



# SUNDAY BULLETIN

## *Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT • March 21, 2021**

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

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

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### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE: I Encourage You to Get Vaccinated**

On March 17, I received the second dose of the Pfizer COVID-19 Vaccine. Once again, my side effect was fatigue, but every person is different. Since I have been in remission from an autoimmune blood platelet disorder for nine years, I will check that next week. Later in April, with my primary care physician, I will review my present limitations on pastoral ministry due to several pre-existing conditions. I will decide whether I can safely revise these limitations.

Pope Francis, Pope Emeritus Benedict, Archbishop William Lori, and a number of Catholic pastoral leaders have received a COVID-19 vaccine. I invite you to stay informed from authoritative sources to answer any questions and fears. I did that.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has information about these vaccines at their website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/work.html>). Additionally, the CDC has guidance about what one can do after one is fully vaccinated (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>). State of Maryland Vaccination Sign-Up can be found at this website (<https://www.marylandvax.org/>). Did you know that there is a vaccination clinic at the Randallstown Community Center?

### **MORAL CONSIDERATIONS ABOUT RECEIVING COVID-19 VACCINES**

At the risk of oversimplification, consider these points.

1. Faith and reason are gifts from God. The Church encourages scientific research in developing vaccines without raising questions of violating the dignity of human life during the process.
2. The concern is about the ethical development of vaccines, not their efficacy rates. In the case of the 3 vaccines, there are concerns in how all were developed. However, there are more concerns with Johnson & Johnson compared to Pfizer and Moderna.

The Chairmen of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine & the Committee on Pro-life Activities recommend the following to Catholics who want to receive the COVID-19 vaccine:

1. We are encouraged to get vaccinated. Consult with your doctor about your health condition.
2. At your appointment, if you can make a choice about which vaccine to receive, then choose Pfizer or Moderna rather than Johnson & Johnson.
3. However, if Johnson & Johnson is the only one available, receive it without burdening your conscience.

This is in accord with the general teaching of the Holy See about the development & distribution of vaccines.

### **HOLY WEEK IS NEXT WEEK**

**The schedule is on page 6 of this bulletin.** Note the additional Holy Mass on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

### **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 you have a fruitful observance of holy Lent.**

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## BELOVED OF GOD: A REDEMPTIVE RELATIONSHIP

### Fifth Sunday of Lent – The Reach of God

*Father Harris' series describes different expressions of God's love for us. Deepening our appreciation of being beloved child of God will have a wonderful impact on our network of relationships.*

**First Sunday of Lent – “Reign of God”:** In union with our Lord Jesus Christ, we announce the good news that God reigns through our conversation and our conduct. Accepting that we are beloved children of God involves trust. We repent from sin. We disdain what God disdains. We desire what God desires, so that we may do as God commands.

**Second Sunday of Lent – “The Resolve of God”:** God is resolved to offer salvation to humanity. God invites us to be resolved to be saved. We follow the teaching and example of Christ, even carrying the cross of commitment. We express our resolve by persevering in the process of conversion, placing our trust in God’s faithfulness during suffering, and living according to godly values which conflict with the world.

**Third Sunday of Lent – “The Righteousness of God.** The Lord Jesus teaches us that resolute people strive to live with integrity with the help of God, who makes it possible.

**Fourth Sunday of Lent – The Remedy of God:** Christ provides the healing remedy for our sins to be forgiven and our lives to be fruitful.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent – The Reach of God:** Christ invites all people to receive the gift of salvation.

**Read John 12:20-33:** The setting is the Passover Feast, in which Jews from the Middle East, Asia, North Africa, and South Europe were gathering in Jerusalem. There were also Gentile “God-fearers” there to worship too. Some of them approached the Apostle Philip with this request, ““Sir, we would like to see Jesus”” (v. 21d). Once again, Jesus states that when He is “lifted up” in His crucifixion, resurrection from the dead, and ascension into heaven, the gift of salvation is offer to everyone (vv. 32-33). Accepting this gift means to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, His teaching and example. Everyone has the capacity to do that because God enables everyone to do it as we cooperate with God.

**Catechism of the Catholic Church # #679:** “Christ is Lord of eternal life. Full right to pass definitive judgment on the works and hearts of men belongs to him as redeemer of the world. He ‘acquired’ this right by his cross. The Father has given ‘all judgment to the Son’. Yet the Son did not come to judge, but to save and to give the life he has in himself. By rejecting grace in this life, one already judges oneself, receives according to one's works, and can even condemn oneself for all eternity by rejecting the Spirit of love.”

