# Church OF THE Holy Family A Catholic Church

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

**Wedding Policy – <u>At least nine months</u>** 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 livestreamed 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**

Rev. Mr. Bob May – Parish Deacon

Brian Alexander – Social Justice Coordinator

Abby Causey – Director of Evangelization

Abby Gausey – Director of Evangelization

Sylvia Chapa – Director of Music Ministries

Laurie Powers – Pastoral Care and Liturgy Support

Fr. René R. Castillo - Pastor

Carla Schneider – Parish Secretary

Mark Stinard – Facilities Director

Lani Ulep – Business Manager

Marie Wolanin – Christian Formation K-5 Coordinator

Cindy Girard – Day School Director



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 30 & October 1, 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, 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, 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, Marilyn O'Donnell, Collin O'Rourke, Doug Palczewski, Elenia Pantelidis, Beth Park, Ryan Piotti, Pete Popeck, Margaret Rafferty and Family, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpelz, 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, Peggy Vasko, Suzanne Wassel, Stella Watson, Kai Wescoat, Emma & Frank Williams, Brianna Willis, Dee Whitley, 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.

#### DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday, October 1:** *Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:* Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday, October 2: The Holy Guardian Angels: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:2, 16-23; Mt 18:1-5,10

Tuesday, October 3: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday, October 4: Saint Francis of Assisi: Neh 2:1-8;

Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

<u>Thursday, October 5:</u> Saint Faustina Kowalska, virgin; Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, priest (USA): Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

<u>Friday, October 6:</u> Saint Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, virgin (USA): Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday, October 7:** Our Lady of the Rosary: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

**Sunday, October 8:** *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time:* Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

## ONLINE GIVING:



#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

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

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

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

(11:00 a.m. Mass also Live-Streamed)
See Church of the Holy Family Facebook
for more information.

#### **REMEMBER THE DEAD:** Christine Watt

#### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

<u>Note:</u> 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, September 30: 5:30 p.m.: Anne Creedon by Jean Marie & Bob Onufer

<u>Sunday, October 1:</u> 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners; 11:00 a.m.: Louise and Michael Brody +

by The Benedetto Family

Monday, October 2: No Mass

<u>Tuesday, October 3:</u> 9:30 a.m.: Patricia Edwards Mailand + by Jean Edwards; 6:30 p.m.: Bill Kelleher + by Teri Kelleher

Wednesday, October 4: 9:30 a.m.: Gail Ostro + by The Diviney Family

<u>Thursday, October 5:</u> 9:30 a.m.: Burton Hathaway + by The Diviney Family

<u>Friday, October 6:</u> 9:30 a.m.: Bruce McKenna + by Ben & Doris Smith

Saturday, October 7: 5:30 p.m.: Holy Family Parishioners Sunday, October 8: 8:15 a.m.: Wessel Lewis + by Karen Lewis; 11:00 a.m.: Abel Naranjo + by Barbara Kledzik

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

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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.



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 Thursday 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!" We invite all Catholic men 18+ years old to join today.

Visit <a href="www.kofc.org/join">www.kofc.org/join</a>
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: Walt Sanders
Family of the Month: David and Meg Griesmer

#### **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 coming together to share our thoughts and feelings about how we can be true to our Faith in this sometimes confusing world.

We meet here at Holy Family on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. For more information, contact Bob Breault at bobbro1938@gmail.com or call 610-360-6070.



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.

#### WEEKLY OFFERTORY

#### Budget 2023/2024 is \$1,044,400.00

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: <a href="https://holyfamilyvb.org/">https://holyfamilyvb.org/</a>. Contact Lani Ulep, Business Manager, in the Parish Office if you have questions.

#### "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.

#### **NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:** "He

humbled Himself and became obedient ... "If the Lord invites you to follow Him in humble obedience as a priest or in the consecrated life, how will you respond? Call Fr. Matthew Kiehl at the Vocations Office, (804) 359-5661, or email <a href="mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org">vocations@richmonddiocese.org</a>.

#### PARISH DIRECTORIES HAVE FINALLY ARRIVED!!

We will continue distributing Parish Directories at the Parish Office during the week for those whose picture is included from last fall's photo sessions. Once those have been distributed, we will be selling any remaining for a nominal price. If your picture is in it, come and get it!



50/50 RAFFLE: Congratulations to Linda Baker – the Winner of the 50/50 Raffle!

The next 50/50 Raffle will begin the weekend of October 7/8. Get ready for a new winner! If

you purchase some tickets, it could be YOU! Good Luck!

#### "CREATION CARE CORNER:"

Most of us are aware of the threat and danger that plastic bags are to our Earth, its inhabitants, and how they contribute to climate change. According to research done by the Lynnhaven River Now Organization (LRNOW), nearly 3 billion plastic bags are used annually by Virginians, and they are one of the most commonly littered items in Virginia Beach.

Also, recycling and trash cleanups are not enough to solve our plastic pollution problem. Billions of plastic bags end up in landfills, farm fields, and waterways. They never completely go away, and they break down into microplastics that contaminate our air, food, and wildlife.

