

Church OF THE Holy Family

A Catholic Church

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

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

Baptism Policy – 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.

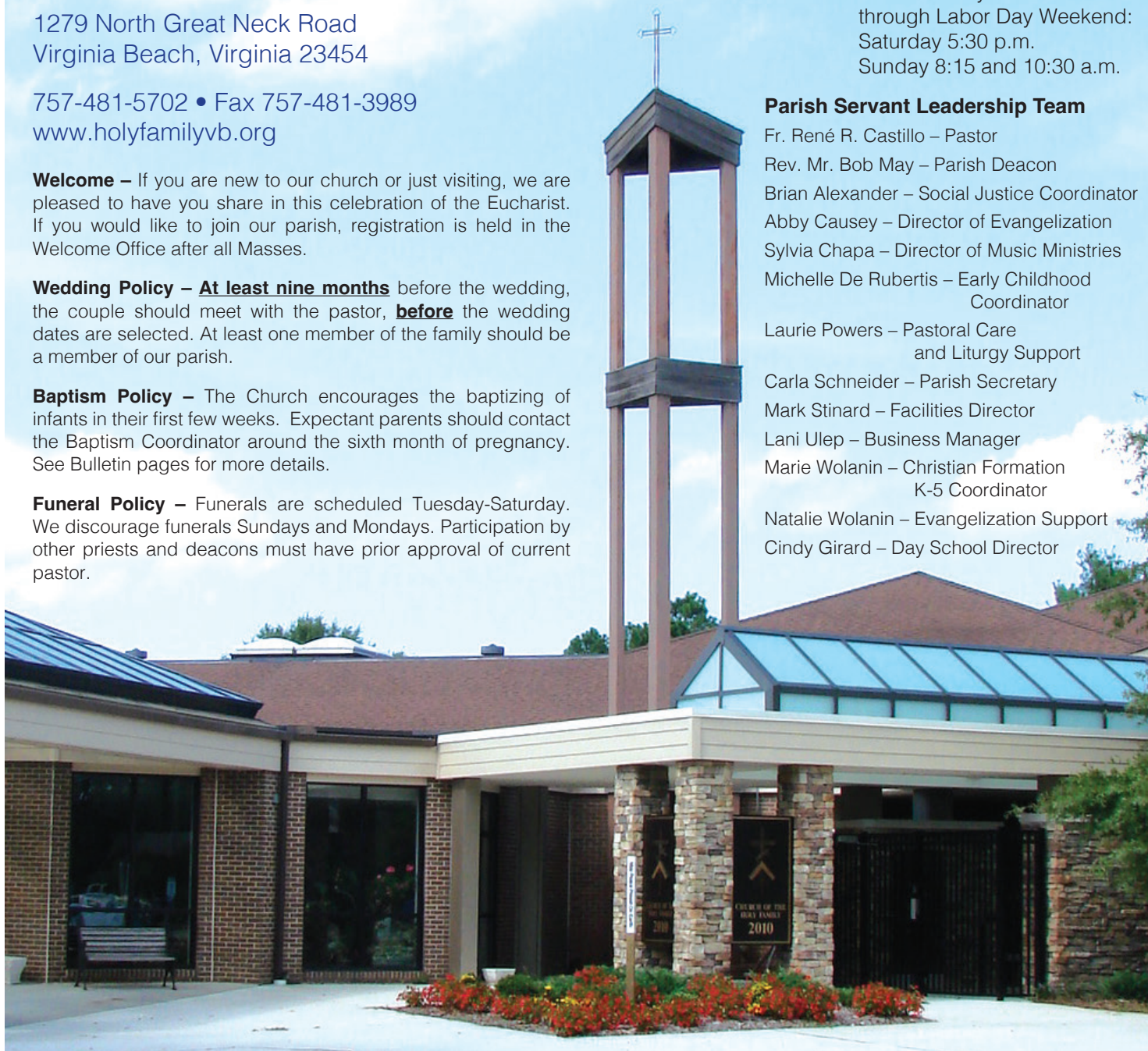
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Summer Masses

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
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Please remember in your prayers our sister parish, St. Jude in Baptiste, Haiti