## SUNDAY HOLY MASS READINGS

### March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent

2 Jeremiah 31:31-34 + Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15  
Hebrews 5:7-9 + John 12:20-33

### March 28: Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

Isaiah 50:4-7 + Psalm 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24  
Philippians 2:6-11, + Mark 14:1 – 15:47

## POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTIONS

**March 2021 – Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

## PRAY FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE SEMINARIANS

From Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Vocations Office invites you to pray for an Archdiocesan seminarian.

Prayer for Seminarians & Calendar • <https://www.holyfamilyrandallsotwn.org/seminarians>

**March 20** • Felix Mmuoh      **March 22** • Michael Moore      **March 24** • Nicholas Mwai      **March 26** • Ian Nelson  
**March 21** • Shiadrik Mokum      **March 23** • John Morris      **March 25** • Peter Myers      **March 27** • Thomas O’Donnell

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## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

“First come, First served” seating. Maximum of 100 can attend

**THE LORD’S DAY:** Sat at 4 PM; Sun at 7:30 AM & 11 AM

**WEEKDAYS:** Mon – Fri at 8:30 AM *Rosary at 8 AM*

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### CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

**Tuesday • 9 – 10 AM**

**Thursday • 9 – 10 AM with Adoration**

**Saturday • 2:30 – 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>

**Thursday • 9:15 – 9:45 AM**

**Friday • 7:30 – 8:00 PM**

**Saturday • 2:45 – 3:45 PM**

**Sunday • 10:15 – 10:45 AM**

**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.*

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### HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for March 20 – 26

† means a member of the faithful departed

**Saturday, March 20 at 4 PM**

Mary Simons †

**Monday, March 22 at 8:30 AM**

Barbara Ashley †

**Thursday, March 25 at 8:30 AM**

Sister Mary Blanche Walsh †

**Sunday, March 21 at 7:30 AM**

Rose Palencar †

**Tuesday, March 23 at 8:30 AM**

Margaret Alexander †

**Friday, March 26 at 8:30 AM**

Ann Voshell †

**Sunday, March 21 at 11 AM**

The People of Holy Family Parish

**Wednesday, March 24 at 8:30 AM**

Jacqueline Johnson †

**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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### PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

May the soul of **Elizabeth Cassidy**, and the souls of **all the faithful departed**, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen..

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### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Jean Alexander, Rocco Aliberti, K. Dale Anderson, Mary Anna Baffoe-Bonnie, Rose Balk, E. Alan Ball, Albert Blanchard, Mary Blanton, Sue Bray, Annette Brown, Josephine Burns, 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, John Stell, Dottie Swol, Dorothy Lynne Sutch, Greg Thompson, Kimberly Thompson, and Catherine Walsh.

## 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.

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## SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

**Thank you very much for your generosity to the work of the Lord.** This report 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 advance our mission.** Options for giving are below.

### MARCH 8 – 14, 2021

Via mail or hand-delivered	\$3,599	In church (envelopes)	\$1,620
Via electronic funds transfer	\$785	In church (non-envelopes)	\$175
<b>TOTAL – \$6,179</b>			

**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)

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## POOR BOX DONATIONS FOR MARCH

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

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## PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Our corporate title is "Holy Family Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc. in Randallstown, Maryland."

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## 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)

Mr. Darron C. Woodus, *Pastoral Associate* • 410-922-3800, ext 7 or [darron.woodus@archbalt.org](mailto:darron.woodus@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 LENTEN SCHEDULE & RESOURCES

<https://www.holyfamilyrandallsown.org/lent>

### 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.

### 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.**

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

Due to social distancing requirements, seating is limited to 100. Worshippers agree to follow the instructions at <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/instructions>

**PALM SUNDAY • March 27 & 28**  
*Blessed Palm will be available*  
**Saturday:** 4 PM  
**Sunday:** 7:30 AM, 10 AM, 12:30 PM

**HOLY MONDAY • March 29**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Holy Mass:** 8:30 AM

**HOLY TUESDAY • March 30**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Holy Mass:** 8:30 AM  
**Grace As We Grieve:** 7 PM (Facebook Live)

**HOLY WEDNESDAY • March 31**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Holy Mass:** 8:30 AM

**HOLY WEDNESDAY • March 31**  
**Confessions:** 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM  
**Confessions:** 6:30 – 7:30 PM

**HOLY THURSDAY • April 1**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:30 AM  
**Holy Mass of the Lord's Supper:** 7 PM  
**Adoration:** afterward until 10 PM  
**Night Prayer:** 10 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY • April 2**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:30 AM  
**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion:** 3 PM

**GOOD FRIDAY • April 2**  
**Confessions:** 6 PM – 6:45 PM  
**Stations of the Cross:** 7 PM  
**Confessions:** 7:30 PM until line ends

