



# SUNDAY BULLETIN

## *Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown*

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**January 24, 2021**

Parish Staff Contacts: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/staff>

Pandemic Protocols: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/reopening>

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### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE: "Am I Becoming 'Too Political' in my Homilies?"**

I am glad that you have asked the question.

Respecting the inherent dignity of human life--at every stage and condition, of every race and ethnicity--is a **moral issue**. **Catholics must approach anything in life from the perspective of the teaching of Christ and His Church**. Christ teaches that our treatment of others with affect our salvation (e.g., *Matthew* 25:31-46). Christ also teaches that through His Church (e.g., *1 John* 4:20-21).

Because **some Catholics allow their political affiliation to become paramount**, some would say that being against abortion is a "conservative" issue and talking about overcoming racism is a "liberal" issue. For others, talking about opposing abortion is a moral issue but opposing racism or mob violence is a political issue.

**This is a reason why the Catholic witness becomes impaired**. The light of Christ within us becomes overshadowed when we give more credence to what a politician, political party, or cable news pundit says. Not what Christ teaches in His Gospel, and the social teachings of the Church, which are based on His Gospel.

Join me in an examination of conscience. How much time do we spend in forming our consciences through prayer, worship, and reading the Bible and the Catechism? Compare that to how much time you spend consuming cable news, opinion media, and social media. **Who or what has the greatest influence in forming our approach to life?**

**The third part of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* uses the Ten Commandments to teach about the practical aspects of experiencing life in Christ**. This includes how we will live as citizens of a nation. The faith that we profess in the Nicene Creed, is celebrated in the sacraments, and practiced in concrete ways. **I invite you to join me in reading it.**

**The Catechism of the Catholic Church**

**USCCB link:** <https://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church>

**Holy See link:** <https://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/INDEX.HTM>

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that abortion is a violation of the Fourth Commandment. (#2270). Respecting the inherent dignity of human life from the moment of conception must be codified in law (#2273). Overcoming racism is a moral imperative because racism contradicts God's will (#1935). Any effects on society need to be addressed, including by legislation (#1930 - #1931).

**Crafting appropriate legislation is a prudential judgment. But we cannot be ambiguous about, opposing abortion and supporting persons to choose life. The same with overcoming the consequences of racism in society.**

When we give an account of our lives before God, we will not be able to justify ignoring the divine commandments because it did not agree with our political stance or any other reason. CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, Newsmax, OAN, a political party, etc. cannot save us from sin and death. Only the Lord Jesus is the Savior

**.The Pastor's Message continues the next page.**

## PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

The foundation for a promising future is to receive what Christ teaches in His Church, whether it comforts or challenges us. According to Christ, those who do not put them into practice will face utter destruction if they do not repent. Those who are striving to do so will receive the grace of perseverance and everlasting joy (cf. Matthew 7:21-27). It is a sobering lesson for all of us

As an unworthy servant, I have been entrusted with the care of souls. I will have to give an account of the stewardship that Christ has given to me through His Church. If you have read this message until now, I hope that you will realize that I am not being political. I am being a pastor.

Want to talk with me about it? Do not be afraid. We can talk via phone, virtually. or in person.

### WELCOME BACK, DARRON C. WOODUS!

During Holy Mass last weekend, I announced that Darron C. Woodus is returning to our parish to serve as my Pastoral Associate. His responsibilities will include the areas of liturgy, community outreach, and business and facilities management. He served as our parish Director of Faith Formation from 2016 – 2018. Then he served as the Pastoral Associate to Bishop Denis Madden, the Urban Vicar for the Archbishop. In addition to having pastoral and ministerial experience, he has extensive experience in the banking industry. I praise God that he is returning to serve our parish, effective February 1, 2021.

### PERSEVERE IN PRAYER

Please join me in prayer for an end to this pandemic. May our efforts to slow its spread succeed. May those who are not cooperating with these efforts have a change of heart. May those who are providing safety, medical care, and other necessary services be protected as they serve with integrity.

May the peace of Christ be with you and with all.

Father Raymond Harris | Email: [RHarris@archbalt.org](mailto:RHarris@archbalt.org) | Phone: 410.922.3800, ext. 6

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## REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

**Read Mark 1:14-20.** "After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: 'This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel'" (vv.14-15). The Gospel is the life, teaching, passion, death on the cross, resurrection from the dead, and ascension of our Lord into heaven. The Gospel is the words of His teaching and the witness of His life. The Gospel is the coming of God to share in our humanity in all things but sin, in order to heal us of sin, and restore us to our full humanity as we share in God's very life. It involves accepting a message from God that is comforting. "This is the time of fulfillment." It involves accepting a message from God that is challenging. "Repent, and believe in the gospel." Accept the entirety of the Gospel of God.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church #1427:** "Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.' In the Church's preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life."

