



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 20, 2020

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

Implementation of Phase 2 of Reopening: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/reopening>

Reservation for Sunday Holy Mass: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/signup>

PASTOR'S MESSAGE | "Connected: Growing in Christ Together"

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" (*John 15:5*).

Maryland has made progress in slowing the spread of COVID-19. However, the pandemic continues. The fall season and the flu season may bring new challenges.

Since March, we have continued to engage in our mission. I am grateful for the work of the staff and volunteers.

More needs to be done to minister to those who are coming to HFC on The Lord's Day and to those who cannot at this time. It has been wonderful to see familiar faces at HFC. But I also miss others. I know that you long to return when it is safe for you.

In addition, opportunities always exist to invite others to believe in the Gospel entrust their lives to the Lord Jesus and follow Him as members of His Church.

Many thanks to those who have inquired about my well-being. You have ministered to me through your prayers and encouragement too.

Thank you for your patience with my limitations. I have three pre-existing conditions. I trust in the Lord, who has given us the gifts of faith and reason to act prudently.

Nevertheless, I regret these limitations. I regret the limited times of seeing my family and friends in person. You may have similar regrets.

Christ our God sustains us with his love and mercy. Whether you can come to HFC at this time or not, I am grateful for the ways in which you continue to practice the faith.

Beginning this weekend, I will invite our parish to engage in a four-fold initiative to strengthen our connections to Christ and one another.

1. Commitment to Prayer
2. Contact Parishioners & Others
3. Contribute to Parish Life
4. Compassion for People

The Pastor's Message continues on the next page.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

Going through this pandemic is wearying. Christ strengthens us as we remain connected to Him and His Church. Without Christ, we can do nothing (cf. John 15:5). With Christ, we can remain steadfast in faith together.

NEW BUSINESS & FACILITIES MANAGER

After eighteen years as our Business and Facilities Manager, Dennis Kast retired on September 15. This week, he will move out of state. Join me in prayer in thanksgiving for Dennis' Service in our parish, for his safe travels, and for a fruitful retirement.

Our new Business and Facilities Manager is Thomas Anderson. I am grateful that he has accepted my offer to serve in our parish. Join me in prayer as he begins. I have asked Thomas to introduce himself in the News section on page 7 of this *Sunday Bulletin*.

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 others with integrity.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

Father Raymond Harris

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

THE LORD'S DAY

Saturday at 4:00 PM
Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

*Reservations are required
due to limited seating.*

WEEKDAYS

Monday – Friday at 8:30 AM

*Reservations are not needed.
Maximum of 50 can attend*

Rosary is prayed at 8:00 AM

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

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Tuesday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Thursday

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Saturday

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

You must follow the protocols, including wearing a mask in the church building at all times.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday: 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM **Other times:** by appointment

*You must follow the protocols, including wearing a mask in the church building at all times.
Has it been awhile? Do not be afraid! Ask the priest to help you. Receive God's healing mercy.*

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

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 you 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 and 11:00 AM). No Facebook account? No problem. Visit the website (<https://www.facebook.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 will be 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):** You must provide proof of reservation. 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.

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.

REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

Read *Matthew 20:1-16a*. Our Lord teaches that we cannot earn salvation through our achievements. If we did, then we would be describing salvation as if it were a business contract in which goods and services are exchanged on a conditional basis. Our relationship with God is truly based upon a covenant that God has initiated. A contract offers a conditional exchange of goods and services. A covenant is an unconditional exchange of lives in a relationship. God invites us to share in a communion of life and love that will sustain us in any circumstance. God continues to reach out to us daily, providing opportunities to grow in His grace, deepening our union with Him within the communion of the Church

Catechism of the Catholic Church #851 (excerpt): "... God wills the salvation of everyone through the knowledge of the truth. Salvation is found in the truth. Those who obey the prompting of the Spirit of truth are already on the way of salvation. But the Church, to whom this truth has been entrusted, must go out to meet their desire, so as to bring them the truth. Because she believes in God's universal plan of salvation, the Church must be missionary." "

SUNDAY READINGS

Sep 20: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:6-9 + Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a + Matthew 20:1-16a

Sep 27: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 18:25-28 + Psalm 25:4-9
Philippians 2:1-11 or 2:1-5 + Matthew 21:28-32

OPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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, Neva Farrah, Barbara Failla, Guy Gable, John Gast, Dot & 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, 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 **all the faithful departed**, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

September 19 – 25

Saturday, September 18 at 4:00 PM
Michael Jordan †

Sunday, September 20 at 7:30 AM
People of Holy Family Parish

Sunday, September 20 at 11:00 AM
Avery Gertz

Monday, September 21 at 8:30 AM
Killian Omomoh †

† means a member of the faithful departed

Tuesday, September 22 at 8:30 AM
Onyeka & Nkem Nnadozie Family

Wednesday, September 23 at 8:30 AM
Nicholas Mwai

Thursday, September 24 at 8:30 AM
Chancellor Claypool

Friday, September 25 at 8:30 AM
Virgie Meeks Damron

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

- **by visiting the Parish Office** (open Monday – Friday from 9 AM – 5:00 PM)
- **by phone:** Monday - Friday from Noon – 4:00 PM (410-922-3800, ext. 4)
- **email:** kerry.topel@archbalt.org
- **mail:** 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

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 \$5,000 - \$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.

