

APRIL 2024 BULLETIN NOTES | JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

Justice And Peace | Sacred Heart Catholic Church (sacredheartnorfolk.org)

APRIL 2024 CALENDAR

- 4/8 Justice and Peace meeting | Commons, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm POC: Frank M. & Patricia
4/15 Care for Creation meeting | Commons, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm POC: Frank M.
4/16 Haiti Twinning Ministry | Commons, 6:00 pm simple dinner-6:30 pm-7:30 pm meeting POC: Brendan P.
4/20 & 21 Bread for the World, Writing of Letters after Masses POC: Mike Stark
4/27 & 28 May Baby Items Collection (Hope 4 Life & Crisis Pregnancy) Week 1 (4) POC: Patricia

April 6/7-2024

CARE FOR CREATION | The Ryan Resilience Lab of the Elizabeth River Project is a new facility on Colley Avenue in Norfolk that explores how rising seas levels will affect us all. The Lab is offering free tours and events this spring to help us learn how to respond to sea level rise. Visit <http://elizabethriver.org> to book a tour of the facility or register for an event to learn more about how you can act for urban coastal resilience.



TWIN PARISH ST. GABRIEL (SG), HAITI | Twinning identifies the quality of the relationship between the communities in VA and the community in Haiti. It signifies a peer relationship between brothers and sisters based on a strong faith. Sacred Heart and SG, Lascahobas, Haiti have been twinned for 16 years! Members and community friends have made 21 visits to our twin parish. Since COVID started and with increased political unrests, we do not visit but still keep in close contact with our family there, via WhatsApp. They appreciate receiving greetings cards on special occasions. In addition to a growth in faith and relationship, Sacred Heart helps support the SG School Pre-K-13th Grades, this way: **6 teachers' salary, 1 nurse' salary, 21 scholarships, lunch for 11 students, some medical assistance, textbooks, and some investment in self-sustainable projects.** For more information, view the HaitiMinistry website. POC | Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com

CRISIS PREGNANCY CENTER Walk for Life is one of the biggest annual fundraisers for Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater. There will be 3 Walk for Life events this year: April 13 at Chesapeake Park, April 20 at Town Center – Virginia Beach, April 27 at the Norfolk Zoo. Please consider participating as a walker or sponsoring someone to raise funds for this important ministry. POC: Lisa Barker at (757) 714-9292 or email zazagramps@gmail.com. To donate, go to <https://walkforlife.cpcfriends.org/lbarkema>.

April 13/14-2024

HOPE 4 LIFE | Please mark your calendars for the 10th annual Hope 4 Life banquet to be held on Saturday, June 22 at Saint Matthew Catholic School Gym, 3314 Sandra Ln, Virginia Beach, VA 23464. Reception begins at 6:30 PM. Banquet starts at 7:00 PM. The guest speaker is Dr. Kathy Aultman. There is a Saturday vigil Mass at 5:30 PM at Saint Matthew. For registration, please contact Louantha Kerr-louantha@gmail.com

THE VIRGINIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE is the public policy agency representing Virginia's Catholic bishops and their two dioceses. If you are not a member of the Conference's advocacy network, click here or go to vacatholic.org, to receive regular Conference email alerts and updates.

PREGNANT AND NEED HELP? CLICK HERE TO FIND PREGNANCY RESOURCES OFFERED BY OUR TWO DIOCESES.

[Catholic-Crisis-Pregnancy-Resources-in-Virginia-Final-July-2022.pdf \(vacatholic.org\)](#)

April 20/21-2024

CARE FOR CREATION | Earth Day 2024 is April 22nd. Earth Day is more than a day. It is a movement. The Earth Day theme this year is Planet vs Plastics. To learn more about the consequences of plastic use and how you can reduce plastics in the environment take the Plastic Pollution quiz at <https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-quiz/>. After completing the quiz decide what action you will take to use plastics responsibly.

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MAY BABY ITEMS COLLECTION | Sacred Heart will conduct a collection of baby items in the Commons April 27th-May 19th for Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater and Hope 4 Life (hope4lifeva.com). Please pick up or take a picture of the suggested list on the table in the Commons and drop off your donations in the playpen. Thank you. Announcement.



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY | SAVE THE DATE

Sacred Heart Church will celebrate its 17th ANNIVERSARY IN TWINNING, **Sun. May 5th**, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm in the Commons with a free dinner, presentation on Education in Haiti, and our twin parish's school Saint Gabriel Pre-K-13, live music, and a raffle. Meet-and-greet will start at 3:45 pm. All are welcome. RSVP: Patricia 757-621-1860

April 27-28-2024

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF EASTERN VIRGINIA

- Mental health counselling for all ages. Call 757-467-7707.
- Caring for an older adult in your home? Our in-home respite services can give you a break from caregiving. Call 757-937-4651.
- Donate your old vehicle to our programs for a tax break. We tow from anywhere at no cost to you. Call 757-456-2366.
- Help us serve 8,000 local families in need from direct aid to accompaniment into self-sustainability. Visit www.cceva.org to make a donation or drop off diapers and baby items to our office at 1132 Pickett Rd. Norfolk.
- Stay updated by following us on social media! Facebook: cceva.org, Instagram: [@cceva9132](https://www.instagram.com/cceva9132), LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/company/cceva/ POC | **Erin Vance**, Marketing Coordinator

JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY | This ministry is the umbrella over 10 social and environment ministries. Its members meet the first Monday of the month in the church Commons to share the impact each ministry has on our Common Home and our One Unique Family. If you wish for more information on any of these ministries, please contact the coordinators. POC | Frank Murphy wfmerm377@aol.com & Patricia Britz patprovence1@yahoo.com

1. **Advent Giving Tree Ministry**, POC: Pam Housler pamhousler@cox.net
2. **Bread for the World**, POC: Mike Stark mpstark@aol.com
3. **Care for Creation**, POC: Frank Murphy wfmerm377@aol.com
4. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, Rice Bowl, POC: Frank Murphy wfmerm377@aol.com
5. **Catholic Worker Soup Line**, POC: Steve & Kim Baggarly williamsbaggarly@gmail.com
6. **Dignity of Life**, POC: Patricia Britz patprovence1@yahoo.com **Looking for a Coordinator**
7. **Haiti Twinning Ministry**, POC: Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com
8. **Soup Kitchen**, POC: Christopher Woods christopher.L.w99@gmail.com
9. **Thanksgiving Basket**, POC: Karen Latham karenoberthal@aol.com
10. **Backpacks & School Supplies Collection**, POC: Susan Daniel susdan@me.com



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