



**MAY 2/3, 2015**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**REMEMBER THE SICK:** Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Daniel Baggerly, Ryan Ball, Ed Bano, Donna Borsellino, Joey Bohanon, Millie Bowers, Cynthia Bowser, James Boyd, Evon Brown, Ann Cagigas, John Carney, Bina Chandra, Marie Cherney, Hilary Cohen, Robert Colaizzi, Elia Cuomo, Gerard Cuomo, Joan Dalo, Judy DeMonaco, Paula Dunkum, Kathryn Edmonston, David Edwards, Morgan Eller, Brendan Feely, Sarah Flumerfelt, Patricia Galasso, David Green, Carol Hall, Pat Harney, Tim Hayes, Neil Hawley, Carol Henley, Kenneth Halloway IV, Mary Gerarde Hood, Candi Hubbard, Charles Jarrett, June Jennings, Mary Ann Johansen, Cindy Johnson, Christopher Kelch, Shannon Kelch, John Kiernan, Amelia Koffman, Kathy Kohlstrand, Kathy Powers Krahling, Tina Krahling, Ann Lambert, Bill Laslo, Mark Libaers, Tony Liene, Nancy Light, Thomas List, Logan MacArthur, Pedro Maisonave, Patrick McCarthy, Bunnie McClennen, Debbie Merritt, Sue Niebling, Ernest Owens, Kevin Pigg, Daniel Ramsey, Irma Reagan, Betty Rehpelz, Kathy Richards, Harriet Robinson, Melissa Rozella, Paul Sclafani, Irene Shenasky, Sara Shenasky, Melody Smith, Pam Smith, Judy Spadaro, Barbara Stein, Jean Strangways, Tass Tucker, Maggie Tusmshi, Amy Underwood, Jacob Underwood, Patricia Flower Vermillion, Ryan Waddington, Ken Watson, Kevin Wein, Gene Wells, Oliver Wesolowski, Larry Williams, Baxter Wilson, Mini Willis, Fran Winn, Lena Wolff, Ron Wyles, Charlie Yue, Amelia Zentz

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** Sandy Aichinger, Brianna Alessandro, Vickie Alley, Bruno Baggio, Lumen Barbero, Paul Berger, Jack Boyd, U.T. and Yvonne Brown, Rose Brumley, Bob C., Mark Callahan, Donna Christman, Joseph Cianci, Jack Donahue, Kathy Felthousen, Joe Finn, Lorraine Forrer, Steven Lee Forrer, Alivia Grace Furr, Michelle Germano, Joan Geroe, Christina Gordon, Katie Gordon, Jill Haddox, Shelly Hanna, Richard Hegg, Blanche Henry, Ursula Hinkleman, Michelle & Jordan Jackson, Shannon Jennings, Theresa Lee, Nancy Loy, Maryann Lumley, Taccarra Mack, Mary Magoon, Jim Mahoney, Pedro Maisonave, Clara Marini, Maria McDonald, Bruce McKenna, John Meier, Eric Menehune, Christopher Molosso, John Murphy, Robert Norbeck, Maria Oakes, Maureen Palmer, Patrick Parnell, Melissa Perkinson, Sandy Piscatelli, Irma Reagan, Brad Richards, Fr. Michael Rigley, Paul Anthony Ross, George Louis Ross, Danny Santos, Colleen Seavey, Maria Sherman, Susan Smith, Roy Starrin, Barbara Stone, Dianna Stookey, Betty Taylor, Ron Thompson, Carole Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Paul Valentine, Ryder Waddington, Margaret Walker, Linda Weed, Lena Wolff, Susy Wood, Lin Goodwin Yopp

**PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:**

Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.



**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

Children's Liturgy of the Word	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation K-5	9:30 a.m.
Christian Formation 6-8 (Edge)	9:30 a.m.
Adult Formation Small Faith Sharing Group	9:30 a.m.
RCIC	9:30 a.m.
RCIA	9:30 a.m.
Teen Singers	12:30 p.m.
Girl Scout Junior Troop #293	3:00 p.m.
Christian Formation 9-12 (LifeTeen)	7:00 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

First Eucharist Interviews	3:30-5:00 p.m.
Childbirth Lamaze Class	6:00 p.m.
The Chosen Ministry Group	6:30 p.m.
"Biblical Walk With Mary"	7:00 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

