REMEmBER THE DEAd: June Baldwin, Bob Aaron, and Yvonne Brown

PRAY FOR: Shanen Andrews, Diedre Barnes and Family, Deb Bernard, Brad, Heather Cervantes, Marianne DeLaney, Bill Ernest, Brendan Feely, Pat and Jackie Feely, The Ginley Family, Rob Godek, Pat Hurry, Dolores Jany, Angela Maria Kelch, Alfredo Lasmarias, Connie Loschi, Thomas Lyver, Cheryl McLeskey, Debbie Merritt, Darrin Mouton, Maria Oakes, Ryan Piotti, Elizabeth Rehpelz, Bonnie Scandora, Dolores Schiavo, Betty Silvia, Michael Thomas Smith, Larry Yatsko

Some of the names to “pray for” have been in the bulletin for three months and are being removed this weekend. If you need prayers for you or your family members, please contact the Parish Office at 481-5702. These names will be in the bulletin for three months before being removed.

“Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.” Mark 11:24

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

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Sunday, March 26:** Fourth Sunday of Lent: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday, March 27:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Jn 4:34-54

**Tuesday, March 28:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday, March 29:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday, March 30:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday, March 31:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-2123; Jn 7:1-2, 10-25-30

**Saturday, April 1:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday, April 2:** Fifth Sunday of Lent: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**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, March 27:** Morning Prayer  
**Tuesday, March 28:** Dr. Manuel Hipol by James Smith  
**Wednesday, March 29:** Louise Brody by The Benedetto Family  
**Thursday, March 30:** Dr. Manuel Hipol by James Smith  
**Friday, March 31:** Evelyn Clarkson by Charlie & JoAnn Clarkson  
**Saturday, April 1:** Caroline & Joseph Dandry by Charlie & JoAnn Clarkson  
**Sunday, April 2:** 8:15 a.m.: Holy Family Parishioners; 11:00 a.m.: Delores Barabachen by Beth Jala

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Gaudy Pugat, President; Bill Shannon, Chairperson; Todd Solomon, Vice-Chairperson; Beverly Manlove, Secretary; Dick Dietz; “Mike” Jakubec; Joe Kelly; Mike O’Brien; Alex Spear (Youth Representative); Joe Stefonowich; Gwen Stinard. ppc@holyfamilyvb.org.

FINANCE COUNCIL: Fr. Gaudy Pugat; Andy Ward, Chairperson; Joy Bixler, Vice-Chairperson; Jean MacLeay, Secretary; Jill Broome, Andy McClaskey, Terry McElroy.

NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET): Kathy Staskin, Chairperson; Mike DeJaeger, Andy Koch, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Cate Sleigh, Steve Winter, Fr. Gaudy. NET email: hfevangelization@gmail.com

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.

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

LOW-GLUTEN COMMUNION HOSTS: For those who require special dietary restrictions, we now have low-gluten communion hosts (approved by the USCCB). Please contact Steve in the Parish Office for further instructions on how to receive low-gluten hosts at communion each weekend.

SCHEDULE OF PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES:
- **MARCH 28** – HOLY FAMILY  
- March 29 – St. Luke  
- March 30 – St. John the Apostle

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

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Budget 2016/2017 is $1,167,225.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of $90,936.00.

March 18/19 Collection: $21,406.00
- Holy Family Operating Fund: $333,517.72
- Social Ministry: $18,988.90
- Haiti Fund: $61,582.37
- Capital Reserve: $258,713.08

CONTRIBUTIONS AND 2016 TAX LETTERS:

Dear Parishioners,

Your contribution letter for tax purposes has been mailed. Any contributions that were mailed or dropped off at the office the end of December were processed the following month. These donations will appear on your 2017 letter. If you have any questions about your contribution letter, please contact Terry McElroy, Business Manager.

MENTORS NEEDED: Do you love Holy Family? Do you want to share your experiences with newly registered parishioners? If so, we are looking for YOU! A new ministry focused on welcoming newly registered parishioners is starting this spring and we are looking for volunteers to be “mentors.” The time commitment will be 1-2 hours/month. Please call Kathy Staskin at 481-0815 or email: hfevangelization@gmail.com if you have any questions or are ready to sign up!

The 2017 Annual Diocesan Appeal is now underway. All parishes receive back a portion of their funds collected to be used for important local priorities. Thank you for your support.

CRS RICE BOWL – ENCOUNTER NUTRITION:

We encounter Evelina in Zambia as she and other mothers in her community learn new ways to provide nutritious meals for their growing children and families. How do we ensure that those who are hungry have not only food, but true nourishment? Visit crsricebowl.org for more information. If you haven’t picked up your CRS Rice Bowl, please do so today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help tidy up the Church on Monday mornings for one hour (8:00-9:00 a.m.) If you can help, please call Carolyn Walker at 431-0530.
Featuring “formed.org!”

