

# 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.

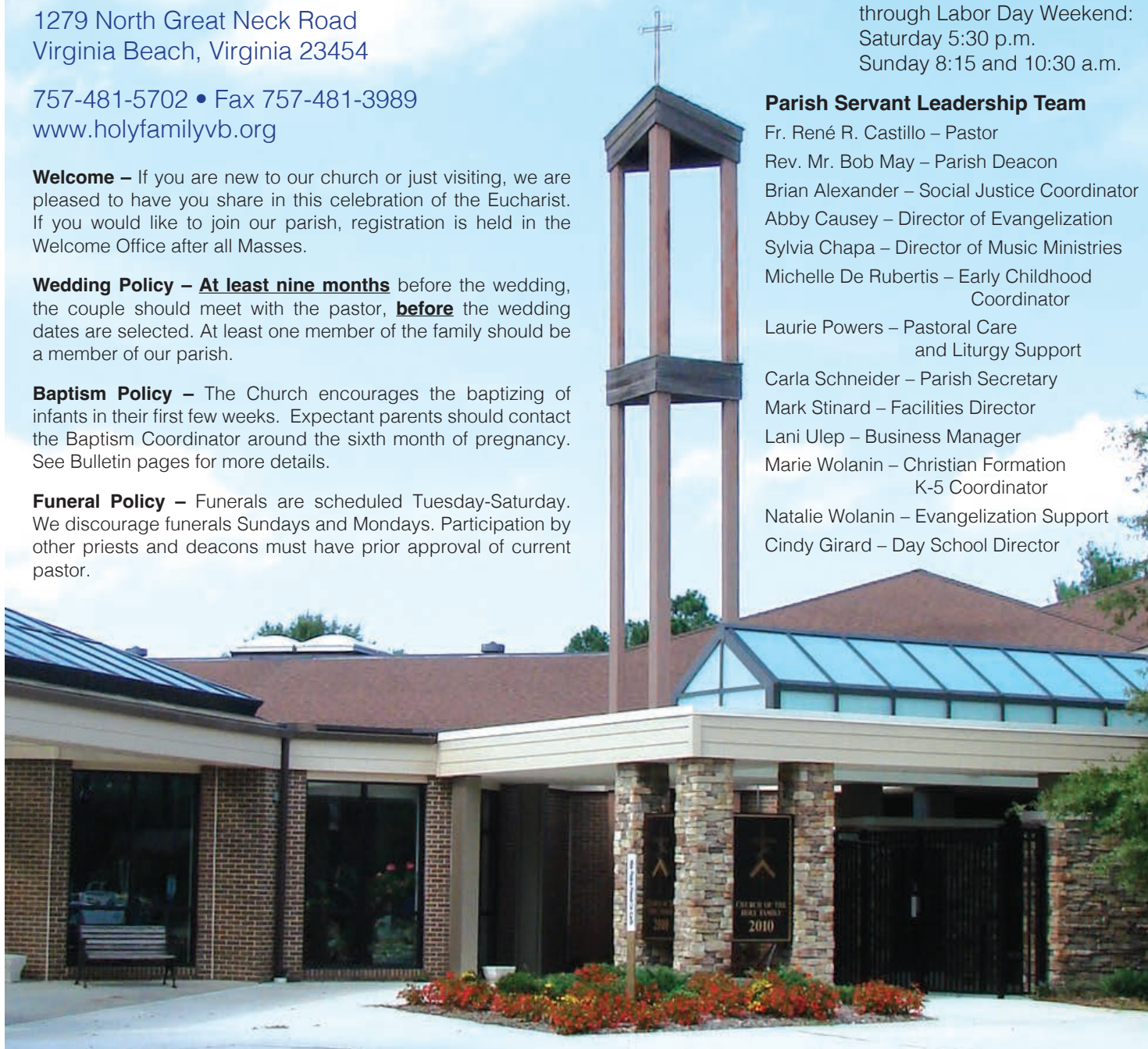
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### **Summer Masses**

