



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 3, 2021

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

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

THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION

The universal Church issues this proclamation on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord about the upcoming feasts and fasts of the new year.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of His return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, **the Easter Triduum of the Lord**: His last supper, His crucifixion, His burial, and His rising **celebrated between the evening of the 1st day of April and the evening of the 3rd day of April, Easter Sunday** being on **the 4th day of April**.

Each Easter – as on each Sunday – the Holy Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has for ever conquered sin and death.

From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy.

Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent, will occur on **the 17th day of February**.

The Ascension of the Lord will be commemorated on Thursday, the 13th of May. In the Archdiocese of Baltimore, it is **transferred to Sunday, the 16th of May**.

Pentecost, joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on **the 23rd day of May**.

And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on **the 28th day of November**.

Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen.

May you and your loved ones continue to have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

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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 January 2 – 8

Saturday, January 2 at 4 PM

Rodney Citizen †

Sunday, January 3 at 7:30 AM

Patrick Cavanaugh †

Sunday, January 3 at 11 AM

The People of Holy Family Parish

Monday, January 4 at 8:30 AM

All Priests & Religious †

Tuesday, January 5 at 8:30 AM

John Gast †

Wednesday, January 6 at 8:30 AM

Holy Souls in Purgatory †

Thursday, January 7 at 8:30 AM

John Gast †

Friday, January 8 at 8:30 AM

Bernard Simons

† 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
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CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER: This week's schedule

Tuesday • 9 AM – 10 AM

Thursday • 9 AM – 10 AM with Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday • 2:30 PM – 4 PM

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

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.

CHRISTMAS SEASON HOMILY SERIES: “The Light of Christ: Our Path for Life”

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord • Our Path to Worship God

The light of Christ is our sure path for life, navigating us through the twists and turns that may occur. We rejoice that Christ has enabled us to experience triumphs. We renew our resolve to follow Christ as we face trials and temptations. **The light of Christ scatters the darkness of gloom; sets our direction for life by His Gospel; and enables us to be steadfast in our devotion with His grace.**

Read Matthew 2:1-12. The Magi were Gentiles (i.e., not Jewish) who were resolved to offer homage to the Lord. In fulfillment of prophecy, Jesus is born in Bethlehem. He fulfills God’s promise to King David that his lineage will never end (cf. *Micah* 5:1 and *2 Samuel* 7:11-13, respectively). As we begin a new calendar year, this Solemnity reminds us about continuing to make the worship of our Lord God and Savior as primary in our lives. Offering ourselves in loving God and trusting in God’s ways is more precious than gold, frankincense, and myrrh. While the Magi were guided by a star created by God, we are guided by the light of faith, a gift that we have received from God. Following the way that the Magi offered homage to the Lord Jesus, we strive to wholeheartedly engage in worship with joy. This type of worship opens our lives to God’s grace, enabling us to worship God by how are living outside the periods of liturgical worship.

Catechism of the Catholic Church # 528: “The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Savior of the world. The great feast of Epiphany celebrates the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. In the magi, representatives of the neighboring pagan religions, the Gospel sees the first-fruits of the nations, who welcome the good news of salvation through the Incarnation. The magi’s coming to Jerusalem in order to pay homage to the king of the Jews shows that they seek in Israel, in the messianic light of the star of David, the one who will be king of the nations. Their coming means that pagans can discover Jesus and worship him as Son of God and Savior of the world only by turning towards the Jews and receiving from them the messianic promise as contained in the Old Testament. The Epiphany shows that ‘the full number of the nations’ now takes its ‘place in the family of the patriarchs’, and acquires Israelitica dignitas (is made ‘worthy of the heritage of Israel’).”

EPIPHANY BLESSING OF HOMES

The Magi did not visit the manger but the “house” of Joseph and Mary (cf. *Matthew* 2:11). As baptized people, the life of God dwells within us (e.g., *Galatians* 3:7). When two or more persons gather in the name of Jesus, He is present in a special way too (cf. *Matthew* 18:20). During Holy Mass on the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we pray that we will reflect the presence of Christ during our interactions with others, including in our homes.

The blessing is at the end of this Sunday Bulletin. It includes the custom of using chalk to mark the doorways of our homes [20 + C + M + B + 21]. Of course, you can trace the numbers and letters with your finger if you do not want to chalk your doors. On Epiphany (the traditional names of the Magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar), we ask for God’s blessings (+) upon all who will enter or depart during this year (2021). CMB can also mean *Christus mansionem benedicat* (“May Christ bless the house.”).

