

Church OF THE Holy Family

A Catholic Church

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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

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www.holyfamilyvb.org

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

Wedding Policy – **At least nine months** before the wedding, the couple should meet with the pastor, **before** the wedding dates are selected. At least one member of the family should be a member of our parish.

Baptism Policy – Parents must be registered parishioners and attend a Baptism Class before their child may be baptized. Expectant mothers are encouraged to attend. The class is for parents only – baby-sitting is not provided.

Funeral Policy – Funerals are scheduled Tuesday-Saturday. We discourage funerals Sundays and Mondays. Participation by other priests and deacons must have prior approval of current pastor.

Church of the Holy Family Pastoral Vision

The Church of the Holy Family is dedicated to manifesting the joy of the Gospel and enriching every individual's Spiritual relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of the Holy Family Ministries dedicate themselves in service to our Parish Community, building a just society, and outreach to those in need.

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:30 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.
(11:00 a.m. is also live-streamed on website.)

Holy Family Day School
757-481-1180

Morning Prayer & Daily Mass

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

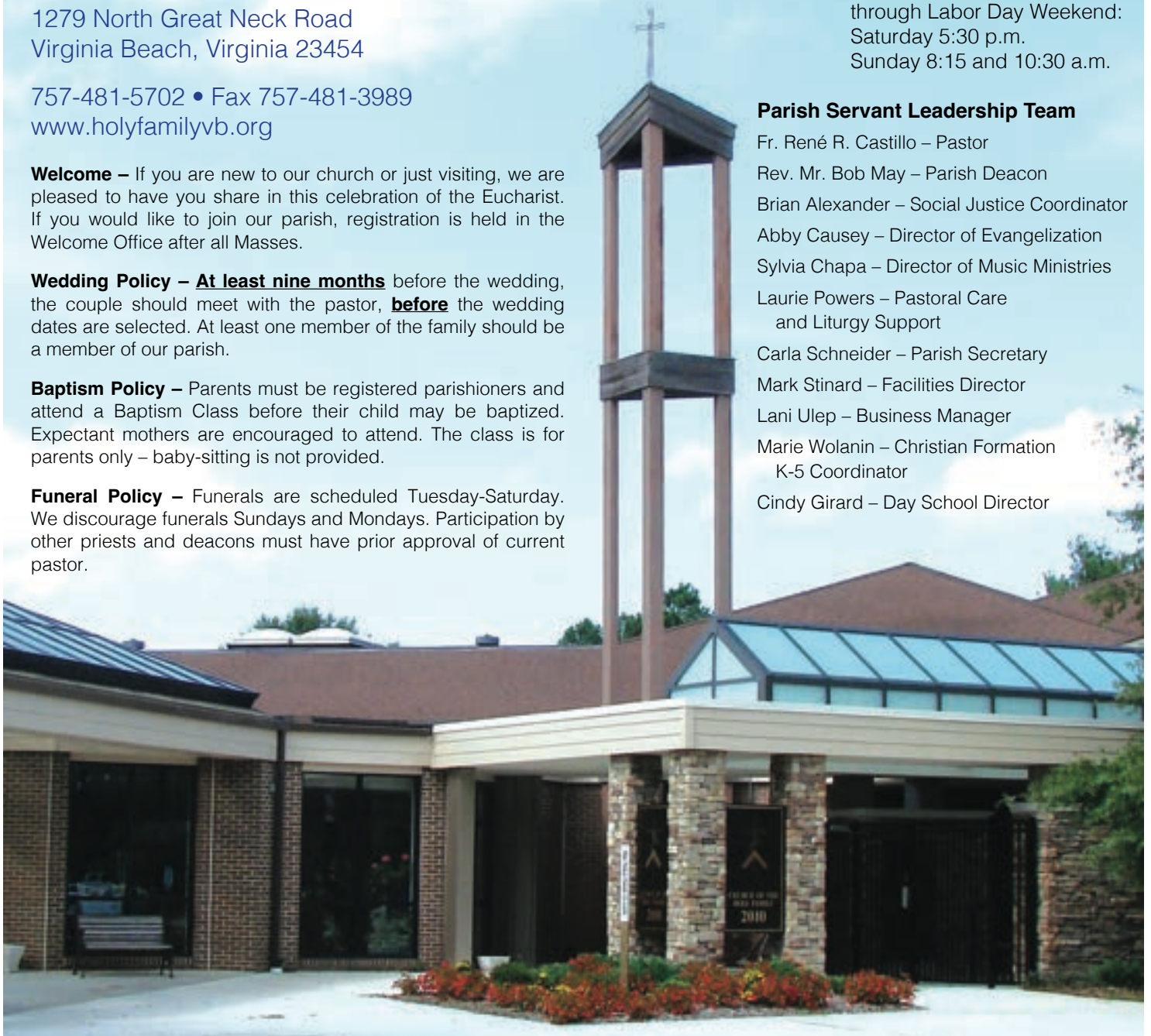
Reconciliation Saturday
4:00-5:00 p.m.
The Room Inside the Chapel

Summer Masses

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

Parish Servant Leadership Team

Fr. René R. Castillo – Pastor
Rev. Mr. Bob May – Parish Deacon
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-EIGHTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
October 14 & 15, 2023

Breviary – Week IV – p. 257

PRAY FOR: Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, 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, Nancy Wiggins, 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.

