



MARCH 5/6, 2016
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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REMEMBER THE DEAD: Robert Kerrigan

REMEMBER THE SICK: Nancy Aguiar, Donna Boyle Amadio, Karen Anderson, Mary Bachu, Ryan Ball, Fern Clay Bazemor, Patrick Beck, Joey Bohanon, Cynthia Bowser, James Boyd, Loraine Bright, Evon Brown, John Carney, Bina Chandra, Michelle Chernigo, Marie Cheney, Hilary Cohen, Robert Colaizzi, Elia Cuomo, Gerard Cuomo, Joan Dalo, Judy DeMonaco, Alice Downs, Paula Dunkum, Kathryn Edmonston, David Edwards, Morgan Eller, Chris Farrelly, Brendan Feely, Carmine Fiesel, Sarah Flumerfelt, Patricia Galasso, Mike Gilley, David Green, Carol Hall, Pat Harney, Neil Hawley, Kenneth Halloway IV, Rachel Hancock, Joan Holthaus, Mary Gerarde Hood, Candi Hubbard, Charles Jarrett, June Jennings, Mary Ann Johansen, Cindy Johnson, Christopher Kelch, Shannon Kelch, Amelia Koffman, Kathy Kohlstrand, Kathy Powers Krahlung, Tina Krahlung, Bill Laslo, Virginia Laurie, Mark Libaers, Tony Liene, Nancy Light, Thomas List, Logan MacArthur, Patrick McCarthy, Bunnie McClennen, Debbie Merritt, Gary Miller, Steven Oakley, Ernest Owens, Daniel Ramsey, Irma Reagan, Kathy Richards, Harriet Robinson, Melissa Rozella, Theresa Sawyer and family members, Chris Schlotterbeck II, Paul Sclafani, Sara Shenasky, Melody Smith, Pam Smith, Judy Spadaro, Clinton Speight, Barbara Stein, Jean Strangways, Ruby Tillie, Tass Tucker, Maggie Tusmshi, Amy Underwood, Jacob Underwood, Patricia Flower Vermillion, Ryan Waddington, Ryder Waddington, Ken Watson, Kevin Wein, Gene Wells, Oliver Wesolowski, Larry Williams, Baxter Wilson, Lena Wolff, Daisy Wood, Ron Wyles, 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, Joe Finn, Lorraine Forrer, Steven Lee Forrer, Alivia Grace Furr, Michelle Germano, Joan Geroe, Christina Gordon, Katie Gordon, Shelly Hanna, Richard Hegg, Blanche Henry, Ursula Hinkleman, Michelle & Jordan Jackson, Shannon Jennings, Joel, Theresa Lee, Nancy Loy, Maryann Lumley, Taccarra Mack, Mary Magoon, Jim Mahoney, Clara Marini, Laura Mayer, 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 Ringley, Paul Anthony Ross, George Louis Ross, Danny Santos, Colleen Seavey, Irene Shenasky, Maria Sherman, Susan Smith, Roy Starrin, Gwen Stinard, Barbara Stone, Dianna Stookey, Betty Taylor, Ron Thompson, Carole Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, Paul Valentine, Margaret Walker, Joan Warnalis, Linda Weed, Lena Wolff, Susy Wood, Lin Goodwin Yopp

PRAYERLINE REQUESTS:
 Please call the Parish Office at 481-5702.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Second Scrutiny (at 8:15 a.m. Mass)
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
 Christian Formation K-5 9:30 a.m.
 Edge (6-8) 9:30 a.m.
 First Eucharist Parent Meeting I 9:30 a.m.
 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
 “The Prophets” 9:30 a.m.
 VIRTUS Training 11:00 a.m.
 Teen Singers 12:15 p.m.
 Girl Scout Troop #293 3:00 p.m.
 LifeTeen 7:00 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Cub Scouts Wolf Den #406 5:45 p.m.
 The Chosen Ministry Group 6:30 p.m.
 “The Prophets” 7:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

Women’s Faith Sharing Group 10:00 a.m.
 Holy Family Ringers 12:00 p.m.
 Lenten Soup Supper/Presentation 6:00 p.m.
 Alzheimer’s Support Group 7:00 p.m.
 Haiti Committee 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

J.O.Y. Club 11:00 a.m.
 Environmental Committee Meeting 1:00 p.m.
 Boy Scouts 6:00 p.m.
 Family Addiction Support Group 6:30 p.m.
 Rosary 6:30 p.m.
 Holy Family Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

JustFaith “Belonging” 9:30 a.m.
 Children’s Choir 6:15 p.m.
 Grief Support 101 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 9:45 a.m.
 Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

Childbirth Lamaze Class 12:00-4:30 p.m.

