

# Church OF THE Holy Family

**A Catholic Church**

1279 North Great Neck Road  
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.

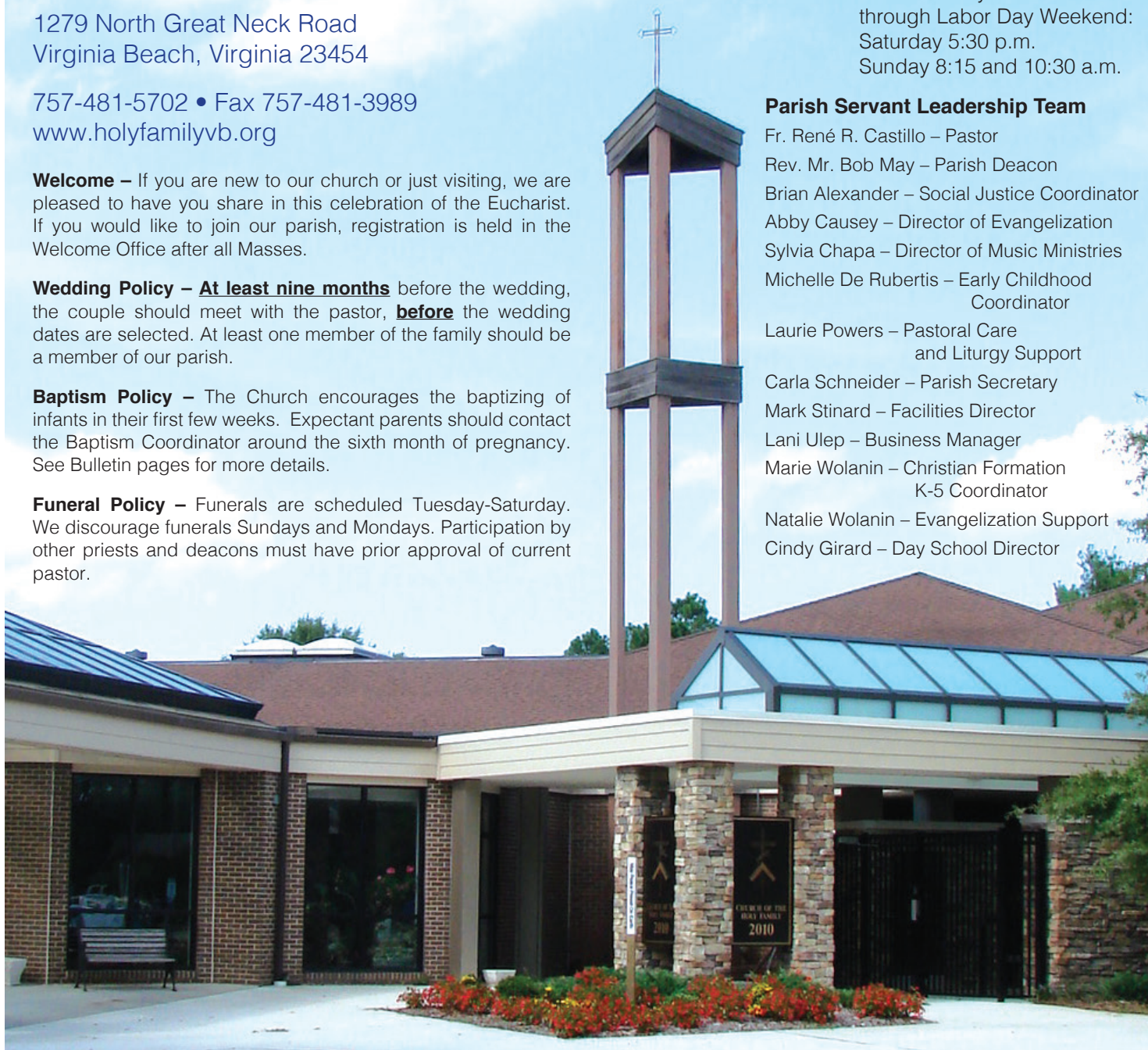
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### **Summer Masses**

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  
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

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 20 &amp; 21, 2024

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**REMEMBER THE DEAD:** Helen Cooper

**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Emma Allshouse, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, John Buford, Freddie Cahoon, 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, Lucy Dragnich, 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, Mary Hood, 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 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, Valerie Seiberlich, Christian Sleigh, 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