One of the video series currently available at www.formed.org is “The Wild Goose – Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit.” Watching these videos, or simply listening to them while tending to household chores, has helped me to learn more about the Holy Spirit and is also helping me to know Him better. One of the great things about Formed, is that I can access the Wild Goose series, or any other material on Formed, at any time. I can watch at my convenience, and my friends can watch at their convenience, and then we can discuss it at any time. This flexibility is enormously helpful in both deepening my relationship with God and journeying in faith with others.

Which video series have you been watching? Let us know at hfevangelization@gmail.com!

Easter Flower Donations: Envelopes for donations for Easter Flowers are in the Commons. Please pick up an envelope and donate in memory of a loved one. In order for the list which is published in the bulletin to be accurate, please print names clearly.

Knights of Columbus News
Council 10804

K of C Open House ~ March 27
7:00 p.m. ~ Family Room ~ Refreshments
All parish men, 18 years and older, their families, and their Catholic friends are invited to learn more about our Fraternal Order. As a Knight, your charitable works will benefit those who need help. However, you will not only hear what you can do for the Knights, but what the Knights can do for you.

Bring your family and learn all about it!

Parish Lenten Soup Suppers
Tuesdays March 7 ~ April 4 ~ 6:00 p.m.
This tradition started with “T.Q.” Our Council provides a Lenten Soup Supper (no charge) prior to the Lenten program each Tuesday during Lent.

Father Habets Lenten Fish Fry
Fridays March 3 ~ April 7 ~ 5:00-7:30 p.m.
Your choice of delicious fried or baked fish with all the trimmings
(Chicken nuggets available for children) ~
Served with hot or iced tea and coffee.
$9.00 (Adults) ~ $5.00 (Children) ~ Free (6 and under)
Other beverages and desserts will be available at modest prices.

Father Habets 4th Degree Assembly Hall
1236 Prosperity Road, Virginia Beach

We invite all of the men in our parish to join our Council and help us to make a difference!

Grand Knight: Mike Yatsko
Chaplain: Father Gaudy Pugat
Membership: Todd Solomon (496-5733)

Respect Life: Want to do something different this Lent? How about joining us as Christian witnesses outside Planned Parenthood on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. until noon. Join us for one week or for all six weeks as we pray the Rosary for an end to abortion during the 40 Days for Life campaign. You can meet us at Holy Family Church outside the main doors at 10:30 a.m., or arrive on your own at 515 Newtown Road in Virginia Beach. For more information or other times available, please contact Mary Sorrentino at mmsorrentino@gmail.com or 757-481-0766.
Music Notes

Teen Singers & Ensemble: Sing and play today at the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Practice at 10 a.m. No rehearsal after Mass today. Next rehearsal is April 2 at 12:15 in Room 134; This is for the instruments playing for Table Prayer during Holy Week on Wednesday, April 12.

Parish Choir Schedule: Holy Week rehearsals have begun, 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. We’re looking forward to singing the Passion Gospel According to Saint John on Good Friday. Schedule: Sing 11:00 a.m. on March 19, and for the RCIA 2nd Scrutiny at the 8:15 a.m. Mass on March 26. The early bird Mass!

Holy Family Children’s Choir: Do you know anyone in grades 1-5 who loves to sing? Bring them to Children’s Choir on Thursdays, 6:15-7:00 p.m. Schedule: Singing at the 5:30 p.m. on April 8 (Palm Sunday).

Holy Family Ringers Schedule: Rehearsals continue at Noon on Tuesdays in Music Room 134. Curious new ringers are welcome!

Visit our Music Ministry webpage: http://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry/. Contact Sylvia Chapa at music@holyfamilyvb.org or phone 757-481-5702, ext. 116.

DOCUMENT SHREDDING EVENT: The Church will once again sponsor Document Shredding for Earth Day Weekend. Eggleston Services will provide secure bins for parishioners’ deposit of paper documents as in the past. The bins will be available between April 22 and April 27.

Wisdom Notes

“CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players:”
G. K. Chesterton’s main themes include wonder, joy, thankfulness, freedom but most of all “the centrality of God in all things.”

Chesterton said: “You cannot evade the issue of God. Whether you talk about pigs or the binomial theory, you are still talking about Him. If Christianity should happen to be true, then defending it may mean talking about anything or everything. Things can be irrelevant to the proposition that Christianity is false, but nothing can be irrelevant to the proposition that Christianity is true.” Acknowledging God and giving Him glory in all circumstances shows our faith.

Women’s Faith Sharing and Fellowship Circles are ongoing and meet at various times during the month. For more information, contact Marie Sexton at (757) 718-4147.

