

# Church OF THE Holy Family

A Catholic Church

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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

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[www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://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** – The Church encourages the baptizing of infants in their first few weeks. Expectant parents should contact the Baptism Coordinator around the sixth month of pregnancy. See Bulletin pages for more details.

**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.)

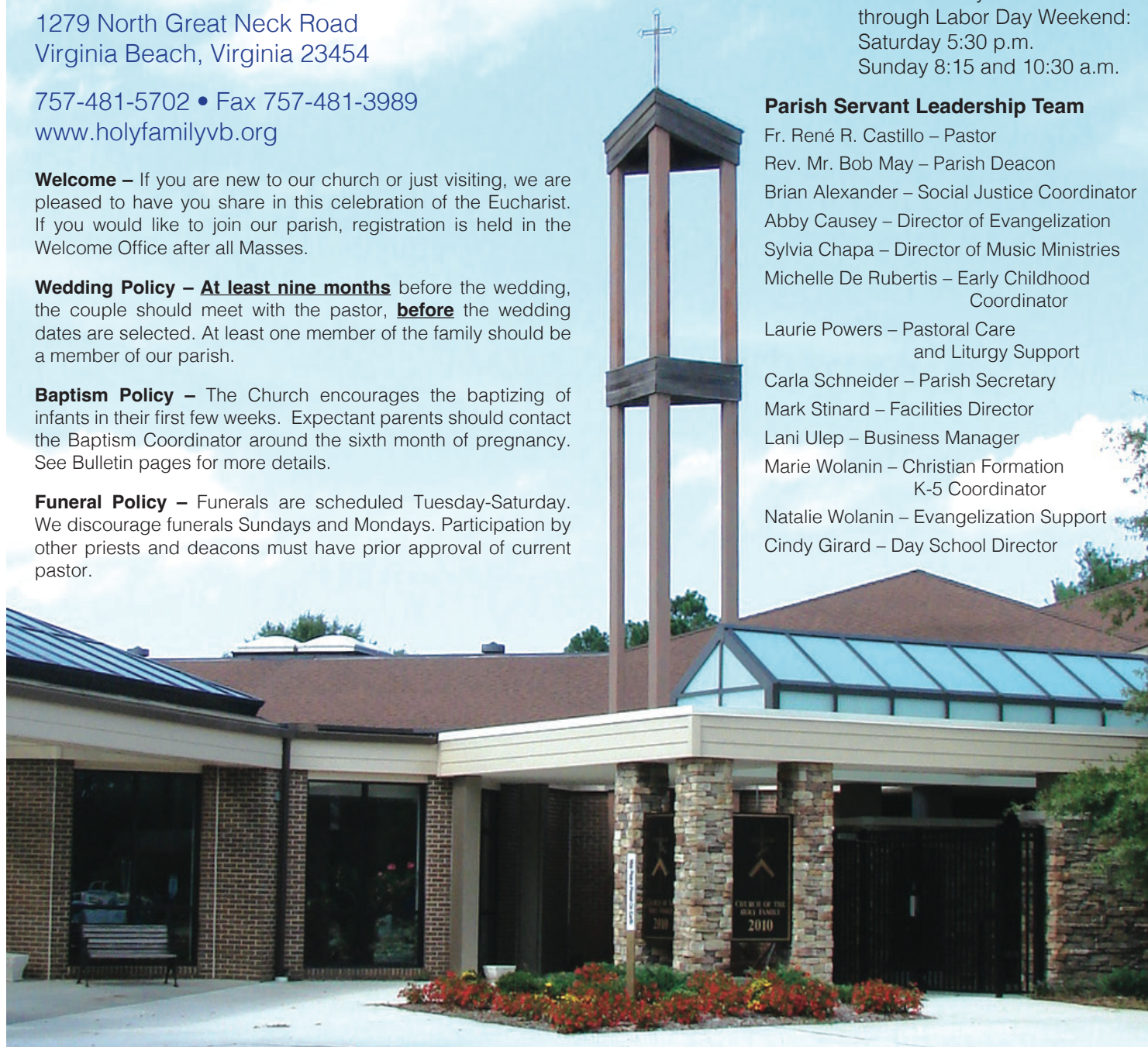
**Holy Family Day School**  
757-481-1180

