

May 2024 BULLETIN NOTES | JUSTICE & PEACE MINISTRY

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

MAY 2024 CALENDAR

5/5 Parish 17th Anniversary in twinning with St. Gabriel Parish, Haiti | Free Dinner, Raffle-Commons 4:00 pm-5:30 pm. In lieu of meeting. POC: Brendan Pigott

5/13 Justice & Peace meeting | Commons, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm Guest Speaker, Nancy Perry from VA Supporting Housing, Wendy Manos from Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater. POC Patricia Britz

4/20 Care for Creation | Social, out of parish in lieu of meeting

4/27 & 28 – 5/4 & 5, 5/11 & 12, 5/18 & 19 May Baby Items Collection (Hope 4 Life & Crisis Pregnancy) 4 Weeks. POC: Tony Mentasana

May 4/5-2024

MAY BABY ITEMS COLLECTION | Sacred Heart is conducting its Annual Baby Items Collection in the Commons April 27th-May 19th in support of Crisis Pregnancy Center of Tidewater (cpcfriends.org) 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 by May 19th. Thank you.



HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY | Sacred Heart Parish will celebrate its 17th ANNIVERSARY IN TWINNING with Saint Gabriel Parish, Haiti, **Sun. May 5th**, 4:00 pm-5:30 pm in the Commons with a free dinner, presentation on education in Haiti (Kathy Dowdy, Haiti Education Support Team Chair for the Richmond Diocese), and at our twin parish's school St. Gabriel Pre-K-13, live music, and a raffle. Meet-and-greet will start at 3:45 pm. All are welcome. RSVP: Patricia Britz 757-621-1860

Get Recycling Right – Use the Hampton Roads Recycling Guide

Recycling is a big issue in Hampton Roads. Supporters say that it is essential. Foes say that it is costly and ineffective. While the debate continues, our responsible action is to recycle correctly. To learn more about proper recycling, visit https://askhrgreen.org/gtk-gtd/recycling-lookup/hampton/?gad_source=1&gclid=EAIaIaQobChMItpyNzKm9hQMVwkdHAR3XzwFfEAAYASAAEgK8s_D_BwE If recycling is worth doing, it is worth doing correctly.

May 11/12-2024



OUR 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 17 years! Members and community friends have made 21 visits to our twin parish. At present, we 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: **8 teachers' salary, 1 nurse' salary, 21 scholarships, lunch for 11 students, some medical assistance, textbooks, and some self-sustainable projects assistance.** For more info., view the [HaitiMinistry website](#). POC | Brendan Pigott bp2004bch@aol.com

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COMMUNITY PARTNER | VIRGINIA SUPPORTIVE HOUSING | VSH mission is to end homelessness by providing permanent housing and supportive services. The renovation and expansion of Gosnold Apartments will include the new construction of 41 studio units for a total of 100 units. 59 of the existing 60 units will be fully renovated and all features, finishes, and equipment will be replaced. Each unit will be appropriately 375 square feet and feature a kitchenette with full-size appliances and a full bathroom. Units will be fully furnished with a bed, nightstand, dresser, table, and two chairs. The expansion will increase the number of fully accessible units from 9 to 15 as well as add 2 units for individuals with sensory impairments. POC Nancy Perry nperry@virginiassupportivehousing.org

May 18/19-2024

Celebrate Laudato Si Week | Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical on care for our common home, is nine years old this year. To celebrate each anniversary of Laudato Si the Vatican celebrates Laudato Si Week. Laudato Si' Week 2024 (May 19-26) begins on Pentecost, the feast that celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles. During Laudato Si Week we are called to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2). Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us to see the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises. This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the symbol for Season of Creation 2024, "firstfruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

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HAITI TWINNING MINISTRY | We recognize and thank Susie Clapham, Francesca Smith, and Sherry Laine for their dedication to writing notes and greeting cards to Fr. Fitho Jean, pastor at our twin parish, Saint Gabriel, and some of his parishioners. Each year, they create, and send via WhatsApp, cards for Christmas, Easter, Anniversary in twinning (17 this year), Birthdays, Mother's, and Father's Day. Mesi anpil! Thanks a lot for bringing hope to our twin parish! If you wish to write a note or create cards to someone at St. Gabriel, please contact Francesca Smith smithf236@verizon.net

May 25/26-2024

DIGNITY OF LIFE MINISTRY encompasses several issues and initiatives that support the foundational Catholic moral principle that all human life is sacred from conception until natural death. This ministry works closely with Catholic organizations like the Virginia Catholic Conference, Catholic Charities of Eastern Virginia, and Commonwealth Catholic Charities to help refer people for direct services where needed. It also coordinates prayerful visits in front of the Planned Parenthood in VA Beach and collaborates with local organizations: Crisis Pregnancy, Hope 4 Life, and Birthright. The members of this ministry also write greeting cards to our elders at Christmas and Easter. POC | Patricia Britz patprovencl@yahoo.com

DID YOU KNOW? | Food for Peace is an international hunger-reducing program in the [Farm Bill](#) that provides lifesaving food aid during emergencies. In addition, its long-term development programs address the root causes of hunger and help communities lift themselves out of poverty. Catholic Relief Services (CRS)

COMMUNITY PARTNER | TFC Recycling is proud to be a Justice and Peace Ministry Community Partner. The family business was started in Hampton Road in 1973, by Joseph and Susann Benedetto. Their son, Michael "Recycle" Benedetto continues to operate the business as its President and CEO. Michael has been employed by TFC Recycling since the 1980's and has helped the business grow to over 350 employees (training) and serving over 500,000 customers. TFC Recycling provides commercial and curbside recycling services which support environmental stewardship and sustainability. By recycling, we reduce harmful emissions and reuse natural resources which contribute to cleaner air and water and protect our blessed Earth for our children and the generations to come. To arrange for a tour of the TFC Recycling Materials Recovery Facility or for questions, please contact Michael "Recycle" Benedetto at 757-222-2173 or via email at mbenedetto@tfcrecycling.com Thank you so much!