Holy Family Ringers	12:00 p.m.
First Eucharist Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
Laurel Cove House Church	7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

J.O.Y. Club	11:00 a.m.
Boy Scout Troop #587	6:00 p.m.
Family Addiction Support Group	6:30 p.m.
Rosary	6:30 p.m.
Adult Formation Team Faith Sharing	7:00 p.m.
Confirmation	7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

Fair Committee Meeting	6:00 p.m.
Children's Choir	6:00 p.m.
First Eucharist Rehearsal	6:30 p.m.
K of C Rosary	7:00 p.m.
K of C Business Meeting and First Degree	7:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, MAY 8**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy	9:45 a.m.
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**SATURDAY, MAY 9**

Caring Conversation	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Reconciliation	4:30 p.m.
First Eucharist at 5:30 p.m. Mass	

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Friday from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK****Monday, May 4:** Morning Prayer**Tuesday, May 5:** Mass**Wednesday, May 6:** Sarah Dympna Ballard  
by The Kilborn Family**Thursday, May 7:** Sarah Dympna Ballard  
by The Minh Dao Family**Friday, May 8:** Sarah Dympna Ballard by The Minh Dao Family.**Saturday, May 9:** Jane Saj by Terry & Gary McElroy**Sunday, May 10:** 8:15 a.m.: Alexandra Benedetto by the  
Benedetto Family; 11:00 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS****Sunday, May 3:** *Fifth Sunday of Easter:* Acts 9:26-31;

Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Monday, May 4:** Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26**Tuesday, May 5:** Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13b, 21;  
Jn 14:27-31a**Wednesday, May 6:** Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8**Thursday, May 7:** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11**Friday, May 8:** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17**Saturday, May 9:** Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21**Sunday, May 10:** *Sixth Sunday of Easter:* Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,  
44-48; Ps 98:1-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17**PARISH COUNCIL:** Rick Paradiso, Chair; Greg Brown, Co-Chair; Laurie Steentofte, Secretary; Brian Alexander, Joe Kelly, Julianna Luecke (Youth Representative), Richard Serpe, Todd Solomon, Kathy Staskin, Gwen Stinard, Fr. Gaudy.**FINANCE COUNCIL:** Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Steve Ambrose, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy, Fr. Gaudy.**NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET):** Mike McCormick and Kathy Staskin, Co-Chairpersons; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely, Dean Schleicher, Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Budget 2014/2015 is \$1,115,584.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$71,674.00

Our total offertory to date is 81% – \$906,248.13.

For April 25/26, the weekly offertory total was \$22,634.49.

Holy Family Operating Fund: \$177,046.31

Social Ministry: \$36,934.85

Haiti Fund: \$70,793.15

Capital Reserve: \$134,185.19

**ONLINE GIVING:** We are in the process of finalizing online giving at Holy Family. It should be in place in approximately 30 days. You may transfer funds from your checking account or use a credit card. More information will be available when the system is in place.**NURSERY:** The Nursery is now OPEN at all Masses for children of ages 6 months to 4 years. If you have any questions, please e-mail [hfevangelization@gmail.com](mailto:hfevangelization@gmail.com).**MINISTRY FAIR WEEKEND – MAY 16/17****Stewardship of Time & Talent:** Talents come in all shapes and sizes. When God created each of us, we were given a unique set of talents. As stewards, we are called to spend time discovering, cultivating, and sharing our God-given talents.

At Holy Family, we want to help you discover your talents and help you find ministries, both in the parish and beyond, that are a good fit for your God-given talents. Many of our parishioners have worked tirelessly this year. Knowing our strengths helps us choose the most effective use of our time and even helps us make practical decisions about our jobs, relationships, and service.

We invite you to prayerfully make a decision on your stewardship of our Church. Together may we accomplish the mission Christ has entrusted us. Stewardship Commitment forms will be available online. Paper copies will be available for those who do not have a computer.