### 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  
Michelle De Rubertis – Early Childhood  
Coordinator  
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  
Natalie Wolanin – Evangelization Support  
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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9 &amp; 10, 2023

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**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, John Buford, Quinn Carpenter, Patrick Causey, Heather Cervantes, Carolyn Collings, Carol Collins, Donald Cortois, Mary Crell, Maureen Cullen, Linda Davis, Tucker Davis, Bill Dempsey, Joanne Deyo and Family, Michael Eaton, Barbara Evans, Brendan Feeley, Patricia Fogarty, Aretha Francois, Connie Gallacher, Tony Gargano, The Ginley Family, Daniel Girard, Rita Giuffre, 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, Jeremy Lopez, Connie Loschi, Susan Neal Matousek, Eila Grace McAlpin, 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, Cecilia O'Toole, Doug Palczewski, Elenia Pantelidis, Beth Park, Ryan Piotti, Margaret Pisone, Pete Popeck, Margaret Rafferty and Family, Irma Reagan, Daniel Reed, Paul Rehpehl, 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, Valerie Seiberlich, 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, Kai Wescoat, Nancy Wiggins, Emma & Frank Williams, Brianna Willis, Dee Whitley, Emilie Yoder

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**Sunday, December 10:** *Second Sunday of Advent:*

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

**Monday, December 11:** *Saint Damasus I, Pope:* Is 35:1-10;

Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12:** *Our Lady of Guadalupe (USA):*

Zec 2:14-17; (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or

Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday, December 13:** *Saint Lucy, Virgin, Martyr:*

Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14:** *Saint John of the Cross, Priest,**Doctor of the Church:* Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13b;

Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15:** Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19**Saturday, December 16:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,

18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17:** *Third Sunday of Advent:*

Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54;

1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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 Livestreamed)

See Church of the Holy Family Facebook

for more information.

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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Fr. René Castillo, Pastor; Michelle Rack, Chair; Adam Stephens, Secretary; Bob Breault; Mariann Gannon; Dave Hicks; Connie Loschi; Dorothy Lyons; Lauren McDonough; Christina Neveau-Zepf; Amy Walton; Bella Mlodzinski, Youth Representative. [ppc@hollyfamilyvb.org](mailto:ppc@hollyfamilyvb.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.

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, December 9:** 5:30 p.m.: Colin Neary +  
by Sean Neary

**Sunday, December 10:** 8:15 a.m.: Samira Manto-Omer+  
by Elizabeth Masterson; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners

**Monday, December 11:** No Mass

**Tuesday, December 12:** 9:30 a.m.: Tam Bryant +  
by Lan Ballard; 6:30 p.m.: No Intention

**Wednesday, December 13:** Zamani Hodge +  
by Nollie Rovillos

**Thursday, December 14:** 9:30 a.m.: No Intention

**Friday, December 15:** 9:30 a.m.: Michael Amade +  
by Nollie Rovillos

**Saturday, December 16:** 5:30 p.m.: Kathleen Horey +  
by George Horey

**Sunday, December 17:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners;  
11:00 a.m.: Irene Albert + by Gaye Vachris

## ONLINE GIVING:





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[robertdurel@gmail.com](mailto:robertdurel@gmail.com)



**50/50 RAFFLE:** The winning number is **110468**. If this is the number on your ticket and you haven't already done so, please contact Lani, our Business Manager, in the Parish Office at 757-481-5702.



**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:** John Costas  
**Family of the Month:** “Mike” Jakubec Family

**WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**  
**TO START IN JANUARY**



Your Knights of Columbus at the Church of the Holy Family will conduct a **Winter Clothing Drive** again starting January 2, 2024, and continuing through January 31, 2024.

