



PARISH LIFE UPDATE

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

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

Pastor's Updates regarding protocols during pandemic: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/covid-pastor>

PASTOR'S MESSAGE | Reopening Planning

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

"The mission of Holy Family Parish is to help people to believe in Christ, belong to His Church, and bless our communities...."

In Baltimore County, the resumption of Holy Mass with the faithful present may begin later than in other parts of the state. Our County Executive has access to more information than I do. I appreciate the burden of his making a decision that impact many people.

Baltimore County has one of the highest COVID-19 cases in Maryland. Some northwest communities, such as Randallstown and Owings Mills, have the highest rates in the county.

This pandemic has affected parishioners economically, losing income and employment. I am praying that God opens a door of opportunity for them. We are sharing employment opportunities highlighted by the Baltimore County Government to this Facebook page.

This pandemic has affected parishioners' health. The families of Edward Green and Alexander Ondis have noted their deaths due to complications from COVID-19. We pray for the repose of their souls and the consolation of their families. We also thank God for the gift of their lives. their love for their families, and their impact on their communities.

There are other parishioners who are battling this virus. There are parishioners who have loved ones elsewhere who are battling this virus or have died because of it. There are parishioners who are serving to protect others, to provide medical care and other necessary services.

The Pastoral Staff and I are here for all of you. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us. It does not have to be related to COVID-19. What you are dealing with is important to God and to us too.

Part of our parish mission is "to bless our communities." At the end of his statement today, County Executive Olzewski asked for prayer. Let us pray for him as he guides our home county through this pandemic.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE PLANNING FOR REOPENING

See our parish implementation plans for Phase 1 at the end of this update or at this link: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/reopening>

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

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.

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

Father Raymond Harris

EASTER SEASON SERIES | VICTORIOUS: WE ARE RISEN WITH CHRIST

Easter VI: Remaining Resolute in our Hope

Through Holy Baptism, we share in the victory that the Lord Jesus Christ has won over sin and death. This is significant at the moment of death because it is significant during every moment of our lives on earth. Through Holy Baptism, we have been given the gifts of faith, hope, and love. Faith enables us to believe in God, accepting what He has revealed through the ministry of the Church since God is truth. Hope enables us to trust that God's promises will be fulfilled in our lives as we cooperate with His providence.

At this point of Father Harris' homily series, we are considering the theological virtue of love. Love is defined by how God relates to us since God is love. It is through our love for God that we can love ourselves and others appropriately. This Sunday, Father Harris is focusing on love for God. On Ascension Sunday, Father Harris will focus on love of neighbor.

Read *John 14:15-21*. “[Jesus said to his disciples:] ‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments’” (*John 14:15*). The Lord Jesus says that to keep His commandments is an act of the will. It is not a feeling. Striving to love God wholeheartedly—which is the perspective from which we love ourselves and others appropriately—is our motivation to follow the teaching of the Lord Jesus. We do not have to wonder if we have the capacity to do it. God pours His life within us. We trust in God and cooperate with Him.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #729: “Only when the hour has arrived for his glorification does Jesus promise the coming of the Holy Spirit, since his Death and Resurrection will fulfill the promise made to the fathers. The Spirit of truth, the other Paraclete, will be given by the Father in answer to Jesus' prayer; he will be sent by the Father in Jesus' name; and Jesus will send him from the Father's side, since he comes from the Father. The Holy Spirit will come and we shall know him; he will be with us for ever; he will remain with us. The Spirit will teach us everything, remind us of all that Christ said to us and bear witness to him. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth and will glorify Christ. He will prove the world wrong about sin, righteousness, and judgment.”

