

**Welcome!** We welcome everyone here today. Mass is celebrated each week at 8:30am on Sunday, and at 11am on Thursdays. Thursday Mass is preceded by a Eucharistic Holy Hour, 10 – 11am.

**Reconciliation:** Fr. Ferguson is available Sundays at 8:00 a.m., on Thursdays prior to Mass, or by appointment. In case of medical emergencies, Father's cell number is 757-871-7761

Fr Anthony posts his homily each week following Sunday on the web site Casting Out Fear, <https://castingoutfear.org/author/artferg/>

### **Prayer Requests**

*God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have abundance for every good work. (2 Cor. 9:8)* Please pray for the terminally ill, the sick, for those who are recovering, as well as the following people:

- All our parishioners who are struggling with chronic illness and pain; For the elderly and infirm, that they may have courage, strength and good cheer in their daily struggle with weakness and infirmity;
- Chris Cole; Bill Murray; Brenda Stephan's niece Christie Dickerson; Tanya Marx; Mike Fricker, a co-worker of Michael Marx; Lois Hunter; Tanya Marx; Norman Hollie, the Metro's son-in-law; Phil Haurus & his wife Linda; Jessie Spencer, father of 6 children, treated for brain cancer; Ken Walker; Frank Altieri, brother of Chris Sokol's friend who is being treated for cancer;
- For all those who have recently lost their jobs;
- For all those struggling with depression or mental illness;
- For the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine;
- For all refugees fleeing war or persecution;
- For greater stability of governments;
- For Christians who live in pagan, Muslim, or Communist countries who are unable to practice our holy religion;
- For all law-enforcement personnel;
- For all veterans who have served our country.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Judith Garbera, Andy Maderspach's mother. Pray also for comfort to Andy and his family. A memorial Mass will be held on Thursday, May 22 at 11am at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Parishioners of Holy Family are invited to attend.

For Pope Francis - *"O God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."*

**Announcements** - If anyone has an announcement to be made in church, please let Brenda know prior to Mass on Sunday for it to be added.

**Lectors for next week, 6/7/25:** Lectors – George Zolovick & Andy Metro; Alternate – Jim Vollbrecht

**Offertory:** Counter for this week – Suzy Bane. Offering for the last 2 weeks: \$2271

As we prepare for the new fiscal year, please notify Karen if you would like to receive offertory envelopes OR if you are currently receiving them, and no longer want to use them.

[bookkeeper@holyspiritcatholic.net](mailto:bookkeeper@holyspiritcatholic.net)

Also, any correspondence for Holy Family should be addressed to:

Holy Family  
C/O Holy Spirit Bookkeeper  
355 Independence Blvd.  
Christiansburg, VA 24073

**Parish Life** – We usually have donuts after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of each month and potluck on the last Sunday of the month. Instead of donuts on the 2nd Sunday in June, we will have a special Father's Day Brunch on June 15th after Mass. Cake and chicken fingers will be provided. Please sign up for suggested sides to help. The sheet is in the entry hall.

Our regular Potluck will be on the last Sunday. Please bring whatever dishes you'd like to share as usual.

**Bishop's Appeal update** – Holy Family had met 90% of our appeal goal for a total of \$3519.18. If you have contributed, thank you for your generosity! If not, there is still time to participate in the Appeal.

**Parish 60th Anniversary** The planning committee will be mailing invites to the August 17<sup>th</sup> Celebration with Bishop Knestout next month.

**Parish Birthdays** – Jim Thompson 6/6, Katherine Blackburn 6/8, Dina Wood 6/9, George Zolovick 6/15, Brenda Stephan 6/21, Andy Metro, Sr 6/24, Colleen Altizer 6/27. Do you have a birthday in June? Please let Chris Sokol know. We would love to celebrate you!

**Parish Council** – The Council usually meets the 2nd Thursday each month. You may send comments, suggestions, etc. for the Parish Council to holyfamilyva589@gmail.com

**Food Pantry Sunday**– Please help support the Giles County Christian Service Mission Food Pantry. A basket will be placed in the narthex on the first Sunday of each month and volunteers will deliver it to the pantry. Together we can help others thrive.

**Who To Contact in the Parish:**

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Parish Council	
Pastoral Care	Brenda Stephan 540-599-2438
Justice & Peace Committee	Teresa Savage 540- 921-3098
Maintenance/Planning	Jim Thompson 540-544-7145
Bookkeeper	
Religious Education	Suzy Bane 256-430-6910
Parish Life	Katherine Blackburn 540-696-8861
Hostel Committee	Andy Metro 540-588-9102
Liturgy Committee	Brenda Stephan 540-599-2438.

Do you have items for the bulletin? Would you like to receive the bulletin by e-mail? Contact Chris Sokol, at csokol17@gmail.com or call 540-818-8442 to leave a voice mail or text message.

**Holy Family Catholic Church  
June 1, 2025**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter – Ascension of the Lord**



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