



PARISH LIFE UPDATE

Holy Family Catholic Church

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 26, 2020

This update will be issued for every Sunday in lieu of the Sunday Bulletin. Please also refer to the Pastor's Update on our website (www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org).

PASTOR'S MESSAGE | The Risen Lord provides hope during hard times.

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! This ancient Christian greeting continues to be used today. It is probably based on a verse from this Sunday's Gospel Reading. "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon" (Luke 24:34)!

Last Friday, Governor Hogan has announced a gradual return to some normalcy in phases that will depend on several factors. Our Archbishop is also working with various groups to prepare our Archdiocese for this recovery phase. For example, he met with priests in Baltimore County via video conference last Friday. Your Archbishop and priests are keenly aware that you are longing to return to Holy Mass and the sacraments.

According to Archdiocese of Baltimore guidance issued on Saturday: "The Archdiocese is working with the dioceses in Delaware, Virginia, Washington, D.C., and West Virginia to create one common plan for reopening the Church, in accordance with the civil guidance in those jurisdictions. The plan will include multiple phases to reflect the reality that reopening must be gradual to ensure the safety of everyone, given that there will continue to be risks posed by the virus until there is a vaccine."

Yes, there are still challenges and unknowns to deal with. Last Wednesday, Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski reported that the 21133 zip code (where our parish campus is located) has the highest concentration of COVID-19 cases in the county. This pandemic has directly affected our parish community, not just in Randallstown but in other communities where our parishioners live. In addition, a number of parishioners are providing medical care and other essential services.

I reiterate what I wrote in last Sunday's column. This trial is only for a season. It is designed to prevent more suffering. Listen to the testimonies of patients, grieving loved ones, exhausted medical personnel, and others. This is necessary. It is only for a season." We need to be resolved just as those who place themselves in harm's way for our safety, to provide medical care, to provide services such as groceries.

The grace of God is still available to strengthen, heal, console, and liberate. God is giving us help right now to ensure that we will not suspend the exercise of our faith, our hope, and our love. Thanks be to God!

Let us pray for one another. Please continue to reach out to each other to see how others are doing. Know that the staff and I are here to serve you.

Father Raymond Harris

REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL READING

Read Luke 24:13-35. "... Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him" (v. 32). Two disciples left the Church in Jerusalem for Emmaus, discouraged and having serious doubts that the Lord Jesus had risen from the dead. Jesus drew near to them. During these challenging times, Jesus had drawn near to you even when you have not recognized it. Draw near to the Lord in prayer.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #1346: "The liturgy of the Eucharist unfolds according to a fundamental structure which has been preserved throughout the centuries down to our own day. It displays two great parts that form a fundamental unity: the gathering, the liturgy of the Word, with readings, homily and general intercessions; the liturgy of the Eucharist, with the presentation of the bread and wine, the consecratory thanksgiving, and communion.

"The liturgy of the Word and liturgy of the Eucharist together form 'one single act of worship'; the Eucharistic table set for us is the table both of the Word of God and of the Body of the Lord."

(#1347) "Is this not the same movement as the Paschal meal of the risen Jesus with his disciples? Walking with them he explained the Scriptures to them; sitting with them at table 'he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.'"

SUNDAY READINGS

April 26: Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14,22-33 + Psalm 16:1-2,5, 7-11
1 Peter 1:17-21 + Luke 24:13-35

May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41 + Psalm 23:1-6
1 Peter 2:20b-25 + John 10:1-10

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.