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## SUNDAY HOLY MASS READINGS

**January 24: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 + Psalm 25:4-9  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31 + Mark 1:14-20

**February 7: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 + Psalm 95:1-2, 6-9  
1 Corinthians 7:32-35 + Mark 1:21-28

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## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

**Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity:** May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

### THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday at 4 PM  
Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM  
*"first come, first served" seating.*  
*Maximum of 100 can attend*

### WEEKDAYS

Monday – Friday at 8:30 AM  
*"first come, first served" seating.*  
*Maximum of 100 can attend*  
*Rosary is prayed at 8 AM*

Father Harris will revisit the issue of adding a third Sunday Holy Mass before the end of the year.

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## HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for January 23 – 29

**Saturday, January 23 at 4 PM**  
Gary Gray †

**Sunday, January 24 at 7:30 AM**  
The People of Holy Family Parish

**Sunday, January 24 at 11 AM**  
John Gast †

**Monday, January 25 at 8:30 AM**  
Kelly Molino

**Tuesday, January 26 at 8:30 AM**  
Jean Alexander

**Wednesday, January 27 at 8:30 AM**  
Carol & Jessica Woodall

**Thursday, January 28 at 8:30 AM**  
Dolores Gertz †

**Friday, January 29 at 8:30 AM**  
Dolores Gertz †

† means a member of the faithful departed

Options to submit your request s for Mass Intentions (suggested donation is \$10).

- **by visiting the Parish Office** (open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM)
  - **by phone:** Monday - Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM (410-922-3800, ext. 4)
  - **email:** [kerry.topel@archbalt.org](mailto:kerry.topel@archbalt.org)
  - **mail:** Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133
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## CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**Tuesday • 9 AM – 10 AM**  
**Thursday • 9 AM – 10 AM** with Eucharistic Adoration  
**Saturday • 2:30 PM – 4 PM**

You must follow the protocols as noted on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/reopening>), including wearing a mask in the church building at all times.

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## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Learn more: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/penance>

**Saturday • 2:45 – 3:45 PM**  
**Other times:** by appointment with Father Harris in person

*Has it been awhile? Do not be afraid! Ask the priest to help you. Receive God's healing mercy.*

## CONNECTED: GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER

*Whether we can worship in the parish church on The Lord's Day or not at this time, we are spiritually connected as we continue to grow as disciples of Christ within His Church. We continue to fulfill our parish mission.*

### PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Holy Family Parish is to help people to believe in Christ, belong to His Church, and bless our communities. We strive to fulfill our mission through worship, evangelization, faith formation, stewardship, fellowship, and service.

### CONNECTED SCRIPTURE VERSE

Jesus said to His disciples, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."

### PARISH CONNECTED PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Vine and we are the branches. Apart from You, we can do nothing. Strengthen our connections with You and with one another as we proclaim your Gospel and build your Church. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Jean Alexander, Rocco Aliberti, K. Dale Anderson, Jerry Anderson, Mary Anna Baffoe-Bonnie, Rose Balk, E. Alan Ball, Albert Blanchard, Mary Blanton, Sue Bray, Annette Brown, Josephine Burns, Beth Cassidy, Jeanette Cherigos, Chinyere Chikeka, JoAnn Coules, Liam Craane, Helen Dorman, Veronica Dougherty, Cassie Downey, Dorothy Eichelman, Anne Emerson, Neva Farrah, Barbara Failla, Guy Gable, Joe Gertz, Cullis Glenn, Gary Gordon, Lisa Grey, Jeanie Hakanson, Sherell Hinton, Margaret Irwin, Rosemarie Jean-Louis, Mildred Jones, Cheryl Kauffman, Cassidy Keefe, Greyson Knight, Mary Liberto, Jeffrey Lohinski, Jane Matos, Jack McGinnis, Nancy McQuay, Bob Moan, Peggy Moan, Luz Molock, Randy Norden, Margaret Ntatin, Leobarda Olivares, Louis Onwuanaibe, Cathy Owens, Darcia Parker, Joseph Perozziello, Don Rojas, Lincoln Ross, Vince Rosso, Paul & Elizabeth Ruch, Brenda Sadowski, Rosa Santos, Anthony Serio, Shannon Sharpe, Thelma Smith, Joanne Spriggs, Dottie Swol, Dorothy Lynne Sutch, Greg Thompson, Kimberly Thompson, and Catherine Walsh.

## PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

May the souls of **Father Joseph Bonadio, P.S.S.** and **Deacon Frank Hodges**, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

## THE ANGELUS: Usually prayed at 6 AM, Noon, & 6 PM

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary:  
*And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.* Hail Mary...

Behold the handmaid of the Lord:  
*Be it done unto me according to Thy word.* Hail Mary...

And the Word was made Flesh:  
*And dwelt among us.* Hail Mary...

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,  
*that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: *Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

## SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

This does not include what was given for "second collections". Before the suspension of Holy Mass with the presence of the faithful, we averaged between \$6,000 - \$7,000 on a Sunday. Please do what you can to help your parish to maintain our mission. Options on how to give can be found below.

**Christmas Offering to date: \$9,557 (same since the last report)**

JANUARY 11 – 17, 2021				
<b>Via mail or hand-delivered</b>	\$3,715		<b>In church (envelopes)</b>	\$1,575
<b>Via electronic funds transfer</b>	\$1,200		<b>In church (non-envelopes)</b>	\$286
<b>TOTAL – \$6,776</b>				

*Thank you very much for your generosity!*

**Mail:** Send your offertory envelope or check to: Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

**Via your bank:** Please send your check to "Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133"

**Electronically:** Learn how to use Give Central at [www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/give](http://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/give)

**Text to Give:** Our newest option via GiveCentral.

Text OFFER <space> amount to 14108839358

For example, to offer \$0, you would text OFFER 50 to 14108839358 (no \$ is needed)

## POOR BOX DONATIONS FOR JANUARY

The Holy Family Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society coordinates our parish efforts to serve those who are in need.

## ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES 2020

**166 households pledging \$39,823 – 99% of the Goal**

Thank you for your generosity to the work of the Lord in our parish and Archdiocese. **As of January 5** (data in parenthesis indicates change since the last report),

<b>Households pledging</b>	+ 1	166
<b>% parish households</b>	same	35%
<b>Amount pledged</b>	+ \$1,000	\$39,823
<b>% of goal</b>	+ 3%	99% of \$40,386
<b>Rebate to Date</b>		\$7,050.54

Our parish receives 25% of donations received up to the goal and 50% of any donations given after the goal has been surpassed.

Father Harris has donated \$250. Any amount that you can give will glorify the Lord and further His work. You can also contribute electronically by visiting the website ([www.archbalt.org/appeal/give](http://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give)). Please be sure to select "Holy Family-Randallstown" as the parish.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### HOLY FAMILY PARISH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US

All are welcome to join us as we strive to follow Christ within the fellowship of His Church. God's grace makes it possible for all to accept the entire Gospel, with its comforts and challenges (cf. *Mark* 1:15). **Registration forms can be found at our website** (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/registration>). Completed forms can be sent to the Parish Office (Holy Family Parish, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133).

If you have any questions about the Catholic faith, or want to explore becoming a Catholic, please contact:

**Father Raymond Harris, Pastor**  
(410-922-3800, ext. 6 or [rharris@archbalt.org](mailto:rharris@archbalt.org))

**Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, Director of Faith Formation**  
(410-922-3800, ext. 5 or [joann.harvan@archblt.org](mailto:joann.harvan@archblt.org))

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open from Monday to Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM. You must wear a mask to enter the Parish Office, per the State of Maryland and the Archdiocese of Baltimore. So that the Parish Secretary may serve others who also need assistance, please be considerate of the time.

### LIVE-STREAM OF HOLY MASS & DEVOTIONS

For those who are unable to worship in person currently, we have this option. **Watch and worship on Facebook Live. Direct link:** <https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>  
No Facebook account? No problem! Go to the direct link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>)

### BOOK OF INTENTIONS

You now have an opportunity to submit a prayer request for the Book of Intentions in the narthex. Please keep your prayer request concise and send it to [bookofintentions@gmail.com](mailto:bookofintentions@gmail.com). Remember, this is not the place to request Mass intentions or to send a message to Father Harris or another staff member.

### STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR PARISH ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook – Parish: <https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown.org>

Facebook – Father Harris: <https://www.facebook.com/FatherRaymondHarris>

Instagram – Parish: <https://www.instagram.com/holyfamily2019>

### RECEIVE TEXT & EMAIL ALERTS VIA FLOCKNOTE:

Text HFR to 84576 or visit <https://hfr.flocknote.com>

By sharing your phone number, you will receive occasional texts, such as reminders about upcoming events. By sharing your email, you will receive a weekly newsletter from Father Harris and any urgent announcements.

## STAY CONNECTED BY VISITING OUR PARISH WEBSITE

<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org>

## PARISH NEWS

### CONTRIBUTION LETTERS FOR 2020

Within the week, Contribution Letters reporting donations received during the calendar year of 2020 will be sent in the mail. **Recipients are those who used offertory envelopes and/or have given electronically In the amount of \$100 or more.** After receiving your letter, if you have any questions, please contact our Parish Secretary, Kerry Topel (410-922-3800, ext. 4 or [kerry.topel@archbalt.org](mailto:kerry.topel@archbalt.org)). Father Harris signed each letter. Father Harris thanks Kerry Topel for her work in general and organizing the printing and mailing of these letters.

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### 2021 PARISH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

Father Harris thanks the Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus for helping our parish to pay for the calendars.

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### ACCOMODATIONS FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO RECEIVE THE EUCHARIST Y ON THE TONGUE

**The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report that the COVID-19 virus can be transmitted through breathing.** This is the only reason that Archbishop William Lori strongly encourages communicants to receive the Eucharist initially in the hand. It is for the health of the clergy and all worshippers.

After continued consultation with his doctors, Father Harris will not administer the Eucharist directly on the tongue on a regular basis. He has several comorbidities and must reduce the risk during this pandemic. **During Holy Mass at 11 AM, a Communion Minister is available to administer the Eucharist directly on the tongue.**

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### HELP US TO RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY: Every Weekend

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is ready to receive your food pantry donations. **Hunger knows no season.** Place your donation in your car trunk. Drive to the curb near the Parish Hall entrance. Do not get out of your car. Open your trunk and a SVDP volunteer will take your donation out of the trunk and close the trunk.

**After Saturday Holy Mass at 4 PM  
After Sunday Holy Mass at 7:30 AM & 11 AM**

**Non-perishable canned, bagged, or boxed items. No out-if-date items.**

- **Canned Vegetables:** corn, green beans, mixed veg, peas, pork & beans, tomatoes, white potatoes, yams
  - **Meats:** canned meats, canned tuna fish
  - **Pasta & starches:** bread stuffing, canned ravioli, instant mashed potatoes (box), macaroni & cheese (box), pasta, pasta sauce, rice (box)
  - **Fruit:** canned fruit, cranberry sauce
  - **Desserts:** cake mixes, canned frosting, Jell-O® (small boxes), muffin mix (small boxes)
  - **Other:** canned soups, cereal, jelly, peanut butter, tea
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### 122 CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS

On Saturday, January 16, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society received 122 care parkages for the beneficiaries of the Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen in Baltimore. Thanks to our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, starting this project several months ago..

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### NINE DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER CAMPAIGN: January 21 – 29

**It is never too late to join in prayer.** Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 21-29. Sign up today at [9daysforlife.com](http://9daysforlife.com).

## PARISH NEWS

### **FOURTH TUESDAY ROSARY: January 26**

The Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the Holy Rosary on **Tuesday, January 26 at 7 PM in the Main Church**. All the mysteries (joyful, sorrowful, glorious, luminous) will be prayed, but feel free to stay for one, some, or all of them. It will not be live-streamed.

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### **TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: January 26**

Join us on **Tuesdays at 7 PM (note new time) via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. To receive a Zoom invitation, contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin ([joann.harvan@archbalt.org](mailto:joann.harvan@archbalt.org) or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

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### **THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: January 28**

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, is leading a Bible Study composed by her on the mysteries of the Rosary. **Join her on Thursday, January 28 at 10 AM via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. To receive a Zoom invite, please contact JoAnn Harvan-Chin ([joann.harvan@archbalt.org](mailto:joann.harvan@archbalt.org) or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

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### **THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: January 28**

**Join Father Harris on Thursday, January 28 at 7 PM on Facebook Live**. A Facebook account is not needed to access the link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). **The series theme is, "Identity: Christ, the Christian, and the Church."** Deepening our understanding of what Jesus says about Himself will do the same regarding our identity as His disciples gathered in His Church. **The topic is, "I am the Good Shepherd." The text is John 10:11-21.**

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### **BRING WATER TO BE BLESSED: February 6 & 7**

On the first weekend of the month, Father Harris will offer a formal blessing of water after the homily during Holy Mass. Please bring a **container of water**. Blessed salt will be added to your containers after Holy Mass. Then take this Holy Water home as a reminder of your baptism and your calling to become a saint.

