AUGUST 12/13, 2017
19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Breviary Week II – p. 111

PRAY FOR: Richard Carlson, Margaret Coen, Brendan Feeley, Pat and Jackie Feeley, Robert Garrison, The Ginley Family, Theresa Hanlin, Breda Jackman, Susan Kayota, Mary Kuhn, Vesta Larkin, Alfredo LasMarias, Connie Loschi, Thomas Lyver, Eve McCray, Debbie Merritt, Maria Oakes, Ryan Piotti, Rick, Dolores Schiavo, Betty Silvia, Wendy Walters, Ken Watson, Martin White, Matthew Yonkovich

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, August 13:** Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 98:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**Monday, August 14:** Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr:
Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday, August 15:** The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

**Wednesday, August 16:** Saint Stephen of Hungary:
Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

**Thursday, August 17:**
Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday, August 18:**
Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 1-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday, August 19:**
Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday, August 20:** Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time:
Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Summer hours for our Parish Office are:
Monday-Thursday from 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Friday from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 13**
- RCIA Inquiry: 9:30 a.m.
- Summer Schola Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 14**
- Middle School Day at the Adventure Park (offsite)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 15**
- Feast of the Assumption – Mass at: 12:00 noon & 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16**
- J.O.Y. Club: 11:00 a.m.
- Boy Scouts: 6:00 p.m.
- Rosary: 6:30 p.m.
- Laurel Cove Civic League Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 17**
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy: 9:45 a.m.
- Haiti Eastern Vicariate Potluck: 6:00 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 19**
- BBQ Dinner (to go or eat in) (sponsored by K of C): 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.
- Reconciliation: 4:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20**
- BBQ Dinner (to go or eat in) (after 10:30 Mass) (sponsored by K of C)

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Monday, August 14:** Morning Prayer

**Tuesday, August 15 – Feast of the Assumption:**
- 12:00 noon: The Murray Family by The Sinn Family; 7:00 p.m.: The Leporatte Family by Paoletti Miria

**Wednesday, August 16:**
- Eugene Lee by Roseann Boucher

**Thursday, August 17:**
- Natalie Powers by Lynn Levick

**Friday, August 18:**
- Mary Jane Sullivan by Bill & Michael

**Saturday, August 19:**
- Robert Kerr by Emily Kerr

**Sunday, August 20:**
- 8:15: Holy Family Parishioners; 10:30: Lois Mignano by Suzanne Birkner

**SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE:**
Our summer Mass schedule has begun. The schedule is as follows: Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. This schedule will continue through Labor Day Weekend (September 2/3).

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**
- Fr. Eric Ayers, 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 Stefanowich; Gwen Stinard. ppc@holyfamilyvb.org.
NEW EVANGELIZATION TEAM (NET): Kathy Staskin, Chairperson; Mike DeJaeger, Andy Koch, Shannan LePage, Elizabeth Panchik, Tom Rumely; Dean Schleicher; Cate Sleigh, Steve Winter, Fr. Eric Ayers. NET email: hfevangelization@gmail.com

WEEKLY OFFERTORY
Budget 2017/2018 is $1,124,294.00. This includes Schools Parish Sharing Assessment of $100,868.00.

Year to Date through July:
- Budgeted Collection: $93,691.16
- Actual Collection: $90,125.62
- Online Giving: $6,910.00
- Total Actual Collection: $97,035.62
- Over Yearly Budget: $3,344.46
- August 5/6 Collection: $23,190.90
- Holy Family Operating Fund: $385,279.85
- Social Outreach: $9,016.86
- Haiti Fund: $61,425.89
- Capital Reserve: $243,081.69
  (includes Online Giving of $864.09)

The 2017 Annual Appeal raised over $4 million, returning to the parishes nearly $730,000.00. Holy Family has received $13,172.00.

The K-5 Catechist Team is Looking for YOU!!!!
Are you discerning if catechetical ministry is the place for you? Are you feeling nervous or afraid to “teach” about the Catholic faith? The testimony below is from a current K-5 catechist who felt the exact same way before they joined the team.

“If you don’t think you know enough about our Catholic faith to teach our children...think again! Not only will it be a very enriching experience but it will be the children who will express their appreciation as only children can that will make that hour and a half per week so rewarding. Jesus has a special kinship with the little ones for good reason... and as the saying goes, ‘from the mouths of babes...’ Enrich your life and that of the parish...sign up today... you will not regret it!”