**In conjunction with our Ministry Fair Weekend, on Saturday, May 16, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass, we will have a “Finger Food” Potluck to welcome our new parishioners. Please bring a finger food appetizer to share.****MUSIC NOTES****Sing, Ring, or Play an Instrument?** See Sylvia Chapa at the piano after Mass to find out how you can be a part of our Music Ministry or email [music@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:music@holyfamilyvb.org).**Holy Family Ringers** invite you to join in the fun of handbell ringing. Never rung bells before? As long as you have some very basic music reading skills, we'll teach you how to ring bells.**Children's Choir (Grades 1-5)** rehearse on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. For more information, go to the parish website under Music Ministry, Children's Choir. You can also contact Sylvia Chapa at 481-5702, ext. 116.**Teen Singers: (Grades 6-12)** If you sing in your high school or middle school choir, you will enjoy being a Teen Singer. Teens to sing this Sunday, May 3, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Mackenzie Girard, Holy Family cantor, keeps everyone in the loop with texts and emailed info.**Parish Choir:** See you Wednesday at rehearsal, 7:00-8:30 p.m. as always in Music Room 134A! Adult singers are always welcome to try us out and see if you enjoy singing in a choir. Those with choir experience, come on down!**Liturgical Ensemble:** Our acoustic ensemble played last weekend at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Look for them to be playing again soon.

**SUMMER CALENDAR INPUTS:** We are now planning for the Church's Summer Calendar that will cover from Memorial Day, May 25, through Labor Day, September 7. If you or your group desire to use Church spaces during this period, and have not already done so, please be sure to submit your needs to Carla, our Parish Secretary, by Monday, May 4. This applies to everyone who meets in our building. Thank you.

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS:** "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action." Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Call Father Michael Boehling at 804-359-5661 or e-mail at [mboehling@richmonddiocese.org](mailto:mboehling@richmonddiocese.org).



**Holy Family Day School:** The Day School's class rosters for the 2015-2016 school year are filling up! While we are treasuring these last few weeks of school with our current students, we are also looking forward to next year. If you haven't had a chance to tour the school and meet the staff, now is the perfect time. Our youngest students are 2 ½ years old and we have morning classes with small class sizes for students up to and including Kindergarten!

If you are interested in having your student attend Holy Family Day School, please visit our website at [www.holyfamilydayschool.org](http://www.holyfamilydayschool.org) for more details. We also have a structured After School program for Public School students from John B. Day, Trantwood and Alanton Elementary schools.

**Farm Fresh Receipts:** The 123-4 Community receipt program is drawing to a close for the school year. But, it is not over just yet! Remember when you shop for your parties and holidays this month to save receipts for the Day School! There are two places for your donations: one box by the door to the Chapel and one by the school office. You may also place your Box Tops for Education in those same containers. Thank you!

**Facebook:** Fun information and school highlights can be seen on our Facebook page. Have you liked the Day School today!?

**STEBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE:** At a Steubenville Conference, teens will learn what it takes to be great in this life. Teens will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyful! Steubenville is open to rising 9th graders through those just graduating high school. For more info, visit the parish website or email Jeff at [youthminister@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:youthminister@holyfamilyvb.org).



**GOLDEN SENIORS NEXT MEETING**  
Thursday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room  
(Everyone is invited to attend.)

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**MIKE POTTER**

#### **The Military Aviation Museum**

The Military Aviation Museum is home to one of the largest private collections of World War I and World War II era military aircraft in the world. Each has been beautifully restored to its prior military condition, using original parts whenever possible. Most of the planes are airworthy and flown at the museum during flight demonstrations and at air shows throughout the year.

**May 7:** First Landing State Park Tour. Arrive independently at the "Trail Center" at 11:30 a.m. A no-host group lunch will follow at Dockside.

**May Event: Tangier Island Exploration** – Monday, May 18. Tour at capacity – will consider a second tour at a later date.

**June 4:** Tour of the **Military Aviation Museum** in Pungo

**June 15:** TIDES Baseball **Turn Back the Clock** night – Harbor Park will also feature hot dogs, boxes of popcorn, and soft drinks at the special roll back price of just \$0.50 each. – Watch this space for further details. Point of Contact: Jacki Friedsam (277-3210).

**June Seniors Meeting:** Thursday, June 18; Program: "Edward Jones" **Investing/Social Security**, Speaker: John Nagel: *Edward Jones*

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON MAY 21!!!**

Need a ride to the meeting?  
Call Barbara Morris at 496-2696.

Membership information?  
Call Cathy Haley at 463-0525.

**Save the Date!**



#### **Vacation Bible School**

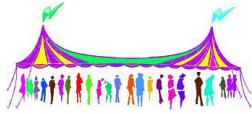
Join us for an exciting week

**June 29-July 3**

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Adults and Teens welcome to help lead this exciting week! Registration is open. Forms can be found on the parish website and outside Tiffany's office.





