

JUNE 2024 BULLETIN NOTES | JUSTICE & PEACE COMMITTEE

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

JUNE 2024 CALENDAR

6/3 Justice and Peace meeting | Commons, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm POC: Patricia Britz

6/11 Haiti Twinning meeting | Commons, 6:00 pm simple dinner-6:30 pm-7:30 pm meeting POC: Brendan Pigott

6/17 Care for Creation meeting | Commons, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm POC: Annette Field

June 1st & 2nd 2024

CARE FOR CREATION | On June 5th the United Nations recognizes World Environment Day. Take a moment this Wednesday to think about the state of the environment and how you can do your part to protect and restore our common home. In *Laudate Deum*, Pope Francis wrote that “personal, family and community habits are helping to bring about large processes of transformation rising from deep within society.” Be part of the transformation.

Sacred Heart Parish has committed to the support of Keep Norfolk Beautiful (KNB) by picking up litter on Princess Anne Road on a quarterly basis. We will be continuing that project on Saturday, June 15, from 8:30 – 10:30 AM. We will begin gathering in the parking lot at 8:15. Please bring gloves and join us. If you have any questions, call Annette Field at 757-535-4443. See you then!

JUSTICE & PEACE | The Christian ideal is not to live entirely independently, but to help one another. Service can take the form of material gifts to Soup Kitchen, Baby Items Collection, Thanksgiving Baskets, Advent Giving Tree, Catholic Worker, and Backpack Collection and/or through the gift of time and presence, writing to our elders, and parishioners at our twin parish, St. Gabriel, Haiti, Clean the Street. For information on volunteering in one of the 10 social and environmental ministries at Sacred Heart, contact Patricia Britz patprovence1@yahoo.com. Pray about how you may be an instrument of God’s peace and love.

June 8th & 9th 2024

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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

JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY | This ministry is the umbrella over 10 social and environmental ministries. Its members, one for each ministry, meet on the first Monday of the month in the church Commons to share the impact their individual ministries have on our Common Home and our One Unique Family. POC: 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: Annette Field Annette.msfile@gmail.com
4. **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, Rice Bowl, POC: Patricia Britz patprovence1@yahoo.com

5. **Catholic Worker Soupline**, POC: Steve & Kim Baggarly williamsbaggarly@gmail.com
6. **Dignity of Life from Conception to Natural Death**, POC: Tony Mentasana tonyment@verizon.net
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

June 15th & 16th 2024

CARE FOR CREATION | Sometimes we take clean water for granted. Take the following steps to use water wisely.

- Check for leaky faucets and toilets.
- Turn the faucet off when brushing your teeth.
- Take shorter showers.
- Replace thirsty lawns with drought-tolerant Virginia native plants.

COMMUNITY PARTNER | VIRGINIA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING will break ground on the renovation and expansion of Gosnold Apartments in the spring of 2025. The project will include a complete renovation of the current structure and an expansion that will bring 40 additional units, thus allowing VSH to take in 40 more individuals in the area who have been experiencing long-term homelessness. This increase from 60 to 100 units will make Gosnold Apartments the largest permanent housing building in the State of VA. While this is a sizeable project and will take a considerable amount of time to complete, no current residents will be without housing. During the phased construction process, residents will be offered housing in a nearby efficiency-style motel with full amenities. As important partners in Virginia Supportive Housing's journey to help to end homelessness in VA, Father Paul and parishioners at Sacred Heart are so very much appreciated. This project would not be possible without your support. Thank you so much!

June 22nd & 23rd 2024

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.



HAITI MINISTRY | 17th YEAR IN TWINNING | We continue praying for our twin parish, St. Gabriel as the 9th and 12th Graders are preparing to take their national exams. The students and teachers are grateful for the textbooks they received thanks to your generosity at Christmas. It helped them to follow the rigorous curriculum with the resources they need. May they succeed in their exams and move on to the next level. 21.5% of the population in Haiti receive a secondary level education. Mostly those students wish to be agronomists, doctors, nurses, educators, computer technicians etc. Jean Bedel, a St. Gabriel graduate is graduating this month as a transitional deacon. He will continue his studies to become a priest. For more information about this ministry, contact: Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com

CATHOLIC WORKER SOUPLINE | We are in our 30th year of preparing for our morning soupline at the Sacred Heart kitchen. We are at the church on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday for an hour or so, preparing for the following morning's serving. We serve on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday mornings from 6-9 am. There are some 150 volunteers who make sandwiches, boil eggs, collect clothing and toiletries or help us to serve. We are in need of fruit on Saturdays, except the 1st Saturday of the month. POC: Steve Baggarly williamsbaggarly@gmail.com

June 29th & 30th 2024

COMMUNITY PARTNERS | TIDEWATER SOWERS OF JUSTICE | Do you carry deep concern for people impacted by racism, lack of affordable housing and healthcare, immigration laws, high rates of incarceration, climate, and many other injustices? You are not alone! The

Tidewater Sowers of Justice is a faith-based group that addresses social justice causes of our world.

We invite you to come and journey with us. We meet on the second Friday of each month in different churches to learn about, accept and respond to the challenges of the Gospel. Next meeting, June 14th, 10:00 am-noon with fellowship is at 9:30 am, St. Therese's Catholic Church, 4137 Portsmouth Blvd, Chesapeake, VA 23321.

POC. Anita Ward (757) 630-9091

We serve 50-70 people each morning on the street, and we make 60 bag lunches each week to share with people living at the city shelter. We'll serve some 9,000 meals on the street this year and provide the shelter with another 3,000. What we need most right now is fruit on Saturdays. Thank you, Sacred Heart. POC: Steve Baggarly williamsbaggarly@gmail.com

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES, FARM BILL | CRS focuses its advocacy on the Farm Bill's foreign trade and international food aid programs, specifically Food for Peace Title II, Food for Progress, McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Farmer-to-Farmer. These U.S. international food assistance programs provide life-saving emergency food aid to millions of people experiencing hunger and malnutrition as well as build a pathway towards resiliency so that communities can once again provide for themselves and thrive. They support smallholder farmers and strengthen agricultural sectors, promoting global sustainable economic growth. They also support communities with capacity building, and foster self-sufficiency, decreasing the need for future humanitarian assistance.