

# Church OF THE Holy Family

**A Catholic Church**

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Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454

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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.

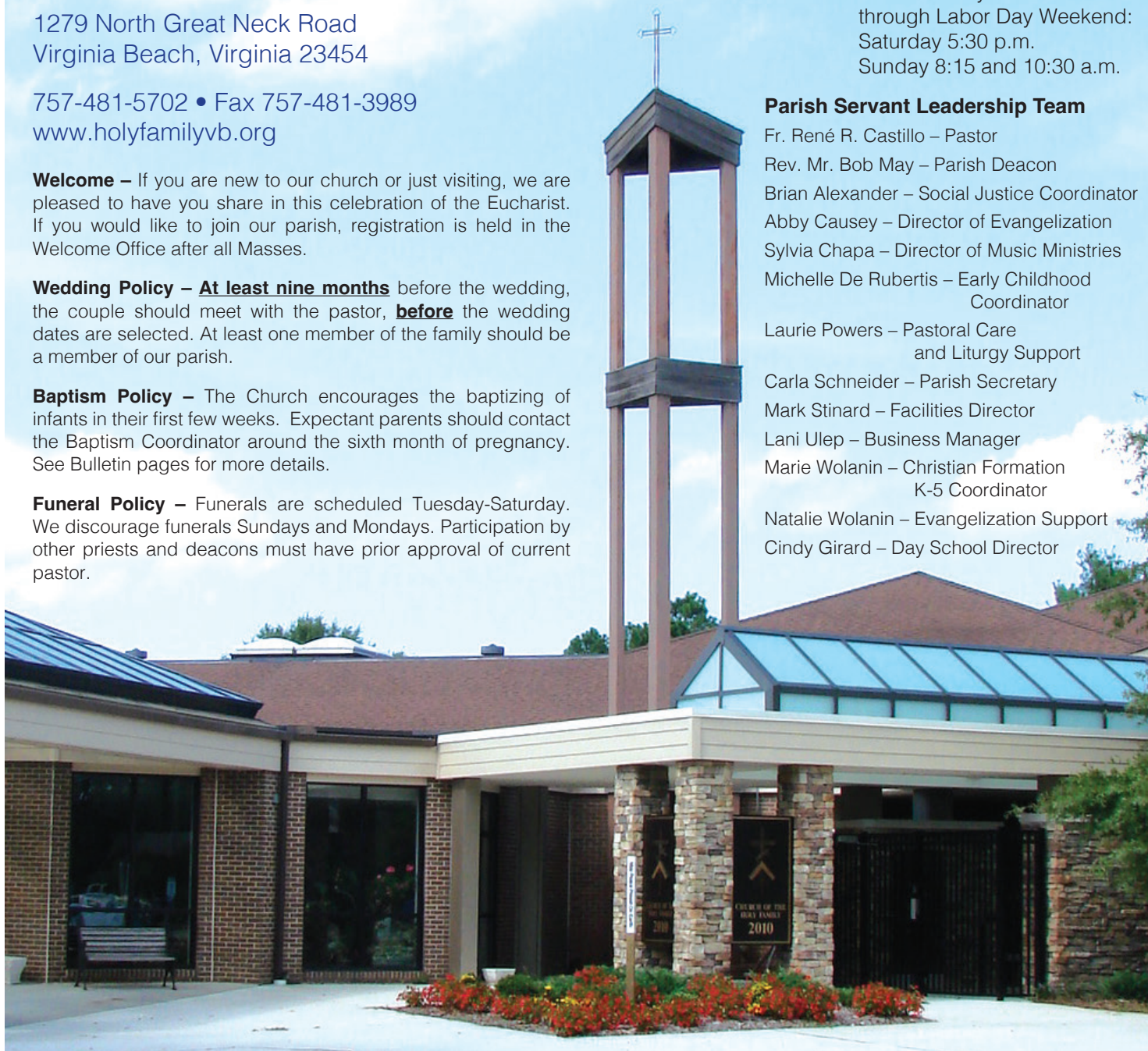
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### **Summer Masses**

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  
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

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

February 17 &amp; 18, 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 Courtis, 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 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, Christian Sleight, 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.

