



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 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 | "Hope in Christ: Our Strength for Living"

Hope is one of the gifts that we have received from God through Holy Baptism. **Hope is having an abiding trust that God will fulfill His promises to humanity.** This includes the timing and the way God chooses to fulfill it.

The First and Second Sundays of Advent focus on the promise of the Lord Jesus Christ to return at the end of time. It will happen at an unknown day and hour. This is not to instill terror in us. It is a reminder to receive the gift of each day to glorify God and promote the true and lasting good for others and ourselves.

The Third and Fourth Sundays focus on the first coming of the eternal Son of God into our world by sharing in our humanity except sin. Once again, we receive the good news of great joy that is for everyone to receive. Our Lord God and Savior has come to liberate us from sin and death, and to enjoy a fruitful life on earth (cf. *Luke 2:10-11*). Even during a pandemic.

Whether we are celebrating Advent during a pandemic or any circumstance, having hope in Christ is our strength for living. Hope is not wishful thinking. Hope is a confident expectation that God is at work for our good, whether we can detect it or not.

I invite you to take advantage of the opportunities that our parish offers to observe a fruitful Advent in preparation for Christmas. Notices will be posted in this bulletin, on our social media pages, and on our website section (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/advent>).

MARYLAND RETURNS TO STAGE 2 OF FIGHTING COVID

Due to the resurgence of the COVID-19 virus in Maryland, Governor Hogan announced new measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. Effective Friday, November 20 at 5 PM, maximum capacity for retail and religious facilities is 50%. **Since the Archdiocese of Baltimore guideline is 30% capacity in our churches, there is no change for our church seating.** Maryland has also returned to restrictions on visiting health care and nursing facilities.

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 you have a fruitful observance of Advent.

Father Raymond Harris | rharris@archbalt.org | 410-922-3800, ext. 6

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.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for December 5 – 11

Saturday, December 5 at 4 PM
 People of Holy Family Parish

Monday, December 7 at 8:30 AM
 Raymond Dulik, Jr.

Wednesday, December 9 at 8:30 AM
 Chancellor Claypool

Sunday, December 6 at 7:30 AM
 Nicholas Mwai

Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 AM
 People of Holy Family Parish

Thursday, December 10 at 8:30 AM
 All Priests & Religious

Sunday, December 6 at 11 AM
 Dolores Klein †

Tuesday, December 8 at 7:30 PM
 People of Holy Family Parish

Friday, December 11 at 8:30 AM
 Dominic Nyambi

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

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Tuesday: 9 AM – 10 AM

Thursday: 9 AM – 10 AM
 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION & PENANCE (CONFESSIONS)

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

ADVENT SCHEDULE

You must follow the protocols, including wearing a mask in the church building always.

Saturday, Dec 5 • 2:45 – 3:45 PM
Sunday, Dec 6 • 10:15 - 10:45 AM

Saturday, Dec 12 • 2:45 – 3:45 PM
Sunday, Dec 13 • 10:15 - 10:45 AM

Saturday, Dec 19 • 2:45 – 3:45 PM
Sunday, Dec 20 • 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.

REFLECTION ON THE ADVENT GOSPEL READINGS

Hope in Christ: Our Strength for Living Second Sunday of Advent Topic • Conversion to Christ

Hope is one of the gifts that we have received from God through Holy Baptism. Hope is having an abiding trust that God will fulfill His promises to humanity. This includes the timing and the way God chooses to fulfill it.

DURING EACH WEEK, WE ARE REFLECTING ON THESE QUESTIONS:

(1) What does it mean to have hope in Christ? (2) How does it strengthen us to live with contentment in every situation?

READ THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:1-8

The prophecy of Isaiah heralded the good news that almost sixty-year period of exile that the People of God had suffered in Babylon was coming to an end. God had not forgotten His people. The people needed to prepare for their liberation.

In the Gospel reading, Saint John the Baptist challenges people to prepare for their liberation from sin because the Lord Jesus Christ was coming. The baptisms performed by John were with water only. They were cleansing rituals in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The Christian Sacrament of Holy Baptism is celebrated in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ by water and the Holy Spirit. Jesus comes to us personally to heal us from original sin and to help us to overcome the inclination to sin.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE HOPE IN CHRIST?

To have hope in Christ means to experience the process of conversion. Repentance is more than expressing sorrow for sin. That is an important first step. Of equal importance is to change our minds about thinking that any sinful action is good for us. It may seem to cause pleasure but its painful consequences last longer. We are conscious of the great dignity that God has given to us. There is no pleasure in disrespecting it. We are conscious of the glorious inheritance that God has provided for us. There is no pleasure in losing it.

HOW DOES IT STRENGTHEN US TO LIVE WITH CONTENTMENT IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE?

Cooperating with Christ to repent from sin, we receive His forgiveness, and learn the lesson that not trusting in God is a waste of our time. We move forward with true freedom, living according to the framework that our Lord has created. Hopeful people want to conform their lives to the Lord's commands because they are confident that they are expressions of His love for us. This change for the better means putting aside sinful actions that are death-dealing and taking up actions that are life-giving because they glorify God.

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 1431: Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of his grace. This conversion of heart is accompanied by a salutary pain and sadness which the Fathers called *animi cruciatus* (affliction of spirit) and *compunctio cordis* (repentance of heart)."