To decrease plastic pollution, 84% of Virginians are willing to use reusable bags, according to the 2022 Virginia Marine Debris Reduction Plan Report. The yearly cost of a required bag fee for a single household is estimated to be about \$5.00 – there is zero cost for those who opt to use their own reusable bags.

The LRNOW, along with 15 other organizations who are concerned about our environment, are promoting a survey, the results of which will be presented to the Virginia Beach City Council in November. The survey requests and supports the passage of a policy requiring retailers to charge a 5 cents fee for each plastic bag used for bagging items. In so doing, Virginia Beach will be joining Alexandria, Roanoke, Charlottesville, along with seven other neighbors in Virginia, who have adopted the plastic bag fee. Here at Holy Family parish, the Environmental Ministry will be encouraging and assisting parishioners to fill out and sign the four-question survey.

This article is taken from a flier published by LRNOW entitled, "7 Reasons Why a Plastic Bag Fee makes Good Sense for Virginia Beach."

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.

#### HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

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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

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Spirit

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

#### 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 <u>have</u> 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.

#### LEARN TO LEAD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Special Collection This Weekend: September 30/October 1



Bishop Knestout invites your participation in the "Learn to Lead" Capital Campaign that will strengthen the extraordinary ministry of our Catholic schools. Our



Catholic Schools shape the lives of more than 7,000 young people, helping them realize their greater

purpose – succeeding and serving God, their families, churches, and communities. If you have been blessed by a Catholic education or believe in the importance of its mission, please make a generous gift. To learn more about this campaign or to make a secure online gift now, please visit learn to leadcampaign.org or scan the QR code above. Thank you!



#### OLIVE WOOD CARVINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND

On the weekend of September 30/October 1, Amir Kumsiah will be here to sell olive wood carvings and other items. This is to support our Christian brothers

and sisters in the Holy Land. Plan on doing some Christmas shopping for family and loved ones!

#### PART-TIME COMMUNICATIONS AND IT COORDINATOR:

Church of the Holy Family seeks a part-time Communications and IT Coordinator. The position is 25 hours per week and will have oversight and responsibility for the communications, technology, and audio/visual needs of Church of the Holy Family. The position will be under the general supervision of the Director of Evangelization. The coordinator will work with staff and lay leaders to effectively communicate the activities and opportunities at Church of the Holy Family in a way that helps integrate people into the life of the church. Responsibilities include oversight of the parish website, social media platforms, weekly parish Flocknotes, livestream, technology needs, and audio/visual needs. For a full job description, please visit <a href="https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/employment">www.holyfamilyvb.org/employment</a>.



SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK! "Wavelength" will be a four-week series starting the week of October 8, through the week of October 29. Come join in and meet some new friends and grow in your faith. If you

would like to join a small group or start a new group with friends and family, please email <a href="mailto:bold@holyfamilyvb.org">bold@holyfamilyvb.org</a>. When it comes to our thinking, we do not always give it much thought. How we think about life ultimately determines our actions and our destiny. To love God and to love others we must take responsibility for our thought life. We need to learn to think as God thinks and view the world as God does. When we learn to think and view the world as God does, it will be easier for us to do as God says.

#### **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.



#### **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL:**

Holy Spirit Catholic Church's St. Vincent de Paul Society will host a fundraising event on **Saturday**, **October 21, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, to help sustain the chapter's finances. The events are:

#### **CAR AND CRAFT SHOW**

Food, Music, Games, Vendors, Craft Fair, Bake Sale, Live & Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle, and more! Family-friendly Event!

For Craft Table Application Form, go online to svdp-holyspirit.org.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church's St. Vincent de Paul Society provides support to those most in need in our community throughout the year by the following:

- Visit our neighbors in need in their homes to offer prayer, support, and friendship.
- Maintain a Food Pantry providing both fresh and nonperishable food items to those in need.
- Provide financial assistance to those needing help with their rent and utilities.
- Maintain Vincent's Closet, which has a large selection of both women's and men's gently-used clothing.

#### **2023-2024 BAPTISM DATES**

The Following Weekends: November 11/12, 2023 January 13/14, 2024 | April 27/28, 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: <a href="https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form">https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form</a>. You can also contact Marie Wolanin at 757-937-6712 or k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org.

## II Music Notes II

Join in the joy of making music at Holy Family! Join <u>now</u> to sing at weekend Masses or to sing Christmas music.

Christmas Choir starts Wednesday, October 11, 8:00-9:00 p.m. in Choir Room 134: We sing at "A Festival of Carols" and/or Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Mass. Sign up NOW so your music is ready for you. See below!

Parish Choir: Wednesday practices from 7:00-8:30 p.m. and still accepting singers to sing most weekends. On October 11, rehearsals are 7:00-8:00 p.m. unless you're singing in Christmas Choir from 8:00-9:00 p.m. If you're going to the Italian Dinner on October 7, we're singing at that 5:30 p.m. Mass, and will be eating dinner together afterwards, so come talk to us if you're on the fence about what it's like to be in the Holy Family Parish and/or Christmas Choir!