Please prayerfully consider joining our team! If your heart is on fire with the love of Jesus and you are feeling called to this ministry, please join us! Parents, Grandparents, singles – all are welcome! We are currently looking for 5 members to complete the team. Without these 5 catechists, Christian Formation will not begin on time in September. The curriculum is easy to follow and supplies are provided! A background check and VIRTUS training is required. Contact Tiffany in the parish office or DRE@holyfamilyvb.org.

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.

HOSPITAL VISITATION: We need to remind you that when you are in the hospital, please notify the Church if you wish the Anointing of the Sick by Fr. Eric, or a visit by him or Chaplain Jim. Otherwise, we will probably miss you!

The Day School sends a special, warm welcome and looks forward to many moments of joy and learning with you!

Holy Family Day School:
New to the area? Our Parish school is an educational treasure tucked away right here in the heart of Great Neck! Our students are ages 2 through Kindergarten. Presently, we have 3 spaces open in almost all classrooms. However, as the new school year draws closer and NATO and the military make their moves, that changes quickly!

If you are interested in having your student attend Holy Family Day School, please visit our website at www.holyfamilydayschool.org for more details. We have some exciting new offerings such as KidFit and our 2-year-old class for the upcoming year 2017-2018. Please contact Cindy Girard in the Day School Office at 757-481-1180, to set up a tour over the summer!

Early Childhood Program Employment Openings:
We love the military here at Holy Family Day School! We understand that military families move often! The Day School has been fortunate to employ several military wives and at the end of June, some of our wonderful employees left due to moves.

We therefore have openings for a Lead Teacher and Classroom Assistant. If you are interested in one of these positions, please go to http://richmonddiocese.org and search application. We require the diocesan application and would love to meet you! Please call 481-1180 to set up an interview!
The Bible Timeline is a Catholic Bible learning system that makes the complex simple by teaching the story (the narrative) of the Bible. By focusing on fourteen historical books, The Bible Timeline follows the amazing story that is woven throughout biblical history. Seeing this story unfold makes the Bible come alive and provides a foundation for understanding all of Scripture. This is an essential learning experience for all Catholics.

We will be offering this exciting program on Sunday mornings and Monday evenings beginning September 24/25. Registration forms are now available on the parish website and at the parish office. Contact Tiffany if you have any questions.

**K-5 PARENTS:** This year, your children will embark on a journey through the Bible that follows this same program. Join us on Sundays and learn the Bible with your child! Continue the conversation beyond the CF classroom. Sign up on your child’s CF registration form.

**The next General Meeting will be: Thursday, September 21**

Program: Tony DiSilvestro, Owner
General Meeting: 10:00 a.m.
Presentation: 11:00 a.m.
Pizza: 11:30 a.m. ($3.00 fee)

**AGE YOUR WAY**

Author Debbie Pearson, RN, will discuss showing how to maintain control while aging. This Seminar will aid in opening communication with family members and developing a plan while maintaining control during aging.

**RSVP:** shaw.buckon@seniorcorp.com
757•213-4082

**Golden Seniors HARDBOILED Egg Ministry**
Thursday, August 17; Thursday, August 31; Thursday, September 14
Please bring eggs before noon on Thursday.
(for Brother Charles to pick up)

**WE ARE PLANNING A NEW PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY!**
As our Parish grows, and we welcome Fr. Eric Ayers as our new Pastor, what better way to strengthen our ties as family and friends? Photo appointments will be offered in October, November, and December. The photo company is offering some great incentives for scheduling, and all parishioners are encouraged to really be a part of this Directory Project. Information will be forthcoming in the bulletins. SMILE!

**CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FORMS FOR THE 2017-2018 YEAR ARE NOW AVAILABLE**
on the parish website, at the reception desk of the Parish Office, and on the table in the Family Room. Please note that the cost is $35 per child. K-5/EDGE/LifeTeen Forms are available. There is an additional fee for Sacraments (see forms). Please note that the deadline for registering is **September 3. After this date, registration fees increase and spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.** Please help us by registering early so we can assign classes, order appropriate supplies, etc. Thank you! We look forward to another wonderful year of faith formation. Questions? Contact Tiffany, DRE@holyfamilyvb.org or Jeff, youthminister@holyfamilyvb.org.
Weekly Wisdom

The month of August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Immaculate Heart represents the desire of the Blessed Virgin to bring all people to her Son. As Catholics, we can ask Mary for intercession to pray for us and look to the Blessed Mary as the model of the perfect disciple.