**HOLY SATURDAY • April 3**  
**Holy Rosary:** 8 AM  
**Morning Prayer:** 8:30 AM  
**Blessing of Easter Food:** 9 AM  
**Easter Vigil Holy Mass :** 8 PM  
*No scheduled Confessions*  
*No Holy Mass at 4 PM*

**EASTER SUNDAY • April 4**  
**Holy Mass:** 7:30 AM, 10 AM, 12:30 PM

## PARISH NEWS

### MAXIMUM CHURCH SEATING CAPACITY REMAINS AT 100

Governor Larry Hogan issued an executive order to end capacity restrictions on entities like houses of worship, effective Friday, March 12 at 5 PM. Masking and social distancing are still required. The Archdiocese of Baltimore has asked parishes to maintain the 30% maximum capacity until there is consultation about what are the prudent steps to take.

**Even if maximum capacity is increased in the Archdiocese, the maximum capacity at Holy Family Church will remain at 100 because social distancing is required.** There are plenty of seats available during the week and on The Lord's Day. We will continue with our "first come, first seated" policy. **For the safety of all, worshippers agree to follow the protocols listed on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/instructions>).**

### ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI'S NEW PASTORAL LETTER ON EVANGELIZATION

<https://www.archbalt.org/a-light-brightly-visible-2-0/>

Archbishop Lori's latest pastoral letter, "A Light Brightly Visible 2.0," addresses how the Lord calls every member of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to holiness and missionary discipleship.

### THE YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

As I noted last Sunday, Pope Francis has invited the universal Church to observe a year in honor of Saint Joseph It began on December 8, 2020 and will continue until December 2021. 2020 marked the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church by Blessed Pius IX.

Pope Francis announced the Year of Saint Joseph in his Apostolic Letter, "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). Pope Francis writes. "The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal." This serves as a guide for our celebration of the *Year of Saint Joseph*.

You can read the entire Apostolic Letter ([http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap\\_20201208\\_patris-corde.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html)). Archbishop William Lori has also written a column in *The Catholic Review* (<https://catholicreview.org/archbishop-lori-reflects-on-the-year-of-st-joseph/>).

## PARISH NEWS

### 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 the narthex before or after Holy Mass on The Lord's Day (Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM).**

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

### 2021 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/appeal>

Your gift advances the work of the Lord in our Archdiocese and our parish. It will benefit Archdiocesan ministries of evangelization, Catholic education, faith formation, community outreach, seminarian education, and retired clergy care..

**March 16, 2021 Report: 46 Households pledge \$15,585 • 41% of the goal of \$38,023**

[Data in brackets means compared to March 9, 2021 Report]

<b>Total pledged</b>	<b>\$15,585</b> [+\$2,026]	<b>Households</b>	<b>46</b> [+ 11]
<b>Percent of Goal</b>	<b>41%</b> [+ 11%]	<b>Household Participation Rate</b>	<b>8%</b> [+ 2%]

Our parish will receive a 25 % rebate from donations given up to the goal; 50%, after the goal has been surpassed. Our rebate will be used to reach parishioners through various means of communication,. We also plan to conduct a parish survey as part of developing our parish pastoral plan. **Our 2021 goal is \$38,023.** Father Harris has given \$300 via online giving. Whether a one-time gift or a ten-month pledge, whatever you can give will glorify the Lord as we continue to proclaim His Gospel and build His Church. **Thank you for your generosity.**

### FOURTH TUESDAY ROSARY: March 23

The Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the Holy Rosary on Tuesday, March 23 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.

### TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: March 23

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

### THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: March 25

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

### THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: March 25

Join Father Harris on Thursday at 7 PM for Bible Study on Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account to access the link (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). The topic is, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." The text is John 14:1-6. 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.

## PARISH NEWS

### LENTEN FIRSDAYS ARE DAYS OF ABSTAINING FROM EATING MEAT: March 26

**Catholics age 14 & older are obliged to abstain from eating meat except for seafood.** Eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind (even if animal fat is an ingredient) are allowed. *These disciplines are in memory of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, intentionally failing to observe these obligations in a substantial way is a serious sin.*

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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS: March 26

We will pray at 3 PM will be on Facebook Live (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandalstown/live>). Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the Main Church. We will use the devotion text on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandalltown.org/stations>).