Please consider donating clothing for men, women, and children (such as coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, shirts, scarves, shoes, work boots, socks, blankets, towels, and toiletries) to the Church of the Holy Family, and your Knights of Columbus will see to it that they get distributed to help the needy or abused in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, and Portsmouth. **But PLEASE do not bring any items to the church until after New Year's.**

**MEN OF FAITH/COR:**

**Men of Faith/Cor – 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](mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com) or call 610-360-6070 or Ron Batdorf at [ron.batdorf@gmail.com](mailto:ron.batdorf@gmail.com) or call 757-739-4414.



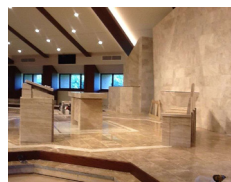
**ROSARY:** Please join us every Wednesday evening at 4:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary in the Chapel. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray as a family. We promise to start on time and have you out by 4:30 p.m. **NOTE:** There will only be **one Rosary Service at 4:00 p.m.** The 6:00 p.m. Rosary has been canceled.

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



**FINISHING THE JOURNEY**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Contribute to pay off the balance of the renovation costs. “We enjoy the beauty of the temple dedicated to God and reap its spiritual benefits.” Thank you!



**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:**

If you would like to make a Christmas floral contribution in memory of a loved one, there are envelopes available in the Commons.

**CREATION CARE CORNER:**

The 2023 UN Conference of Parties (COP28) on Climate Change takes place from November 30-December 12. This is the supreme decision-making body of the United Nations Convention on Climate Change and the summit that Pope Francis refers to in his Laudate Deum Exhortation. It will be the 28th time that nations of the world will gather to address the global climate crisis. The Conference will be held in Dubai of the United Arab Emirates, a controversial venue given that nation's status as a major oil producer.

Some 70,000 people are expected to participate: official delegations from almost all of the world's countries, many "accredited observers" including Civil Society, faith organizations, businesses (including fossil fuel companies), activists, politicians, students, military, Maryknoll missionaries, and others. What will happen? Some key aspects of COP28 will be:

- **Global Stocktake:** For the first time, this inventory of exactly where we stand in regard to keeping global temperatures to a 1.5 degree rise will be presented. Exactly how far off track are we at this point, and what we need to do will be addressed.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Increasing inclusion of key voices, such as the indigenous, who have stewarded our planet in the right way and youth who will bear the effects of decisions.
- **Exhibitions:** Innovators of alternative energy solutions will rub elbows with oil companies.
- **Side Events:** The real interchange of ideas and inspirations happens here.

The Maryknoll representatives and other faith leaders have hopes for the following outcomes: Fast, full, and fair phase-out of fossil fuels; Follow-through on climate finance commitments to developed countries by mobilizing \$100 billion a year; The tripling of renewable energy; Operationalization of a loss and damage fund; Inclusion of food systems and food security in climate negotiations; Strong U.S. leadership.

This article is a draft from a two-page resource guide written by the Maryknoll Sisters and published in the Catholic Climate Covenant email in November 9, 2023.

Take the Laudate Deum Action Pledge in response to Pope Francis' call for committing yourself to urgent climate action. It consists of seven personal/family actions; two actions advocating for change within the U.S. Catholic Church and two actions advocating for systemic change at the national/global level.

Find the pledge, using the website: [catholicclimatecovenant.org/my-laudate-deum-action-pledge](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/my-laudate-deum-action-pledge).

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**

757-481-1180

Celebrating 20 Years!



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  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 **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.



**Save the date:** Holy Family Golf Tournament, April 8, at Broad Bay Country Club

**Sponsor Contact:** Paul Battaglia at 757-285-8609 (seeking sponsors!)

**Golf Registration:** Charlie Clarkson at 757-416-2707

**Raffle Prize Donations:** Mike Reda at 757-443-8788 (seeking donations, gift cards, gift appropriate)

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIPS**

Knights of Columbus will be awarding \$1,000.00 scholarships to the Outstanding Young Man of the Year, and to the Outstanding Young Woman of the Year. All high school seniors whose families are registered members of the Church of the Holy Family are eligible. To get a copy of the application, email [chuckkenison17@hotmail.com](mailto:chuckkenison17@hotmail.com) or stop by the Parish Office to pick up an application. The deadline for submission is January 4, 2023.





