



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 7, 2021

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

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

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: "Lent Begins in Ten Days"

Lent is an intense time of conversion in preparation for Easter. Following the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ, His Church invites us to participate in the disciplines of penance: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (cf. *Matthew 6:2-18*). Jesus teaches that our religious actions should not call attention to ourselves but to God (cf. *Matthew 6:1*).

The Lord teaches, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father" (*Matthew 5:14-16*).

- **Prayer:** Devoting time to prayer will heighten our awareness that we are living in the presence of God. We offer our thanksgiving for countless blessings, the first being His steadfast love and generous mercy. We seek guidance for living from the One who gives us life. We entrust our lives to divine providence as we struggle with problems.
- **Fasting:** Fasting or giving up some foods can help build our self-mastery over our appetites. If we refuse to control our appetites, then our appetites will control us in destructive ways. Controlling our appetites will help us to resist the temptation to be selfish.
- **Almsgiving:** Doing acts of charity affirm the inherent dignity of others in concrete ways. Living in the presence of God, receiving His steadfast love and generous mercy toward us, can expand our capacity to be loving and merciful toward others.

Join me in planning your Lenten observances. Do not just consider giving something up, but taking something up to assist in the lifelong process of conversion. We do not engage in these disciplines to earn God's love. **We are responding to the love which God already has for us and will not take away.** We are cooperating with Him to remove any obstacles that prevents us from being wholehearted in our love for God; along with loving ourselves and our neighbor appropriately.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 17

Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday will be offered at 8:30 AM and 7 PM (note new evening time), 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 this year** The practice of sprinkling ashes on top of the head is done in most areas of the Catholic Church every year.

The Pastor's Message continues on the next page.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

WELCOME BACK, DARRON C. WOODUS!

On February 1st, Darron C. Woodus returned to HFC 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. **Please join me in offering a prayer for him as he begins to serve HFC.**

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 | Phone: 410.922.3800, ext. 6

REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

Read Mark 1:29-39. People were bringing those who were **sick** to the Lord Jesus Christ. They interceded for them. Praying for others is a spiritual work of mercy. Interceding for another person is an act of love for them. We understand that we are not launching a lobbying campaign to heaven so that God will accede to our requests. We are praying with confidence to God because of His irrevocable commitment to care for our true well-being and salvation. We trust that everything that God does for us is an expression of His love. The Scriptures inspire us to believe that we should not place any limitations on the power of God to heal. However, we should accept how God decides to heal.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1509: “‘Heal the sick!’ The Church has received this charge from the Lord and strives to carry it out by taking care of the sick as well as by accompanying them with her prayer of intercession. She believes in the life-giving presence of Christ, the physician of souls and bodies. This presence is particularly active through the sacraments, and in an altogether special way through the Eucharist, the bread that gives eternal life and that St. Paul suggests is connected with bodily health.””

SUNDAY HOLY MASS READINGS

February 7: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4,6-7 + Psalm 147:1-6

1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 + Mark 1:29-39

February 14: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 + Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 11

I Corinthians 10:31-11:1 + Mark 1:40-45

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

February 2021 – Universal intention: Violence against women We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

FLOWER OFFERING IN THE SANCTUARY: February 6 & 7

The flowers near the Altar and in front of the Ambo (pulpit) are given to the glory of God and in memory of parishioner Joanne Greenwalt Spriggs by her family. The Mass of Christian Burial was offered on Friday, February 5, 2021.

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*

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.

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.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for February 6 – 12

† means a member of the faithful departed

Saturday, February 6 at 4 PM
The People of Holy Family Parish

Monday, February 8 at 8:30 AM
Dolores Gertz †

Thursday, February 11 at 8:30 AM
Seminarian Sam Huffer

Sunday, February 7 at 7:30 AM
Levi Voshell

Tuesday, February 9 at 8:30 AM
Dolores Gertz †

Friday, February 12 at 8:30 AM
Dorothy Harris †

Sunday, February 7 at 11 AM
Matthew Arther †

Wednesday, February 10 at 8:30 AM
Rose Carter †

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
- **mail:** Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

May the soul of **Joanne Spriggs** rest in peace.