**BULLETIN PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

**ONLINE GIVING:****DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Sunday, January 21:** *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:*  
Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**Monday, January 22:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday, January 23:** *Saint Vincent, Deacon, Martyr (USA); Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin (USA):*  
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday, January 24:** *Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church:* 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday, January 25:** *The Conversion of Saint Paul the Apostle:* Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18

**Friday, January 26:** *Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops:*  
2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday, January 27:** *Saint Angela Merici, Virgin:*  
2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday, January 28:** *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*  
Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

**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.

**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.



**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, January 20:** 5:30 p.m.: Duarte Contreras + by Maureen Dominquez

**Sunday, January 21:** 8:15 a.m.: Pat Goodall + by Tom Goodall; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family

**Monday, January 22:** No Mass

**Tuesday, January 23:** 9:30 a.m.: Samuel Edles + by Nollie Rovilles; 6:30 p.m.: No Intention

**Wednesday, January 24:** No Intention

**Thursday, January 25:** 9:30 a.m.: Rene Lindsey + by Tom & Kathy Staskin

**Friday, January 26:** 9:30 a.m.: Pepito Amande + by Nollie Rovilles

**Saturday, January 27:** 5:30 p.m.: Ernesto Tanguilig + by Betty Tanguilig

**Sunday, January 28:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family; 11:00 a.m.: Dorothy Mitchell + by Her Children

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

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

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

**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.

**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: Carl Wesolowski**  
**Family of the Month: Pat and Pat O'Donnell**



**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.

**WINTER WEAR CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Winter Wear Clothing Drive is underway and will continue through January 31. Please consider donating clothing for men, women, and children (coats, hats, gloves, sweatshirts, scarves, sweaters, shirts, shoes, boots, socks, blankets, towels, toiletries, etc.) to the Church of the Holy Family, and your Knights of Columbus will see to it that they get distributed to those who badly need our help. The need is great, particularly for men's clothing including work gloves and work boots. If you have any questions, please call Joe Murray at 757-412-0583. Thank You!

**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 Tuesday of each month, at 7:00 p.m., and the third Saturday morning of each month at 7:30 a.m.

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.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

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

Our 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.

**PRAY FOR OUR ARMED FORCES:**

Please pray for all those in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, especially those who are serving in harm's way and facing the forces of violence and weapons of destruction.

**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!

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Fishing is an active verb. If you are being called to strengthen Christ's Church through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life, act. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661, or via email [vocations@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:vocations@richmonddiocese.org).

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY  
BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

*"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."*

~ Leo Buscaglia

Grief is the conflicting feelings caused by a change or an end in a familiar pattern or behavior; it is the normal and natural reaction to loss. Our Bereavement Support Group meets Tuesdays at 2:00 p.m. in the Parish Library. If you, or someone you know is grieving, please join us. These meetings will be confidential and held in a safe environment.



## CREATION CARE CORNER

According to Arcadia, a Company founded in 2014, whose mission is to stop climate change by breaking the fossil fuel monopoly and building the next generation of energy products, some major potential milestones in clean energy are forecast for 2024. A large portion of federal funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) has been distributed – now it is time to continue fulfilling our promises in 2024 to the only planet.

- What's promising is that for the first time ever, this year's COP28 ended in an agreement to start "transitioning away from fossil fuels." This is a monumental step that will have far-reaching implications in 2024 and the years ahead.
- As the world pushes steadily toward the clean energy future, our data grids will need to keep up with new technologies. "States are primed for grid upgrades that will bring an estimated 35 GW of renewable energy online and invest in over 400 microgrids."
- We will also see a continued increase in EVs and plug-in-hybrids in 2024. With enough momentum supplied by an acceleration of the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula program, EV charging stations will be installed every 50 miles along the country's major roadways.
- New generations of solar and wind farms will occur. New York just turned on the first commercial offshore wind farm in the country. Meanwhile, the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts that annual solar generation will surpass annual hydropower generation in 2024.

**A Sun Fact:** According to a report by Carbon Tracker, the total land required to generate all of Earth's energy from solar is 0.3% of the planet. That is about the size of Sweden and far less than currently required for fossil fuels, which take up 1.3% of land in the U.S. alone!

This article is an adapted version of one written by Arcadia online ([support@arcadia.com](mailto:support@arcadia.com)) on 12/26/23, entitled "A Clean Energy Forecast."

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

## 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.



## WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE TEAM OF EXTRAORDINARY COMMUNION MINISTERS!

Each week as we come forward to receive the Eucharist, we say, "Amen!" to the person who offers us the Consecrated Body and Blood of Jesus Christ! "The Body of Christ, The Blood of Christ!" is what we hear, and what we believe, we receive.