**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.*

**UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES**

Baptisms are normally scheduled during weekend Masses on set dates.

**January 13/14, 2024**

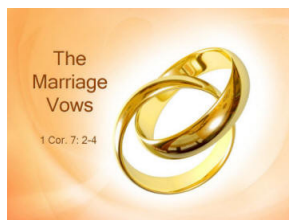
**April 27/28, 2024**

**June 1/2, 2024**

Sacramental preparation consists of meeting with the Baptism Coordinator, completing an online Baptism program, and attending an in-person session.

**To request Baptism**, please go to the parish website. Under the "Our Faith" tab, click "The Sacraments" and then click "Baptism." There, you will find information about Baptism, as well as the Baptism Request Form: <https://www.holyfamilyvb.org/baptism-request-form>.

Once your Baptism Request Form is received, the Baptism Coordinator will contact you to schedule an appointment to meet with her and plan the Baptism! Expectant parents are encouraged to reach out around the sixth month of pregnancy, but the unbaptized of all ages are welcome! Feel free to contact Michelle De Rubertis directly with any questions at 757-937-6712 or [michelle@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:michelle@holyfamilyvb.org).

**MARRIAGE RETREAT**

**Date: Saturday, February 3, 2024**

**Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Place: Church of the Holy Family**

**Don't miss this special Retreat!**

**Child care provided! Register on Flocknote!**

**DEANERY 2 SCHEDULE OF PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES:**

- Monday, December 11 – St. Gregory the Great
- **Tuesday, December 12 – Holy Family**
- Wednesday, December 13 – Ascension
- Thursday, December 14 – St. Nicholas
- Wednesday, December 20 – Holy Spirit
- Thursday, December 21 – St. John the Apostle

**Note:** You are invited to any of the above scheduled Reconciliation Services. All services are at **7:00 p.m.**

There will **not** be Saturday afternoon Reconciliation on December 9, 16, 23, or 30.



**FUN-TASTIC AUCTION:** Save the date – **Saturday, April 27, 2024!** Watch the bulletin for more information. There will be an Auction Committee Meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at Holy Family. If you are interested in helping with our 7th Annual Fun-Tastic Auction, please join us for that meeting.

**Music Notes****A Festival of Carols**

**Thursday, December 21, at 7:00 p.m.**



Holy Family Music Ministry's annual musical offering to the parish is back and we expect the pews to be full of parishioners raising the roof singing Advent and Christmas carols that night. Leading you will be the Cantors, Parish Choir, Teen Singers, Children's Choir, Holy Family Ringers (Handbells), and Teen Instruments as well as their fearless leader, Sylvia Chapa.

**Mark your calendar to attend – it is free and open to the public, so bring family and friends with you.**

**Rehearsal Schedules**

**Parish Choir:** Rehearsal will be **December 13 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Choir** is **7:30-9:00 p.m. December 13, and 7:00-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 20** as we prepare for *A Festival of Carols* and Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Mass.

**Holy Family Ringers** practice **Thursday, December 14, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday, December 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.** as we prepare for *A Festival of Carols* and Christmas Eve 9:00 p.m. Mass.

**Teen Singers:** Rehearsals are **Sunday, December 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.** On **December 17**, arrive at **5:00 p.m.** and end at **6:30 p.m.** as we practice in the church with the Children's Choir for *A Festival of Carols* and Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass.

**Instrumentalists:** Practice will be **Thursday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m.** For *A Festival of Carols*, extra practice on **Wednesday, December 20, 7:00-8:30 p.m.**, and Festival on **December 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Children's Choir 3rd-5th Grades with Ms. Anne:** Next rehearsal will be **December 12 at 6:30-7:30 p.m.** Mark your calendar for an extra practice: **Sunday, December 17**, with Teen Singers in the church from **5:30-6:30 p.m.** to prepare to sing Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass and *A Festival of Carols!*

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE**

December 23/24 (4th Sunday of Advent):

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 10:00 a.m.

Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Eve):

4:00 p.m. – Worship Space

4:00 p.m. – Family Room

9:00 p.m. – Worship Space

Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day) – 10:30 a.m.