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

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

March 16 &amp; 17, 2024

**Breviary** – Week I - p. 37

**PRAY FOR:** Roberta Affelt, Michael Alleva, Emma Allshouse, Theresa Andrew, Susana Asercion, Susie Bailey, Lennie Bano, Maria Basmas, Ron Batdorf, Gerard Beres, Richard Bourdon, John Buford, Erin Burkamb, Freddie Cahoon, Quinn Carpenter, Patrick Causey, Heather Cervantes, Sheila Cherico, Patrick Chicoine, Carolyn Collings, Carol Collins, Donald Courtois, 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, 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, Norma Nicdao, Sandy Nuzum, Julie Oates, Marilyn O'Donnell, Collin O'Rourke, 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, 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.

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Sunday, March 17:** *Fifth Sunday of Lent:*

Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Monday, March 18:** *Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop, Doctor of the Church:* Dn 13:19, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday, March 19:** *Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary:* 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27-29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Wednesday, March 20:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 21:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 22:** Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 23:** *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop:* Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, March 24:** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:* Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 – 15:47

**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.

**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, March 16:** 5:30 p.m.: Colin Neary + by Sean Neary

**Sunday, March 17:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family; 11:00 a.m.:

Joe Bruckner + by Jana Bruckner and the Fudala Family

**Monday, March 18:** No Mass

**Tuesday, March 19:** 9:30 a.m.: Manuel Pelaez + by Carmen Pelaez;  
6:00 p.m.: No Mass Intention

**Wednesday, March 20:** No Mass Intention

**Thursday, March 21:** 9:30 a.m.: Michele Ginley  
by The Benedetto Family

**Friday, March 22:** Padraic and Sara Donnelly by Nora Donnelly

**Saturday, March 23:** 5:30 p.m.: Ralph Flohre +  
by Ben & Doris Smith

**Sunday, March 24:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family; 11:00 a.m.:  
Eileen and Marc Freitag by Nora Donnelly

**ONLINE GIVING:**



**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; Kevin Rack; Glenn Rodriguez; Lani Ulep,  
Bonnie Volker; Mike Zeiders; and Pat Zogg.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:**

“The Father will honor whoever serves me.” Are you called to belong to serve Christ alone as a priest or through consecrated life? 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, LENTEN SOUP SUPPER, AND PRESENTATION:** 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 at 6:30 (free and sponsored by our Knights of Columbus) and a program at 7:00 (sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation ministry). These three events will be on every Tuesday in Lent.



**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**

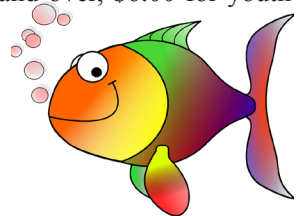
**Knight of the Month: Tony Musik**

**Family of the Month: Lou and Mary Romano**

**LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS:**

The Knights of Columbus Assembly #1505 will hold a Lenten Fish Dinner every Friday during Lent, now through March 22. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner will be served until 7:00 p.m. at the Columbian Club, 1236 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Dinner will include: fried or baked fish fillet, french fries or rice pilaf, homemade coleslaw, and hushpuppies. Chicken nuggets and fries are available for the children, if desired. Cost is a donation of \$12.00 for those 13 and over, \$6.00 for youth 7-12, and free for those 6 and under. Coffee, iced tea, and hot tea provided. Desserts are available for a minimal extra donation. Carryout is also available for those who cannot eat in. This is our annual fundraiser.



**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:**

Our next meeting will be on Saturday morning, March 23, at 7:30 a.m.

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 fourth 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 [Ronald.batdorf@gmail.com](mailto:Ronald.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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays at 12:00 Noon – Church of the Holy Family  
Now through March 29**

**50/50 RAFFLE:**

The drawing will be this Sunday, March 17. Good Luck!

**THE HOLY FAMILY  
GIFT SHOP**

Helping celebrate your faith journey with products for every day!

Stocked with a great assortment of Faithful items

- Modern & Traditional
- For Kids, Young Adults, and Everyone Else!