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, 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.

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.

JANUARY 25 –29, 2021			
Via mail or hand-delivered	\$1761	In church (envelopes)	\$2,115
Via electronic funds transfer	\$760	In church (non-envelopes)	\$58
TOTAL – \$4,694			

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

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 FEBRUARY

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

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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

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

Mr. Darron C. Woodus, *Pastoral Associate* • 410-922-3800, ext 7 or darron.woodus@archbalt.org

Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, *Director of Faith Formation* • (410-922-3800, ext. 5 or joann.harvan@archbalt.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. 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- 1. NOTIFICATION:** The public will be notified via our website, Flocknote, Facebook and Instagram pages, and Father Harris' voicemail (410-922-3800, ext. 6). See the website and social media addresses on the previous page.
- 2. WEEKENDS:** Holy Mass will be celebrated on The Lord's Day. People must exercise extreme caution as they drive and walk on campus. However, in extreme conditions (e.g. blizzard), Father Harris will cancel public Holy Mass on The Lord's Day.
- 3. WEEKDAYS:** During this season, we will not follow Baltimore County Public Schools. **Mornings:** A decision will be made by 6:30 AM. **During the day:** A decision will be made as soon as it is warranted.
- 4. VIRTUAL EVENTS:** Cancellations apply to activities on campus, which are usually Holy Mass and Parish Office hours.

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 after Holy Mass at 7 PM • in person only

Sunday, February 21 at 4 PM • via Zoom (send a Zoom invite request to joann.harvan@archbalt.org)

PARISH NEWS

FLOWER OFFERING: February 7

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ACCOMMODATIONS 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.**

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2020

Contribution Statements, reporting donations received during the calendar year of 2020, have been 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). Father Harris signed each letter. Father Harris thanks Kerry Topel for her work in general and organizing the printing and mailing of these letters.

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 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

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TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: February 9

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 or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: February 11

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, February 11 at 10 AM via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. To receive a Zoom invite, please contact JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY IS CANCELLED THIS WEEK: February 11

This Bible Study will not be held this week due to a Parish Town Hall Meeting at 7 PM on Facebook Live. Join Father Harris on Thursday, February 18 at 7 PM on Facebook Live. The topic: "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (Part 1). The text: John 11:1-16. A Facebook account is not needed (<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.

VIDEO WATCH PARTY SERIES OF "THE CHOSEN" February 12

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, invites adults age 18 and older to a series of video watch parties on n 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 more information and a Zoom invitation, please send an email to JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org).**

ASH WEDNESDAY: February 17

Holy Mass on Ash Wednesday will be offered at 8:30 AM and 7 PM (note new evening time), 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 tope of the head is done in most areas of the Catholic Church every year.

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRIES ARE CANCELLED THIS YEAR

Unfortunately, we will not have our Fish Fries this year. The parish budget has a large deficit. We cannot risk having a fundraiser possibly having a deficit since the response during a pandemic is uncertain. **God willing, we will resume this event during Lent 2022.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: February 19

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at **7 PM (note new time) on February 19, 26; March 5, 19, 26, and April 2**. The options are in person or via Facebook live (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). You do not need a Facebook account to watch and pray.

NO BEANS & BREAD PASTA CASSEROLES THIS MONTH

The Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen does not need casseroles this month. Instead, we invite parishioners to make care packages for the homeless. See the next announcement.