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### VIDEO WATCH PARTY SERIES OF "THE CHOSEN": March 26

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, invites adults age 18 and older to a series of video watch parties on a Zoom video conferencing. We will watch the acclaiming series, "The Chosen," which is based on the Gospels as Jesus calls people to discipleship. We will watch 8 episodes. After each episode, there will be a discussion. **We are meeting on Fridays at 7:30 PM.** For a Zoom invitation, send an email to JoAnn Harvan-Chin ([joann.harvan@archbalt.org](mailto:joann.harvan@archbalt.org)).

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### SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES CANCELLED: March 28 & April 4

The Sunday School of Religion will not meet on Palm Sunday (March 28) and Easter Sunday (April 4). You are encouraged to join us in worship for Holy Mass on The Lord's Day, whether in-person or via Facebook Live.

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### GRACE AS WE GRIEVE VIRTUAL PRAYER SERVICE: March 30

Our hope in Christ strengthens us during every situation. This includes the experience of grief, which knows no season, but may be experienced acutely during these holy days. The pandemic has also caused other losses in life. **Join Father Harris for a virtual prayer service on Holy Tuesday, March 30 at 7 PM on Facebook Live.** No Facebook account? No problem! Just visit the website ([www.facebook.com/HFCRandalstown/live](http://www.facebook.com/HFCRandalstown/live)).

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### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA DONATIONS: During Lent

The Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual Apostleship of the Sea Shoebox Program. **It benefits seafarers away from home in the form of shoeboxes filled with things that seafarers need for both men and women.** These items are extremely important to them this year given that they are not able to leave their ships in order to go shopping due to current COVID restrictions. **The boxes can be found in the church narthex. Thank you for your generosity.**

**Some suggested items include:** soap, shampoo, hair conditioner, skin lotions, tooth paste, tooth brushes, dental floss, disposable razors, shaving cream, combs and brushes, women's needs etc. Personal Items such as note pads, pens, pencils, paperclips, eyeglass lens cleaning papers, cotton ear swabs, packs of band aids. Reading material such as used magazines, paperback books, puzzle books. Religious Items such as used Catholic Magazines, religious books, CDs and DVDs, prayer booklets and devotionals, scapulars, medals, rosaries, small statues, crosses, and neck chains with crosses or medals.

For those more interested this year in providing direct financial assistance checks can be made out to AOS/AOB and mailed directly to them at Apostleship of the Sea, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

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### MORALITY OF RECEIVING COVID VACCINES: Resources to read

See Father Harris' letter and links to resources on our parish website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/vaccine>).

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## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BOOST SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS

Families can for the state's BOOST scholarships for their children to attend Maryland Catholic (and other nonpublic) schools. See [www.marylandboost.org](http://www.marylandboost.org) for a link to the application, videos and more about this state program.



## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### COMMEMORATING CATHOLIC WOMEN IN FAITH & DIVERSITY: March 24

The Archdiocese of Baltimore Office for Black Catholic Ministries and the Office of Hispanic Ministries invite you to this free webinar. It will be a conversation of the contributions of Catholic Hispanic/Latin American, African American, and Asian American women and how they enrich the Church.

**The webinar will be on Wednesday, March 24 at 7 PM on Zoom. The guest speakers are: Marilyn Santos** (*Associate Director, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Evangelization and Catechesis*), **Donna Toliver Grimes** (*Assistant Director, African American Affairs, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church*), **Geri Kanesta-Rychner** (*Archdiocese of Seattle Native American Board member*), **Lia Salinas, MA** (*Director of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Hispanic Ministries*), and **Sherita A. Thomas** (*Interim Director of the Archdiocese of Baltimore Office of Black Catholic Ministries*).

**To register** (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/commemorating-catholic-women-in-faith-diversity-tickets-144492650407>). For more information, contact ([OBCM@archbalt.org](mailto:OBCM@archbalt.org) or [HispanicMinistry@archbalt.org](mailto:HispanicMinistry@archbalt.org)).

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### PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT BALTIMORE BASILICA: Begins May 31

The Baltimore Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is looking for regular adorers when Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, May 31. For information about how to register as a regular adorer, parking, security, etc., visit the website (<https://www.americasfirstcathedral.org/adoration/>).

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### PROJECT RACHEL: Learn about this ministry and the retreats

**Protect Rachel Baltimore serves all women and men hurting emotionally and spiritually after involvement with abortion.** This ministry helps heal wounded relationships with yourself, your child, and God. Extending God's compassion, unconditional love, and forgiveness. Project Rachel offers hope and peace. **Retreats are being held on April 24, June 26, August 28, and October 30.** For more info about Project Rachel: call (410-625-8491), text (410-299-9345), or email ([projectrachel@archbalt.org](mailto:projectrachel@archbalt.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).

## 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

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 livestreamed on Facebook Live (Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM) You do not need a Facebook account to access the link (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).
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.