Pope Francis sent the following message to the National Youth Meeting in Brazil:

“Dear friends, in the midst of daily uncertainties and insecurities and in the midst of the precariousness created by unjust situations, you have one certainty. Mary is a sign of hope who will impel you with a great missionary drive. She knows the difficulties with which you live. Her attention and motherly care help you know that you are not alone.”

“May she transform the ‘nets’ of your lives – nets of friendship, social networks, material and virtual nets – realities which are often divided, into something more meaningful. May they become communities! Missionary communities ‘going out into the world!’ Communities which are light and leaven for a more just and fraternal society.”

Pope Francis concluded with this prayer:

"May Our Lady – who in her youth knew how to courageously embrace the call of God for her life and go forth to those most in need – walk ahead of you, guiding you in all her ways!"

This message to the youth can be embraced by all!!

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. Note: The Women’s Book Circle will move from Wednesday nights to Thursday nights (Third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m., beginning September 21).

Have a blessed week,
Your AFF Team

PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE MILITARY: Every Friday, we say the Patriotic Rosary after morning Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Music Notes

Summer Schola Schedule: For anyone who likes singing in a choir but cannot make weeknight rehearsals, Summer Schola is the answer because rehearsals are one hour before Mass. Music is provided in advance so that you can learn on your own. See Sylvia at the piano after Mass if you are interested in singing in Summer Schola. Sing all or as many as possible of the following dates:

- August 13 at 10:30 a.m.
- August 19 at 5:30 p.m.
- August 27 at 10:30 a.m.

Join Music Ministry! Although our ensembles take summer off for family vacation time, you can still sign up and start when fall rehearsals resume. Check out the Music Ministry display in the Welcome Office for details on each choir, hand bells, or instrumental opportunities, and visit our Music Ministry webpage to sign up: http://holyfamilyvb.org/music-ministry/.

2017-2018 BAPTISM CLASSES AND DATES

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PROJECT HOPE – APPLE TREE SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: Your donated school supplies will go to students in need, including those found eligible for Project HOPE due to homelessness or unaccompanied status. The following community agencies and programs will also benefit: Anchor Club, Samaritan House, Seton House, Love & Care Shelter, Virginia Beach Community Development Corp.

*Cut out an Apple from the Tree provided for you. Remember to attach your Apple to your school supply donation. Return to Holy Family and drop into the brightly colored box in the Family Room. Thank you in advance for generosity. God bless you!
ARE YOU CURIOUS TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Are you an adult contemplating Baptism? Have you been baptized in another Christian faith but now find yourself being led to the Catholic Church? Are you looking to complete your Sacraments of Initiation by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation as a baptized Catholic adult? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) is the place for you! Come with your questions to one of our Inquiry Sessions where you can meet team members and find out how we can accompany you on your faith journey. Classes begin in October and are held on Sunday mornings between the Masses (9:30 a.m.).

Inquiry Dates
- Saturday, August 12 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
- Sunday, August 13 (9:30 a.m.)
- Saturday, August 26 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
- Sunday, August 27 (9:30 a.m.)
- Saturday, September 9 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
- Sunday, September 10 (9:30 a.m.)
- Saturday, September 23 (after 5:30 p.m. Mass)
- Sunday, September 24 (9:30 a.m.)

We welcome you to our “Family” and look forward to you becoming part of “Church of the Holy Family.”

For more information, contact Tiffany Watson at DRE@holyfamilyvb.org.

JOIN THE CF NURSERY TEAM!

Nursery Ministry
- Adults are scheduled on a rotating basis
- 9:25-10:50 a.m.
- Background check and VIRTUS training are required.

Can you give of your time to help the youngest members of our parish family?

