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JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

[Justice And Peace | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(sacredheartnorfolk.org\)](https://www.sacredheartnorfolk.org)

Monday, October 2nd, 2023, | 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm | Sacred Heart Church, Commons

Attendees: Frank and Betsy Murphy, Francesca Smith

Guest Speaker: Steve Baggarly (Catholic Worker)

Frank welcomed and thanked attendees. He shared that the goals of this meeting were for each ministry coordinator to share their updated reports, get an update on the Diocese of Richmond Office of Social Ministry, our Parish, and community partners. He thanked Steve for attending the meeting with his report on Catholic Worker. He also thanked all ministry coordinators for their dedicated service.

Special intentions: Fr. Paul, Pastor at Sacred Heart, and Fr. Fitho, Pastor at our twin parish, St. Gabriel, Haiti. The souls of our beloved departed: Rev. James Kauffmann, Neil Walsh, Gar Housler, Eileen Powell, Ellen Renn and Nicolas Valcour. Peace with Justice in Ukraine, Haiti, and in the world, fair treatment of immigrants, a stop to human trafficking, empowerment of the poor, protecting the unborn, and the respect & protection of the environment.

OPENING PRAYER/Read twice— Sun. Oct. 1st Gospel, *Matthew 21:28-32* Francesca, & Reflection | All

SIGNS OF THE TIME | ARTICLE

THE SIGNS OF THE TIME: Catholic Virginian—[Home Page - Biweekly Newspaper for the Diocese of Richmond \(catholicvirginian.org\)](https://www.catholicvirginian.org)

UPDATES

OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY | written report by Director Tina Wandersee

- Haiti Ministry
 - Visiting various twinning ministries throughout the Diocese
 - Sacred Heart - Norfolk
 - St. Bede - Williamsburg
 - RVA Twinning Leadership – quarterly meetings
 - Haiti Commission
 - St. Michael's Dos Palais Clinic
 - Covenant Agreements | EOY Reporting – Haiti Twinning Ministries
 - Diocesan Annual Haiti Gathering
 - Haiti Education Support Team
 - ASK Campaign
 - Partnership with Richard Joseph and Catholic Schools in Diocese of Hinche
 - Haiti Health Support Team
 - Recently reorganized.
 - Took survey around the Diocese of the various Healthcare Initiatives that were happening.
 - Coordinating all activities around a common goal



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- New initiatives – Fr. Herald
- Prison Ministry
 - Visiting inside Prisons w/ teams
 - Women’s Correctional Center Unit #13
 - Fluvanna Women’s Correctional Center
 - Commission
 - Immersion Re-Entry Program Pilot to start at the early part of the year
 - Diocesan Prison Ministry Gathering
 - Overall visitation to the Prisons – making this consistent
- Migrant Ministry
 - Summer Book Read and Zoom Discussion – A Theology of Migration: *The Bodies of Refugees and the Bodies of Christ* | September 26, 2023, at 7pm

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL | Frank

PPC met on Sept. 26, 6:30 pm- 8:30 pm. Research on both the roof and the AC continues with much progress. Sister Linh Doe is settling in well. Religious Education resumed Sept. 17th and Bible Study, Sept. 12th. The Parish Picnic will take place mid-Oct., date TBD. The Ministry Fair is scheduled for Nov. 18 & 19. PPC approved Care for Creation to register on the Laudato Si Platform. Care for Creation has turned in an update about it.

PARISH | All

[That Man is You](#) made a presentation on their program after Mass, September 16 & 17. They also hosted the September Meet and Greet table that weekend. This event was well attended.

ADMIN. | Frank

Our J&P Advent Potluck Dinner will be Mon., Dec. 4th, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Social Ministry volunteers, family members, and friends are invited. J&P to send a monthly abbreviated report to Dan Hassett for PPC meetings. The Fall Ministry Fair is scheduled for Nov. 18 & 19. Frank will be the volunteer coordinator for the 3 Masses.

HIGHLIGHTED REPORT

CATHOLIC WORKER | Steve Baggaly spoke about the day, October 2nd, the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, being the International Day for Non-Violence. He read some quotes from Gandhi on non-violence, who, along with Martin Luther King, translated Jesus' practice of non-violent resistance into large scale movements. He talked about the Catholic Worker soup line, our two stop morning outings that begin at the cemetery wall on Salter St. and then resume at the park by McArthur mall that the train runs through. The city has told us they will put No Trespassing signs up to move people out of the park. And I told the story of a longtime, previously homeless, woman who has been part of our community for 34 years and who just passed away. We held a memorial service for her at our house and it ends up that members of her daughter-in-laws family were featured in [the 1960 Edwin R. Morrow documentary Harvest of about migrant farm workers](#). It may have been the first time the lives of poor people were examined on television in this country.

