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JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

[Justice And Peace | Sacred Heart Catholic Church \(sacredheartnorfolk.org\)](#) (see pictures)

Monday, February 5th, 2024, | 7:00 pm – 8:15 pm | Sacred Heart Church, Commons

Attendees: Frank Murphy, Mike Stark, Francesca Smith, William Wallace, Melissa Marquardt, Patricia & Allan Britz

Frank welcomed and thanked all attendees. The goal of this meeting is to pray together, share updates from ministries in the Justice and Peace, the Diocese Office of Social Ministries, the parish, and community partners.

Special intentions were offered: Fr. Paul, Pastor at Sacred Heart, & 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, & Nicolas Valcour. Peace with Justice in Gaza, Ukraine, Haiti, & the world, fair treatment of immigrants, an end to human trafficking, an end to homelessness, empowerment of the poor, protection of the unborn, respect of the environment, & victims of wars.

William offered the opening prayer & REFLECTION followed —Last Sunday Gospel Mk 1:29-39

SIGNS OF THE TIME | ARTICLE

THE SIGNS OF THE TIME: Catholic Virginian—[Home Page - Biweekly Newspaper for the Diocese of Richmond \(catholicvirginian.org\)](#) Some of the articles highlighted.

[Black History Month: The legacy of Venerable Father Augustus Tolton | Act Intentionally during Lent](#)
[Wave of arrests continue for Belarus Catholics as they face up to new restrictions](#)

WHRO News: ODU, Hampton students will engineer flood solutions in 5 Norfolk neighborhoods.

UPDATES

OFFICE OF SOCIAL MINISTRY | Director Tina Wandersee sent this report.

Diocesan Haiti Gathering | Sat. Feb. 17, 2024, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Location: St. Bede Catholic Church - Williamsburg
The Diocesan Haiti Gathering will be held at St. Bede Catholic Church in Williamsburg. This gathering will include a keynote speaker, various breakout sessions, and lunch. Registration fee: \$10 - [Registration has ended](#).

***Shine Conference | Sat., March 2, 2024, 9:00am - 3:00pm**, Location: Church of the Redeemer - Mechanicsville
The Shine Conference is a diocesan-wide gathering for all those doing the works of Social Ministry, living out of the Catholic Social Teachings of the Church, and/or are interested in learning about ways to engage in the Social Teaching of the Church. There will be breakout sessions for Prison Ministry, Racial Justice, Haiti Ministry, Migrant/Refugee Ministry, Parish Social Ministry, and more; Mass led by Bishop Knestout; and a keynote speaker to ground us in CST. It will be a day to nourish and assist those doing the work of social ministry, to foster growth in their work and relationships with each other and God, and to better equip those interested in the work to be able to begin. [Registration fee: \\$15 - Registration Link Coming Soon](#)

PARISH | Announcement of Capital Campaign for Sacred Heart's roof. Plans are also being made for the toilets/plumbing. The Church Mission February 26th-28th.



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PPC | Frank read this note from Fr. Paul: As we begin the 2024 PPC We are excited to welcome the New Members. Mr. Raymond Selg, Louis DeCuir, Betty Facer, Rosa Motta & Beth Driscoll. 2024 We want to say a Special thank you to Mr. Dan Hassett our outgoing Chairperson He did an amazing job and will be missed. Also, a huge Congratulations To our newly elected PPC leadership. Chairperson- Rob Reis, Cochair person- Kevin Larkin Secretary -Meg Leeman. We are all excited to see what is to come this year.

CALENDAR William highlighted the Feb.-March 2024 calendar, here below.

Mike and Francesca reported on The Stations of the Cross lead by Justice & Peace, Fri. March, 15th and the one on March 22, led by Haiti Twinning Ministry.

MINISTRIES' UPDATED REPORTS

1. BREAD FOR THE WORLD'S OFFERING OF LETTERS | Mike

Mike reported that Bread for the World, Writing of Letters will take place in the Commons, April 20th and 21st. after Masses. Stations of the Cross lead by J&P (Mike), is scheduled Friday, March 15th.