M: Mail **EFT:** Electronic Funds Transfer

Week of March 15: \$2033 (M: \$1,358; EFT: \$675)

Week of March 22: \$1308 (M: \$803; EFT: \$505)

Week of March 29: \$6373 (M: \$4,878; EFT: \$1495)

Week of April 5: \$6925 (M: \$5,235; EFT: \$1690)

Week of April 12: \$5922 (M: \$3977; EFT: \$1945)

Week of April 19: \$4,077 (M: \$1,932; EFT: \$2,145)

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 \$50, you would text OFFER 50 to 14108839358 (no \$ is needed)

Possible replies to your text:

- Transaction is successful, you will receive a thank you.
- Not part of GiveCentral yet? You will receive a link to register.
- Transaction unsuccessful? You will receive a reply asking for a clarification.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25

Intention: Nicholas Mwai

Celebrant: Father Harris

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Intention: John Roperti †

Celebrant: Father Angel

Sunday, April 26

Intention: Matthew Arther †

Celebrant: Monsignor Collins

Sunday, April 26

Intention: People of the Parish

Celebrant: Father Harris

Sunday, April 26

Intention: Elijah Abass

Celebrant: Father Angel

Monday, April 27

Intention: Jonathan Davis

Celebrant: Father Angel

Tuesday, April 28

Intention: Deacon Evan Ponton

Celebrant: Father Harris

Wednesday, April 29

Intention: Louis D'Argenio †

Celebrant: Father Harris

Thursday, April 30

Intention: Chancelor Claypool

Celebrant: Father Harris

Friday, My 1

Intention: Charles & Minnie Walsh †

Celebrant: Father Angel

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Rocco Aliberti, K. Dale Anderson, Mary Anna Baffoe-Bonnie, Rose Balk, E. Alan Ball, Albert Blanchard, Mary & Hal 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, Edward D. Green, Lisa Grey, Jeanie Hakanson, Sherell Hinton, Margaret Irwin, 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, Al Ondis, 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.

NEWS

ARCHBISHOP EXTENDS GREETINGS

On Thursday, April 6, Archbishop William Lori called Father Harris. He extends greetings to our parish for a blessed Easter. He is praying for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

ARCHBISHOP'S 25th ANNIVERSARY

Monday, April 6 and Thursday, April 20 was the 25th anniversary of Archbishop William Lori's episcopal ordination. Praise God and congratulations to him. Please pray for him as he leads our Archdiocese during this pandemic.

LIVE-STREAM OF HOLY MASS & DEVOTIONS

While it is not the same of being there in person, parishioners have expressed gratitude for this option. Watch and worship on Facebook Live.

The schedule: www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/livestream.

No Facebook account? No problem! See: www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/video

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.

NOW RECEIVING MASS INTENTIONS

Beginning on Monday, April 27, the Parish Office will receive Mass intention requests. Please do not come to the Parish Office because it is closed to the public per Archdiocese of Baltimore directive to comply with the Governor's *Executive Order*. Please make your request by phone (Monday - Friday from Noon - 4 PM) or email or mail. Suggested donation is \$10. **At this time, we will assign the intention to the next available date. We are not able to accommodate specific date requests.**

An extra Holy Mass is available on the weekdays until May 29 because the priests are celebrating Holy Mass. So that all may have an opportunity, you may only request 5 intentions within a month.

FATHER HARRIS' SUNDAY HOMILY

When there is time, Father Harris will post his Sunday homilies. The Easter Sunday homily can be found here: www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/homily

CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN USA & CANADA TO RECONSECRATING NATIONS TO THE BLESSED MOTHER ON MAY 1

On May 1, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops will renew the consecration of both nations to the Blessed Mother. In renewing the consecrations of the two nations to the care of our Blessed Mother. Archbishop Gomez will lead a brief liturgy with the prayer of re-consecration on Friday, May 1 at 3:00 PM EDT and has invited the bishops to join in from their respective dioceses and asked them to extend the invitation to the faithful in their dioceses for their participation. A liturgy guide will be available to assist the faithful who may join in by tuning into the USCCB's social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

EASTER MARIAN ANTIPHON

During the Easter season, we pray the *Regina caeli* instead of the Angelus at 6 AM (or whenever you arise), Noon, and 6 PM. The text is:

Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.
Rejoice and be glad, O virgin Mary, alleluia.
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia.

