

## JUSTICE AND PEACE JANUARY 2024

January, 2024	
POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH, OPTION FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE, DIGNITY OF LIFE	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
1/1	<b>New Year Day, Haiti Independence Day, Solemnity of the Holy Virgin Mary</b>
Tues. 1/2-	<i>Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons</i>
1/7-	Epiphany of Our Lord
1/7-	Memorial Mass Neil Walsh
1/8-	<b>Justice &amp; Peace Meeting, 7:00-8:15 pm, Commons</b>   Guest speaker Craig Eller/Hope 4 Life, Tina Wandersee/Director of Social Ministry Richmond Diocese
*1/15-Mon.	<b><i>Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday-Leader of the Civil Rights Movement</i></b>
1/26-	<b>March for Life Washington DC.</b>
Mon. 1/22-	<b>Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm, Commons</b>

### January 6 & 7-2024

Justice And Peace | Sacred Heart Catholic Church ([sacredheartnorfolk.org](http://sacredheartnorfolk.org)) (Please add to bulletin)

**MAKING ECO-FRIENDLY NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS** | January is the time to start anew. Think about incorporating some eco-friendly changes into your new year's resolutions this year. Consider these ideas for change in the year ahead.

- Shop locally.
- Plan your grocery shopping to reduce food waste.
- Go paperless.
- Drive less. Walk, bike, or take public transportation when possible.
- Avoid fast fashion because the fashion industry is the greatest polluter behind the oil industry.
- Reduce water consumption.
- Embrace reusable products.
- Spend more time outdoors.

Make 2024 a year when you commit to protecting our environment in the spirit of *Laudato Si*.

**ADVENT GIVING TREE 2023** | Thank you for your generous response to the Advent tradition. Sacred Heart provided 53 gifts for the children on the Eastern Shore. We still need support for the children of our twin parish, St. Gabriel in Haiti with monetary contributions to a fund that will be used to purchase textbooks for children in the 8th and 9th grades. We suggest each book to be \$36. These gifts can be mailed to the church, put in the collection basket, or done online. Be sure to use Haiti Giving Tree/Textbook Fund on the memo line. If you have questions, contact Pam Housler at 757-536-2442 or [pamhousler@cox.net](mailto:pamhousler@cox.net). Thank you for your generosity.

**COMMUNITY PARTNER | HOPE 4 LIFE** | Hope 4 Life's Director, Craig Eller, will offer a brief talk during the Jan 8th Justice and Peace Committee meeting, 7:00 pm-8:15pm. Hope 4 Life is a local Pregnancy Resource Center offering support for mothers in need. Craig will explain Hope 4 Life's mission and how they reach moms in their most vulnerable moments. Hope 4 Life is a Community Partner with our Dignity of Life ministry.

Pregnant and need help? [Click here](#) to find pregnancy resources offered by our two dioceses.

**EARTHQUAKE VICTIM MEMORIAL** | We join our twin parish, St. Gabriel, and the whole of Haiti in prayer as we remember the many victims of the tragic earthquake that occurred in and around Port-au-Prince, Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. May their souls rest in peace.

## 2023-2024 JUSTICE AND PEACE BULLETIN NOTES

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**January 13 & 14-2024**

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1. **ADVENT GIVING TREE MINISTRY** | Collect gifts for migrant workers' children on the Eastern Shore, and monetary funds to provide much needed textbooks for our 16-year-old twin parish, Saint Gabriel' School (pre-K-13<sup>th</sup> Grades), Lascahobas, in Haiti. POC: Pam Housler [pamhousler@cox.net](mailto:pamhousler@cox.net)
2. **BREAD FOR THE WORLD** | Write letters to Senators & Representatives, advocate for an end to world hunger. POC: Mike Stark [mpstark@aol.com](mailto:mpstark@aol.com)
3. **CARE FOR CREATION** | Star Business Status Elizabeth River Project, Paper Usage Reduced by 50%, Quarterly Support "Keep Norfolk Beautiful", Extensive Education for Parish Members of all ages on Environmental Stewardship. The members of this ministry meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. Please check the church bulletin. [Environment Ministry | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(\[sacredheartnorfolk.org\]\(http://sacredheartnorfolk.org\)\)](#) POC: Frank Murphy [wfmerm377@aol.com](mailto:wfmerm377@aol.com)

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**GHENT'S WINTER SHELTERING** | In response to Beth El's request for support of Ghent's Winter Sheltering project scheduled for December 17-March 3 has been overwhelming. As the Norfolk Shelter that houses 100 is full, there are approximately 55 people in Norfolk without a place to sleep. Joining with six area churches, Ohel Sholom and Temple Israel, Congregation Beth El are committing to help deal with this issue. The following are ways we can help:

1. If you want to help serve dinner and/or volunteer at one of the churches, contact Rachel Cropper at [Rachel@theurcnorfolk.com](mailto:Rachel@theurcnorfolk.com) or Jenny Wernly at [jenny.wernly@trinitynorfolk.com](mailto:jenny.wernly@trinitynorfolk.com)
2. Also, you may mail a check to Beth El's Beverly Rafal Werbel Homeless Fund to provide food, clothing, hygiene products, etc. for those in need. With 3,850 meals and take-away bags to be distributed, your support is greatly appreciated. Please make the check payable to Beth El with a notation that it is for the Homeless Fund and mail it to Congregation Beth El, 422 Shirley Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23517. Contact Patti Wainger at [pattiwainger@gmail.com](mailto:pattiwainger@gmail.com) for information or to volunteer. **2023-2024 schedule:**