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:



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday, October 15: *Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary*

Time: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20;

Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday, October 16: *Saint Hedwig, Religious;*

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin: Rom 1:1-7;

Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday, October 17: *Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop,*

Martyr: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday, October 18: *Saint Luke, Evangelist:*

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Thursday, October 19: *Saints John de Brebeuf and*

Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs (USA):

Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54

Friday, October 20: *Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest (USA):*

Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday, October 21: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday, October 22: *Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary*

Time: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b;

Mt 22:15-21

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.

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.

FINANCE COUNCIL:

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

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, October 14: 5:30 p.m.: Thomas Hughes +
by Theresa Hughes

Sunday, October 15: 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;
11:00 a.m.: Trevor Piotti and LeAnne & Michael
Benedetto (Anniversary) by The Benedetto Family

Monday, October 16: No Mass

Tuesday, October 17: 9:30 a.m.: James Cino
by Helen & Mike Decandido;

6:30 p.m.: John Annase, Jr. + by John Annase, Sr.

Wednesday, October 18: 9:30 a.m.: James English +
by Roseann Boucher

Thursday, October 19: 9:30 a.m.: Colleen Bartels +
by Bill Bartels and Amy Anderson

Friday, October 20: 9:30 a.m.: Teodora Amande +
by Nollie Rovillos

Saturday, October 21: 5:30 p.m.: Shirley Stuhlmann +
by Elizabeth Stuhlmann

Sunday, October 22: 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;
11:00 a.m.: Joseph McAndrews by Merrill D. Phelan

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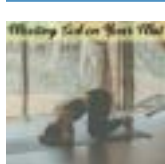
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CHRIST-CENTERED YOGA: Please join us as we live and

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!”

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

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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: 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

**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 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.

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: <https://holyfamilyvb.org/>. 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:

"Many are called, but few are chosen." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the Word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Fr. Matthew Kiehl at the Vocations Office at 804-359-5661, or email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

**POPE LEO XIII MEMORIAL MASS:**

As we have learned, the month of November is traditionally the time of the Liturgical year when we pause to remember our deceased. Accordingly, the Knights of Columbus Annual Memorial

Mass for its Council's deceased Brothers will be the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 11.

HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

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**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.

"CREATION CARE CORNER:"

Water is one of the most important natural resources on this planet sustaining life in many ways. It helps us, among other things, to create and sustain food. Our planet does something remarkable in providing us with water in our oceans, rivers, lakes, and even wetlands.

When we think of all these amazing bodies of water that sustain life, we don't often think of wetlands. But you'd be amazed to learn about everything they do. Despite covering just 6% of the earth's land surface, wetlands provide food, clean drinking water, and refuge for countless people and wild life around the world. Today, an estimated half of all wetlands have disappeared because of some people's greed, disregard, or ignorance. There are 5 different types of wetlands. They can be recognized from other types of land primarily by the vegetation that has adapted to wet soil and are categorized according to their location, water chemistry, animal life, and more. These types are known as:

1. Marine Wetlands (by oceans)
2. Riverine Wetlands (by rivers)
3. Estuarine Wetlands (by estuaries)
4. Lacustrine Wetlands (by lakes)
5. Palustrine Wetlands (by marshes)

The importance of wetlands are that they can store flood water. In a world where floods are becoming increasingly common, the need for wetlands is apparent. An acre of wetlands can store anywhere from 1 to 1.5 million gallons of flood water, becoming a natural buffer during storm surges.

Wetlands absorb excess nutrients, sediments, and other pollutants, before they reach rivers, lakes, and other water bodies. Formerly thought of as useless swamps, they are also home to abundant fish and wildlife.

Wetlands control erosion. They do this by reducing the pressure of storm water on the soil, thus reducing the likelihood of landslides and other negative events.

Understanding all the incredible things that wetlands do for us only highlights how important it is to protect them. Planting trees near wetlands helps to enrich wildlife habitat and reduce disturbance from human activities.

We also protect them when we advocate against land development in their regions.

This article was adapted from a Google article, "10 Interesting Facts About Wetlands."

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

PARISH DIRECTORIES

Parish Directories are now available for those whose picture is not in the directory. Stop by the Parish Office during the week, make a donation, and you will receive a directory.

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION:

Immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, November 11, we will honor and thank those who are serving or who have served our country. You serve/served our country, please let us serve you, your family, and your friends dinner. In addition to a delicious meal, there will be live entertainment, games, door prizes – plus lots of fun. Tickets sales (\$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for active duty and veterans, \$10.00 for 12 and under) will commence after the Masses beginning the weekend of October 21 and 22. This celebration is being presented by your Knights of Columbus.