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

**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!

**PARISH LIFE MEETING**

**Date: Wednesday, March 20**

**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.**





## Music Notes & Ministry Schedule

**Parish Choir:** 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. Free and open to the public!

**Children’s Choir (Grades 3-5):** Singing Palm Sunday, well, Saturday, actually, at 5:30 p.m. Mass on March 23. Resume Tuesday practices on April 10 from 6:30-7:15 p.m.

**Handbells – Holy Family Ringers:** Practicing Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to ring Holy Thursday and Easter Sunday.

**Teen Instruments:** Practicing Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m. Playing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass **this** Sunday, March 17.

**Teen Singers (Grades 6-12):** Singing 11:00 a.m. Mass **this** Sunday, March 17. 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@holyfamilymb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilymb.org)



*Serving through Music*

### CREATION CARE CORNER:™

Prior to the Industrial Revolution and all the subsequent detrimental human activities, the global average amount of carbon dioxide was about 280 parts per million (ppm). Today, that level is close to 420 ppm. The last time carbon dioxide levels on our planet were as high as today was more than 4 million years ago. Within just 60 years or so, the annual rate of increase in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> was about 100 times faster than previous natural increases.

Every ton of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions adds to global warming. This tight correlation is highly suggestive of the fact that increasing anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions is going to cause drastic changes in weather patterns, habitation, and biodiversity. The truth is that, in response to global warming, many of the world’s ecosystems are already getting closer to catastrophic and potentially irreversible alterations. The IPCC (International Panel on Climate Change) has identified several so-called “tipping points of climate change” (defined as critical thresholds in a system that, if exceeded, can lead to irreversible consequences.) The ones that most likely will cross this century due to human activity would be:

Greenland Ice Sheet; Permafrost; Amazon Rainforest; Arctic Sea Ice; Atlantic Meridional Circulation; and Coral Reef die-off. More recent assessments have found that exceeding the 1.5C of global warming risks crossing several of these thresholds.

This is why climate scientists around the globe have long called on governments for more serious commitments to keep the global temperature rise below 1.5C. The IPCC describes this as a vital necessity if we want to avoid the devastating impact of extreme weather events in the coming decades. The Earth surface temperature has already increased by nearly 1.2C compared with the average in the period of 1850-1900 and we are on track to reach the 1.5C threshold between 2026 and 2042 in a scenario where emissions are not rapidly reduced.

The Arctic Ice Sheet is warming 3 to 4 times faster than the rest of the world, adding almost 1mm to global sea levels every year. As the 2nd largest ice sheet, the Arctic holds enough water that, if melted completely, could raise sea levels by 22 ft. At 1.5C in average temperatures could be the threshold at which the region’s ice sheet melting would become irreversible.

If the above data does not stir you to concern, I don’t know what will. We must do all we can to save our wonderful planet. What are you doing today?

This article is an adapted version of the initial portion of the article, “The Tipping Points of Climate Change: How Will Our World Change?” written by Martina Igini and published on Jan. 11th, 2024 on [earth.org](http://earth.org).

Ed Marroni – Holy Family Environmental Ministry

### 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.



### 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.

### 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.

**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).

### FUN-TASTIC AUCTION:



Do you own a business? Do you have a time-share or a beach rental? If so, please consider making a donation to our live auction.

**Save the Date!** Holy Family Fun-tastic Auction is April 27. We have begun accepting small items, and will accept 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.



### 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).





**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)

### **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](http://fathermcgivney.org) or use the QR code.



### **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.

### **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.



### **SCHEDULE OF PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

- Monday, March 18 St. Gregory the Great
- Wednesday, March 20 Holy Spirit
- Thursday, March 21 St. John the Apostle

**Note:** All services are at 7:00 p.m.





# Church of the Holy Family Social Justice & Outreach

TO LOVE IS TO TAKE ACTION.  
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Volume 138

March 16-17, 2024



## Journey the Stations of the Cross as a Holy Family

Reflect on the struggles of modern-day immigrants and refugees forced to leave their homes and endure hardship in search of a better life. We will process outside making the journey of empathy on this modern-day "Way of the Cross." The pilgrims will start at the Holy Family baseball field, travel past the marquee, and finally make their way into the Worship Space. All are welcome. Registration to participate is not required.