SUNDAY READINGS

May 17: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8,14-17 + Psalm 66:1-7, 16,20
1 Peter 3:15-18 + John 14:15-21

May 24: Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 + Psalm 47:2-3, 6-9
Ephesians 1:17-23 + Matthew 28:16-20

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR MAY

For Deacons: We pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

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, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	FATHER HARRIS	FATHER ANGEL
Saturday, May 16	Novena for Mothers	Novena for Mothers
Sunday, May 17	People of the Parish	Joseph & Dolores Gertz
Monday, May 18	Al Ondis †	Celebrant's Intention
Tuesday, May 19	Mr. & Mrs. Olympe Govi	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday, May 20	Kevin Anderson	Novena for Mothers
Thursday, May 21	Celebrant's Intention	Faith Morlino
Friday, May 22	Kathy Peterkin †	Celebrant's Intention

NOW RECEIVING MASS INTENTIONS

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*. **Options to submit your request:**

- **by phone:** Monday - Friday from Noon - 4 PM (410-922-3800, ext. 4)
- **email:** kerry.topel@archbalt.org
- **mail:** 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

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 June 30 because the priests are celebrating Holy Mass. So that all may have an opportunity, you may only request 5 intentions within a month.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY

This does not include what was given for "second collections. Before the suspension of Holy Mass with the presence of the faithful, we averaged between \$5,000 - \$7,000 on a Sunday. Please do what you can to help your parish to maintain our mission. Options on how to give can be found below.

Date	From Monday, May 4 – Sunday, May 10
Received via mail or delivered otherwise	\$4,358
Received via electronic funds transfer	\$645
Total	\$5,003

Thank you for your generosity!

Mail: Send your offertory envelope or check to: Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133

Via your bank: Please send your check to "Holy Family Church, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133"

Electronically: Learn how to use Give Central at www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/give

Text to Give: Our newest option via GiveCentral.

Text OFFER <space> amount to 14108839358

For example, to offer \$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.

NEWS

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.** Direct link: <https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>

Schedule: www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/livestream.

No Facebook account? No problem! Go to the direct link (<https://www.fb.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>

FATHER HARRIS' SUNDAY HOMILY

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

FATHER HARRIS' SERIES ON "MASS MOVEMENTS" – May 19 at 7 PM

Father Harris continues to present the series, "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. **Watch on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 PM on Facebook Live. You do not need a Facebook account to access the live-stream. Go to (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).** Questions? Contact Father Harris (rharris@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 6).

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY – May 21 at 10 AM

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.** For questions or to receive an invitation to the Zomm meeting, please contact Mrs. JoAnn Harvan- Chin, (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – May 21 at 7 PM

Father Harris is continuing his series, "Risen with Christ During These Challenging Times." 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*). **Watch on Thursday, May 21 at 7 PM on Facebook Live. The text is John 17:1-11a. You do not need a Facebook account to access the live-stream. Go to the direct link (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).** Questions? Contact Father Harris (rharris@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 6).

YOUNG ADULT PAINT NIGHT – MAY 30 at 6 PM

"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.

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.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION – THANK YOU!

Many to those who responded to our food pantry collection last week. Many thanks to our Saint Vincent de Paul Society for their hard work..

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.

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.

PREGNANT, NEED HELP?

Gabriel Network: 1-800-ANGEL-OK or <https://gabrielnetwork.org>

Women's Center West in Catonsville: 410-788-4433 or <https://www.womenscenterwest.com/>

Maternity Counseling / Adoption Services: Contact Catholic Charities at 410-659-4050

SUFFERING POST-ABORTION STRESS?

Rachel's Vineyard Baltimore: 410-625-8491 or <https://www.archbalt.org/project-rachel/>

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELPLINES

The abuse of an intimate partner, whether it is a marriage or a dating relationship, causes physical, emotional, and spiritual trauma. Help is available. Call 1-800-MD-HELPS (1-800-634-3577). In an emergency, call 911.

CHILD & YOUTH PROTECTION

The Archdiocese of Baltimore and Holy Family Parish urge anyone who has reason to believe that a child has been subjected to abuse or neglect to report it immediately to the local Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services. The Baltimore County contact is 410-887-8463. The Carroll County contact is 410-386-3434.

If anyone suspects Church Personnel of abuse, neglect, or misconduct with a minor, please also contact the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection by calling the Victims' Assistance Line (1-866-417-7469) or by contacting the Office directly (410-547-5348).