Note: No Reconciliation at 4:30 p.m. (See schedule of Parish Lenten Reconciliation Services in this bulletin.)

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

Third Scrutiny (at 11:00 a.m. Mass)
 Family Parish Breakfast (after Masses)
 Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)
 Christian Formation K-5 9:30 a.m.
 Edge (6-8) 9:30 a.m.
 First Eucharist Parent Meeting II 9:30 a.m.
 RCIA 9:30 a.m.
 “The Prophets” 9:30 a.m.
 Confirmation Class (Session 4) 12:00 p.m.
 Teen Singers 12:15 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 7: Morning Prayer
Tuesday, March 8: Clayton Carl Collier by Karen Goodall
Wednesday, March 9: Bryan MacLeod by Bonnie MacLeod
Thursday, March 10: Morning Prayer
Friday, March 11: LeAnn Benedetto by Benedetto Family
Saturday, March 12: Sandra Markowski by David Markowski
Sunday, March 13: 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners; 11:00 a.m.: Deceased Members of Knights of Columbus by Charlie Clarkson

**DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Sunday, March 6: *Fourth Sunday of Lent:*
 Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday, March 7: *Saints Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs:*
 Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 8: *Saint John of God, religious:*
 Ez 47:1-9; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 9: *Saint Frances of Rome, religious:*
 Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday, March 10: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 11: Wis 2:1a,12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 12: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 13: *Fifth Sunday of Lent:*
 Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

PARISH COUNCIL: Fr. Gaudy Pugat, President; Greg Brown, Chairperson; Todd Solomon, Vice-Chairperson; Kathy Staskin, Secretary; Brian Alexander; Dick Dietz; Joe Kelly; Julianna Luecke (Youth Representative); Beverly Manlove; Bill Shannon; Gwen Stinard.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Steve Ambrose, Andy McClaskey

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET): Kathy Staskin, Chairperson; Mike DeJaeger, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy.

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 Holy Week, the deadline for the Easter Bulletin (March 26/27) is **Monday, March 14.**



“LIVING OUR MISSION” CAMPAIGN: We have recently received \$40,456.43 from the “Living Our Mission” campaign. To date we have received a total of \$201,989.71. If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so as soon as possible and please make checks payable to “Living Our Mission” (not Holy Family). Also, make sure your address and phone number are on the pledge card.

“EVENING OF REFLECTION”: We will have an “Evening of Reflection on the Triduum” on Wednesday, March 23rd, at 6:30 p.m. Our Parish Choir will lead all in singing “Tableprayer: God of Life and of the Living” as we begin a solemn dinner. Sign up after Mass.

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

Budget 2015/2016 is \$1,077,484.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of \$84,719.00.

Weekly Budget	\$ 20,720.85
Actual Collection (February 27/28)	\$ 17,381.17
Amount under Budget	<\$ 3,339.68>

Year to Date Budgeted Collections	\$ 725,229.75
Year to Date Actual Collection	\$ 742,389.84
Over Yearly Budget	\$ 17,160.09

The amount in <> indicates a deficit

Holy Family Operating Fund:	\$ 317,629.33
Social Ministry:	\$ 16,794.74
Haiti Fund:	\$ 78,558.97
Capital Reserve:	\$ 192,775.51

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Frys will be held in Fr. Habets Hall at 1236 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach, every Friday through March 18 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Fried or baked menus available. Cost is \$9.00 for Adults, \$4.00 for children 8-12, and FREE for children 7 and under. Bring a friend and enjoy a great meal!

SCHEDULE OF PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:

- March 8 – Star of the Sea
- **MARCH 9 – HOLY FAMILY**
- March 10 – St. Luke
- March 16 – St. Nicholas
- March 17 – St. John the Apostle

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



FACEBOOK: Holy Family is on Facebook! Be sure to like our page. Church of the Holy Family Catholic Church VB

ATTENTION, ALL GOLFERS:

Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 13**, for the Fourth Annual **Haiti Education Support Team Gold Tournament** at Honey Bee Golf Club. Lunch: 12:00 noon; Shotgun Start: 1:00 p.m. See brochures on Haiti Table. Any questions, call Kathy Dowdy at 757-635-2998. Register online at www.regonline.com/haitigolf.