Dec. 17-31: First Presbyterian

Dec. 31-Jan. 21: St. Mary Basilica

Jan. 21-28: St. Andrew's

Jan. 28-Feb. 4: Crossroads Church

Feb.4-18: Trinity Presbyterian

Feb.18-March 3: New Life

Church

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**1-LENT CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)** Operation Rice Bowl: Sacred Heart is part of Catholic Relief Services VA Chapter, Education for parishioners on the work of CRS in the world, Rice Bowl collection to help feed children in and out of the US. POC: Frank Murphy [wfmerm377@aol.com](mailto:wfmerm377@aol.com)

**2-DIGNITY OF LIFE** Monthly prayerful visits in front of Planned Parenthood, collection of baby items in May, write to our elders for Christmas and Easter POC: Patricia Britz [patprovidence1@yahoo.com](mailto:patprovidence1@yahoo.com)



**3-HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY** Write to pastor and parishioners, provide funds to feed 11 children annually, pay 6 teachers' salaries annually, 21 scholarships, some medical assistance, formation on sustainability POC: Brendan Pigott [bp2004bch@aol.com](mailto:bp2004bch@aol.com) and Patricia Britz [patprovidence1@yahoo.com](mailto:patprovidence1@yahoo.com) [Haiti Ministry | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(\[sacredheartnorfolk.org\]\(http://sacredheartnorfolk.org\)\)](mailto:patprovidence1@yahoo.com)

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**28TH UNITED NATIONS CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE | COP28**, the 28th United Nations Climate Change Conference, was held in late Nov. in Dubai. Delegates gathering for COP28 approved a framework for a fund to help developing countries deal with the harm caused by global warming. The wealthier nations pledged to contribute at least \$260 million to the fund. The World Bank was selected to be the fund's interim host, making the funds accessible to sub-national and local organizations. This was a momentous achievement! May this be the first step in the recognition by wealthy countries of their role in changes in the environment that are disproportionately affecting poor countries. To learn more about these effects watch *The Letter: A Message for our Earth*, a 2022 documentary film presented by YouTube Originals in cooperation with the Vatican, telling the story of the Laudato Si' encyclical by Pope Francis [<https://youtu.be/Rps9bs85BII>]. The film was screened at the 2023 Summer Sizzlers. The Care for Creation Committee encourages you to watch the film to stimulate a parish discussion on climate change.



**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES-JOIN A COMMUNITY OF CHANGEMAKERS** | Have you ever wondered, “What can I do to make our world a better place? How can I make a difference?” Catholic Relief Services Chapters and Clubs are communities of people transforming the world. As part of a movement across the United States, thousands are taking meaningful action through CRS campaigns to eradicate global poverty and injustice including the US. Adults and university and high school students take our campaign work further by engaging their communities in advocacy and community giving to make a difference. The world’s problems are big and complex, but when we come together in faith and action our impact knows no bounds. Sacred Heart is a member of the CRS VA Chapter. For information on how to become a member of the VA Chapter, contact **Frank Murphy** [wfmerm377@aol.com](mailto:wfmerm377@aol.com)

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**1-SOUP KITCHEN** | Prepare & serve a hot meal to 60 people each Sunday. POC: Christopher Woods [christopher.L.w99@gmail.com](mailto:christopher.L.w99@gmail.com)

**2-CATHOLIC WORKER SOUP LINE** | Prepare (Sacred Heart kitchen) and serve breakfast to homeless people in Norfolk 3 days a week. POC: Steve & Kim Baggarly [williamsbaggarly@gmail.com](mailto:williamsbaggarly@gmail.com)

**3-THANKSGIVING BASKETS** | Provide food stability to 5 local agencies including Ghent Area Ministry, feed 315 persons for Thanksgiving. POC: Karen Latham [karenoberthal@aol.com](mailto:karenoberthal@aol.com)

**4-BACKPACK & SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION** | July, collect backpacks and school supplies for the migrant workers' children on the Eastern Shore. POC: Susan Daniel [susdan@me.com](mailto:susdan@me.com)

**COMMUNITY PARTNER | GHENT AREA MINISTRY**-GAM mission is to help people find a home, keep their home, find a job etc. As a supportive member of GAM, Sacred Heart is among 18 area churches and temples helping address the economic, social, and human needs of people in transition. Located at 1301 Colonial Avenue, GAM opens its door Mon.-Fri. 10:00 am-2:00 pm with its director Tim Giddens and volunteers providing services that include distributing clothing, providing financial assistance for prescriptions as well as access to dental and vision services, helping citizens who have transportation needs with HRT local for work and health services, assistance with utility and rent payments, and others. When a person in need knocks on the door at Sacred Heart, the staff kindly refers them to GAM for support. Contact Tim G. for possible donations and some volunteer opportunities. Thanks to those of you who are already supporting GAM. [tim@gamnorfolk.org](mailto:tim@gamnorfolk.org) [Ghent Area Ministry](http://GhentAreaMinistry.org) | [Treating People With Dignity and Respect \(gamnorfolk.org\)](http://TreatingPeopleWithDignityandRespect.org)