IMPLEMENTING AOB PHASE 1

Archdiocese of Baltimore (AOB) Phase 1 began on Friday, May 15. It is different from Stage 1 of the Maryland Reopening Plan.

I. PARISH OFFICE

Per Archdiocese of Baltimore directives to comply with the Governor's *Executive Order*, **the Parish Office is closed to the public. However, you can reach staff members by phone or email.** Our contact information is at <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/staff>. We ask for your patience as we strive to return your voice mail message or email. This is a new situation for us as it is for you.

MASS INTENTIONS

The Parish Office is receiving 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.**

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APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR

Call Father Harris (410-922-3800, ext. 6) or you can send an email (rharris@archbalt.org) to arrange to meet over the phone. Confession cannot be heard via telephone or via video conference.

II. CHURCH BUILDING OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Father Harris wants to begin during the week of May 24th. It will depend on if the sanitizing materials have arrived and we have volunteers to serve as monitors. The parish needs volunteers who will serve as monitors for one or two hours. Please let Father Harris know if you are willing to serve (rharris@archbalt.org).

The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires a staff member or a volunteer to be on site to ensure compliance with the following regulations.

1. The Archdiocese strongly recommends those with pre-existing conditions and/or those who are age 60+ to avoid putting themselves at risk by coming to liturgies.
2. You must take your temperature at home before you leave. If you have a fever, or are sick, or suspect that you may have (or was exposed to) a contagious illness, please stay home and take care of yourself.
3. Only 10 persons can be in the church building (i.e., nave and narthex) at one time.
4. You must wear a mask.
5. You must sit in one of the designated pews and at least six feet away from another person, unless you are with someone who lives with you. Under no circumstance may a person kneel or lay prostrate on the carpet in the sanctuary.
6. If you bring a child with you, they must remain in one place.
7. After you have concluded your time with the Lord, the volunteer must sanitize where you sat or knelt and whatever else you have touched.

III. HOLY MASS & CONFESSIONS

HOLY MASS

Archbishop Lori has suspended the public celebration of Holy Mass until Saturday, May 30. This is to slow the spread of the COVID -19 virus. Father Angel and Father Harris are fulfilling Mass intentions on our parish calendar. We are live-streaming Holy Mass and devotions.

Live-stream – Holy Mass & Devotions (You do not need a Facebook account to view it.)

<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>

Sunday: Holy Mass at 10 AM

Monday – Saturday: Rosary at 8 AM and Holy Mass at 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS

Sacramental confessions will begin next and Saturday, May 23 (3 PM – 4 PM) and Wednesday, May 27 (6:30 PM – 7:30 PM).

The parish needs volunteers who will serve as monitors to ensure compliance with directives and to sanitize areas. Please let Father Harris know if you are willing to serve (rharris@archbalt.org).

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2. You must take your temperature at home before you leave. If you have a fever, or are sick, or suspect that you may have (or was exposed to) a contagious illness, please stay home and take care of yourself.
3. Only 10 persons can be in the church building (i.e., nave and narthex) at one time.
4. You must wear a mask.
5. Confessions will be heard in the sacristy. Signs will direct you to the sacristy and where to stand in line, keeping six feet away from the next person in line.
6. Please keep your confessions to the point. The priest may have a pre-existing medical condition. This is not the time for pastoral counseling. That can be handled at another time. Do not hesitate to contact Father Harris to schedule a time.
7. If you sit or kneel in one of the designated pews, the volunteer must sanitize where you sat or knelt and whatever else you have touched.
8. If you use the restroom, you must follow the provided instructions to clean the area after use.

IV. PASTORAL CARE

APPOINTMENTS WITH PASTOR

Call Father Harris (410-922-3800, ext. 6) or send an email (rharris@archbalt.org). Usually your issue can be handled by phone or email. This includes counseling via telephone. Confessions cannot be heard via telephone or via video conference.

PASTORAL EMERGENCIES

Per Archdiocese of Baltimore directives, anointings by priests not serving as hospital chaplains are only to be offered in cases where the individual is actively dying.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms may be scheduled. Only 10 persons can be in the church, which includes the priest or deacon. Persons ages 2+ must wear a mask and follow the protocols given by the priest or deacon. These protocols will be provided in writing to the parent(s) and summarized before the ritual begins.

