

JUSTICE AND PEACE BULLETIN NOTES & CALENDAR | SEPTEMBER 2023

September, 2023	
HTM HAITI SOLIDARITY MONTH, THE DIGNITY & THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS, SEASON OF CREATION	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
9/3-	Memorial Mass Ellen Renn, 11:00 am
9/4-	Labor Day
9/5-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) Meetings Resume, 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm-Commons</i>
9/10-	<i>We remember Ellen Renn (2/16/62-9/10/17)</i>
9/11-	Justice & Peace Meetings Resume, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm-Commons
9/18- (Mon.)	Care For Creation Meetings Resume, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm-Commons
9/9-17 St. Joseph the Worker Novena	Parish Haiti Solidarity Novena
9/18-24-	Parish Haiti Solidarity Week
9/23-24-	Parish Haiti Solidarity Weekend (Prayer of the Faithful, Haiti Hymn/Cantor, Calendar of Activities in Bulletin)
Sun. 9/24-	<i>4:00 pm-5:30 pm HTM Update to Parish. Solidarity, free dinner, live music, raffle, Speaker: Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry Richmond Diocese "Sharing Hope" --Commons</i>

September 2 & 3, 23

This month is Haiti Solidarity Month. You will find suggested activities in the weekly church bulletins.,



TWIN PARISH SAINT GABRIEL | September is **Haiti Solidarity Month**. “The Catholic Social Teaching principle of Solidarity is about recognizing others as our brothers and sisters and actively working for their good.” (Caritas.org) [CST 101: Solidarity - YouTube](#). We join the Diocese of Richmond and our fellow Haiti Twinned Parishes in the state of VA in celebrating Haiti Solidarity Month.

We will be writing to various parishioners at St. Gabriel to let them know we care for them and their families. If you are interested to write a short note to Fr. Fitho, Pastor at St. Gabriel or a parishioner, please contact **Francesca Smith** smithf236@verizon.net . [Haiti Ministry | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(sacredheartnorfolk.org\)](#)

THE LETTER: A MESSAGE FOR OUR EARTH is a 2022 documentary film presented by YouTube Originals in cooperation with the Vatican, telling the story of the *Laudato Si'* encyclical by Pope Francis. The film was screened at the Summer Sizzlers. The Care for Creation Committee hopes that you will watch the film and that seeing it will stimulate parish discussion on climate change. If you would like to view the film, it is available on YouTube or on PBS through WHRO Passport. The Catholic Climate Covenant suggests that you respond to the film by

- Praying or reflecting to improve your ability to tackle challenges like the ecological crisis. Dedicate time to prayer or reflection every day.
- Plan one meat-free meal every week to lessen the impact of industrial farming on the climate. Start this week.
- Start a conversation with a friend or family member about *Laudato Si* by sharing the trailer for The Letter.

VIRGINIA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | VSH continues to provide affordable housing and supportive services for more than 500 formerly homeless individuals in Hampton Roads. Each of our 6 properties in Norfolk, Chesapeake, Portsmouth, and Virginia Beach remain at nearly full capacity. We are excited to announce that we will soon be renovating Gosnold Apartments and adding 40 additional units, bringing the total number of formerly homeless individuals housed there to 100. VSH property tours are currently set up and open to those interested in attending. Here is the date of our next property tour: September 6th, Crescent Square, Virginia Beach at 10:30am

We appreciate Sacred Heart's support and partnership in our mission to help end homelessness in Hampton Roads!
POC: Nancy Perry, Major Gift Officer nperry@virginiassupportivehousing.org

September 9 & 10, 2023

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ADVENT GIVING TREE (AGT) is a long-time tradition at Sacred Heart. Each year we provide gifts to the children in our outreach ministries. For about 100 children of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore we send wrapped gifts of new or gently used toys and clothing. For the children in our twin parish of St. Gabriel in Haiti we send money so that the pastor can purchase needed things like textbooks or playground equipment. More details in November. To learn more, or to volunteer to help, contact **Pam Housler** pamhousler@cox.net.

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<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/call-to-family-community-and-participation>>

Scripture: [Leviticus 25:23-43](#) What you own belongs to the Lord and is given for the good of all.