Let us pray. O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of thy son, our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech thee, that through the intercession of the virgin Mary, his mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

YOUTH GROUP ZOOM MEETING – MAY 1

We will make soft pretzels from scratch over Zoom with Mrs. JoAnn and learn a lesson of our faith from the pretzel. **It will be on Friday, May 1 at 2:30 PM.** Contact Mrs. JoAnn in advance (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5) for the recipe so you can get supplies and to receive the invitation to tune in over Zoom.

SCHOOL OF RELIGION ADULT BIBLE STUDY

It begins on May 5 at 6 PM on Zoom Video Conferencing. While it is for SOR parents and guardians, any adult is welcome. We will resume The Crux series followed by a study of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary that was composed by Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, Director of Faith Formation. Contact her to join and receive an invitation to tune in to Zoom.

FATHER HARRIS' SERIES ON "MASS MOVEMENTS"

On the Tuesdays of May at 7 PM on Facebook Live, Father Harris will present on "Mass Movements: How Holy Mass forms a Holy People." We are looking forward to returning to worship the Lord during Holy Mass in person. As we prepare, join Father Harris as he speaks about the meaning of different part of Holy Mass. Then he will speak about its relations to our daily life. You do not need a Facebook account to access it. Visit www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/videos/

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Our Director of Faith Formation is leading a new Bible Study composed by her on the mysteries of the Rosary. The study begins with the Glorious Mysteries since this is the Easter season. **It meets on Thursdays at 10 AM on Zoom video conferencing.** Please contact Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).to receive an invitation to join the session.

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On Thursdays at 7 PM on Facebook Live. Father Harris is continuing his series, "Risen with Christ for this Season of Suffering." After the resurrection of the Lord, His disciples began to see his teaching about suffering in a new light. During this season of suffering, how can we be strengthened by the teaching of Christ. Jesus said to His disciples, "I have told you this so that you might have peace in me. In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world" (*John 16:33*). **You do not need a Facebook account to access the live-stream. Go to [ww.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live](http://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live)**

YOUNG ADULT PAINT NIGHT – MAY 30

"Pentecostal Painting" In this time of isolation, may the Spirit of God light a fire in our hearts to remind us that we are never alone! Come paint with us over Zoom and catch the Spirit! **It will be on Saturday, May 30 at 6 PM via Zoom Video Conferencing.** Email JoAnn (joann.harvan@archbalt.org) to RSVP, get Zoom invitation, & info about obtaining the material.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSIONS

While we cannot schedule baptisms at this time, parents who want their child baptized can participate in a session now. Please contact Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin, Director of Faith Formation, has been in contact with parents and guardians. They will receive a packet to help with the faith formation of their children for the rest of the 2019-2020 year. She is meeting with the Confirmation Class and other students preparing for the sacraments via Zoom video conferencing.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION POSTPONED

Archbishop Lori has decided that First Communions and Confirmations scheduled in May must be postponed. Once we return to some sense of normalcy, we will set new dates in consultation with the parents.

SEMINARIAN SAM HUFFER

Archbishop Lori has appointed seminarian Sam Huffer to serve in our parish during the summer. He is completing his first year at Saint John Paul II College Seminary in Washington, D.C. His home parish is Saint Peter the Apostle, Libertytown. His start date depends on when it is safe to do so and civil orders.

DEACON EVAN PONTON

He continues to be assigned to our parish. He is living at the Church of the Resurrection Rectory in Ellicott City. In an abundance of caution, he cannot travel from one rectory to another. We hope to have him engage in ministry via Zoom video conferencing and other means. Deacon Evan is scheduled to be ordained to the priesthood in June, but it could be postponed due to the pandemic.

SEMINARIANS MICHAEL MISULIA & MICHAEL PRESTON

You may remember that they were assigned with Deacon Evan as part of a Parish Learning Team from Saint Mary's Seminary. All the seminaries in Maryland and Washington, D.C. sent their seminarians back to their home dioceses, where they are engaged in distance learning. Michael Misulia is living at the Our Lady of Victory Rectory in Arbutus. Michael Preston is living at home in the Diocese of Wilmington. He is preparing for ordination to the diaconate in May but it could be postponed due to the pandemic.