**50/50 RAFFLE:**

The next 50/50 Raffle has begun! Get ready for a new winner! If you purchase some tickets, it could be YOU! Good Luck!

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 www.holyfamilyvb.org/employment.

**SMALL GROUPS ARE BACK!**

"Wavelength" will be a four-week series 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 bold@holyfamilyvb.org.

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.

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

You can also contact Marie Wolanin at 757-937-6712 or k5cf@holyfamilyvb.org.

**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 non-perishable 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.

Music Notes

Join now to sing at weekend Masses or to sing Christmas music.



Teen Singers schedule changes due to Christian Formation evening activities: Sundays, October 15 and 22 at 12:15 p.m. (after Mass in the church). We're singing October 29 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass, *A Festival of Carols*, and Christmas Eve at the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

Instrumentalists: Middle and High School players are meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays in the Choir Room.

Children's Choir 3rd-5th grades – All those "I love to sing!" kids! Join the fun singing – Ms. Anne leads a lively rehearsal! Our first Mass is October 29 at 11:00 a.m.

Holy Family RINGERS: Practice Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. Ringing October 20 at the Dedication Anniversary Mass and November 1 at the 7:00 p.m. All Saints Mass when we toll the bells during the reading of names of the deceased in the past year. Also ringing at *A Festival of Carols* and at the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass with Children's Choir and Teen Singers.

Christmas Choir continues on Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00 p.m. Love to sing Christmas music? This is the place for you. You'll 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.

Parish Choir: Wednesday practices from 7:00-8:00 p.m. to sing at weekend Masses. Perfect if you're away Christmas.

Contact Sylvia for details to join in the Happy Music Making at Holy Family!

See Sylvia at the piano after any Mass or Email music@holyfamilyvb.org or Call 757-481-5702, ext. 124.





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 Bag Fee.



Need more reasons? Scan here.



Where does the VB Plastic Bag Fee go?



*Legislation stipulates all City revenue must be used for specific Environmental efforts



RAC G.R.E.E.N. Committee



Virginia Aquarium Foundation



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CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
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Virginia Beach Green Ribbon Committee



Resort Advisory Commission



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Beach Bag Survey and
Petition

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Your Opinion is Needed

Visit www.holyfamilyvb.org to complete the Lynnhaven River Now Reusable Bag Survey.

To learn more about the Plastic Bag Fee contact Anita Ward of the Holy Family Environmental Ministry
the4wards@me.com



Members of the Environmental Ministry will be available next weekend after the masses to help people take the plastic bag survey.

GUEST SPEAKER

Kim Williams of the Norfolk Catholic Worker recently spoke to the Just Faith group at Holy Family in opposition of the 48-mile expansion project bringing a new gas pipeline through Hampton Roads and SE areas of Virginia. Concern over air & water pollution and the long-term reliance on natural gas from fracking has many questioning the project.



Email from Fr. Roderick in Belladere Haiti Describes the Chaos and Violence

The following email was forwarded to Holy Family from Paul Fletcher, whose church Saint Mary's in Suffolk, VA twins with a church in Belladere Haiti. Belladere is the town "down the mountain" from Holy Family's twinning parish of Baptiste. Mirebalais Haiti is a three-hour drive from our twinning parish in Baptiste Haiti.

Brothers and Sisters,

Good Morning. On the night of September 29, 2023, a powerful group of well-armed gangs invaded the town of Saut d'Eau. They killed many people, traumatized the population, looted and burned the city's house and banks, even the police suffered the same fate. It was a long and terrible night for the people. They took over Mirebalais's University Hospital where they swept away and broke everything in their path. I have to tell you that the entire region and parishes have been on red alert. All priests as well as many families with children had to abandon their homes, to save their lives. Fortunately arriving in Mirebalais the bandits found strong resistance and were unable to penetrate the town. The population killed many of them. At the moment, people are still traumatized. In Belladere, people are alerted and forming surveillance brigades. Some schools operate timidly. The border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti is still closed. I recommend your prayers for the Haitian people and for the priests in difficulty in the Dioceses of Hinche.

Please keep all the people of Haiti in your prayers and know that your support of our twinning parish in Baptiste Haiti over these many years has helped provide a healthier, stronger community that seeks God for protection and encouragement.



COMEDY NIGHT TO BENEFIT PIN MINISTRIES

This event is PIN's yearly fundraiser to help raise money to provide services for people experiencing homelessness in Virginia Beach. Their comedy night also kicks off National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. Among many other services provided by PIN, they oversee Winter Shelter. Comedian Pat McGann's stems from his quick wit & relatable take on family life. In 2017, McGann began touring as the opening act for Sebastian Maniscalco. He has performed on many late night talk shows. Event is family friendly!

Tickets are available at www.pinministry.org/comedy/ Benefit is Friday, November 10, 2023 at 8:00pm at Sandler Performing Arts Center, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ticket cost \$25, \$40, \$50



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