J&P CALENDAR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2023 | Francesca **See below.**

MINISTRIES' UPDATED REPORT



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ADVENT GIVING TREE | Our Advent tradition of providing gifts for our friends at St. Gabriel parish in Haiti, as well as the children of the migrant workers on Virginia's Eastern Shore continues this year, with online signups only. The websites will be active on November 1 and will continue through Dec. We have the names of the children, from infants to 12 years old, from the Eastern Shore. For each one we have the name, age, clothing size and toy preference. We prefer new gifts but will accept gently used. You may give both clothing and a toy if you wish. Wrapped gifts, with the child's name and number firmly attached, must be brought to the church by Sun., Dec. 10th. Pam

We have the names of 81 8th and 9th graders at St. Gabriel parish who are in need of textbooks. We are asking for monetary donations to purchase books for these students. Those donations can be made online, to the office or in the collection basket. Please write Haiti Giving Tree/Textbooks in the memo line of your check. If you have any questions, you can contact **Pam Housler** at 757-536-2442 or pamhousler@cox.net. Thank you for your generosity to the children that depend on us.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S OFFERING OF LETTERS | This year we will conduct an offering of letters campaign on the topic decided by Bread for the World. Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Our mission is to educate and equip people to advocate for policies and programs that can help end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. [Offer Letters - Bread for the World](#) **Mike**

CARE FOR CREATION | Frank reported that Jane presented The Letter by Pope Francis, August 9, 2023. She also distributed a handout with opening and closing prayers, a background on Laudato Si and what steps this ministry has taken in the past 16 years on Climate Change. The parish Pastoral Council has approved Care for Creation to register on the Laudato Si Action Platform. The Laudato Si Platform offers the Church tools and resources for the journey towards total sustainability in the spirit of integral ecology. The next Clean the Street is October 14, 8:30 am-10:30 pm. Please bring your gloves.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES | Sacred Heart is a member of VA Chapter, we participate in 2 monthly meetings: State, and Nation to learn about current affairs regarding international laws on national and international programs to eradicate poverty for short and long terms. We continue approaching both our Senators' and Representative's staff with virtual and in person visits. CRS focuses on long term sustainability development in 110 countries. This year, we concentrated on The Farm Bill with visits to Senators' and Representative' staff. **Frank**

DIGNITY OF LIFE | 40 DAYS FOR LIFE From Sept. 27 to Nov. 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 515 Newtown Rd. Virginia Beach, VA, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Charles DeFoore; 757-679-8279; cwdefoore@gmail.com or visit our website at www.40DaysforLife.com. **WRITING TO OUR ELDER** We will be writing Christmas cards to our elders, Monday, Nov. 27, 10:00 am-11:15 am. Please bring 10 Christmas cards and stamps. **Francesca**

HAITI TWINNING | School resumed on time, Sept. 11 for the entire pre-K – 13th Grades. All 9th graders passed their end of year National Exams; and all, but 2 13th Graders passed theirs. The school and clinic were repainted in Aug. The Sept. Yard Sale provided funds to feed 1 student for the year. The larger goal this year is to feed 11 students. Reflection on the Annual Parish Haiti Solidarity Dinner. The guest speaker "Sharing Hope" was Tina Wandersee, Director of Social Ministry at the Diocese. **Francesca**



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SOUP KITCHEN | In the past year, the Sacred Heart Soup Kitchen served 50 - 60 **hot** meals to our guests every Sunday. In March of this year, we returned to in-person serving. This required the return of our serving teams which comprise of multiple groups from other churches around the area. Each Sunday has its own cook and serving team captain. We are grateful for the cooking team captains who have continued and thankful for our serving teams who returned. We are still in need of serving volunteers from 12:30pm - 2:30pm on the 3rd and 5th Sundays. The cooking team captains create the meal menu, acquire the ingredients, and lead the cooking volunteers. Our serving team volunteers set up the tables, plate the meal, serve our guests, and clean up the commons afterward. **Christopher**

THANKSGIVING BASKET | Next month, we will be collecting non-perishable food to distribute to several area agencies. Grab a bag after Mass, fill it, and bring it back to Sacred Heart no later than Sun. Nov 19th. Shopping list and the agencies we serve are listed on the website.

We need help sorting and packing the food. Contact Karen Latham to volunteer, and please note "Thanksgiving Baskets" in the subject line: karenoberthal@aol.com

- Monday November 20th (3-5 PM): pack the grocery bags for distribution
- Tuesday November 21st (9-11AM): load vehicles

COMMUNITY PARTNERS

GHENT AREA MINISTRY | Frank attended the bi-monthly Board meeting., Sept. 14th. The community is thankful for Sacred Heart' Soup Kitchen. GAM has a well-stocked clothe closet and food pantry. Tim works with 3 permanent volunteers. **Frank**