Holy Family Day School:

Check off your to-do list for the fall! Make sure your preschooler or Kindergartner has a spot in the Day School this fall. Registration for fall 2016 is well underway! Please call the office at 757-481-1180 if you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour. The Day School offers classes from 8:30-11:30 a.m. for students 30 months through Kindergarten. Kindergarten students often attend afternoon classes at John B. Dey, Alanton, or Trantwood after their morning class here! You may visit our website for further details at www.holyfamilydayschool.org. Classes are filling quickly and we would love to hear from you! We also have a Facebook page that is updated frequently with activities that the children participate in and photos of their lovely artwork.

Lent and Haiti:

Lent is a time for praying and thinking of others. Our Day School students are doing extra chores at home to help the children of St. Jude in Baptiste, Haiti, be free. Free to go to school, learn, and grow to someday help someone else! When they bring in their “change” the students describe their efforts to help and then add their coins to the collection. At the conclusion of Lent, we will add up all the “efforts” and donate them to the Haiti ministry. When seventy-five children spend forty days helping around the house, we will ultimately be helping make our world a better place!

Thank You!

We appreciate your continued support in our efforts to earn money for the Day School by collecting Box Tops for Education! In January, we received a check for over \$500.00!



Farm Fresh: The Key Tags Are Here!

The key tags are in at the Day School office during the week and available at the Welcome Office after each Mass on the weekend.

LATE SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY:

Date: Saturday, April 9, after 5:30 p.m. Mass

Location: Holy Family – Family Room

Menu: Irish corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, carrots, onions, Irish soda bread, Irish and other beers, wine, and dessert

Tickets: \$15.00/person. Table reservations are available. Total available tickets is 200. Only 20 will be available for sale the night of the event. Tickets are on sale after Mass and in the Parish Office.



NEXT MEETINGS

Thursday, March 17

10:00 a.m. in the Family Room
(Everyone is invited)

“Basic Introduction on Healing 101”

Rev. Nigel Mumford

Priest Associate at Galilee Church

Thursday, April 21

10:00 a.m. in the Family Room
(Everyone is invited)

“American Muslims’ Message”

Rachid Khouid

Imam of Crescent Community Center

First Thursdays:

April 7 – Dismal Swamp State Park in North Carolina on Route 17 just south of the Virginia-North Carolina border at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7. A Park Ranger will show a short film on the Park, followed by a tour of the Park Museum, and a short walk along the Canal. A wagon ride will be available for those interested. For more information go to www.ncparks.gov/dismal-swamp-state-park. Lunch at Applebee’s off of Route 17 in the Grassfield area. RSVP (Point of Contact: Tom Johnson at 496-9614)

Tours & Trips:

Save the Date: April 26 – Motor Coach Tour to the Yorktown Victory Center, Williamsburg Winery tour/tasting, and lunch in Williamsburg. Watch this space for details.

We look forward to seeing you on St. Patrick’s Day!

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

Membership information?
Call Cathy Haley at 463-0525.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE BEGAN ASH WEDNESDAY:

40 Days for Life is a community-based campaign that takes a determined, peaceful approach to showing local communities the consequences of abortion in their own neighborhoods, for their own friends and families. It puts into action a desire to cooperate with God in the carrying out of His plan for the end of abortion through: Prayer and Fasting, Constant Vigil, Community Outreach.

Local churches will be praying from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. outside **Planned Parenthood, 515 Newtown Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia**. Holy Family will be there from **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Fridays**. If you are unable to join us, please pray and fast at home for an end to abortion. For more information, contact Mary Sorrentino at mmsorrentino@gmail.com or 757-481-0766.

EXPERIENCE
Joy
 NYC 2016

This NYC was the first one that I have been. Throughout the weekend, we had several amazing talks over the weekend but my favorite talk was the girls only talk with Sister Miriam James. Her talk was so inspirational and it helped me to realize how women should feel about themselves and how God loves us. I hope to use what she said and apply it to future situations to remind myself that God loves me and I shouldn't let myself think otherwise. The conference was an overall amazing time and I look forward to going to NYC again next year.
 -Sarah J.