2. **CARE FOR CREATION** | Frank reported that the members of that ministry met Mon., Jan. 22nd to discuss goals. The focus this year is to register with Laudato Si Action Platform. There are 7 areas of concern. The Ministry will focus on 2 for the parish. Clean the Street quarterly action is scheduled for Sat., March 16, 8:30am -10:00 am. Please bring your gloves. Keep Norfolk Beautiful will provide the necessary equipment. The next meeting will be Mon. March 18th, 7:00 pm. No meeting in Feb. due to the Mission of the Church 3-day event. Some members will attend this parish event.
3. **CATHOLIC WORKER** | Steve sent this report. The Norfolk Catholic Worker continues to serve a meal on the street 3 mornings a week and to help house a couple dozen people. We can use volunteers on the soupline and, right now, can use ground coffee and as-large-as-possible men's winter gloves. We have an ongoing vigil against war and for nonviolence and nuclear disarmament, as well as one proclaiming Black Lives Matter, as unarmed Black people continue to disproportionately be killed.
4. **CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)** | Frank noted that Sacred Heart is part of the VA CRS Chapter. This group meets via Zoom, the 3rd Wed. of each month to discuss how CRS is addressing climate change, damage done by conflicts and wars. If you wish to attend the CRS Chapter meeting, please contact Frank. Also, to encourage letter writing to state legislators. Frank & Patricia met with Sister Linh regarding CRS Rice Bowl, on Tues., Jan.16. They will set the CRS table in the Commons, Wed. Feb. 12, the day after Mardi-Gras: cardboard bowls, calendar of suggested activities, posters, etc. Bulletin notes have been sent.
5. **DIGNITY OF LIFE** | Patricia reported that the Writing Easter Cards to Elders Workshop is scheduled on **Mon., March 11, 10:00 am-11:15 am**. Tony and Patricia make regular visits to the Planned Parenthood Center in VA Beach to have a Prayerful Presence. Tony attended the March for Life Jan. 19th, Washington DC. Dan Doyle, Patricia & others will go to the March for Life, Feb. 21st, Richmond. We continue our partnership with Hope 4 Life and Crisis Pregnancy Center.
6. **HAITI TWINNING** | Francesca noted HTM met Jan. 2nd. Fr. Paul made the 2nd quarterly wire transfer in Jan. for SG in support of the Lunch, Medical, Teachers, and Self-Sustaining Projects Funds. Susie continues sending Birthday cards for pen pals, and Francesca, notes from pen pals. The Jan. 20th indoor sale helped feed 1 student for 11 months. Next meeting is Feb. 20, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm. Francesca, William, and Patricia to attend the Diocese Annual Haiti Gathering at St. Bede, Feb. 17th. Guest speaker: Richard Joseph, Director of Education, Diocese of Richmond. School continues going well.



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Students will take their 3rd annual set of exams before Holy Week. Also, on Fri., March 1st, the school will celebrate its 11 Inauguration Anniversary. HTM will lead Stations of the Cross March 22, in solidarity with Haiti. Twinning Ministries in our region are turning to prayer time, 1st Tuesday of the month, for violence to dissolve in P-au-P. and nearby towns.

7. SOUP KITCHEN | Christopher sent this report. The ministry continues to serve 50 - 60 hot meals to our guests in person every Sunday. We continue to need help serving our guests from 12:30pm to 2:30pm on the 3rd and 5th Sun. of every month. Our serving team volunteers set up tables, plate the meal, serve our guests, and clean up the commons afterwards. Please contact Christopher Woods if you would like more info. or to volunteer. **The soup kitchen ministry will do its annual food drive in February.**

WINTER SHELTER | Frank read Jenny Wernly updated report. The Ghent Area Winter Shelter is in full swing. Thank you for all the interest and care for our neighbors experiencing homelessness! jenny.wernly@trinitynorfolk.com

First Presbyterian hosted a successful shelter December 17-30, and so did The Basilica at St. Mary's, December 31-January 21, and Saint Andrews, January 21-27. Thank you all for your support.

Now, the public online signups are for Crossroads, January 28-February 3. However, there may be more dates posted as we make our way through the winter. Additionally, New Life and St. Andrews welcome inquiries about volunteering and contact information for them is below.

1. If you would like to volunteer at Crossroads Church ([1127 Surrey Cres](#)) January 28-Feb 3, you can [sign up online](#). [CrossRoads Church - Norfolk - Winter Shelter \(crcnorfolk.com\)](#)
2. If you would like to volunteer at New Life Ghent ([1420 Colonial Avenue](#)) February 18-March 2, please reach out to LaRhonda McLean at larhondamclean@gmail.com.

POSSIBLE COMMUNITY PARTNERS' REPORTS:

CRISIS PREGNANCY | Wendy Manos | Vice President of Community Relations

HOPE 4 LIFE | Caig Eller | Director

GHENT AREA MINISTRY | Tim G. Project Director & WINTER SHELTER | Frank

VA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | Nancy Perry, Major Gift Officer

CATHOLIC CHARITY | Tracey Fick, President & CEO

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Indoor Sale "Feed 1 Child, 1 Sale at Time" March 9, 10:00 am-2:00 pm | Fred Huette Center, Ghent
- Fair Trade Coffee Out of Parish Sale available at meetings
- Next J&P meeting, March 4th, 7:00 pm-8:15 pm

William offered the closing prayer "A Prayer for Peace" written by Pope Francis.

