please call the Victim Assistance Coordinator at 877-887-9603 or email dana@atreeplanted.org.

**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@holyfamilyvb.org.

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to schedule a tour!

PART-TIME EARLY CHILDHOOD AND OCIC COORDINATOR:

Church of the Holy Family seeks a part-time coordinator of Baptisms, CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word), Sunday Nursery, and OCIC (Order of Christian Initiation of Children).

Duties include overseeing our ongoing Baptismal preparation program, CLOW program during the school year, ongoing OCIC program, and establishment of a Sunday Nursery during the Masses. This coordinator will work under the supervision of the Director of Elementary Religious Education to carry out all responsibilities. This coordinator will work closely with families to provide information and facilitate their participation in all these programs. The coordinator will oversee, train, and recruit catechists to run effective and engaging Baptism, CLOW, Nursery, and OCIC programs. The coordinator will work with clergy and other staff to organize and administer programming. He or she will make sure that sacramental guidelines are followed and that necessary documentation for sacraments is collected and recorded.

Requirements include basic knowledge of Catholic sacramental theology, in particular the sacraments of initiation. The coordinator should have experience in sacramental formation and demonstrate pastoral skills and deep respect for cultural diversity. The coordinator will have strong communication skills with adults and children alike and be successful working in a team setting. The position also requires the ability to work independently. Given the position and its responsibilities in our parish, the coordinator needs to be a Catholic in good standing and must be VIRTUS-trained or eligible for VIRTUS-training.

Please send application and CV with references to Lani Ulep, businessmanager@holyfamilyvb.org.

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.

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 Confirmation

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.



NEWLY ORDAINED FR. WILLIAM BUCKLEY

(who was assigned to Holy Family as a seminarian)

**will celebrate a Mass of
Thanksgiving**

at Holy Family

**Friday, September 8,
6:00 p.m.**

~ There will be hospitality after the Mass ~

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.

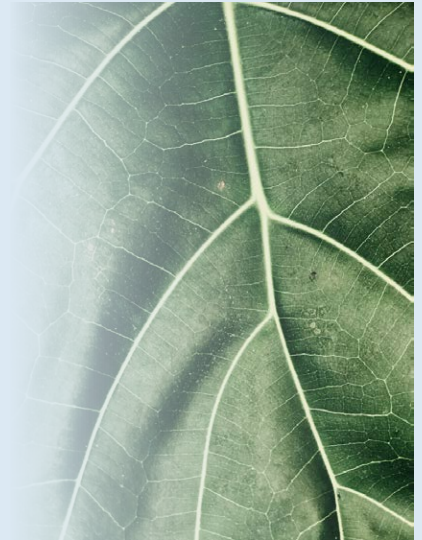
- **Altar Server Family Introduction Meeting:** Wednesday, September 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Worship Space. (Altar Server Ministry Application and Altar Server Responsibilities will be discussed at this meeting.)
- **Altar Server Training Session:** Wednesday, September 13, 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Worship Space.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the ministry coordinator, Michael Barea, at michael.barea@gmail.com or Deacon Bob May at robmay124@gmail.com.

"CREATION CARE CORNER:"

Our Earth is in the midst of a climate change crisis, which threatens its inhabitants, both human and non-human, with disastrous results. Much has been done and is being done to awaken people to this sad fact.

Among the efforts extended is the "Season of Creation," which was initiated in 1989 by the Greek Orthodox Church and later joined by the Protestant and Catholic Churches. The "Season of Creation" is a time-frame in which we are called to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion of lifestyle, and commitment together with the ecumenical family.



During this "Season of Creation," we join our sisters and brothers in prayer and action for our common home. Annually, the "Season of Creation" opens on September 1, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends on October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology.

The theme of this year's ecumenical "Season of Creation" is "*Let Justice and Peace Flow*," inspired by the words of the prophet, Amos (5:24). It is as essential to our life as water is essential for our physical survival. Individuals and communities are invited to participate through prayer, sustainability projects, and advocacy. Some examples:

- **Prayer:** Host an ecumenical prayer gathering on the Feast of St. Francis, October 4, that unites participants in the care of our common home.
- **Sustainability:** Lead a cleanup or carbon reduction project (such as improving energy efficiency).
- **Advocacy:** Raise our voices for climate justice by participating in or leading an ongoing campaign that supports our common home.

Caring for creation is living out our Christian faith!

As Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*, "Everyone's talents and involvement are needed to redress the damage caused by human abuse of God's creation. All of us can cooperate as instruments of God for the care of creation, each according to her or his own culture, experience, involvements, and talents."

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

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.

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PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

James
Pearls for Wise Living



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 at www.holyfamilyvb.org or forms are available at the Welcome Table. Please contact PAL@holyfamilyvb.org for more information.

“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.

50/50 RAFFLE:

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

2023 BAPTISM DATES**The Following Weekends:**

November 11/12, 2023

January 13/14, 2024	April 27/28, 2024
June 1/2, 2024	August 17/18, 2024
October 12/13, 2024	November 9/10, 2024

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.

♪♪ **Music Notes** ♪♪

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

Ministry Fair September 9-10 – sign up after Mass!

or see her at the piano after any Mass or email music@holyfamilyvb.org or call 757-481-5702, ext. 124.