## HOLY FAMILY FAIR UPDATE

**Our 35th Annual Fair** is quickly approaching: Thursday, May 28-Sunday, May 31!

If you are new to the parish, the Fair is an exciting four day extravaganza that includes professional entertainment, food and drink tents, carnival rides, games, flea market, raffles, and more! The proceeds of the Fair fund the charitable works of our Parish. It is also a great time of fellowship within our church and the surrounding public community.

**Fair Volunteers:** Please start signing up (with your emails) for the variety of positions that need to be filled to run the Fair. Meet others or work with your family. Great volunteer hours for the youth!

**Grandma's Attic. Spring cleaning?** Please check your closets, garage, attic, and cupboards for your unneeded clean, gently used items and bring them to church. We need small appliances, toys, furniture, tools, jewelry, bags, sports equipment, books, electronics (televisions and monitors – **flat screen only**), household items and linens. No clothes, large appliances, tires, paint, mattresses, or chemicals. Please leave items across from room 147 near the Receptionist's Office. We will need a lot of help. If you can, add your name to the sign-up sheet in the next few weeks in the Family Room. If you have questions, call John or Pat Wiersch at (757) 463-2263. Thanks again for all your support.

**Fair Raffle:** Prizes are \$1,500.00, \$1,000.00, and \$500.00! Please pick up your booklet of tickets in the Family Room. Only \$1.00 each.

**Final Fair Committee Meeting** is Thursday, May 7, 6:00 p.m. at the church. Thanks in advance for your help! To assist with this or questions, please call 582-4008.

## MAY – THE MONTH OF MARY



The month of May is the month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven.

The Rosary is one of the most excellent prayers to the Mother of God. Thus, “the Roman Pontiffs have repeatedly exhorted the faithful to the frequent recitation of this biblically inspired prayer which is centered on contemplation of the salvific events of Christ’s life, and their close association with the Virgin Mother.”

The Rosary is on EWTN at 7:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. It is also available in audio form at <http://www.scripturalrosary.org/BeginningPrayers.html>.

This May, reconnect with a childhood tradition or start a new one with devotion to the Blessed Mother through the Most Holy Rosary.



## NEW EVANGELIZATION NOTES

**Ten Ways to Evangelize:** (Courtesy of Diocese of Salinas, Kansas)

- 1) Be proud (in the good sense) of being a Catholic. Live your life with holy boldness.
- 2) Focus on what is truly important. Relationships are what are important. Christian values are important.
- 3) Set time apart daily for God. Don't be afraid to tell others you do that.
- 4) Smile a lot. It makes you happy. It also makes others happy. It's a great witness to your Christian joy. Smiling is a one word Christian philosophy on living.
- 5) Make Mass a habit; try to work daily Mass into your life as frequently as you can.
- 6) Say “Thank you” as often as you can. Expressing gratitude makes you more appreciative of what you have. Gratitude is a beautiful virtue. It helps make you, and those you thank, happy!
- 7) Choose to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, not simply a volunteer: pray, fast, give alms. Do works of service. Gently share your faith and explain how it brings you happiness.
- 8) Try always to do things in love. Let the love you choose be “agape love”... that is, love for the sake of the other.
- 9) Keep Sundays holy. Try not to spend money or engage in competitive organized sports on the Sabbath. Try not to do things that require others to work on Sunday.
- 10) Forgive others, sincerely.

**HAITI WALK/RUN:** Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors for this year's Haiti Walk/Run! And to Shorebreak for the donation of all of the T-shirts.

*Merci Beaucoup*

*www.5kGreatNeck.com*



**DiSilvestro Family  
Deborah S. Holroyd ESQ  
Gianascoli Family  
Great Neck PONY Baseball League**

*Let Us ... Persevere in running the race that lies before us -- Hebrews 12:1*

## **ATTENTION, HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS AND PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:**

We will be celebrating our Baccalaureate Mass on Sunday, June 14, at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please email Jeff at [youthminister@holyfamilyvb.org](mailto:youthminister@holyfamilyvb.org) the name of your college/university or your future endeavors (i.e., military, etc.) by May 31.