SUNDAY READINGS

December 6: Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 + Psalm 85:9-14
2 Peter 3:8-14 + Mark 1:1-8

December 12: Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11 + Response: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 + John 1:6-8, 19-28

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

Prayer intention for evangelization - For a life of prayer: We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer. .

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT PRAYER INTENTIONS

Father Harris invites parishioners to join him in praying for these intentions during each week of Advent.

- For those who are alienated from the practice of their Catholic faith, that they will receive the gift of God and be reconciled.
- For those who do not have hope in Christ, that they will respond to His invitation to have confidence in Him.
- For an end to the pandemic, that our efforts to slow its spread will succeed, and that those who are not cooperative will have a change of heart.
- For those who are deployed in harm's way to provide health care, public safety, and other essential services, that they will be protected as they serve with integrity.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be ... Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us. Saint Joseph, pray for us.

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, 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, 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 Richard Lawrence and all the faithful departed**, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

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.

Date	November 9 – 15	November 16 – 22	November 23 – 29
Via mail or hand-delivered	\$1,141	\$3,695	\$2,318
Via electronic funds transfer	\$980	\$625	\$525
In church (envelopes)	\$1,317	\$1,504	\$2,325
In church (non-envelopes)	\$ 112	\$97	\$171
Total	\$3,550	\$5,921	\$5,339

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

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 DECEMBER

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

165 households pledging \$38,823 – 96% of the Goal

Thank you for your generosity to the work of the Lord in our parish and Archdiocese. **As of December 2** (data in parenthesis indicates change since the last report on November 25 which was published in last Sunday's Bulletin),

Households pledging	same	165
% parish households	same	35% of \$38,433.00
Amount pledged	same	\$38,823.00
% of goal	same	96% of \$40,386.00
Rebate to Date		\$7,050.54

Our parish will receive 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). 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)

Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, Director of Faith Formation
(410.922.3800, ext. 5 or joann.harvan@archblt.org)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is open from Monday to Friday (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>

Schedule: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/livestream>

book 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.

STAY CONNECTED BY VISITING OUR PARISH WEBSITE

<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org>

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE & DAY RESERVATIONS BEGIN ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 7

Due to pandemic restrictions, all Holy Masses will be offered in the Main Church. Reservations will begin to be taken on Monday, December 7, either at the Parish Office or online (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/christmas>). .

Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24
Holy Mass: 2 PM, 4:30 PM, & 7:30 PM

Christmas Day
Friday, December 25
Holy Mass: 7:30 AM & 10:30 AM

God willing, we will have a Christmas Eve Holy Mass in the Old Church in 2021.

PARISH NEWS

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.**

HELP US TO RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY: Saturdays & Sundays

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is ready to receive your food pantry donations. **Help us to feed 65 households for Christmas.** 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

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Until December 13

Due to the pandemic, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting **\$20 gift certificates from Target and Walmart only** to give to our beneficiaries. **Every weekend until December 12 & 13, a SVDP Volunteer will stand where the Advent Giving Tree stood to receive the gift certificates.** Thank you in advance for your generosity. God willing, the Advent Giving Tree will return in 2021.

ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINARIANS EDUCATION FUND

Please join Father Harris in contributing. Offertory Envelope users have it in their packets. Others can put your contribution in an envelope marked, "Seminarians". Checks are made payable to "Holy Family Church" with "seminarians" in the memo. You can also donate online (<https://www.archbalt.org/vocations-giving/>). Please write in the comment section: "I am a Holy Family Randallstown parishioner." We have 53 Archdiocesan seminarians. It costs approximately \$3 million to educate them. Our parish has been blessed to host seminarians for summer assignments since 2016.

PARISH NEWS

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: December 8

Due to the pandemic, it remains a holy day, but not of obligation. Holy Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 8 at 8:30 AM and 7 PM. Worship in person or via Facebook Live (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). You do not need a Facebook account to watch and worship.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: December 8

Join us on **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. For questions and/or to receive a Zoom invite, contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: December 10

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

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: December 10

Join us on **Thursday, December 10 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 part 4 of, ‘I am the Bread of Life’ The text is John 6:48-59.**

ADVENT VIRTUAL RETREAT EXPERIENCE: December 18

Take a break for 90 minutes for prayer and learning. Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin and the School of Religion staff invite you to join them for an Advent Virtual Retreat Experience on Friday, December 19 from 7 PM – 8:30 PM on Zoom video conferencing. The presenter is Katie Torrey, Coordinator of Discipleship in the Division of Catechesis and Pastoral Formation of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. The theme is, “‘O Come, O Come, Emmanuel’: Praying the O Antiphons During the Final Week of Advent.” For a Zoom invitation, contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org).

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 announcement.

GIVE CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS: December 19

The Beans & Bread Soup Kitchen does not need casseroles this month. Instead, we invite parishioners to make care packages for the homeless, which will be distributed by the soup kitchen. **Put the following materials 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 the packages on Saturday, December 19 from 9 AM – 9:30 AM at the church parking lot.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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:

Sat, Dec 5 • 7 PM: Zoom

Wed, Jan 27 • 6 PM: Saint Bernadine, Baltimore

Thu, Jan 7 • 7 PM: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City

Wed, Feb 10 • 7PM: Zoom

Sun, Jan 10 • 3 PM: Saint Ignatius, Ijamsville

Please assist the formation team by registering with Kristine Arata, 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), Deacon Larry Matheny (lmatheny@e-stignatius.org), and Deacon Scott Lancaster (slancaster1@stlouisparish.org).

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.