February, 2024	
SOUP KITCHEN FOOD DRIVE, FOOD SECURITY/OPTION FOR THE POOR & VULNERABLE, BLACK HISTORY MONTH	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
2/3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25	Soup Kitchen Food Drive
2/5-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Commons Wendy Manos Crisis Pregnancy



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2/12-	Lincoln's Birthday
2/20-Tues.	Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) Meeting, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm-Commons
*2/21-	March For Life Richmond
2/18-	Nicolas Valcour's Memorial Mass
*2/19-Mon.	Presidents 'Day & Washington's Bday
*2/13-Tuesday	Mardi-Gras
2/22-	We remember Nicolas Valcour (9/9/60-2/22/22)
*2/14-	Ash Wed., Lent Starts, CRS Rice Bowl (ORB) Set Table/Commons, 40 Days for Life Starts (end Palm Sun./Apr. 5)
2/16, 23, 3/1,8,15,22	Stations of the Cross #1 (Staff)
2/17&18, 24&25	Week 1-6 CRS Rice Bowl (ORB)
2/26-28 Church Mission	Care For Creation Meeting, Feb. 26 th 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Canceled, members will attend Church Mission
March, 2024	
POWER OF ALMSGIVING, CRS LENT RICE BOWL, 40 DAYS FOR LIFE	
Sundays	Soup Kitchen
Tues./Thur./Sat. weekly	Catholic Worker, Soupline
3/1	11th Anniversary of the Dedication of the St. Gabriel School
2/16, 23, 3/1,8,15,22	Fri. 7 Stations of the Cross, 6:00 pm in church #1 Staff, #2 Christian Formation, #3 Choir, # 4 PPC, #5 J&P, #6 HTM
3/4-	Justice & Peace Meeting, 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm, Commons Crisis Pregnancy
3/2&3,9&10,16&17, 23&24	Week 1-6 CRS Operation Rice Bowl (ORB)
3/10	We remember Neil Walsh (8/25/46-3/10/20)
3/11-	Easter Workshop, Write to Elders 10:00 am-11:15 am Bring Religious Easter cards, & stamps
3/12-	Haiti Twinning Ministry (HTM) 6:00 pm light dinner, meeting 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Commons
*3/16-	Winter Street Clean Up, 8:45 am - 10:30 pm (Care for Creation Team & Volunteers)
3/17-	Neil Walsh's Memorial Mass
3/18-(Mon.)	Care For Creation Meeting, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm-Commons
3/22	International Water Day
3/24	Palm Sunday/End of 40 Days for Life & CRS Rice Bowl
3/25-	CRS Take Down Table
3/22	St. Gabriel Feast Day of the Annunciation (Novena/Litany to Arcangel St Gabriel, 16th-24th)
3/29-	Good Friday, Stations of the Cross, St. Mary's Basilica, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
3/31-	Easter

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PARTNERS | **Tina Wandersee**, Director of the Diocesan Office of Social Ministries (1/11/23), **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 (weekly communication), **Nancy Perry** Major Gift Officer, VA Supportive Housing/Richmond (9/11/23), **Steve Baggarly** Norfolk Catholic Worker & Sowers of Justice (guest 1/9/24), **Jimmy Culpepper** CRS & Immigration (5/1/23), **Jay Brown** CCC, , **Marla Newby** Reentry Coordinator, **Ed Marroni** Holy Family/Environment & Sowers of Justice, **Pam Boatwright** Elizabeth River Projects, **Fleta Jackson** Keep Norfolk Beautiful, **Stephanie Cuffee** | Volunteer Coordinator FoodBank of Southeastern VA & The Eastern Shore (guest, 3/7/22), **Jeff Caruso** VA Catholic Conference, **Wendy Manos**, Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tideware, **Louantha Kerr**, Director Hope 4 Life (Craig Eller 1/8/24), **Joann**



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Wagner (Birthright Pregnancy Center), **Denise Parker** Health Educator-FAMIS Department of Medical Assistance Services Commonwealth of VA (5/3/21 guest), **Kathy Bredimus** St. Peter the Apostle's Migrant Worker Coordinator (12/11/23 picked up Christmas gifts), **Tracy Fick** Director & CEO Catholic Charity (guest 11/6/23), **Andrea Wiegard**, Catholic Charity, Senior Care Program (5/9/22), **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)