



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Holy Family Catholic Church, Randallstown

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT | February 28, 2021

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

Pandemic Protocols: <https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/reopening>

PASTOR'S MESSAGE: I need your help – 2021 Appeal for Catholic Ministries

<https://www.holyfamilyrandallstown.org/appeal>

February marks my fifth anniversary as your Pastor. I have witnessed your generosity to the work of the Lord. That is why I led our parish to summarize our mission as helping people, "to believe in Christ, belong to His Church, and bless our communities."

Your gift advances the work of the Lord in our Archdiocese and our parish. It will benefit Archdiocesan ministries of evangelization, Catholic education, faith formation, community outreach, seminarian education, and retired clergy care.

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Our 2021 goal is \$38,023. I offered \$300 via online giving. Whether a one-time gift or a ten-month pledge, whatever you can give will glorify the Lord as we continue to proclaim His Gospel and build His Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Options for giving:

- 1, Registered parishioners received a **packet in the mail**.
2. **Giving Weekend (Feb 27 & 28)** at the Parish Church
3. **Online:** <https://www.archbalt.org/appeal/give/> Be sure to select "Holy Family-Randallstown" as the parish.

WELCOME BACK, DEACON CANDIDATE BILL ARTHUR

Last weekend, parishioners Bill and Mary Arther returned to Holy Family Church after Bill completed his internship at Sacred Heart Parish in Glyndon. God willing, Bill will be ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 10 AM at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen. Then he will serve as a Deacon for the first time at Holy Family Church on Sunday, May 23 during Holy Mass at 11 AM. He will also preach. It will be the Solemnity of Pentecost this year.

Bill is serving during Holy Mass on The Lord's Day and selected weekdays. He will offer a reflection on selected Fridays during Holy Mass at 8:30 AM. There will be other duties as well.

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 with integrity.

May you have a fruitful observance of holy Lent.

Father Raymond Harris | Email: RHarris@archbalt.org | Phone: 410.922.3800, ext. 6

BELOVED OF GOD: A REDEMPTIVE RELATIONSHIP

Second Sunday of Lent – The Resolve of God

Father Harris' series describes different expressions of God's love for us. Deepening our appreciation of being beloved child of God will have a wonderful impact on our network of relationships.

Read Mark 9:2-10. To allow God to reign over our lives, we need to have a **repentant mind**, desiring what God desires and disdaining what God disdains. We need a **regulated mind**, guided by the Gospel of Christ as it is authentically interpreted by His Church (cf. *Mark 1:15*). This will lead us to have a **renewed mind**. We should not declare that it is impossible to experience that when God makes it possible. The life and love of God dwells within us through Holy Baptism. We need patience to trust and cooperate as expressions of our love for God, who has loved us first and forever.

We also need a resolved mind. The Transfiguration of the Lord occurred after His first prediction of His passion, death, and resurrection. Peter had the audacity to rebuke Jesus. Jesus rebuked Peter and reminded him that His disciples follow Him. What is needed is to trust in the path that our Lord embarks upon to fulfill His mission to save us. (cf. *Mark 8:31-34*).

When Peter had a glimpse of the glory to be revealed in the Lord Jesus, Peter wanted to skip the cross. Once again, Peter did not want to follow the teaching of the Lord. However, God the Father declared, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (*Mark 9:7*).

Lent is a time in which we consider what to give up. Our Lord reminds us that we are to take up our crosses in union with Him for life. Our experiences of the cross include undergoing conversion; dealing with suffering with trust that God is working things out for our good; and practicing godly virtues which are not popular in the world. The lesson of the Transfiguration of the Lord is that the way of the cross leads to eternal life (cf. *Mark 9:2-3*). In union with Christ and in communion with His Church, we are resolved to follow in this way.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #459: "The Word became flesh to be our model of holiness: 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me.' 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me.' On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the Father commands: 'Listen to him!' Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: 'Love one another as I have loved you.' This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example."

SUNDAY HOLY MASS READINGS

February 28: Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 + Psalm 116:10, 15-19
Romans 8:31b-34 3:18-22 + Mark 9:2-10

March 7: Third Sunday of Lent

Exodus 20:1-17 + Psalm 19:8-11
1 Corinthians 1:22-25 + John 2:13-25

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTIONS – February & March

February 2021 – Violence against women: Violence against women We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

March 2021 – Sacrament of Reconciliation: Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

PRAY FOR ARCHDIOCESE OF BALTIMORE SEMINARIANS

From Ash Wednesday to Divine Mercy Sunday, the Vocations Office invites you to pray for an Archdiocesan seminarian.
Prayer for Seminarians & Calendar • <https://www.holyfamilyrandallsotwn.org/seminarians>

February 27 • Michael Carroll
February 28 • Andrew Chase

March 1 • Gregory Downs
March 2 • Clinton Fanka

March 3 • Javier Fuentes
March 4 • Rondall Howard

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

“First come, First served” seating. Maximum of 100 can attend

THE LORD’S DAY: Sat at 4 PM; Sun at 7:30 AM & 11 AM

WEEKDAYS: Mon – Fri at 8:30 AM *Rosary at 8 AM*

CHURCH IS OPEN FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

Tuesday • 9 – 10 AM

Thursday • 9 – 10 AM with Adoration

Saturday • 2:30 – 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>

Thursday • 9:15 – 9:45 AM

Friday • 7:30 – 8:00 PM

Saturday • 2:45 – 3:45 PM

Sunday • 10:15 – 10:45 AM

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.

