



PARISH LIFE UPDATE

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 3, 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 | Parish Mission Continues During a Pandemic

Christ is risen! Truly He is risen! As we conclude about seven weeks of quarantine, I thank you for continuing to practice your faith under the circumstances. This pandemic has directly affected our parish community. Please join me in praying for patients and their loved ones; and for those who are serving to protect us, providing medical care, and providing other necessary services.

Many thanks to those who are regularly contributing to the work of the Lord through prayer, participating in live-stream and Zoom events, and contributing to the offertory.

Once again, I am grateful to the staff for their hard work in serving the Lord and you. Please see the events that we have below.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

On the Fourth Sunday of Easter, we hear a portion of the Gospel of John in which the Lord teaches that He is the Good Shepherd. **The universal Church is invited to pray for a generous response from those who are being called to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the consecrated religious life.** Please join me in offering prayer, including for those who are being called from the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Holy Family Parish. **We pray for parishioner, Bill Arther, a candidate for the diaconate.**

Join me in prayer during Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction on Sunday, May 3 at 3 PM via Facebook Live. No Facebook account? No problem! Go to the direct link (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).

PARISH RECEIVES LOAN TO HELP WITH SALARIES, BENEFITS, & UTILITIES

I praise God as I announce that through The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, our parish corporation has received an Small Business Administration loan of \$55,400 from M & T Bank. It will be used to cover salaries, benefits, and help with utilities for the next two months. Following through on using the loan for these purposes will lead to the loan becoming a grant.

I thank Dennis Kast, Business and Facilities Manager, for his hard work on this project. I thank the assistance of the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

We still need those who can contribute to the weekly offertory to do so.

Please offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God for this development. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE PLANNING FOR REOPENING

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."

The Catholic Review, Archdiocese of Baltimore develops plans for reopening

<https://www.archbalt.org/archdiocese-of-baltimore-develops-plans-for-reopening/>

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 IV: Remaining Resolute in our Hope

Reflection on the Sunday Gospel Reading

Read John 10:1-10. Our Easter season theme is, "Victorious: We are Risen with Christ." Through Holy Baptism we share in the victory that our Lord Jesus Christ has won over sin and death. It is not just significant for the moment of our death. It is significant during every moment of our lives, including as we live during a pandemic.

For the past two Sundays, we have considered the theological virtue of faith. Faith enables us to believe in God, accepting what He has revealed through the ministry of the Church since God is truth. **Now we will consider the theological virtue of hope. Hope enables us to trust that God's promises will be fulfilled in our lives as we cooperate with His providence.**

Sheep will instinctually respond to the voice of their shepherd. Different flocks of sheep would rest together in the valleys at night. At dawn they would rise and return to their own shepherd by responding to his distinctive voice. Sheep are created by God to act upon their instincts. We are created in the image of God to act upon our intentions that are inspired by the Holy Spirit. The very life of God dwells within us, helping us to choose what is for our lasting benefit, not only for us, but for others. The Lord Jesus promises that our lives will be profitable by striving to hear and to heed with He is saying. He is the guardian of our souls and our sure guide for living.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #754: "The Church is, accordingly, a *sheepfold*, the sole and necessary gateway to which is Christ. It is also the flock of which God himself foretold that he would be the shepherd, and whose sheep, even though governed by human shepherds, are unfailingly nourished and led by Christ himself, the Good Shepherd and Prince of Shepherds, who gave his life for his sheep."

SUNDAY READINGS

May 3: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41 + Psalm 23:1-6

1 Peter 2:20b-25 + John 10:1-10

May 10: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1-7 + Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19

1 Peter 2:4-9 + John 14:1-12

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.

Week of April 26 by Mail or otherwise \$3,613
Week of April 20 by Electronic Funds Transfer: \$805

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, May 2

Intention: Charito Manzo

Celebrant: Father Harris

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Intention: Helene Atelefack †

Celebrant: Father Angel

Sunday, May 3

Intention: People of the Parish

Celebrant: Father Harris

Sunday, May 3

Intention: Helene Atelefack †

Celebrant: Father Angel

Monday, May 4

Intention: Lue Koski

Celebrant: Father Harris

Tuesday, May 5

Intention: David Miles †

Celebrant: Father Angel

Tuesday, May 5

Intention: Brent Sasse †

Celebrant: Father Harris

Wednesday, May 5

Intention: Hazel & Nicholas Colantonio †

Celebrant: Father Harris

Thursday, May 7

Intention: Esteban Mallar

Celebrant: Father Angel

Friday, My 8

Intention: Deacon Evan Ponton

Celebrant: Father Harris

PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

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

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, 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.

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.

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*. 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: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/homily>

MAY CROWNING – May 10 after Holy Mass at 10 AM

The pandemic will not stop our annual tradition of crowning an image of the Blessed Mother on Mother's Day. While the Sodality will not be present in the church building to lead us, they are providing the crown and the flowers. The crowning will be **after Holy Mass at 10 AM on Sunday, May 10. Watch and pray on Facebook Live.** No Facebook account? No problem! Go to the direct link (<https://www.fb.com/HFCRandallstown/live>).

SCHOOL OF RELIGION ADULT BIBLE STUDY – May 5 at 6 PM

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 (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922.3800, ext. 5).

FATHER HARRIS' SERIES ON "MASS MOVEMENTS" – May 5 at 7 PM

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 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 7 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.** 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 – May 7 at 7 PM

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 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.

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.

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.