My favorite part was the food packing because we did so many in such little time. We packed food for 53,000 people. I thought it was cool to feed that many people.
 -Charles D.



The best part of NYC for me was the girl's talk. It was given by Sister Miriam, and I love sisters, so that just made it even better. She stood out because she delivered a really powerful message on the real beauty in women. It altered my perspective a bit and had some super cute Cinderella references.
 -Kelly M.

For me, the best part of NYC was being together with all of the other teens and young Catholics. Being able to feel all the love in the air that everybody had was just amazing. I also loved doing Adoration with everyone. My favorite part about adoration is feeling the presence of the Lord in the room with you and feeling the love everyone has. One thing I took away from NYC was things I learned from the breakout sessions. I learned how to talk about my faith without raising my voice. It is also a good way to spread joy with my friends. If I were to try to encourage someone to come to NYC I would tell them that NYC is a life-changing experience and it is one of my favorite weekends of the year.
 -Mia A.

My favorite part of NYC was definitely adoration. I love being able to have a personal connection with our God and it is amazing to see so many people my age who are just as excited about our faith. The theme this year was Choose Joy which I absolutely love. It is a great motto for our lives. We talked about reflecting God through our own joy in our daily lives. It's not always about getting up in someone's face to tell them the good news. As they say, actions speak louder than words. This weekend has given me the confidence and drive to go back to my daily life and share my faith at school, in sports, and around our community.
 -Emily S.



The best part of NYC was praying during adoration with all 1200 teens. I was surprised to see how many meals we made and how just even a little part of our time can make a huge difference for someone in need. Breakout session (How to defend your religion without raising your voice) impacted me the most because they allowed me to gain lots of knowledge about our faith and sharing it with others.
 -Davis C.

My favorite part of NYC was meeting new people and getting closer to God. I got closer to Mia and Sarah I hung out with really great people this weekend and I can not wait to come back next year!
 -Jordan W.

My favorite part of this weekend was during women's breakout on Sunday when we heard the sister speak. She really inspired me, and showed me that I am beautiful. On Saturday night David Calavitta gave an amazing speech that changed my perspective and really changed my life. I never truly understood the pain and torture Jesus went through to love us. His love is so great He went through the worst to save us while we still didn't love or believe Him. I knew then that I need to love the Lord with all my heart. All God wants is our love, and I wasn't giving him even a fragment of my heart. After his speech in Adoration, I had the best experience with Him, and I am changed forever. NYC has changed my life.
 -Kate S.

My favorite part about NYC was the music and how everyone there had the same beliefs as me and were the same age as me. One thing that I can take away from this weekend will be how to stay involved in college. I learned how to keep a scheduled prayer schedule and to make sure to go to mass every week so I don't fall out of habit. I was also told to find some friends in college that share the same beliefs and are strong Catholics so I will have a positive influence throughout college.



-Tripp U.

My favorite part of NYC would be the talks. The main guy who spoke to all of us was really cool and the girls talk was amazing! The nun for the girls talk was really good and she seemed very personable. In the breakout sessions were mostly good and the 8th grade talk was really encouraging. NYC taught me to love others more than called for and to not be afraid of what's coming in high school. Adoration really impacted me the most this weekend. The first time I did adoration, it didn't mean as much as it did last night. Adoration with a huge group was so cool and I felt different during it than before. To anyone who hasn't been, you have to go! It's so much fun just to be with the people and know that they all share the same faith as you. Most of the talks had an impact on me one way or another. This was my first NYC and I had no idea what to expect, but I loved it so much and I would encourage anyone to go.

-Ann S.



My favorite part of this weekend was the mass. I can apply the talking to my friends about my faith with out yelling in my daily life. I was impacted the most by adoration this weekend, it was an amazing experience. One practical way I can spread joy is by helping those

I loved NYC. I really enjoyed the companionship with all of my new friends, and especially adoration. I really enjoyed adoration because it took me to a place where only God and I can speak to each other. All of the speakers were phenomenal and it was just a really good all around retreat.

-Steven G.

who look or feel left out in school, sports, and life in general. I would describe NYC as a wonderful experience and it helped with my mental attitude and helped me learn more about my faith and myself, I would do this as long as I can.

-Sarah S.