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3 & 4, 2024

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PRAY FOR: Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Emma Allshouse, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Susie Bailey, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmis, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, John Buford, Erin Burkamb, Freddie Cahoon, Quinn Carpenter, Patrick Causey, Heather Cervantes, Patrick Chicoine, 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 Rehpeiz, 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, Cameron Smith, Grace Smith, Carole Solliday, Carol St. Cyr, Mark Staff, Roy and Sue Starrin, Arlene Stepnick, Ann Stern, 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, February 4:** *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23;
Mk 1:29-39**Monday, February 5:** *Saint Agatha, Virgin, Martyr:*

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 6: *Saint Paul Miki and**Companions, Martyrs:* 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30;
Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13**Wednesday, February 7:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10;

Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 8: *Saint Jerome Emiliani;**Saint Josephine Bakhita, Virgin:* 1 Kgs 11:4-13;
Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30**Friday, February 9:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19;

Ps 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 10: *Saint Scholastica, Virgin:*1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7, 19-22;
Mk 8:1-10**Sunday, February 11:** *Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time:*Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11;
1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45**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 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, February 3: 5:30 p.m.: Holy Family

Sunday, February 4: 8:15 a.m.: "Mike" Jakubec +

by Emily Kerr; 11:00 a.m.: Olga Francese +

by Alyce Antoniello

Monday, February 5: No Mass

Tuesday, February 6: 9:30 a.m.: John and

Elizabeth Brezina + by John & Jean Trotter;

6:30 p.m.: No Intention

Wednesday, February 7: No Intention

Thursday, February 8: 9:30 a.m.: John Donnelly

by Nora Donnelly

Friday, February 9: 9:30 a.m.: Lucia Benedetto

by The Benedetto Family

Saturday, February 10: 5:30 p.m.: Holy Family

Sunday, February 11: 8:15 a.m.: Rita Giuffre

by Tom Giuffre; 11:00 a.m.: Bob Kerr +

by The Kerr Family

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TUESDAY EVENING MASS: Please note that the 6:30 p.m. time for the Tuesday Evening Mass will change to **6:00 p.m. during Lent**. Mass will be followed by a Lenten Soup Supper (sponsored by our Knights of Columbus) and a program (sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation ministry).

**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
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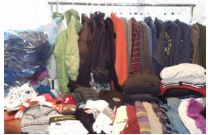
Grand Knight ~ Charles Clarkson (757-416-2707)
Deputy Grand Knight ~ Joe Murray (757-355-2108)
Chaplain ~ Fr. René Castillo

Knight of the Month: Carl Wesolowski

Family of the Month: Pat and Pat O'Donnell

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:

“Jesus went away to a secluded place and prayed.” If you are seeking greater simplicity of life and a closer following of the Lord in prayer and action, consider that He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Office of Vocations at 804-359-5661, or via email vocations@richmonddiocese.org.

**WINTER WEAR CLOTHING DRIVE
HAS ENDED**

Thanks to all who donated clothing to our Winter Wear Clothing Drive. Look for a summary of the results in a future bulletin.

MEN OF FAITH:

At our recent Saturday morning meeting, we discussed what it means to be a man of faith in this somewhat confusing 21st century. We watched a Knights of Columbus video that spoke of the need for men to practice a Christian masculinity to combat the challenges that we face today. At our next meeting, we'll focus on the Beatitudes and how we can learn to live them.

The Men of Faith is open to all men of the parish over 18 years of age. We meet at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month and 7:30 a.m. on the third Saturday morning. If you'd like to join a group of guys who enjoy good company and share our thoughts and feelings about how we can be true to our Faith, contact Bob Breault at 610-360-6070 or bobbro1938@gmail.com or Ron Batdorf at 757-739-4414 or Ron.batdorf@gmail.com.

Note: In February the Tuesday evening meeting will be the **first** Tuesday, February 6.



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.

**50/50 RAFFLE:**

The 50/50 Raffle has begun again before and after all weekend Masses. The drawing will be March 17.

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

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

Month December 2023

Monthly Total Collection	\$ 132,917.23
Monthly Budget	\$ 87,033.33
Month over Budget	>\$ 45,883.90 <
Year-to-Date Collection	\$ 540,538.76
Budget for 27 weeks	\$ 547,668.00
Year under Budget	<\$ 7,129.24>

Social Ministry:	\$ 5,666.00
Haiti Fund:	\$ 2,837.96
Capital Reserve:	\$ 2,927.97

Second Collection

for Catholic Charities:	\$ 5,343.00
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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 in the Parish Office, if you have questions.

HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

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CREATION CARE CORNER:

A study in Australia of why people make certain food choices found the following reasons to be the top justifications for consuming animal products: “believing they are nice to eat, necessary for health, and normal and natural dietary choices.” But these reasons do not hold up to scrutiny. Plant-based foods can definitely be just as tasty, healthy, and nutritious. What really enhances the taste of plant-based food are the herbs and seasonings with which they are cooked or baked. There are plenty of recipe books available.

Here is how one can start making diet choices with our global food system and climate change in mind. It seems that a well-known way to become a flexible eater is by adopting “meatless Mondays.” An additional payoff is what research shows: a vegetarian diet can also reduce food expense by as much as 30%. To add a pound of body weight, livestock need to eat anywhere from 2 to 50 times as many pounds of feed, often containing commodity crops like corn or soybeans. It is far more efficient for us to eat plants directly than to eat the animals those plants feed. It is estimated that two-thirds of consumers plan to spend more money on plant-based products in the future, resulting in large meat conglomerates such as Tyson Foods and Smithfield Foods bending to market pressures and rolling out plant-based alternatives, while closing some of their large meat processing plants.

For instance, if you typically eat meat twice a day and replace that diet with options like tofu, legumes, or a veggie burger for one year, the emissions equivalent to driving a gas-powered car almost 700 miles could be prevented. A bonus: Because legumes naturally draw nitrogen from the air into soil, growing them requires less fertilizer and emits fewer greenhouse gases.

Another strong incentive for becoming vegetarian or vegan is educating ourselves about the horrible and cruel treatment the animals raised for human consumption are subjected to. As Christians, how can we reconcile that treatment with our belief that all God has made is sacred.

This article is one abbreviated and adapted from “A Field Guide to Eating in a Warming World,” written by Grace Van Deelen in the winter 2023 edition of the *Sierra*, the Sierra Club’s publication.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

**PARISH LIFE MEETING**

Date: Wednesday, February 21

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Place: Church of the Holy Family

Note: During Lent, the Parish Life Meeting (which usually meets the third Tuesday of each month) will meet the third Wednesday of each month, so as not to conflict with the Tuesday Lenten Soup Suppers and Adult Faith Formation program.

**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 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.



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CHRYSLER MUSEUM TOUR:

Cindy White, parishioner and docent at the Chrysler Museum of Art, has offered to do a tour of the two newest traveling exhibits. She will begin with “Eye of the Storm,” which chronicles the emergence of Beatlemania in the early 60s, a time of great cultural, political, and social change. This exhibit features the expert photography of Paul McCartney and marks the first time this collection has been seen outside of London. Afterward, our group will travel upstairs to view “A Shared Vision,” the art collection given to the museum by philanthropists Joan and Macon Brock. This highly colorful and interesting exhibit covers 100 years in the development of distinctive American art styles.

We will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 22. If interested, contact Beverly Flashchentrager, at 757-373-9238, for reservations. The Museum limits the group to 15.



FUN-TASTIC AUCTION:

NOTE: There will be an Auction Committee Meeting on **Wednesday, February 7, at 6:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in joining the Auction Committee is welcome!

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.

UPCOMING BAPTISM DATES

Baptisms are normally scheduled during weekend Masses on set dates.

April 27/28, 2024 June 1/2, 2024

August 17/18, 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.



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 through March 24. You can register on the parish website www.holyfamilyvb.org or forms are available at the Welcome Table. Please contact PAL@holyfamily.org for more information.



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)



Music Notes and Ministry Schedule

If you'd like to sing, ring bells, or play an instrument, contact Sylvia Chapa, Director of Music Ministries –
email music@holyfamilymb.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 until Ash Wednesday, February 14, when we're singing at Mass! Also singing February 4 at 11:00 a.m. and February 10 at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Teen Instruments practice Thursdays from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Handbells – Holy Family Ringers: Practice Thursdays, 5:30-7:00 p.m. Come talk to us about ringing after we ring at the 11:00 a.m. Mass February 4.