Date	August 24 - 30	Aug 31 – Sep 6	September 6 - 13
Via mail or hand-delivered	\$2,938	\$3,551	\$2,589
Via electronic funds transfer	\$465	\$1,330	\$1,215
In church (envelopes)	\$3,090	\$2,175	\$1,820
In church (non-envelopes)	\$97	\$144	\$112
Total	\$6,590	\$7,200	\$5,736

Thank you 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

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)

NEWS – 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)

Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, *Director of Faith Formation*

(410.922.3800, ext. 5 or joann.harvan@archblt.org)

PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

The Parish Office is open to the public from Monday to Friday (9:00 AM – 5:00 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 at this time, we have this option. **Watch and worship on Facebook Live. Direct link:** <https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>

Schedule: www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/livestream

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.

NEWS

FROM THE NEW BUSINESS & FACILITIES MANAGER, THOMAS C. ANDERSON

To Holy Family Parishioners,

I have recently joined the Holy Family Parish Staff, overseeing our business and facilities operations. Earlier, Mr. Dennis Kast was in charge of these operations, but with his retirement, I have been assigned these duties.

I also would like to thank, Mr. Dennis Kast for all the service he has provide to the church faculty members and parishioners. I hope that you will duly accept my introduction, keeping in mind the above context and as we praise our Lord and Savior in worship.

If you wish to speak to me, please feel free to contact me at the parish office 410.922.3800 (ext. 7).

Thanking you.

Sincerely,

Thomas C. Anderson

Business and Facilities Manager

“FORMING CONSCIENCES FOR FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP”

As Catholic voters in the USA join other voters for the General Election on November 3, Father Harris urges you to join him in reading the guidance document from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship (<https://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/forming-consciences-for-faithful-citizenship-title>), which should be read in its entirety.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY: September 20

Each year, the Catholic Church in the USA observes the third Sunday of the month as Catechetical Sunday. This year's theme is, “I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you” (1 Corinthians 11:23). Catechists are the instruments through which many encounter Jesus Christ and hear his invitation to new life. During Holy Mass at 11:00 AM, Father Harris will offer God's blessings upon all who engage in the ministry of faith formation in our parish.

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: September 24

Our Director of Faith Formation is leading a Bible Study composed by her on the mysteries of the Rosary. At present, they are discussing The Luminous Mysteries. **It meets on Thursdays at 10:00 AM on Zoom video conferencing.** For questions or to receive an invitation to the Zoom meeting, please contact Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: September 24

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 what He teaches about our identity as His disciples gathered in His Church. **The topic for September 24 is, “Are you saved? A Catholic Response to This Question.” This is the second part of the study of “Jesus: The Lord is our Salvation.”** Plan to **join us on Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 PM on Facebook Live.** No Facebook account? No problem! All persons can participate virtually by going to the link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).

NEWS

HELP US TO RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY: begins September 25

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is ready to receive your donations for our food pantry. **Beginning on Saturday, September 26, you can bring your donations to the front of the Parish Hall.** Please place your donations in the trunk of your car. Drive to the curb near the Parish Hall entrance. Please 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.

Saturdays from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
After Sunday Holy Mass at 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Non-perishable canned, bagged, or boxed items to the narthex.
Please note that SVDP cannot distribute out-of-date items.

- **Canned Vegetables:** corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, 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

SVDP COMMITMENT CEREMONY: September 25

The Holy Family Conference of the Saint Vincent DePaul Society will have a commitment ceremony for the new conference year. **It will be held on Saturday, September 25 during Holy Mass at 4:00 PM.** The SVDP coordinates our parish efforts to serve the poor (e.g., rent assistance; food packages for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and during the year; Advent Giving Tree; Beans and Bread Soup Kitchen casseroles). New members are welcome to join. Contact the Parish Office and we will forward your contact info to the SVDP.

NEWS – FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION 2020 – 2021 REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Sunday School of Religion (SOR) registration is open for Pre-K/Kindergarten – Eighth Grade and the Confirmation Class. SOR will begin in October with classes being held over Zoom facilitated by a catechist. A few small in person retreat-style gatherings may be held depending on the developments with the pandemic.

Parents and guardians, please read the following instructions carefully.

1. We ask ALL 2020-2021 students— both new and returning—to register. Every year, SOR forms are revised and information changes.
2. Registration forms are available on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/sor>).
3. Completed forms—along with tuition payment (cash or check) or a request to reduce/waive it—can be sent via mail, hand delivered (through the Parish Office door slot) or emailed to Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org).

Questions? Please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. JoAnn Harvan – Chin (410.922.3800, ext. 5 or joann.harvan@archbalt.org). Note that she will be on vacation from August 26 - September 17.

NEWS – FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

SCHOOL OF RELIGION TUITION FUND

Our Sunday School of Religion tuition helps to pay for teaching materials. We never deny a registration due to inability to pay tuitions. As noted in the first announcement in this column, waivers are granted in these cases.

Some parishioners have expressed an interest in helping families who are in need to pay the tuition. You are welcome to put cash or a check (payable to “Holy Family Church”) in an envelope marked, “SOR Tuition Fund.” You can put it in the Sunday Offertory or send it to the Parish Office. Many thanks to those who have given already.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY ON SELECTED SUNDAYS

They meet two Sundays a month at 12:30 pm over Zoom. Email Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, Director of Faith Formation (joann.harvan@archbalt.org) for a Zoom invitation, dates, and questions. **All youth aged 12-17 are encouraged to participate!**

NEWS – UPDATES

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.archbalt.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).