**HOPE4LIFE BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** Don't forget to return your Hope4Life Baby Bottle next weekend (Mother's Day Weekend – May 9/10). You still have time to make a difference in the lives of women and families in our area. If you have not quite filled your bottle, you can make a donation of cash or check. Help Hope4Life make a change in our community.

## **PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE**

**MILITARY:** Every Friday, we say the Patriotic Rosary after the 9:00 Morning Mass. If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them by name, please e-mail Mary Sorrentino at [mmsorrentino@gmail.com](mailto:mmsorrentino@gmail.com) with their name, branch of service and, if you like, a photo.

### **FOOD PANTRY UPDATE**

Remember to bring your food items each week when you come to Mass. Please bring any of the following: **Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (including Stew and Chili), Canned Soup, Boxed Potatoes, Rice Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, and Pancake Mix.**



## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS**

**Knight of the Month – WPGK Mike O'Brien:** Mike has been the event lead for both the Winter Watch Breakfasts and the Lenten Soup Suppers for the past several years. Both of these events are well attended by those in need during the Winter Watch and parishioners during the Lenten Soup suppers. The event lead is responsible for the coordination of all aspects of these events ensuring both the success of the events themselves as well as dealing with the harsh weather constraints that were placed on both events during their execution. It was Mike O'Brien who held it together and was able to make both these events the success that they both were.

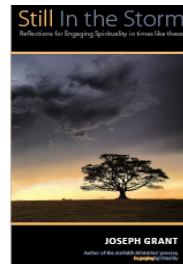
**Family of the Month – John and Karen Dunn:** John and Karen are regulars just about every weekend at the Church of the Holy Family as John is a Lector and Karen is a Eucharistic Minister. John also lectored during this year's Good Friday service. They are also regulars at the Church of the Holy Family Annual Parish Fair and can always be found working at a booth or a table. John and Karen were regulars at the Lenten Soup Suppers, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, so not only were they there to learn and eat, but they also were there to work all of them. John and Karen are, a couple of regular people who spend most of their free time working or serving the Church of the Holy Family and their Council in any and every way.

**BULLETIN:** The deadline for bulletin notices is Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Please submit to Carla, the Parish Secretary. Any inserts will need to be digital as everything is emailed to the publishing company. **Note: Because of the Memorial Day Holiday, the bulletin for the weekend of May 30/31 has to be sent to the printing company on Thursday, May 21. Therefore the deadline for bulletin notices is Monday, May 18.**

**COLUMBARIUM:** There are Columbarium niches available. The cost is \$2,000.00 for a double niche. Contact Terry McElroy at 481-5702.

**TIDEWATER SOWERS OF JUSTICE:** You are invited to attend the Annual "Just Faith Commencement Gathering on Thursday, May 14, at Ascension Catholic Church. The gathering is free. Dinner is at 6:00 – the speaker starts at 6:45 p.m. If coming to dinner, please RSVP to Nancy Hess at 468-9256.

The featured speaker will be Joe Grant who is the author of "Engaging Spirituality" and a staff member of Just Faith Ministries. Come be inspired by Joe and learn about the many Just Faith offerings for the Fall: Engaging Spirituality, Just Faith, Belonging. Modules: Environment, Prison Reform, Immigration, and St. Francis and the Sultan. Joe Grant will be bringing his new book "Still in the Storm."



*Here is a book to remind you of things that matter and things that don't, of choices that can fill you up and those that will leave you empty...*

– Jack Jezreel, JustFaith Ministries



## **"CARE FOR OUR EARTH"**

As a follow-up on last week's article regarding the Monarch butterfly, there is a saying that the butterfly flapping its wings in Central Park can affect the weather on the other side of the world. Whether this is true or not, the saying does stress the importance of the Monarch butterfly! Without the help of the butterfly, a key pollinator, our food production could be damaged beyond repair. Our efforts, then, to bolster the butterfly population are critical. Let us then take one or more of these following actions to help the Monarchs: **PLANT** milkweed and nectar plants native to our area (these can be found at most garden shops); **CREATE** a Monarch Waystation by urging that these Monarch-friendly plants be planted at schools, businesses, and community gardens; **AVOID** toxic pesticides when maintaining our own plants and choosing organically-grown foods; lastly, **EDUCATE** others about the importance of Monarch conservation and the actions they can take to help, of which another is supporting conservation organizations.

Ed Marroni (587-4887)

Holy Family Parish Environmental Committee