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### **FIRST SUNDAY CONFESSIONS: February 7**

**Father Harris will resume hearing confessions on the First Sunday of the month. The next scheduled session is Sunday, February 7 from 10:15 AM – 10:45 AM.** The session must end at 10:45 AM so that Father Harris can prepare for Holy Mass at 11 AM. As usual, the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation is also celebrated on Saturdays from 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM or by appointment. **Has it been awhile? Do not be afraid. Ask the priest to help you. Receive the healing mercy of God.** For more information about this sacrament and a sample examination of conscience, please visit our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/penance>).

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### **ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17**

**Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday will be offered at 8:30 AM and 7 PM, in person and via Facebook Live.** Due to the pandemic, the Holy See has directed that the distribution of ashes will be observed as follows. After blessing the ashes, the priest will say the statement once ("Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return."). **Then ashes will be sprinkled on top of the person's head. Note that we will not impose ashes on your forehead.** The practice of sprinkling ashes on top of the head is done in most areas of the Catholic Church every year.

## PARISH TOWN HALL MEETINGS

We are approaching the one-year mark of living with the COVID-19 pandemic. It is time for another general parish update. There will be brief reports from Father Harris, Darron Woodus (Pastoral Associate), and JoAnn Harvan-Chin (Director of Faith Formation). After each report, there will be time to ask questions or to receive comments related to the report. Then there will be an open forum about parish life.

**Thursday, February 11 at 7 PM**

Facebook Live (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown>)

**Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8 PM**

in person and via Facebook Live (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown>)

**Sunday, February 21 at 4 PM**

via Zoom (info about obtain an invite will be shared in the next bulletin)

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MORALITY OF RECEIVING COVID VACCINES

Recently the Committee on Doctrine and the Committee on Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops advised that it was morally acceptable for Catholics to receive the vaccines made by these companies.

**“UPDATE: Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops”**

<https://www.catholicnews.com/update-use-of-pfizer-moderna-covid-19-vaccines-is-morally-acceptable-say-bishops/>

**The full statement from these USCCB Committees**

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

**Statement by the Maryland Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Maryland Bishops Encourage Use of COVID Vaccine”**

<https://www.mdccatholic.org/bishopscovid>

### INFORMATION SESSIONS ABOUT THE DIACONATE

**The diaconate is part of the Sacrament of Holy Orders.** The deacon is ordained to bear witness to Christ the Servant through the ministry of the Word, Liturgy, and Charity. **Those men who are accepted into the four-year formation process have stability in their lives, families, and faith.** By the time of ordination, the candidate has been a Catholic for at least ten years. If married, he has been married at least ten years at the time of ordination. able to provide for the needs of his family, while balancing formation and future ministry expectations.

**Interested? Contact your parish priest and deacon. Attend one of the information sessions:**

**Wednesday January 27 • 6 PM**

Saint Bernadine, *Baltimore*

**Wednesday, February 10 • 7PM**

Zoom

**Please assist the formation team by registering with Kristine Arata, [Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org](mailto:Kristine.Arata@archbalt.org) (registering allows us to contact you if adjustments must be made to the schedule).** To ensure an understanding of the commitment of formation, applications are only available to those who attend an information session, or after special consideration with a member of the formation team: Father Mike Triplett ([mtriplett@archbalt.org](mailto:mtriplett@archbalt.org)), Deacon Larry Matheny ([lmatheny@e-stignatius.org](mailto:lmatheny@e-stignatius.org)), and Deacon Scott Lancaster ([slancaster1@stlouisparish.org](mailto:slancaster1@stlouisparish.org)).

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES: January 29 – 31

*Retrouvaille* (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about *Retrouvaille* and to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29 – 31, 2021, please visit: <https://www.HelpOurMarriage.org> or call (443) 400-7017, or email [3015@HelpOurMarriage.org](mailto:3015@HelpOurMarriage.org).