## Readers are needed

Each of the fourteen stations will require two readers. Please consider being a reader. Each station will consist of scripture reading, reflection on Jesus' final walk to crucifixion, and a modern-day reflection on the plight of the immigrant and refugee.

Sign-up to read at [www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org)

Questions? Contact Brian Alexander

[brian@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:brian@holyfamilyvb.org)



Earth Day April 22, 2024  
Presentation by Chad Wilkins of Convert Solar  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Solar Panel installation.



## Update of Resettlement of Family from Myanmar (Burma)



Holy Family Parishioners committed to a level three one-year sponsorship of a family of five from Myanmar. The family is Dad, Mom, and three daughters ages 9, 6, and 19 months. The family arrived on January 31, 2024. Holy Family is working with Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

- They have become friends with an ODU graduate student from Myanmar who helps with interpreting.
- They are taken to market once a week. (FoodLion or Grand Mart International Food)
- They eat rice with every meal.
- Holy Family is providing internet service for one year. (Needed for the school)
- School physicals and vaccinations were provided by the Norfolk Department of Health.
- The 9 and 6-year-old girls are enjoying attending Larchmont Elementary School.
- Dad will begin tutoring to learn English.
- The Immigration Ministry Team at Holy Family is currently pursuing a job for the Dad now that he has his work authorization card and social security card.

**Thanks to Holy Family for their support and generosity in reaching out to those seeking refuge.**



**Registration is Now OPEN  
13<sup>th</sup> annual 5K Run/Walk  
Friday, May 3, 2024**

**Adults \$25/Students \$15  
Race T-shirt guaranteed if  
registered by April 14,**

**2024. 5K Run/Walk starts and finishes at the Church of the Holy Family. Enjoy after-race party: Dinner, Music, and awards. To ensure proper timing with Tidewater Striders, registration will only be online this year.**

**Volunteers and race sponsors  
are needed**

Visit [www.5kgreatneck.com](http://www.5kgreatneck.com) or  
[www.holyfamilyvb.org](http://www.holyfamilyvb.org) to register and learn more.



There's only  
two left!

# Children's Stations of the Cross

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**  
**11:00AM IN THE WORSHIP SPACE**

**\*NO REGISTRATION  
NECESSARY!**



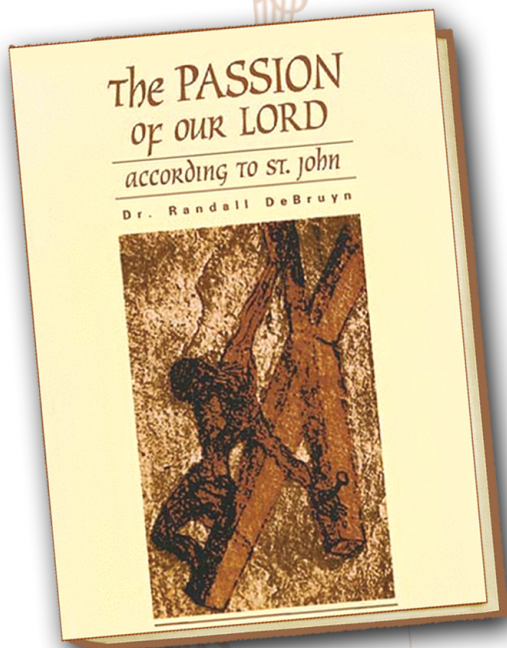
Holy Family's community of families with small children (from infancy to age 10) are invited to join together for this special devotion.

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# A Musical Journey

THROUGH  
LENT AND INTO HOLY WEEK

Tuesday, March 19  
at 7:30 pm



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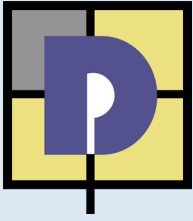
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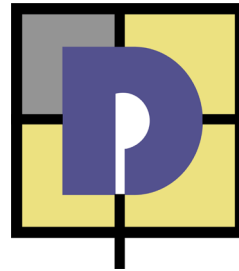


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