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GIVE CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS: February 20

The Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen does not need casseroles this month. Instead, we invite you to make care packages for the homeless to be distributed by the soup kitchen. **Put the following in a gallon size storage bag (e.g., generic, Hefty®, or Ziploc®):** a bottle of water, a granola bar or other such snack, a pair of socks, toothbrush, toothpaste, small deodorant, soap, a written encouraging note with a Scripture verse and/or prayer. **Saint Vincent de Paul Society members will receive them on Saturday, February 20 from 9 AM – 9:30 AM at the church parking lot.**

2021 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES: February 20 & 21

This year's theme is, "Joyful in Hope". It is based on this Scripture verse: "Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer" (*Romans 12;12*). **When you support the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries, you are supporting our parish and a myriad of ministries, programs and other Catholic institutions that strengthen our community of faith.** Now more than ever, your generous support for the Appeal is offering spiritual and material comfort and, ultimately, the blessing of HOPE to those we are called to serve, while bringing you into closer communion with the Living Christ and your archdiocesan family. This year, we have made joining your neighbors in supporting the Annual Appeal for Catholic Ministries easier than ever:

- **Pledging:** Pledge and pay in monthly installments. A monthly reminder will be sent for the duration of your pledge unless you are fulfilling your pledge in automatic credit card deductions.
 - **Giving Weekend (February 20 & 21):** Make a gift or pledge (in person or virtually) during Mass on this special weekend. Envelopes and mobile/online options will be provided.
 - **Appeal Giving Tuesday (February 23):** In the tradition of Giving Tuesdays, the convenience of making a gift or setting up a pledge will be communicated directly to you.
 - **One-Time Gift:** An outright gift can be made by check or credit card at any time during the Appeal. Distributions from retirement plans and gifts of stock are also popular ways to give.
 - **Online Giving:** To make an online pledge or gift, donate at . the website (<https://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give>). **Please make sure to select Holy Family - Randallstown as your parish when making your pledge/gift.**
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YOUTH GROUP PRETZEL MAKING: March 6 & 20

This popular event returns on Zoom video conferencing. Youth ages 12 – 17 are invited to make soft pretzels and learn about Lent. **It will be held on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, March 20 at 1 PM.** For more information, the recipe, and a Zoom invitation, contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin via email (joann.harvan@archbalt.org). The first ten persons will receive a free yeast packet.

MORALITY OF RECEIVING COVID VACCINES: Resources to read

"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/bishops/covid>

Vatican News (official agency of The Holy See): "Vatican CDF [Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith] says use of anti-Covid vaccines "morally acceptable"

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/vatican-cdf-note-covid-vaccine-morality-abortion.html>

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARYLAND CATHOLIC CONFERENCE VIRTUAL ADVOCACY DAY: February 16

Be a voice for hope and justice at Catholic Advocacy Day 2021! The Maryland Catholic Conference will highlight three priority issues for Catholics statewide to advocate for on behalf of our Church, including education, life, and human rights. We will create the action alerts. All you have to do to bring your voice before the Maryland legislature is sign, click and send the alerts to your legislators (or make a personal call to their offices, if you prefer). Join the Catholic Advocacy Network to get advance notice and alerts sent right to you (text and/or email). **For more information, visit the website (<https://www.mdatholic.org/advocacyday>).**

VIRTUAL DISCERNMENT TREAT FOR MEN CONSIDERING PRIESTHOOD: February 26 – 28

The theme is, “Discernment in the Year of Saint Joseph”, The retreat is open to men 18 years and older. You will have a chance to interact with the Vocation Director, Associate Vocation Directors, and seminarians. **To register, visit the website (<https://archbalt.regfox.com/vocationsdiscernmentretreat>),**

42nd ANNUAL ARCHDIOCESAN SOCIAL MINISTRY CONVOCATION: February 27

This year’s theme is, “Perseverance in the March for Justice.” This virtual event will be held on Saturday, February 27 from 9 AM – 3 PM. The keynote address will be given by Mr. Ashley Morris, Associate Director for the Intercultural Office of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Because this event is virtual this year, we are encouraging participants to register online if possible. We will communicate updates about how to access links for the virtual event through the Eventbrite page. Registration will remain open through the day of the Convocation. **Cost is \$10. You can register at the website (<https://www.archbaltsmc.org/>).** If you are unable to register online or have technology needs for the event, please contact Saint Francis of Assisi Church (410-235- 5136). They will connect you with a member of the planning committee and we will try to assist you

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

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS

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

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.

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 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.