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### PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

**Gabriel Network:** 1-800-ANGEL-OK or <https://gabrielnetwork.org>

**Women's Center West in Catonsville:** 410-788-4433 or <https://www.womenscenterwest.com/>

**Maternity Counseling / Adoption Services:** Contact Catholic Charities at 410-659-4050

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### SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS

**Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore:** 410-625-8491 or <https://www.arch?balt.org/project-rachel/>

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### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINES

The abuse of an intimate partner, whether it is a marriage or a dating relationship, causes physical, emotional, and spiritual trauma. Help is available. Call 1-800-MD-HELPS (1-800-634-3577). In an emergency, call 911.

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### CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

The Archdiocese of Baltimore and Holy Family Parish urge anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect to report it immediately to the local Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services. The Baltimore County contact is 410-887-8463. The Carroll County contact is 410-386-3434.

If anyone suspects Church Personnel of abuse, neglect, or misconduct with a minor, please also contact the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection by calling the Victims' Assistance Line (1-866-417-7469) or by contacting the Office directly (410-547-5348).

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## NOTIFYING THE PARISH ABOUT CORONAVIRUS TESTING

If you have visited our parish campus, and later learn that you may have been exposed to someone with the COVID-19 virus, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can pray for you. We ask that you keep the Parish Office informed throughout your self-quarantine. Confidentiality will be respected by the Parish Staff.

The same protocol applies if you have tested positive for the COVID-19 virus. Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible so that we can pray for you. Confidentiality will be respected by the Parish Staff. However, for the safety of all, we would have to notify the Archdiocese of Baltimore and follow directives to notify the Parish community.

**Please consider this as a moral obligation to love your neighbor.**

## HOLY MASS ON THE LORD'S DAY "FIRST COME, FIRST SEATED" POLICY

As an experiment, Father Harris is suspending the reservation system for Holy Mass on The Lord's Day. **Worshippers are seated on a "first come, first served" basis.** Per Archdiocesan directive, **church seating capacity is limited to 30% per Holy Mass.** With social distancing and including the ministers of the liturgy, **there are now 100 seats available per Holy Mass.**

- **Saturday at 4 PM:** As usual, the doors will be open for private prayer (2:30 – 4 PM) and Confessions (2:45 – 3:45 PM). Please follow the direction of the ushers to be seated in the section for households or individuals. .
- **Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM:** As usual, the doors will open 30 minutes before Holy Mass begins. If necessary, please form a line and observe social distancing even outdoors. Please follow the direction of the ushers to be seated in the section for households or individuals.

### INSTRUCTIONS WHEN COMING TO SUNDAY & WEEKDAY HOLY MASS

1. **THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION CONTINUES TO BE SUSPENDED.** Do not allow your conscience to be burdened. If you are concerned about your health or are not ready to join any public gatherings yet, please be comfortable about not attending. Holy Masses on The Lord's Day will be live-streamed on Facebook Live (Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM) on Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). No Facebook account is needed.
2. **CHECK YOUR HEALTH CONDITION.** You must take your temperature at home before you leave. If you have a fever, or are sick, or suspect that you may have been (or was exposed to) a contagious illness, please stay home, and take care of yourself. If you are awaiting test results for COVID-19 or any contagious illness, you may not come to the parish campus, whether you have symptoms or not.
3. **MASKS MUST BE WORN BEFORE ENTERING THE CHURCH.** All persons aged 2 and older must always wear a mask. This is the requirement of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.
4. **CHILDREN MUST OBSERVE SOCIAL DISTANCE NORMS TOO.** If you bring children, they must be able to stay in one place. Otherwise, for the sake of their health and the health of others, they should not come to Holy Mass. For social distance reasons, the multipurpose room is not available.
5. **GREETING OTHERS:** While we are happy to see others, greet them with words and a wave. Please do not congregate, hug, kiss, shake hands, etc.
6. **SEATING PROTOCOL (Sunday Holy Mass):** The ushers will seat you—whether as an individual or as a household—in designated seating from the front to the back.
7. **THE OFFERTORY COLLECTION WILL BE RECEIVED AFTER HOLY MASS.** Any offerings are placed in the designated receptacle as you are leaving the church.
8. **COMMUNION PROCESSION:** Follow the priest's instruction. No one may remain in the pew. Please maintain the social distancing of 6-feet from another person. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion will receive a blessing. For the safety of all, Holy Communion will be distributed initially in the hand only.
9. **DISMISSAL PROTOCOL:** You must follow the direction of the ushers, who will dismiss members of the congregation a pew at a time to ensure social distancing.