VA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | VSH continues to own and operate 17 supportive housing buildings across the Commonwealth of Virginia, housing more than 1,600 individuals who were previously homeless. VHS has been offering tours of their buildings and continues to welcome members of Sacred Heart to join them. VSH is very appreciative of Sacred Heart's donations toward their mission of helping to end homelessness. They are having a donor appreciation event, **October 4th** in Va Beach and welcome Father Paul and members of the J & P committee to attend. Francesca and Frank will attend. For more information contact Nancy Perry nperry@virginiassupportivehousing.org **Report read by Frank**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- October Parish Picnic **TBD**
- Sat. & Sun. Nov. 18th & 19th Parish Ministry Fair

NEXT MEETING: Mon., Nov. 6, 2023, | 7:00 pm-8:15 pm, ministries' updated reports

CLOSING PRAYER | Transform us O Lord (slide). **Volunteer**

OCTOBER	
RESPECT LIFE	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
TBD	Parish Picnic
Sept. 27-Nov. 5-	40 Days for Life Campaign



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10/2-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm
10/4	Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
*10/9-Monday	Columbus & Indigenous Day
10/14-	Clean the Street (8:30 am-10:30 am) starts in parking lot
10/16- Mon.	Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm-Commons
10/24-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons Brendan to facilitate</i>
10/29-	Memorial Mass Neil Walsh
NOVEMBER	
FOOD SECURITY, BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
11/1-	All Saints Day AGT Starts online
11/6-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Commons
11/14-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons</i>
11/4-	Sat., Thanksgiving Basket AM Set Up-Commons
11/4&5-	Week 1-Thanksgiving Baskets: pulpit announcement, shopping list & dates in bulletin. Link on the Sacred Heart Website with updated shopping list/dates
11/ 11&12	Week 2-Thanksgiving Baskets: pulpit announcement, shopping list & dates in bulletin. Link on the Sacred Heart Website with updated shopping list/dates
TBD	Sacred Heart Volunteer Appreciation Dinner-Commons, 6:30 pm
19-Nov	Memorial Mass Neil Walsh
Nov.18&19-	Ministry Fair-Commons
11/18-19-	Week 3-All nonperishable food due by 4 p.m. Sun. Nov. 19
Sun. 11/19-	Thanksgiving Baskets: Sacred Heart Youth Sort & Count Food, 3:00 pm -5:00 pm
11/20 Mon.	Thanksgiving Baskets: Volunteers pack food in reusable grocery bags, 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm
11/20-	Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm-Commons
Tues. 11/21-	Tues. 9:00 am Fr. Paul blesses food, Agencies pick-up bags, 9:00 am - 11:00 am
11/22-	Thanksgiving Eve, Advent Giving Tree Display Table (Eastern Shore & St. Gabriel Children)
*11/23-	Thanksgiving Day
*11/25&26	Advent Giving Tree Display Week #1 (Children of the Eastern Shore & St. Gabriel's)
11/27/2023	Dignity of Life, Writing to our Elders 10:00 am-11:30 am

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERS | **Tina Wandersee**, Director of the Diocesan Office of Social Ministries (1/11/23, 9/11/23, bi-weekly communication), **Fr. Tochi Iwuji**, Director of the diocesan Office for Black Catholics, **Maggie Keenan**, Director of Legacy Giving, Diocesan Office (2/5/23), Norfolk Community Service Board Program Administrator Housing & Homeless Services, **Timothy Giddens** GAM Director (10/4/22), **Nancy Perry** Major Gift Officer, VA Supportive Housing/Richmond (2/6/23, 6/6/23, 9/11/23), **Steve Baggarty** Norfolk Catholic Worker & Sowers of Justice (01/03/22), Jimmy Culpepper CRS & Immigration (5/1/23), **Jay Brown** CCC, , **Marla Newby** Reentry Coordinator, **Ed Marroni** Holy Family/Environment & Sowers of Justice (10/4/21 guest), **Pam Boatwright** Elizabeth River Projects, **Fleta Jackson** Keep Norfolk Beautiful, **Stephanie Cuffee** | Volunteer Coordinator FoodBank of Southeastern VA & The Eastern Shore (guest,



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3/7/22), **Jeff Caruso** VA Catholic Conference, **Wendy Manos**, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tideware (02/07/22, Sizzlers 2022) **Louantha Kerr**, Director Hope 4 Life (Cheri Britt 6/21 guest), **Joann Wagner** (Birthright Pregnancy Center), **Denise Parker** Health Educator-FAMIS Department of Medical Assistance Services Commonwealth of Virginia (5/3/21 guest), **Kathy Bredimus** St. Peter the Apostle's Migrant Worker Coordinator (12/14/22 picked up Christmas gifts), **Tracy Fick** CEO Catholic Charity, **Andrea Wiegard**, Catholic Charity, Senior Care Program (5/9/22 guest), **Mary Ann Gower**, Senior In-Home Services Coordinator (5/9/22), **Natasha Zoby**, Disability Services **UpCenter** Director (1/9/23 guest), Jimmy Culpepper, Teresa Stanley, Sally Andrews-**Gudas Interface Immigration Legal Assistance Fund** (5/1/23)