The theme for the weekend at NYC was experience joy. My favorite talk explained how Buddy the elf teaches us about



joy. We were taught to spread the love and joy of Christ and to be a witness to those around us just as Buddy was a witness to Santa. It was a great takeaway for college and beyond. After attending NYC for four years it was hard to leave but I met friends and made memories that will last a lifetime.

-Margot D.

The best part of NYC for me was the buddy the elf breakout session We had spaghetti with syrup and talked about how we need to be joyous in the spreading of the word of Christ. That was the biggest thing I took away from my 1st NYC (so glad I came thank you!) I feel I can try to treat everyday as the best day of the year and really show the enthusiasm of Christ to others. What I can say to people next year is that no matter where you feel your relationship with God is at you are going to have a great time at NYC.

-Brendan



I really enjoyed the guys talk this morning. It sparked my interest when David told us how there is a need for more manhood in the church. To me that means we all cannot be afraid to portray our faith in our everyday lives. It is important to remain on the path that Jesus paved for us. We must live like he did and evangelize to our brothers and sisters in Christ, and in this case especially men, to lead them into the hands of God. I always enjoy the love for Christ that everyone has at the conference. Being able to meet new people and celebrate the Eucharist with all of the seminarians and our Bishop is an awesome experience I am very thankful to have this opportunity!

-Luke D.



One of the things I liked the best about NYC was seeing all the high school students so excited to celebrate their faith. They were so eager to dive into their faith and learn more about it and themselves. I also really enjoyed the breakout sessions. They were relatable and made it easy to bring everything we experienced at NYC home to Holy Family. Since I never went to NYC, I was excited to experience it and bring all of the energy and excitement home. I especially enjoyed getting to know our youth more and have all these amazing experiences and talks together.

-Mackenzie G. (adult chaperone)

MUSIC NOTES**Parish Choir at Winter Watch:**

What a wonderful turnout of choir members, their families, and even a few friends to serve the homeless a big pasta meal with ice cream & cookies for dessert. A lot of work days before, during, and after dinner, a lot of smiles while working together to provide for full tummies. After dinner, the kitchen choir joined the homeless around the piano in a Broadway sing-along! Choir members brought their music from home, and everyone thumbed through the pages to make requests for their favorites, choir and homeless alike. There's usually one spectacular singer in the homeless, and this year it was on "Seasons of Love." Mid-song, we all broke into applause and cheering for that young man's singing. The love of music and singing is universal. Singing lifted all our spirits! Thank you, Choir Winter Watch Team!

MUSIC REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

(in Music Room #134)

Bells – Holy Family Ringers:

Tuesdays, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Parish (and Holy Week) Choir: Wednesday, March 9, Section Rehearsals, 8:00-9:00 p.m., after Reconciliation Service**Children's Choir:** Thursdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m.**Teen Singers:** Sundays, 12:15-1:15 p.m.**Liturgical Ensemble:** Sunday, March 13, 9:45 a.m.**MUSIC FOR MASS:****Parish Choir:** March 6, 8:15 a.m.; Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Reconciliation Service; March 12, 5:30 p.m.; March 20, 11:00 a.m., Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion; Wednesday, March 23, 6:30 p.m., Lenten Reflection; March 24, 25, 26, The Triduum

Liturgical Ensemble: March 13, 11:00 a.m.**Holy Family Ringers:** March 20, 11:00 a.m., Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**Children's Choir:** March 19, 5:30 p.m., Palm Sunday of the Lord's PassionNeed information about Music Ministry? Contact Sylvia at music@holyfamilyvb.org or call 757-481-5702, ext. 116.

ROSARY: With the beginning of Lent, we would like to welcome all to pray the Holy Rosary every Wednesday night from 6:30 to 7:00 in the Chapel (yes, 30 minutes is all it takes to draw closer to our Lord Jesus through His Blessed Mother Mary). This is a wonderful opportunity for you to pray with your children as a family, keeping in mind that "a family that prays together, stays together." May Our Lord guide you in your decision to give Him 30 minutes once a week during this Lenten season.

PRAY FOR OUR CATECHUMENS

Please keep our Catechumens in your prayers as they continue their journey to the Easter Sacraments.

Eric Christensen
Jaiden Cancela
Saira Cancela

Join us for the Lenten Soup Suppers during Tuesday evenings of Lent.