Summer Schola wraps up their season on Sunday, August 27 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. It’s been a fun summer, and we’re grateful to all who participated in 2023! See you at No Frill Grill for our celebration!

Teen Singers return Sunday, September 10 at 5:30 p.m. for their first weekly rehearsal of the 2023-2024 season! Grades 6-12, if you sing in choir at school or can’t get it into your schedule, there’s room for you to sing in Teen Singers. Heads up! We are accepting new singers, so sign up!

Children’s Choir: Our cantor Anne Glenn-Zeljeznjak will be leading 3rd-5th grade singers in a lively rehearsal weekly on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m. starting September 26. On September 10 right after the Ministry Fair, parents and children come to a music familiarization experience at 12:30 p.m. in the Choir Room with Ms. Anne. Ms. Sylvia will accompany this choir and they will sing with Teen Singers at Mass.

Parish Choir returns to weekly Wednesday rehearsals with a **New Member Social** September 6 from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in Choir Room 134. After our meet and greet, we’ll preview music for the year and practice for all singing the Friday evening Mass with our former seminarian, now Fr. William Buckley, on September 8.

Holy Family RINGERS (Bells) return to weekly Thursday rehearsals September 7 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. New ringers from 6th grade up and adults may ring! Come to our meet and greet September 7 at 5:30 p.m., sample how to ring, and preview what’s happening in 2023-2024.

Instrumentalists: Looking for orchestra players playing about music grade 3 level or above! Contact Sylvia.

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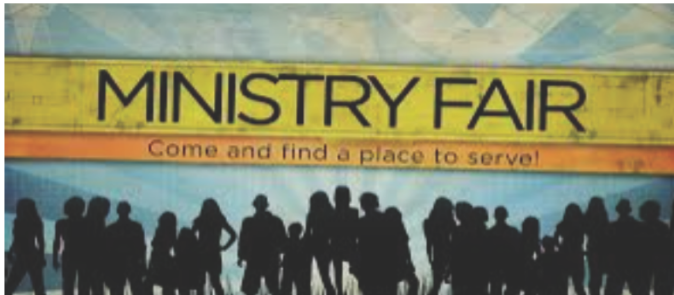
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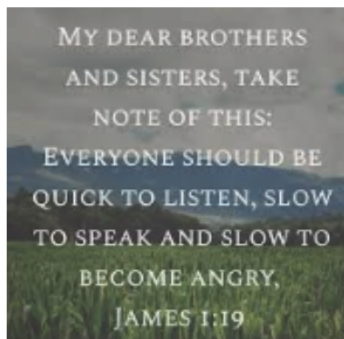
TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.
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Holy Family will be holding a Ministry Fair after all Masses on the weekend of September 9th and 10th in the Family Room. Learn more about all the ministry opportunities at Holy Family during the Ministry Fair.



Learn more about the Pearls for Wise Living from the Book of James, between the Masses from Sept. 10th thru Nov. 19th. Register at holyfamilyvb.org

Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice: Washington D.C. October 28-30, 2023

All high school students are invited to attend this year's Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice. IFTJ is the largest conference on Catholic Social Teaching. The conference is rooted in the spiritual tradition of St. Ignatius of Loyola and Catholic Social Teaching. Contact Abby Causey or Brian Alexander to learn more.








Last year's IFTJ participants from Holy Family in front of the U.S. Capitol building preparing to meet with Senator Mark Warner's staff members.



COMPOSTING AT HOLY FAMILY

For the past three months, members of the Holy Family Environmental Ministry have been composting on a trial basis. Starting September 9th and 10th, the environmental ministry will open composting to the whole parish.

BENEFITS OF COMPOSTING	
 RETAINS MORE WATER Compost helps strengthen soil's ability to retain water. This causes plants to not need to be watered as frequently.	 REDUCES LANDFILL WASTE Composting helps divert materials from going to the landfills, minimizing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions released into the atmosphere and lengthening the capacity of landfills.
 REDUCES SOIL EROSION Erosion occurs when top soil is blown or washed away causing infertile topsoil. Compost can restore topsoil and build stable soil structure.	 REDUCES NEED FOR SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS Compost sufficiently supplies soil with nutrients like phosphorus and nitrogen. This reduces the need for additional fertilizer because compost naturally provides the necessary nutrients for the soil.
 HELPS CARBON SEQUESTRATION Carbon is stored in the top 3 feet of soil and is released into the atmosphere when soil structure is poor. Applied compost helps improve soil structure to combat against this.	
Holy Family Cares	

Parishioners will have an opportunity to participate by collecting their compost at home and then bringing their compost to the bin at Holy Family. The compost will be picked up by NOPE Composting every Monday.

Look for an Article on Composting at Holy Family in the Catholic Virginian Newspaper.

Members of the Holy Family Environmental team get their picture taken by Wendy Klesch for an upcoming article in the Catholic Virginian.



Learn more about composting at Holy Family at the upcoming Ministry Fair.



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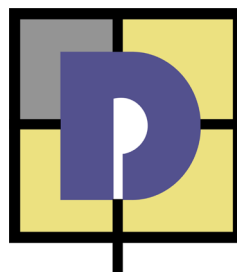


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