You can join the team of Communion Ministers who help bring this important Sacrament to our "Holy Family" family! Please email Laurie Powers at [PAL@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:PAL@holyfamilyvb.org) to express your interest in this essential ministry.

### UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES

Baptisms are normally scheduled during weekend Masses on set dates.

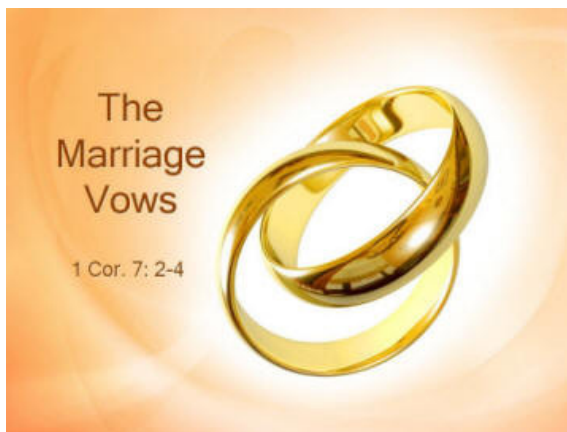
**April 27/28, 2024**

**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**

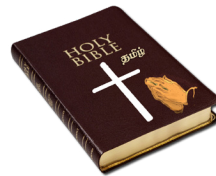
**Time: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Place: Church of the Holy Family**

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

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

### THE HOLY FAMILY GIFT SHOP



*Helping celebrate your faith journey with products for every day!*

**20% off New and Pre-Read Books**

**Buy a Bible, Give a Bible**

**Preorder from our Selection**

*Gift Shop is open before and after each Mass.*

### 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](http://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.



### PROMOTIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT

“The Lamb of God,” “The Bread of Life,” “The Body and the Blood of Christ” ... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching?

Adult Faith Formation (AFF) invites you to join us for our Winter program titled “Lectio – Eucharist.” We will dive into a study and look for the Eucharist in the pages of the Old and New Testaments. We will meet on Sundays between the Masses from January 21 through March 24. You can register on the parish website [www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org), or forms are available at the Welcome Table. Please contact [PAL@holyfamily.org](mailto:PAL@holyfamily.org) for more information.





### FUN-TASTIC AUCTION:

Save the Date! Holy Family Fun-tastic Auction is April 27. We will begin accepting small items March 15, other items April 6. We cannot accept any large furnishings. If you have questions or items to offer, please contact JoAnn Clarkson at 757-373-3325.



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

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

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

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

### 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.

**ADORATION:** Every Tuesday, Holy Family Church has Adoration following the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Exposition starts immediately after Mass and Adoration will conclude at 12:45 p.m.



## Music Notes and Ministry Schedule

### **All Music Ministry rehearsals have begun!**

If you'd like to sing, ring bells, or play an instrument, contact Sylvia Chapa – email [music@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org).

All rehearsals are in Choir Room 134 (across from the Copy Room)

**Parish Choir:** Harmonizers, join the Choir! 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays.

### **Handbells – Holy Family Ringers:**

If you rang Choir Chimes at school, you'll learn to ring handbells quickly. Adults will learn quickly – our Ringers enjoy helping each other. **Rehearsal: Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Children's Choir (Grades 3-5):** Ms. Anne leads a fun rehearsal on Tuesdays, 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Teen Singers (Grades 6-12)** practice Sundays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. – boys and girls singing – a beautiful sound!

**Teen Instruments** practice Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m. We have violins, viola, cello, trumpet, and trombone and other instruments, or more of the same are welcome!



*Serving through Music*

# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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*Love YOUR  
neighbor  
as yourself.*  
MATTHEW 22:39

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is a statement of the Church's faith and of Catholic doctrine. (CCC #1931)

Respect for the human person proceeds by way of respect for the principle that "everyone should look upon his neighbor (without any exception) as 'another self,' above all bearing mind his life and the means necessary for living it with dignity." No legislation could by itself do away with the fears, prejudice, and attitude of pride and selfishness, which obstruct the establishment of truly fraternal societies. Such behavior will cease only through the charity that finds in every man a "neighbor" a brother.



## CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: CALL TO FAMILY, COMMUNITY, AND PARTICIPATION

The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society-in economics and politics, in law and policy-directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and family are the central institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have the right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

**"In order to be true peacemakers, we must educate ourselves in compassion, solidarity, working together, fraternity, in being active within the community and concerned to raise awareness about national and international issues and the importance of seeking adequate mechanisms for the redistribution of wealth, the promotion of growth, cooperation for development, and conflict resolution"**  
Pope Benedict XVI

LIFE AND DIGNITY OF  
THE HUMAN PERSON

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RIGHTS OF WORKERS

Our twinning parish in Baptiste Haiti gathered to share a meal over Christmas. 400 children were fed. The whole community took part in preparing and serving the meal. Funds for the celebration were provided by the church of the Holy Family's Haiti Ministry. Fr. Ronel would like to give his thanks and blessing to the parishioners of Holy Family for their kindness. Families were also given rice, beans, and oil to take home. Thank you for your support.



**WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL**  
*Hampton Roads*

### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER SERIES

#### HUMAN TRAFFICKING: COMING SOON TO A NEIGHBORHOOD NEAR YOU

FEATURING DR. KATHLEEN MCKEE  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, REGENT UNIVERSITY  
SCHOOL OF LAW



*Join us for a discussion on how the crime of  
human trafficking is hidden in plain sight*

January, 25, 2024  
Reception 6pm  
Lecture 7pm

REGISTER AT [HRWAC.ORG](http://HRWAC.ORG)  
OR USE THE QR CODE

Plaza Annex  
641 Carriage Hill Road  
Virginia Beach

Members: \$15  
Non-Members \$25  
Free to Students and Educators



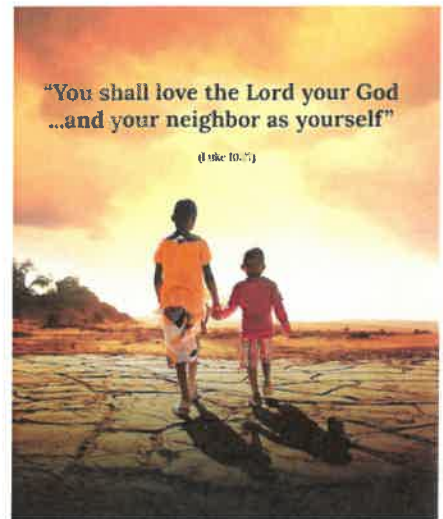


**2024**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Thursday, January 18 - Thursday, January 25**

**You are invited to join us for any or all of these  
ecumenical prayer services & Bible studies.  
Each will address an aspect of the theme.**



Date - Event	Time	Place
Thursday, Jan. 18 - Service	1 pm	Emmanuel Lutheran Church 3900 Virginia Beach Blvd, VA Beach
Friday, Jan. 19 - Bible Study	9:30 am	Holy Spirit Catholic Parish 1396 Lynnhaven Pkwy, VA Beach
Sunday, Jan. 21 Service & Reception	4 pm	Church of the Holy Family 1279 N Great Neck Rd, VA Beach
Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Bible Study	10 am	Church of the Holy Apostles 1593 Lynnhaven Pkwy, VA Beach
Tuesday, Jan. 23 - Bible Study	6:30 pm	St. Francis Episcopal Church 509 S Rosemont Rd, VA Beach
Wednesday, Jan. 24 - Bible Study	10 am	Light of Hope United Methodist Church 208 S Plaza Trail, VA Beach
Thursday, Jan. 25 - Service	1 pm	First Lynnhaven Baptist Church 2744 Robert Jackson Dr, VA Beach

Main Service  
Sunday!!



Events are sponsored by Tidewater Christian Ecumenical Network (CENet) and the churches involved. Questions? Email [LRaffK@aol.com](mailto:LRaffK@aol.com). Find us on Facebook [CENChristianTidewater](#)



**Smoked**

## **Pulled Pork BBQ**



**Dates:** Saturday January 27<sup>th</sup> from Noon until 2:00pm and after Mass  
**AND**

Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30am 'till 1:00pm OR until sold out!

**BBQ** - \$20 for 1 pound of pork and 4 buns. Add Coleslaw or Potato Salad for \$6 per 1 pound container.

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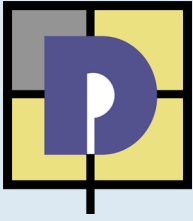


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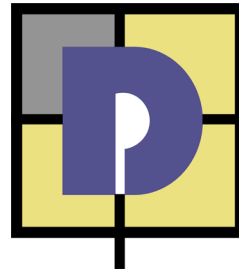


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