Parents can participate in a Baptismal Preparation Conference now if this is your first child to be baptized. Contact Mrs. JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

FUNERALS

Funeral liturgies (whether a Holy Mass or outside of a Holy Mass) are permitted in the church. Only 10 persons may be present, which includes the priest, any assisting ministers, and funeral home staff. Due to the risks involved for the clergy and the family, the Archdiocese has prohibited physical greetings by the clergy. To avoid further risk of contagion, there will be no singing. Other protocols of Holy Mass (see below) must be followed.

VISITING HOMES

Per Archdiocese of Baltimore directives, we cannot visit homes at this time. This is to protect the homebound. Some of us may be carrying a virus even if we do not have symptoms.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Per Archdiocese of Baltimore directives, the priests cannot visit the hospital unless there is a person actively dying and the hospital allows us to visit.

BOOK OF INTENTIONS

You can add your prayer request to the Book of Intentions in the narthex. Learn about by visiting <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/intentions>.

IMPLEMENTING AOB PHASE 2

I. HOLY MASS WITH THE FAITHFUL PERMITTED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS

It begins on Saturday, May 30. It includes the resumption of Holy Mass with the faithful present, whether indoors or outdoors, at the Pastor's discretion and where permitted by the local jurisdiction.

As of May 14, the Baltimore County Executive has continued to limit no more than 10 persons in designated spaces, indulging religious services. Holy Family Parish will not have indoor Holy Mass until this order is changed. If there is a rise in new COVID-19 cases in Maryland, it is possible that the Governor may renew the stay-at-home order.

Father Harris has decided that Holy Family Parish will not have Holy Mass outdoors. The Archdiocese has set these regulations. Worshipers cannot remain in their cars. They park in a designated area. They bring their chairs (e.g. a lawn chair) to a designated area and place them six feet from others unless they are sitting with someone they live with.

We would need volunteers to serve as parking attendants, ushers who ensure social distancing protocols are followed, persons to bring the material needed for Holy Mass, etc. Holy Mass would be canceled if there were inclement weather or a sudden thunderstorm is close ahead. There are other things that we cannot control, such as loud music or noise in the neighboring housing development.

II. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE CAN RESUME HOLY MASS WITH THE FAITHFUL PRESENT

Nevertheless, we must prepare for the day in which we can have Holy Mass in our church building. Be aware of the following.

1. **The Sunday Mass Obligation continues to be suspended.** The Archdiocese strongly recommends those with pre-existing conditions and/or those who are age 60+ to avoid putting themselves at risk by coming to liturgies.
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 (or was exposed to) a contagious illness, please stay home and take care of yourself.
3. **Children must observe social distance norms.** 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.
4. **Only 70 persons in attendance.** For religious gatherings, Governor Hogan set the maximum at 1/2 capacity with social distancing norms followed. Archbishop Lori has set the maximum in Catholic churches at 1/3 capacity with the same conditions. At Holy Family Church, this means 70 persons.
5. **Wearing a mask is required** for persons age 2 and older.
6. **Greeting others:** While we will be happy to see others, greet them with words and a wave. Please do not congregate, hug, kiss, shake hands, etc.
7. **Restroom protocol:** You must follow the provided instructions to clean the area after use.
8. **Seating protocol:** You must sit in the designated pews. Persons who live in the same residence can sit together. Otherwise, you must sit six feet away from the nearest person. The church multipurpose room will not be available.
9. **Offertory Collection will be at the end of Holy Mass.** Your monetary gifts will be placed in designated buckets after Holy Mass as you leave the building.
10. **Our Father:** Please do not hold hands with others while we pray The Lord's Prayer.
11. **Sign of Peace:** It is omitted.
12. **Communion Procession:** Follow the priest's instruction. No one may remain in the pew. Those who are not receiving Holy Communion will receive a blessing.

Volunteers needed: We need men and women age 18+ to serve as ushers and on the cleaning crew. You must bring your mask. We will provide the other material. We will provide training.