This nursery is vital for the success of our Christian Formation, RCIA, and Adult Formation programs. Please contact Tiffany in the parish office or email DRE@holyfamilyvb.org if you are interested in this ministry.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Do you enjoy working with children? Can you give of your time during Mass? Would you like to share the Word of God with the youngest members of our parish? Then CLOW is the ministry for YOU!

A rotating schedule with materials and script are provided. Two adult leaders are needed for each Mass (8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.). BOTH Masses are in need of adult leaders. Please contact Tiffany in the Parish Office or DRE@holyfamilyvb.org if interested. A background check and VIRTUS training are required.

ATTENTION, ALL HOME GARDENERS:

The Holy Family Food Pantry serves approximately 150 families a month by providing food baskets to those less fortunate. We are asking home gardeners to bring in some of your fresh fruits and vegetables. Our next Food Distribution is Saturday, August 26, so please bring your fruits and vegetables the week of August 21. By providing healthy alternatives, we will deepen our commitment to helping and serving the poor. If you have questions or would like to sign up, please call Brian Maddox at 286-0540 or email brianpat55@yahoo.com.

“CREATION CARE CORNER”

Unlike some people may think, the construction of the Atlantic Coast and Mountain Valley pipelines is not a done deal. They are in their final stage of study, which will have a bearing on the decision to grant approval or not. These two massive and destructive pipelines will transport fracked liquid natural gas from West Virginia through Virginia, spanning 1,000 miles and affecting 19 counties, including the city of Chesapeake. Those who favor the pipelines say they will be an energy provider, boost our economy, and add more jobs. Those opposed say they will be a threat to our area as well as others in many ways. They would remove the tops of at least 38 miles of mountain ridges, endanger the drinking water for residents living by the 1,000 waterways they will cross. Also, there is the possibility of methane leaks and the issue of racial injustice since the compressor stations are planned to be built next to two active African-American historic churches. The Atlantic Coast pipeline is the one affecting the Hampton Roads region. Its outlet will be on the Elizabeth River in Chesapeake.

“As if objective information suggests that serious and irreversible damage may result, a project should be halted or modified, even in the absence of indisputable proof. Here the burden of proof is effectively reversed, since in such cases objective conclusions will have to be brought forward to demonstrate that the proposed activity will not cause serious harm to the environment or to those who inhabit it.” ~ Pope Francis

Ed Marroni (587-4887, mmmarroni1@hotmail.com).

FR. GAUDY’S NEW EMAIL ADDRESS IS usaga41@gmail.com
Knights of Columbus Council 10804

Pulled Smoked Pork BBQ

Date: Saturday August 19 11am to 7pm
Aug 20 11:30 after Mass until gone.

BBQ - $8 for dinner (BBQ Sandwich, Potato Salad, and Coleslaw); $5 for just BBQ Sandwich.

Sodas and water for $1 each.

Seating outside depending on weather, inside available.

Take out as well.
Project HOPE: Apple Tree School Supply Drive

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- Middle & High School Sized Backpack
- Flash Drive
- Gift Card to Target or Wal-Mart - $20
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Protractors
- Compasses
- Wipes
- Tissue
- Highlighters
  - Dry Erase Markers (2 packages of each)
- Sanitizer
  - Ziploc Bags
    - (sandwich & gallon size)
- Index Cards
- Graphing Paper
I went into the weekend with expectations of a time of huge spiritual growth and learning. It certainly lived up to that. The Friday night session spoke to me the most because of all the stories Jimmy Mitchell told. One in particular seemed like it was speaking directly to my heart, which is an amazing feeling. I want to live a more elevated faith life by making sure I spend my time in prayer and going to confession more often. I usually pray but don’t actually think about it, and often let myself put off going to confession. The memory of how calming and changing the conference was will help me want to feel like that all the time, making my faith deeper. —Amy S.

My initial expectations were honestly not well, I thought that this would basically be like a boring mass for the 3 days but I did it to get away from home and my busy life, to relax and hopefully find god in me again and make peace with myself. My expectations were blown out of the water. This event was crazy and something I didn’t think was possible to incorporate God and having fun together but it was made possible through this conference! God moved my heart this weekend through the speakers and their talks, making me think about my life choices and how I can better myself. The talk that stuck to me the most was Emily's talk in the women's talk about how women should learn to respect themselves and not throw stones at our own image as well as others. We are strong and elegant being and daughters of God, so we need to start seeing each other and ourselves as that. Positive attitudes create a positive life. I can use this to elevate my faith by placing my insecurities in God and then replacing my insecurities with positive words about my image and add confidence to my personality as well. By placing in my insecurities in God I’m trusting in him and becoming closer to him through prayer. —Madi H.