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Sept. 9th-17th we will join in praying a Novena to Saint Joseph the Worker. Catholic Social Teaching teaches us that dignified work is the way out of poverty, long term. The Haiti Twinning Ministry invites you and your family to a Parish Solidarity Presentation, **Sunday, Sept. 24th, 2023, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**, Sacred Heart Church Commons, guest speaker, Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry, Richmond Diocese, live music, raffle & **free** dinner. POC: **Brendan Pigott** bp2004bch@aol.com and **Patricia Britz** patprovence1@yahoo.com (757) 621-1860

NORFOLK CATHOLIC WORKER continues to use the Sacred Heart kitchen to prepare their morning meals served on the street. They are at the church every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday preparing for the following morning's serving. They serve on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 7-8:30 am. Those 3 mornings, they bring food for 65-75 people out to the street, and 2 of those mornings they make 30 bag lunches for the people housed by the city at The Center on Tidewater Drive. This fall they can use granola bars and oranges along with white socks and white t-shirts, L and XL. They participate in a Black Lives Matter vigil from 4-5 pm on Thursdays at the corner of Hampton Blvd. and 27th St.

September 16 & 17, 2023



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SEASON OF CREATION 2023 | The Season of Creation, an annual ecumenical celebration of prayer and action for our common home, is observed from 1 September to 4 October. The theme for 2023 is “Let Justice and Peace Flow”. Ecumenical faith leaders from across the world have prepared a [special video](#) to invite you to take part in this season. In his message for the Season of Creation Pope Francis asked “in the name of God” that large extractive corporations “stop destroying forests, wetlands and mountains, stop polluting rivers and seas, stop poisoning people and food.” Time is running out. Use the Season of Creation to discern where you want to act.

Prayer: Pray the Season your favorite Care for Creation prayer during the season.

Sustainable action: Adopt one practice that leads to a more sustainable lifestyle.

September 23/24

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SOUPLINE IMPACT FOR JULY 2022-JUNE 2023 | We continue preparing morning meals in the kitchen and serve on the street. We are at the church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday weekly preparing for the following morning's serving. We serve on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings 6:00 am-9:30 pm. Volunteers make 50 bag lunches 3 mornings a week for people we see each morning, and 80 a week for people who are housed by the city at a hotel. This ministry is run by Catholic Worker. POC: **Steve Baggarly** williamsbaggarly@gmail.com

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YOU ARE INVITED! | This weekend is **Haiti Solidarity Weekend** for both Sacred Heart and St.

Gabriel Parishes. We will join in a solidarity prayer and O Lespri San/O Holy Spirit hymn during Mass. You will find the solidarity calendar in the church bulletin with activities for you and your family. Also, the Haiti Twinning Ministry invites you and your family to a Parish Solidarity Presentation, **Sun., Sept. 24th, 2023, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**, Sacred Heart Church Commons, guest speaker, Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry, Richmond Diocese, live music, raffle &

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September 30 & October 1st, 2023

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HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY IMPACT FOR JULY 2022-JUNE 2023

The goal is to see our twin parish flourish in their community at the highest level of their capacity. Both parishes agreed to decrease the operation cost of the school Pre-K-13th Grades while investing in projects that lead to self-sustainability.

Greeting notes | Sent Birthday, Christmas, Easter, Mother's, and Father's Day cards to 20 parishioners at St. Gabriel & notes to Fr. Fitho Jean. Communication | Met Fr. Fitho regularly via WhatsApp. Actions | 1 Novena for St. Gabriel Feast Day, 1 Novena for Sacred Heart Feast Day, 1 Novena for Haiti Solidarity Week in Sept., 1 Stations of the Cross in Solidarity with Haiti, 2 parish gatherings: HTM Anniversary (May), Haiti Solidarity Gathering (Sept.), yard sales. Education | Regular bulletin notes with updates on twin parish, Catholic Social Teaching, book study: The Lambi's Call, a Haitian Journey by Dr. Tom Fame

Provided

8 teachers' salary, \$100 monthly each (10 last year) | 1 nurse's salary, \$100 monthly
21 scholarships, \$275 each annually | 16 students for lunch, \$420 each annually (21 last year)
Medical Assistance, \$100 per month & 1 Dentist's visit | 2 sets of textbooks for 7th and 10th Grades

CST: Option for the Poor A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring.

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<https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catholic-social-teaching/option-for-the-poor-and-vulnerable> Scripture: [Leviticus 19:9-10](#) A portion of the harvest is set aside for the poor and the stranger.

POC: **Brendan Pigott** bp2004bch@aol.com

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER IN TIDEWATER VIRGINIA AREA

Come and see about Franciscan Spirituality. We are lay men and women from throughout the Tidewater VA Area who are learning to follow Christ in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi. Our fraternity, OSF Sacred Heart meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at Saint Gregory the Great at 2:15 pm. For more info., please contact Anne O'Leary, OFS (757) 572-1749, pjrainbow@juno.com | and William Wallace, OFS (757) 553-8767, wgwbraveheart@hotmail.com | [Website](#)