



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 22, 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 | "In every circumstance, give thanks ..."

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus"
(1 *Thessalonians* 5:16-18).

Thanksgiving 2020 is a quite different experience compared to other Thanksgivings. After experiencing many losses and changes, we have arrived at a time in which we desire the comforting presence of loved ones. However, we are rightly told by public officials that we must make some relatively short-term sacrifices to reach long-term gains in the struggle to overcome the COVID-19 pandemic. That includes considering limiting our Thanksgiving gatherings.

Call to mind that previous generations celebrated Thanksgiving during great difficulties, such as times of war and in the aftermath of natural disasters, and other difficulties.

Saint Paul taught that we must thank God in every circumstance. He wrote to the Thessalonian Christians several decades after Christ ascended into heaven. He had experienced great blessings from the Lord. He had experienced great burdens, such as being persecuted as he fulfilled his vocation from God. Keep this context in mind as we consider the Scripture passage noted above.

- **Rejoice:** Joy is a fruit of the Holy Spirit (cf. *Galatians* 5:22). It transcends times of happiness and sadness. It is the unshakable conviction that God is always faithful in His love and mercy. God is always working things out for our good, whether we can detect how God is doing it or not.
- **Pray:** That is why we can communicate with God with confidence.
- **Give thanks always:** Therefore, we can always make the decision to give thanks to God.

Of course, it is alright to acknowledge our sadness about how our celebration of Thanksgiving is different this year. Talk with God about it. Receive comfort from the people that God has placed in your life. Offer comfort to others as well.

However, do not forget the many reasons why we are still thankful to God. Begin to count those blessings. You will find that you cannot exhaust counting them. Ask God to help you to continue to make these blessings count.

For example, you may not see some loved ones in person this year. Acknowledge that this change makes you sad, but do not stay there. Offer thanks to God for them with specific reasons. If it is available to you, contact them by phone or video conferencing. Thank God that these technologies exist.

You may be grieving due to the death of loved ones. This may be the first Thanksgiving without them. Acknowledge your grief. Allow God to enter into it. Offer thanks to God for them with specific reasons. Thank God for the time that you had spent with them. Give God thanks also for the gift of eternal life through our Lord God and Savior, Jesus Christ. If tears begin to flow, allow it to happen. They can be an expression of prayer to God.

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

For those who are able, join us for Holy Mass at 9 AM on Thanksgiving Day. To ensure the maximum number of seats available during this pandemic, **we will worship in the Main Church this year. The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 8:30 AM.** The Holy Rosary and Holy Mass will be broadcast on Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account to watch. Just visit the link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). God willing, we will return to the Old Church on Thanksgiving 2021.

God willing, I will celebrate my fifth Thanksgiving as the leader of Holy Family Parish. I am thankful for this opportunity to serve and for such a wonderful community of faithful people.

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

Father Raymond Harris

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.

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>

Saturday: 2:45 PM – 3:45 PM

Other times: by appointment with Father Harris

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.

REFLECTION ON THE SUNDAY GOSPEL READING

Read Matthew 25:31-46. The Lord Jesus Christ identifies Himself with His suffering brothers and sisters: "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me" (*Matthew 25:40*). "Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me." (*Matthew 25:45*). Consider that as you deal with suffering. Consider that as the Lord blesses us in this way, so we are called to help others who are suffering.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1816: "The disciple of Christ must not only keep the faith and live on it, but also profess it, confidently bear witness to it, and spread it: 'All however must be prepared to confess Christ before men and to follow him along the way of the Cross, amidst the persecutions which the Church never lacks.' Service of and witness to the faith are necessary for salvation: 'So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'"

SUNDAY READINGS

November 22: Solemnity of Christ the King

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 + Psalm 128:1-5
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 + Matthew 25:14-30

November 29: First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2b-7 + Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9 + Mark 13:33-37

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

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Universal prayer intention - Artificial Intelligence: We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