**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, February 18:** *First Sunday of Lent:*

Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**Monday, February 19:** Lv 19:1-2,11-18; Ps 19:8-10,15;

Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 20:** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7,16-19;

Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 21:** *Saint Peter Damian, Doctor**of the Church:* Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4,12-13,18-19;

Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 22:** *The Chair of Saint Peter**the Apostle:*

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19

**Friday, February 23:** *Saint Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr:*

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 24:** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2,4-5,7-8;

Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 25:** *Second Sunday of Lent:*

Gn 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18; Ps 116:10,15-19;

Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

**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 p.m.-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.**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.



**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 17:** 5:30 p.m.: Ernesto Tanguilig +  
by Betty Tanguilig

**Sunday, February 18:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family;  
11:00 a.m.: Francis Mederic Durel +  
by Bob Durel and Arlene Stepnick

**Monday, February 19: No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 20:** 9:30 a.m.: Shirley and Walter Muench  
by Laurie Powers; 6:00 p.m.: Nancie Wesolowski +  
by Carl Wesolowski

**Wednesday, February 21:** 9:30 a.m.: No Intention

**Thursday, February 22:** 9:30 a.m.:  
Caroline and Joseph Dandry +  
by Charlie & JoAnn Clarkson

**Friday, February 23: No Mass**

**Saturday, February 24:** 5:30 p.m.: Joann McClelland +  
by Mike McClellan and Susan Abagnale

**Sunday, February 25:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family;  
11:00 a.m.: Antoinette Donohue + by Frank Donohue



**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: David Gundlach**

**Family of the Month: Abby Causey**

**SERVANT LEADERSHIP TEAM EMAILS:**

Fr. René R. Castillo, Pastor – [pastor@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:pastor@holyfamilyvb.org)  
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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@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:ppc@holyfamilyvb.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.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

“I establish My covenant with you.” If in your listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, 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).

**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).



**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).



**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.

**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](mailto:bobbro1938@gmail.com) or Ron Batdorf at 757-739-4414 or [Ron.batdorf@gmail.com](mailto:Ron.batdorf@gmail.com).

**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.



**50/50 RAFFLE:**

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



**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.



**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)

## HOLY FAMILY DAY SCHOOL

757-481-1180

Celebrating 20 Years!



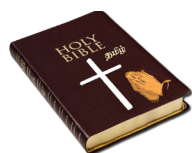
Enrolling children from 2 years old-Prekindergarten

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!



### 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.*



### 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.

### FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD



Be part of Blessed McGivney becoming a Saint by joining the Guild. 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. Go to **fathermcgivney.org** or use the QR code.





### 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.

### 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](mailto: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 at [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.



### 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.



### 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.



**CREATION CARE CORNER:**

Coral reefs may have reached their “tipping point” and are dying off. Coral reefs are one of the oldest ecosystems in the ocean and it can take thousands of years for the full development of a coral reef from the first formation of a polyp from colonizing larvae. These complex ecosystems are among the most valuable ecosystems on the planet. Besides containing one of the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth, they protect coastlines from damaging effects of wave action and tropical storms, they are a source of nitrogen and other nutrients for marine food chains, they assist in nitrogen and carbon fixing, and are a source of income for millions of people around the world. Coral reefs also play an important role in generating the sand and rubble that maintain islands and cays.

These extremely important ecosystems are facing unprecedented events of severe bleaching and physical destruction due to human coastal development, as well as the effects of unmanaged tourism, including anchoring, fish feeding, marine litter, and diver contact. Many scientists argue that reefs have already reached their “tipping point” and are at risk of being completely wiped out by 2050!

Can we avoid this calamity? While we have no chance but to accept that we have—to some extent, irreversibly—already changed our world, we cannot afford to let this trend continue, not just for ourselves, but for the generations to come. Sir Jonathan Ponnit, one of Britain’s most respected environmentalists, writes that “our suicidal way of life is accelerating civilizational collapse.” The only way we will avoid this is by drastically transforming our institutions and lifestyle. As the latest report of the UN’s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change warned, it is “now or never” to limit global warming to 1.5C.

This article is an adaptation of the article, “Bonus Tipping Point: Coral Reefs Die Off,” a tipping point in “the Tipping Points of Climate Change: How Will Our World Change?” written by [martiniigni@earth.org](mailto:martiniigni@earth.org) on January 11, 2024.