This year’s Conference was different because I actually gave my heart to God. Last year I wasn’t able to commit to giving God my heart. But this year was different. All I wanted to do was give God my heart. I felt touched and I knew if I gave him my heart I would feel better. And once I made the decision to give him my heart my heart felt light. It didn’t feel heavy and black like it usually did. And I knew he would help me with my every day problems. I was craving God and I wanted his presence. And during adoration his presence was there. And I broke down crying because I was happy his presence was there. The girls talk made me realize I was worth something. Emily told us we weren’t objects. We are better than just some object that gets thrown around. We deserve to be treated right and we should never be taken advantage of. She told us we are daughters of God and we mean something. And I’m going to live my life differently because I gave my heart to God. I’ve never really opened up as much as I did this weekend. I never knew what it felt like to crave God’s presence. But this weekend was a turning point. I literally craved his presence. God touched my heart. —Kelly B.
Signing up for this youth conference, my expectations were pretty high. I had previously attend a Steubenville conference so I knew what was going to most likely happen. Although they were high, Steubenville was far beyond my preconceived idea. One of the most impactful talks was one held by Emily Wilson. She let the thousands of youth that were at the conference in to her personal life and explained how she has started to overcome her insecurities through the love of Jesus Christ. As a now graduated senior, this is my last conference as a youth. Despite this, I plan to further my faith in the church and continue to attend the young adult and adult conferences that are also held. This weekend reminded me of why I love being Catholic and helped guide me back to my journey with our faith.

-Alex S.

Going into this conference, I was not expecting to get much out of it considering I had already been to multiple other ones. I thought I had already experienced everything there was, but Steubenville never fails to surprise me. I learned so much stuff and heard so many great talks from some amazing people. One thing from the talks that stood out to me the most was one word that destroys us and our relationship with God. Later. I am guilty of saying this word all that time and postponing the important things in my life including prayer, going to mass, and many other essential things. I have recently strayed away from going to mass every week, but now I have been made aware that it is a necessity to elevate my faith in the lord.

-Mia A.

This year Steubenville was different for me because I was not directly coming off of an intense week of the LEAD program. Last year I had a buildup to the conference but this year it hit me in the face. But it was a pleasant hit. What honestly challenged me this weekend was the little sleep I got. But regarding the conference itself, it was not having another guy come with our parish except Jeff. Last year I had Steven and we got to talk to each other about the day. This year was different in that way as well. The biggest thing that stuck to me from the talks was that men can be vulnerable as well. We don't have to hide our emotions and can ask for help. We are displayed by society and social media as these indestructible and unmoving creatures when in reality we are still susceptible to emotional instability and distress. When I get home I am going to talk to all of my friends and help a few that I know are going through tough times and recommend talking to someone about it. Whether it be a priest, friend, or family member. Because every person goes through hard times and they don't have to take the burden solely upon themselves. You can ask Jesus for help when you need it. He will always be there for you in times of distress.

-Sarah J.

My Steubenville experience was amazing. I really enjoyed the girl's session because first of all, Emily Wilson is an incredible speaker. She is wonderful at inspiring young women and showing girls their importance as a daughter of God. Tearing down stereotypes, Emily taught me to love myself because I am God's creation. She was so inspiring, I bought her book about important women in bible. In addition to Emily Wilson, there were so many other great speakers that were funny, captivating, and taught us so much about the Lord. God communicated and was present with me in several different ways throughout this weekend. One way was before and during our Friday night adoration. Right before the adoration, a speaker mentioned something about how they craved the Lord's presence. I had felt God's presence before then, but I never considered wanting and craving to be with Him. When we started adoration, I felt an overwhelming sense of joy by simply looking at the monstrance. It was at that moment that I realized how I craved to feel that joy and how I craved to be in His presence. In order to keep my faith elevated as I go home from this wonderful Steubenville experience, I want to start praying more often, especially every morning.

-Kate S.
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