Enjoy soup and fellowship followed by an engaging presentation by Fr. Michael Renninger entitled "Reflections on Mercy."



This series will inspire us during this Jubilee Year of Mercy to live mercy-centered lives.

All are welcome.

Soup is served at 6:00 p.m.

followed by the presentation at 6:30 p.m.

Mark your calendar:**March 8 and 15****OPERATION RICE BOWL – HUNGERING FOR**

THE JOURNEY: Join our parish community – and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States – in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's rice bowl from the Commons and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.

Fourth Week of Lent – Hungering to Learn

We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it is better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information.

WINTER WATCH: Thank you to Connie Nowak, Coordinator of Winter Watch, for organizing the week. Also, thank you to our Knights of Columbus who cooked and served breakfast every morning; to all Ministry Groups, Youth, and Parishioners who cooked and served dinners; to our Christian Formation classes who made lunches for our guests to take with them, and to everyone else who helped make this week such a success.

CELEBRATION: Fr. Joe Slattery will be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood at Holy Family at Mass on Saturday, June 18, followed by a Reception. If you would like to help plan or be involved with this event, please contact Paula Hughes at 428-5167 or hughespj11@cox.net.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Your generous contributions to this year's Winter Clothing Drive generated over 6,750 items for the needy. Your Knights of Columbus sorted and delivered appropriate items to 30 different organizations in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth, and Suffolk. The organizations that received your gifts were Barrett Transitional Housing, Barry Robinson Center, Catholic Worker, CHKD, Cloverleaf Apartments, DAV, Dress for Success, For Kids, Genieve Shelter, Gosnold Apartments, H.E.R. Shelter, Heron's Landing Apartments, Holy Family Outreach, Judeo-Christian Outreach Centers 1 and 2, the Lighthouse, Loving and Caring, OASIS, Onesimus House, Outreach for Christ, People in Need, Recovery for Life, Safe Harbor, Seton House for Boys, Seton House for Girls, South Bay Apartments, St. Columba, Star of the Sea Social Outreach, Thrift Store – USA, and Union Mission.

And thank you to Joe Murray and all of his assistants for making the Winter Clothing Drive such a success!

FAMILY BREAKFAST – March 13
after both the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Masses



All families are invited!

Adults – \$5.00
Children – \$3.00

All cooking, serving, and dishwashing
by the Knights of Columbus
Pope Leo XIII Council 10804

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all parishioners who sent cards, flowers, and donations to Holy Family Social Ministry on the occasion of my father, Jesus G. Martinez, passing.

He was an amazing man (as any daddy's girl would say). Both my parents believed that there was always room at the table for more family. After having four children of their own they adopted four more. Our family was truly blessed. My parents took care of the stranger: anyone who knocked at the door was welcomed, fed, and clothed (their home is 60 miles from the Mexico border and most all strangers knocking at our door were undocumented). They were both hardworking people whose faith in God flowed easily into our family.

My father was a sweet, kind, and humorous person. He greeted everyone with a smile. He truly blessed my life and I will dearly miss him. God bless you all for your thoughts and prayers.

Peace to you my friends,
Adelfa (Alfie) Martinez~Coyle,
Pastoral Associate/Coordinator of J&P Social Ministries

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

Winter Watch: We have completed Winter Watch. Probably averaged 70 homeless for the week. Thank you all for your help, not only our Knights, but for the parishioners who cooked the evening meal for them and those who made lunches. Every morning I heard how wonderful everything was. They were truly appreciative for what Holy Family did for them.

Family Breakfast: On Sunday, March 13, after the Masses, the Knights are hosting a Family Breakfast. Best breakfast in town and only costs \$5.00. Come out and enjoy a sit-down breakfast of pancakes, eggs, bacon, and sausage.

Late St. Patrick Dinner: On Saturday, April 9, the Knights will be hosting a "Late St. Patrick Dinner." All the fixings of a good Irish dinner.

2016 BAPTISM CLASS AND DATE
Class: Thursday, April 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.
Baptism Date: Saturday, April 30 – 5:30 p.m. Mass

HOPE 4 LIFE Mobile Pregnancy Resource Center provides caring, compassionate help for women and families with unplanned pregnancies. They provide counseling, education, and assistance. For more information go to hope4lifeva.com or call or text 757-334-6149.



"CARE FOR OUR EARTH:"

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