SUNDAY & CHRISTMAS READINGS

January 3: Epiphany of the Lord
Isaiah 60:1-6 + Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13
Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 + Matthew 2:1-12

January 10: Feast of the Baptism of Lord
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 + Psalm 29: 1-4, 9-10
1 John 4:1-9 + Mark 1:7-11

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

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

CONNECTED: GROWING IN CHRIST TOGETHER

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

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

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

CONNECTED SCRIPTURE VERSE

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

PARISH CONNECTED PRAYER

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

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

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

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

May the souls of **all the faithful departed**, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

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

Christmas Offering to date: \$8,581 (+7371 since the last report)
Christmas Flowers Offering to date: \$1,146 (+ \$100 since the last report)

Date	Dec 7 – Dec 13	Dec 14 – Dec 20	Dec 21 – Dec 27
Via mail or hand-delivered	\$3,242	\$2,142.50	\$3,737
Via electronic funds transfer	\$910	\$1,240	\$635
In church (envelopes)	\$1,585	\$2,390	\$6,030
In church (non-envelopes)	\$92	\$270	\$251
Total	\$5,829	\$6,042.50	\$10,653

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 JANUARY

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

ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES 2020

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 29**(data in parenthesis indicates change since the last report),

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

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

Father Harris has donated \$250. Any amount that you can give will glorify the Lord and further His work. You can also contribute electronically by visiting the website (www.archbalt.org/appeal/give). 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>

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS MEMORIALS & HONORS

Many thanks to the donors of the Christmas Flowers Offering. The list of donors is posted on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/flowers>). It is attached to the December 27th Sunday Bulletin as well (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/update>). See the photographs of our church decorations on our parish Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/media/set?vanity=HFCRandallstown&set=a.1402631436767143>).

2021 PARISH CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE NOW

We began distributing them last weekend after Holy Mass on The Lord's Day. Father Harris thanks the Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus for helping our parish to pay for the calendars.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: January 5

Join us on **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM 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: January 7

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, is leading a Bible Study composed by her on the mysteries of the Rosary. The next session is on **Thursday, January 7 at 10 AM via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. For questions and/or to receive a Zoom invite, please contact JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: January 7

Join **Father Harris on Thursday, January 7 at 7 PM on Facebook Live**. A Facebook account is not needed to access the link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). **The series theme is, "Identity: Christ, the Christian, and the Church."** Deepening our understanding of what Jesus says about Himself will do the same regarding our identity as His disciples gathered in His Church. **The topic is, "I am the light of the world" The text is John 8:12-20.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Resumes on January 10

The Sunday School of Religion is on Christmas break. **The next session is on Sunday, January 10 at 12:30 PM on Zoom video and phone conferencing**. For questions about the Sunday School of Religion and sacramental preparation programs during this 2020 – 2021 year, please contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

BRING WATER TO BE BLESSED: January 9 & 10

Since it was not announced during Holy Mass last weekend, Father Harris will offer another formal blessing of water after the homily during Holy Mass. Please bring a **container of water**. Blessed salt will be added to your containers after Holy Mass. Then take this Holy Water home as a reminder of your baptism and calling to become a saint.

ADVENT GIVING TREE: Thank you!

The Holy Family Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Father Harris thank you for your donations of \$20 gifts cards from Target and Walmart. The beneficiaries received them on December 18 and 19..

PARISH NEWS

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.

GIVE CARE PACKAGES FOR THE HOMELESS: January 16

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, January 16 from 9 AM – 9:30 AM at the church parking lot.**

FOURTH TUESDAY ROSARY: January 26

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

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.**

RESTOCKING OUR FOOD PANTRY: Resumes in January

The Holy Family Conference of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and Father Harris thank you for your donations to the food pantry to feed hungry people. On December 18 & 19, we provided food for 77 households for Christmas. It was covered by *The Catholic Review* (<https://catholicreview.org/holy-family-parish-brings-christmas-cheer-to-baltimores-northwest-suburbs/>). The SVDP will resume receiving your donations in early January. The list of needs is on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/pantry>).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

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

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:

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

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

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

Wed, Feb 10 • 7PM: Zoom

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.

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.