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry



## Music Notes and Ministry Schedule

***Thank you to all who sang, rang,  
or played at Masses last week on  
Fr. René’s 35th Ordination Anniversary!***

***Moving on into Lent now.....***

**Parish Choir:** Singing First Sunday of Lent, February 18 at 11:00 a.m. Mass, and preparing the *Passion According to Saint John* along with other Lenten and Holy Week music in “A Musical Journey from Lent to Holy Week” for the parish on Tuesday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

**Teen Instruments:** Continue practicing Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. – violins, viola, cello, trumpet, and trombone. What instrument do you play?

**Handbells – Holy Family Ringers:** Last chance to join our Ringers if you want to play Holy Week and maybe Easter Sunday at 11:45 a.m. Practicing Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

**Children’s Choir (Grades 3-5):** Lovely singing on February 11! Do you love to sing? Practices are Tuesdays 6:30-7:15 p.m. We are one of very few area parishes that offer a Children’s Choir program September-May. Take advantage of these free music lessons and contribute your voice to the beauty of Mass.

**Teen Singers (Grades 6-12):** Lovely singing on February 11, and now we’re preparing to sing the Confirmation Mass on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. and March 17 at 11:00 a.m. Interested in singing? Join NOW to sing Easter Mass at 9:45 a.m. on March 31. Practices are Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m.

**For more info, contact Sylvia Chapa,  
Director of Music Ministries – email [music@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org)**



***Serving through Music***

# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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THE HUMAN PERSON

SOLIDARITY

CARE FOR GOD'S  
CREATIONCALL TO FAMILY,  
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RIGHTS OF WORKERS

and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice." The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our brothers and sisters demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

**"Solidarity is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of others. It is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good."** Pope John Paul

## Catholic Social Teaching: SOLIDARITY

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic,



**If You Want Peace  
Work For Justice**

If one member of Christ's body suffers, all suffer. If one member is honored, all rejoice. **1 Corinthians 12:12-26**

## Notre Dame launches unprecedented University wide effort to fight poverty

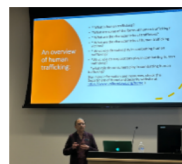


The University of Notre Dame is launching a bold new Poverty Initiative to develop and advance innovative solutions to help vulnerable populations and to train a new generation of leaders committed to the fight against poverty. Every day, poverty stifles hope, opportunity and dignity for 700 million people worldwide, including 37 million Americans. The Notre Dame Poverty Initiative (NDPI) is supported by an alumni couple's lead gift of \$100 million - the largest single donation to an academic priority in the University's history.

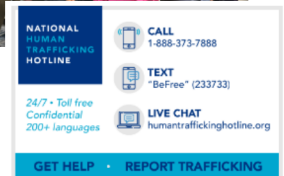
The ND Poverty Initiative will direct its work in  
**RESEARCH, STUDENT FORMATION, and IMPACT.**

"The world needs men and women who are not only capable and knowledgeable, but who accept their responsibility to serve others - especially those in greatest need."

Rev. John I. Jenkins President of Notre Dame



## Human Trafficking: Coming Soon to a Neighborhood Near You.



As part of The World Affairs Council of Hampton Roads Distinguished Speakers Series, Dr. Kathleen McKee gave an overview of human trafficking in Hampton Roads. Holy Family parishioners attended to learn more.

### What is Human trafficking?

- Human trafficking is a process that involves the recruitment and coercion of individuals for sexual or labor exploitation.
- Human trafficking may involve domestic and international victims. A victim does not have to cross state lines or international boundaries to fit within the definition of human trafficking.
- Some human trafficking involve remittance workers, mail order bride organizations, organ donors, and domestic workers.
- Traffickers do not come from any one social-economic class and are not uniform in structure.

For more information, see the Human Trafficking Institute 2022 Federal Trafficking Report.



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bags in the Holy Family  
Gift Shop. \$5/30bags**



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

# SAINT PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH 16, 2024  
@6:30 P.M.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY

\$15.00



CORNER BEEF, CABBAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS, ONIONS,  
DESSERT, CASH BAR



TO-GO BOXES AVAILABLE

CASH, CHECK AND CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED





**Knights of Columbus  
Assembly #1505 Presents**

**FRIDAY NIGHT  
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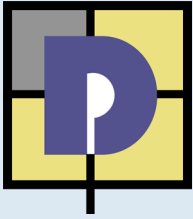
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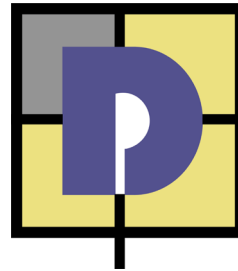


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