December 30/31 (Feast of the Holy Family):

Saturday – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday – 8:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Monday, January 1 (New Year's Day) – 10:30 a.m.

# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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PeaceCycle  
Founder

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## PeaceCycle Products are a Big Hit

PeaceCycle is a start-up small business, which aims to educate and employ persons in Haiti, promoting eco-friendly practices and empowering individuals and families to be self-sufficient. All PeaceCycle products are made from discarded water pouches collected off the streets of Port au Prince. Church of the Holy Family Haiti Ministry sells their products to create dignified employment for persons who might otherwise not have the opportunity.



## Haiti Ministry Sells PeaceCycle Products at Fair Trade Show at Elation Brewing in Norfolk, Virginia



Holy Family Haiti Ministry sold over \$2,000 worth of PeaceCycle items last weekend and had fun at the same time. All proceeds go directly to PeaceCycle. They

sell at different fair trade events, farmer's markets and other churches. If you would like to learn more or join the PeaceCycle selling team, contact Jacki Friedsam.

[luvtheyanks907@gmail.com](mailto:luvtheyanks907@gmail.com)



Please return all Giving Tree gifts as soon as possible. The last day to return presents is next weekend. (Sunday December 17, 2023). Follow the directions on the tag and turn the presents in before the Masses next week or at the Parish Office during regular office hours. You can donate to the Giving Tree on the Holy Family website. [www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org). Thank you for your generosity.

## Holy Family Donates Gifts to the Following Agencies

- Southeastern Virginia Training Center
- Holy Family Outreach
- People in Need Ministries
- Meals on Wheels
- Norfolk Catholic Worker & Catholic Charities
- Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Oneismus House
- Holy Family Migrant Ministry
- Veterans, Eastern Shore Migrant Workers
- Birchwood Park Rehab
- Seton Youth Shelters
- Court Appointed Special Advocates.



## Don't Be a Grinch, Attend the Chosen Annual Christmas Dance

Everyone is invited to the annual Chosen Dance. The Chosen is a Christian ministry for persons who experience disabilities. Dancing music is provided by "2 For Fun" featuring Brian Bleakly and Steve Ambrose. Magic Mirror photo booth will capture the moment.

**Monday, December 11, 2023 from  
6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Holy Family**

watch us **GROW**

## Composting at Holy Family



Holy Family Composting has ordered a second composting bin. You can join the composting team by signing up in the Holy Family Gift Shop. A \$20 fee is collected to defray the cost of pick-up. Compostable bags are also available for \$5/30bags.

**Learn more at the Holy Family Gift Shop**



# Pew Art

Please feel free to let your child draw on this  
card and put it in the green collection box  
by the crayons as their gift to God!



Name:

Age:



# Pew Art

Please feel free to let your child draw on this  
card and put it in the green collection box  
by the crayons as their gift to God!



Name: Glotilde

Age: 8







# Pew Art

Please feel free to let your child draw on this card and put it in the green collection box with the crayons as their gift to God!

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Name:

Age:





**THE HOLY FAMILY GIFT SHOP:** Our gift to you. 20% off all holiday items for the whole month. Nativity Sets, Ornaments, Advent Wreaths and Candles, Stocking Stuffers. Great gifts for everything you need to celebrate your faith this Advent and Christmas season! **Gift Shop is open before and after each Mass.**

### STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

*My parish is composed of people like me. I help make it what it is. It will be friendly – if I am. It will be holy – if I am. Its pews will be filled – if I help fill them. It will do great work – if I work. It will be prayerful – if I pray. It will make generous gifts to many causes – if I am a generous giver. It will bring others to worship – if I invite and bring them. It will be a parish of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity, and mercy, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these same things. Therefore, with the help of God, I now dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my parish to be. Amen.*

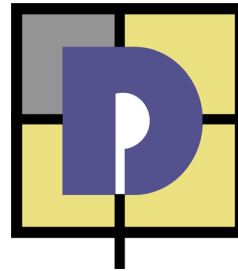


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