

Get to Know the Appalachian Region

(Under the care of our Appalachian Twinning Ministry)

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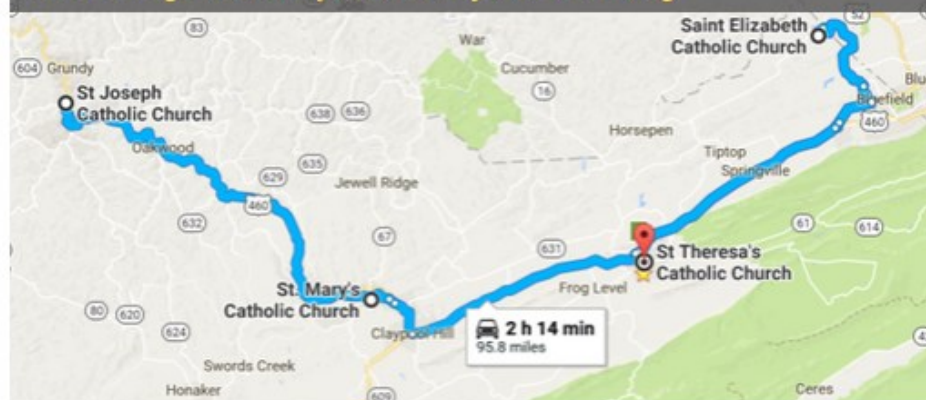
HOLY FAMILY PARISH

Holy Family Parish was formed in 2010, bringing together the four churches across Tazewell and Buchanan Counties in Southwest Virginia:

- St. Joseph Parish | Grundy
- St. Theresa Parish | Tazewell
- St. Mary Parish | Richlands
- St. Elizabeth Parish | Pocahontas

These four different and distinct communities blend together into one (HOLY) family, under the care of a single priest, Fr. Eric Anokye, who travels roughly 96 miles (2.5 hours) one way to celebrate four Masses every weekend.

Interesting Fact: Maryland is only 96 miles long



OUR CONNECTION TO THE REGION

St. Michael Catholic Church has a *twinning* relationship with the four parishes of Holy Family Parish. Through the Appalachian Twinning Ministry, our parish supports low-income and poverty-level families in Southwest Virginia by pairing our resources with Holy Family Parish. We support the families who struggle in these communities, as well as the community as a whole.

Fr. Eric Anokye



St. Elizabeth Parish | Pocahontas

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 22

- 120 years old
- Shows its character, beauty, and craftsmanship with 10 life-sized murals and beautiful stained-glass windows



St. Joseph Parish | Grundy

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 9

- Began as early as 1951
 - first building built in 1967
- Been through several renovations
 - stained-glass window in honor of founding priest



St. Mary Parish | Richlands

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 24

- Began in 1954
- Renovations through the years
- In 2006, most recent renovation
 - Bishop DiLorenzo attended the dedication



St. Theresa Parish | Tazewell

Mass Attendance Last Weekend: 44

- Earliest beginnings in 1842
- In 1951 the Tazewell Ladies Guild led community expansion
 - chose St. Theresa as patron saint
- New church dedicated in 1968