Children's Choir (Grades 3-5): Ms. Anne leads a fun rehearsal, Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m. Talk to us after we sing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 11 with the Teen Singers.

Teen Singers (Grades 6-12) practice Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m. – Come see us after we sing the 11:00 a.m. Mass on February 11.



SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY:

Congratulations to Fr. René as he celebrates his 35th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on February 11, 2024.



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.

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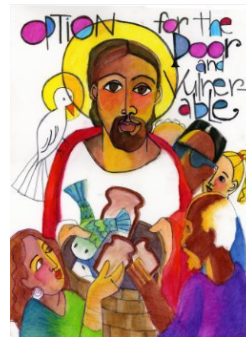
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LIFE AND DIGNITY OF
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CARE FOR GOD'S
CREATIONCALL TO FAMILY,
COMMUNITY AND
PARTICIPATIONOPTION FOR THE POOR
AND VULNERABLERIGHTS AND
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RIGHTS OF WORKERS

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE



“The Church’s love for the poor...is a part of her constant tradition. ‘This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor... ‘Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failing of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation’”.

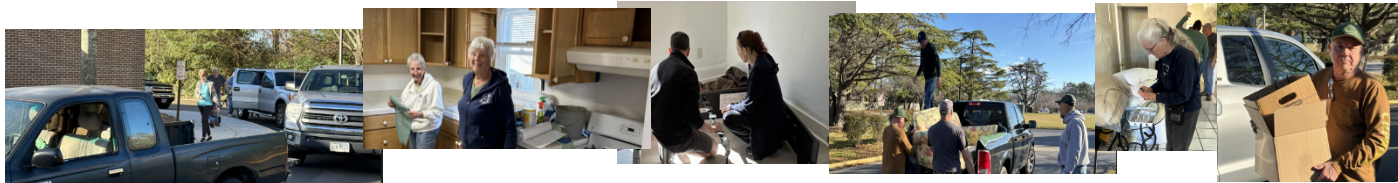
Catechism of the Catholic Church

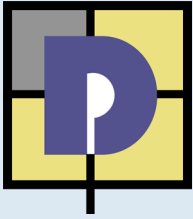
- You shall not oppress the poor or vulnerable. God will hear their cry. **Exodus 22:20-26**
- A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger. **Leviticus 19:9-10**
- The Lord hears the cry of the poor. **Job 34:20-28**
- Speak out in defense of the poor. **Proverbs 31:8-9**
- Do not delay giving to those in need. **Sirach 4:1-10**
- True worship is to work for justice and care for the poor and oppressed **Isaiah 58:5-7**
- What you do for the least among you, you do for Jesus. **Matthew 25:34-40**
- Jesus proclaims his mission: to bring good news to the poor and oppressed. **Luke 4:16-21**
- How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s good, sees one in need, and refuses to help?

1 John 3:17-18

Move-in Day: A House becomes a home.

- On January 9, 2024, Holy Family agreed to be a level three sponsor for a family of five from Burma (Myanmar) in relationship with Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC).
- Level three sponsorship asks for a one-year commitment and \$5,000 in financial support. (Holy Family has raised \$2,650) To learn how to donate please go to www.holyfamilyvb.org.
- On January 12, 2024, with assistance from Kim Williams at the Norfolk Catholic Worker, we were able to secure the house shown in the picture. The house has 3-bedroom & 1.5 baths. Rent is \$1,650/month and paid for 3 months by CCC and Holy Family. The goal for the refugee families is to be self-sufficient by the fourth month.
- On January 13, 2024, a 55-item sign-up genius was sent out to the parish. Items ranged from beds, couches, lamps, first-aid kit, kitchen and bath supplies, everything that goes into setting up a house. Thanks to the generosity of Holy Family, the sign-up list was completed in a little over a week.
- On January 27, 2024, six truckloads of furnishings and supplies were moved from Holy Family to the house. A team of two people teamed up to stage each room in the house and within four hours a house became a home. The family will arrive on Wednesday January 31, 2024 (After bulletin printing). Look for future bulletins for updates.





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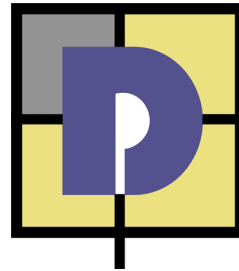


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