Have a blessed week,
Your AFF Team

RENEWING WEDDING VOWS:
“Marriage is the icon of God’s love for us.” ~ Pope Francis

If there are any married couples within the parish who are celebrating a special wedding anniversary and would like to renew their wedding vows, please contact Steve in the Parish Office to receive more details.

Thursday, April 20 – 10:00 a.m.
Nunez Jewelers – Appraisals

Thursday, May 18 – 10:00 a.m.
Catholic Worker Movement – Steve Baggarly

Golden Seniors HARDBOILED Egg Ministry
Thursday, March 30, before noon
Thursday, April 13, before noon
Thursday, May 4, before noon (for Brother Charles to pick up)

Richmond Trolley Tour
Tuesday, April 4 ~ 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
For information, call Barbara Morris at 496-2696.

Washington DC Tour: 7 June
The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
Franciscan Monastery
Saint John Paul II Shrine

Coming Events
Golden Seniors Tides Baseball ~ June 27
Box Seats $12.00; Reserved Seats $10.50
Contact Jacki Friedsam 277-3210

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:
Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School is seeking the following teachers beginning in August 2017:

~ A well qualified teacher of Physics. A successful candidate will have a strong academic background including a degree in Physics or related science. A master’s degree and experience teaching are preferred.

~ A well-qualified teacher of Mathematics. Teaching responsibilities include teaching AP Calculus AB, BC, Multivariate Calculus, and a Math elective. A successful candidate will have a strong academic background including a degree in Mathematics. A master’s degree and experience teaching are preferred.

A valid Virginia teaching license is required for these positions. Applications are available at Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School webpage at www.chsvb.org.

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY: Please join us next Saturday at 5:00 p.m. to pray the Rosary.
THANK YOU:
The family of Lois Mignano thanks Fr. Gaudy, the Servant Leadership Team (Staff), and the parishioners of Holy Family for their love, comfort, and support. We are grateful to the Funeral Hospitality Committee for the wonderful food and hospitality they provided following the Memorial Mass.

God bless you all, Shawn and Mariann Gannon

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE
We served our neighbors this weekend. Please help us restock our Food Pantry. Remember to bring your food items each week when you come to Mass. Peanut Butter, Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti, Coffee, Tea, Canned Tuna, Canned Fruit, Canned Meat (including Stew and Chili), Canned Soup, Boxed Mashed Potatoes, Rice Mixes, Macaroni & Cheese, Cereal, Pancake Syrup, and Pancake Mix.

We also distribute fresh fruit and baked goods on Food Pantry Saturdays. Please contact Mike DeJaeger at hfoutreach@holyfamilyvb.org if you would like to supply fresh fruit or baked goods to our neighbors in need.

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE MILITARY:
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If you have a family member in the military and would like us to pray for them by name, please email Mary Sorrentino at mmsorrentino@gmail.com with their name, and branch of service. Please remember that we still have military members in harm’s way and keep them in your daily prayers.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND: “Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.” As we reflect upon the Beatitudes, let us explore how to understand our spouse better. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend is March 31-April 2 in Herndon, VA. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at https://renewmarriage-vasouth.org/ or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vasouth.org or 757-690-1369.

“CREATION CARE CORNER:"
As we have sometimes heard, SILENCE SPEAKS!! In politics, people who do not speak up on issues convey to their legislators that they are satisfied with the status quo and give approval. So, contacting your local, state, and national legislators, regarding your position about the environment and climate change via an email, a letter, a personal visit, or a letter to the editor is very important so they do not take for granted that you, their constituents, are okay with their decisions. We need to let our legislators know that we stand for stewardship of creation, that we consider the Atlantic Coast pipeline a hazard to our precious environment, that we are very concerned about sea level rise and the destruction that could result from it, that we oppose off shore drilling with its possible contamination and threat to marine life. Letters to the Virginian Pilot and the Catholic Virginian editors do reach a great number of people, including legislators and city council members. I am willing to assist in any way you are interested.

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Vacation Bible School
Save the Date!

June 26-30, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Registration forms are now available on the parish website and can be found outside Tiffany Watson’s office (look for the Maker Fun Factory tin) and also in the Parish Office. Parents in K-5 Christian Formation should have also received the registration forms via email.

❖ Crew Leaders – Rising 6th-12th grade youth – applications are now available on the parish website and outside Tiffany’s office.
❖ Time and Talent – Adults – WE NEED YOU! If interested in serving in any capacity for VBS please check out the VBS Time and Talent form on the parish website.

Registration deadline is May 21. Fees are $25.00 for one child and $50.00 for two or more. Registrations received AFTER May 21 are $30.00 per child and subject to availability.

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