ADVENT BEGINS NEXT WEEKEND

Our 2020 theme is, "Hope in Christ; Strength for Living." God gave us the gift of hope through Holy Baptism. It is an abiding trust that what God has promised to humanity will come to pass in His Time and according to His ways. The coming the eternal Son of God to share in our humanity is the fulfillment of prophecy.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for November 21– 27

Saturday, November 21 at 4 PM

Michael Jordan †

Sunday, November 22 at 7:30 AM

Charlie Klein †

Sunday, November 22 at 11 AM

People of Holy Family Parish

Monday, November 23 at 8:30 AM

Bernard Simons

Tuesday, November 24 at 8:30 AM

Katherine Gertz

Wednesday, November 25 at 8:30 AM

Loretta Schieber †

Thursday, November 26 at 8:30 AM

Kathy Peterkin †

Friday, November 27 at 8:30 AM

Marvin Alexander †

† 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

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	Oct 26 – Nov 1	November 2 – 8	November 9 – 15
Via mail or hand-delivered	\$3,633	\$3,941	\$1,141
Via electronic funds transfer	\$945	\$1,112	\$980
In church (envelopes)	\$2,886	\$2,536	\$1,317
In church (non-envelopes)	\$188	\$241	\$ 112
Total	\$7,652	\$7,830	\$3,550

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 NOVEMBER

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

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 (note the time change), either online or at the Parish Office.

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.**

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

November is the month on the Catholic calendar in which we remember the faithful departed. In view of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we believe that they are alive with God. We continue to express our thanksgiving to God for their lives by our prayers.

Prayer for the Faithful Departed: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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 Thanksgiving and 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

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: November 24

Join us on **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM via Zoom video and phone conferencing.** 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).

PARISH NEWS

FOURTH TUESDAY ROSARY: November 24

The Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the **Holy Rosary on Tuesday, November 24 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.**

THANKSGIVING: November 26

This year, Holy Mass at 9:00 AM will be in the Main Church so that we can have the largest seating capacity available. God willing, we will return to the Old Church in 2021. **The Parish Office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and November 27.** Our Thursday Bible Studies will not meet.

BRING WATER TO BE BLESSED: December 5 & 6

On the first weekend of the month, Father Harris will offer a 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: 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION: Still Time to Register

There is still time to register your young disciple for our Sunday School of Religion, which began on October 25. SOR meets via Zoom video conferencing on Sundays at 12:30 PM. Sessions last about 40 minutes. SOR includes grades Pre-K to 8 and preparation for the First Confession, First Confession, and Confirmation. For more information, please contact our Director of Faith Formation, Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5). Registration forms are available on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/sor>).

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: December 1

Join us on **Tuesdays at 7:30 PM via Zoom video and phone conferencing**. 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 MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: December 3

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 3

Join us on **Thursday, December 3 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 3 of, 'I am the Bread of Life' The text is John 6:35-51.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA EVENT IS CANCELED THIS YEAR

With regret, our annual Breakfast with Santa Event on Saturday, December 5, is canceled due to the pandemic. God willing, we will have this event next year on Saturday, December 4, 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.**

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 November 17** (data in parenthesis indicates change since the last report on November 10 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.

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:

- Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM on Zoom,
- Saturday, December 5 at 7:00 PM on Zoom,
- Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Ellicott City
- Sunday, January 10 at 3:00 PM at Saint Ignatius Church, Ijamsville,
- Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 PM Saint Bernadine Church, Baltimore City
- Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 M on 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).

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY INNOCENTS MINISTRY

Nearly 25% of all pregnancies end in a miscarriage. The Archdiocese of Baltimore via the Holy Innocents Ministry will care for your miscarried child with a burial and care for the family during the difficult time. Keep this information handy for when a family member or friend experiences a miscarriage. Call the HELPLINE Holy Innocent Ministry at 410-547-3142 or at holyinnocents@archbalt.org. One of the many team members will respond quickly to 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.