Holy Family RINGERS (Hand Bells): No handbell experience required. We'll teach you how to ring. Contact Sylvia (info below) so we're ready for you. Practice is Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m., in Choir Room 134.

<u>Children's Choir:</u> (3rd to 5th grade – all those "I love to sing" kids!) Parents, contact Ms. Sylvia and music will be waiting for you this Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Choir Room 134. Ms. Anne leads a lively rehearsal.

<u>Teen Singers:</u> Practice Sundays at 5:30 p.m. right before Christian Formation class. Still accepting new singers! We're singing October 29 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

<u>Instrumentalists:</u> Looking for orchestra players playing about music grade 3 level or above! Practicing Thursday in Choir Room 134 at 7:30 p.m. – see below to join.

Contact Sylvia for details to join in the Happy Music Making at Holy Family! J 3 ways below -

See Sylvia at the piano after any Mass or Email <a href="mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org">music@holyfamilyvb.org</a> or

Call 757-481-5702, ext. 124

Holy Family
MUSIC MINISTRY

Serving through Music

# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

## TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION. TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.

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#### Your Opinion is Needed

Visit www.holyfamilyvb.org to complete the Lynnhaven River Now Reusable Bag Survey. The survey will ask you the following questions.

- 1) Do you consistently use a reusable bag(s) for grocery shopping?
- 2) How concerned are you about plastic pollution in Virginia Beach?
- 3) Would you support a 5-cent plastic bag fee in Virginia Beach?

#### 7 reasons why a Plastic Bag Fee makes good sense for Virginia Beach

- Virginians use nearly 3 billion bags annually, and they are one of the most commonly littered items in Virginia Beach.
- Billions of plastic bags end up in landfills, farm fields, and waterways. They never completely go away, and they break down into microplastics that contaminate our air, food, and wildlife.
- Recycling and trash clean-ups are not enough to solve our plastic pollution problem.
- The 5 cent bag fee only applies when shoppers choose to use plastic bags. If a family used 100 plastic bags a year, it would cost \$5.
- Reducing plastic bag usage promotes social equity because plastic pollution more greatly impacts low-income communities. Cities can use the fee to provide free reusable bags to those in need.
- To decrease plastic pollution, 84% of Virginians are willing to use reusable bags instead of single-use bags according to the 2022 VA Marine Debris Reduction Plan report.
- Our neighbors, Alexandria City, Arlington County, Fairfax City, Fairfax County, Falls Church City, Fredericksburg City, Loudon County, Roanoke City, Albemarle County, and Charlottesville City have adopted the Plastic Bae Fee.

To learn more about the Plastic Bag Fee contact Anita Ward of the Holy Family Environmental Ministry

the4wards@me.com



## Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind

#### You're Invited to a Pre-Construction Open House

Dominion Power is developing the Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind (CVOW) project, consisting of 176 wind turbines 27 miles off the coast of Virginia. Once operational, CVOW will generate enough clean, renewable energy to power up to 660,000 homes and businesses. You are invited to attend an open house to learn more about the construction of CVOW Project.

Wednesday, October 4, 2023 4:00pm-7:00pm
Mt. Pleasant Christian School
1613 Mt. Pleasant Road, Chesapeake, VA 2332
Visit anytime during the open house. There is no formal presentation. Free Parking during Open House.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops calls for the development and use of alternative renewable and clean-energy resources, including the transfer of such technologies and technical assistance that may be appropriate and helpful to developing countries in meeting the challenges of global climate change

## Sign-ups for Winter Shelter Assistance next weekend after the Masses

Holy Family parishioners will be hosting winter shelter from Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup> through Wednesday November 29<sup>th</sup>. Holy Family will provide breakfast, dinner, shelter, and fellowship to eighty homeless guests. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner will be served on Thursday November 23<sup>rd</sup>. Parishioners are asked to signup to bring desserts and sides for Thanksgiving dinner. You are encouraged to eat thanksgiving dinner with our guests.

Contact Jim McCaddin with any questions mccaddinj@gmail.com

# Church of the Holy Family Financial Report for August, 2023

#### Budget 2023 / 2024 is \$1,044,400.00

	August 2023
Monthly Total Collection	72,193.36
Monthly Budget	87,033.33
Month under Budget	(14,839.97)
Year-to-Date Collection	162,545.20
Budget for 9 weeks	182,556.00
Year under Budget	(20,010.80)
Social Ministry	4,295.00
Haiti Fund	2,750.00
Capital Reserve	2,735.40



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



# Fundraiser Dinner

for Church of the Holy Family

Saturday October 7th 6:30 PM

\$20 Adults - \$10 Kids 12 and under

Penne Pasta, Meatballs

Salad, Bread, Desserts & Cash Bar

50 / 50 Raffle plus Door Prizes!

Tickets available @ www.holyfamilyvb.org



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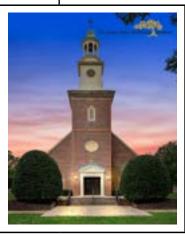
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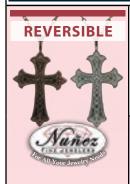
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