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS for February 27 – March 5

† means a member of the faithful departed

Saturday, February 27 at 4 PM

Marie Huber †

Monday, March 1 at 8:30 AM

Dolores Gertz †

Thursday, March 4 at 8:30 AM

Claude W. Anderson †

Sunday, February 28 at 7:30 AM

Gino Fillipponi †

Tuesday, March 2 at 8:30 AM

Joseph & Jean Palencar

Friday, March 5 at 8:30 AM

Olivia M. Martin †

Sunday, February 28 at 11 AM

The People of Holy Family Parish

Wednesday, March 3 at 8:30 AM

Jean Alexander

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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PRAY FOR THE DEPARTED

May the souls of Father Philip Snouffer, Father John Lesnick, and all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen..

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Jean Alexander, Rocco Aliberti, K. Dale 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, Dottie Swol, Dorothy Lynne Sutch, Greg Thompson, Kimberly Thompson, and Catherine Walsh.

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.

SUNDAY OFFERTORY REPORT

Thank you very much for your generosity to the work of the Lord. This report 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 advance our mission.** Options for giving are below.

FEBRUARY 15 –21, 2021

Via mail or hand-delivered	\$1,345	In church (envelopes)	\$4,405
Via electronic funds transfer	\$1,500	In church (non-envelopes)	\$290.75
TOTAL – \$7,540.75			

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 FEBRUARY & MARCH

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

PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Our corporate title is "Holy Family Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc. in Randallstown, Maryland."

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

Mr. Darron C. Woodus, *Pastoral Associate* • 410-922-3800, ext 7 or darron.woodus@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 from 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>

No Facebook 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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

- 1. NOTIFICATION:** The public will be notified via our website, Flocknote, Facebook and Instagram pages, and Father Harris' voicemail (410-922-3800, ext. 6). See the website and social media addresses on the previous page.
- 2. WEEKENDS:** Holy Mass will be celebrated on The Lord's Day. People must exercise extreme caution as they drive and walk on campus. However, in extreme conditions (e.g. blizzard), Father Harris will cancel public Holy Mass on The Lord's Day.
- 3. WEEKDAYS:** During this season, we will not follow Baltimore County Public Schools. **Mornings:** A decision will be made by 6:30 AM. **During the day:** A decision will be made as soon as it is warranted.
- 4. VIRTUAL EVENTS:** Cancellations apply to activities on campus, which are usually Holy Mass and Parish Office hours.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME, NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS!

We praise God that you have joined our parish community!

Toniann LaBarbera and family of Randallstown

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We praise the Lord Jesus Christ, who enables your parents to raise you in the practice of the Catholic Faith.

Zanna Jason Asiegbu on February 26, 2021

LIVE-STREAMING UPGRADE

Our parish is in the process of upgrading our livestreaming equipment. A camera will be installed in the ceiling. Video quality will be improved. The sound system will be fed into the livestream for better audio. **If you want to assist in covering the costs**, please make a check payable to “Holy Family Church” and put “livestream” on the memo line. Of course, you can donate cash. We are still investigating how you can donate online. **Father Harris thanks the Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus for their donation of \$500.**

ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM LORI’S NEW PASTORAL LETTER ON EVANGELIZATION

<https://www.archbalt.org/a-light-brightly-visible-2-0/>

Archbishop Lori’s latest pastoral letter, “A Light Brightly Visible 2.0,” addresses how the Lord calls every member of the Archdiocese of Baltimore to holiness and missionary discipleship.

“Every member of the Archdiocese has a role to play in revitalizing the Church’s life and mission,” Archbishop Lori said. “This ongoing work ... does not belong to ‘the experts’ alone, nor to clergy alone, and still less is it a matter of clinging to buildings that have outlived their purpose. Rather, the Lord calls each of us to be his followers and to attract others to himself, and to his Gospel, and to the Church by a life of radiant love.”

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.**

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA DONATIONS: During Lent

The Saint Charles Borromeo Council of the Knights of Columbus is conducting its annual Apostleship of the Sea Shoebox Program. **The Apostleship of the Sea collects donations for seafarers away from home in the form of shoeboxes filled with things that seafarers need for both men and women.** These items are extremely important to them this year given that they are not able to leave their ships in order to go shopping due to current COVID restrictions. **The boxes can be found in the church narthex. Thank you for your generosity.**

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For those more interested this year in providing direct financial assistance checks can be made out to AOS/AOB and mailed directly to them at Apostleship of the Sea, 320 Cathedral Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

PARISH NEWS

2021 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC MINISTRIES: February 27 & 28

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HELP US TO RESTOCK OUR FOOD PANTRY: Every Weekend

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society is ready to receive your food pantry donations. **Hunger knows no season. Place your donation in the narthex before or after Holy Mass on The Lord’s Day (Saturday at 4 PM; Sunday 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: March 2

Join our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin on **Tuesdays at 7 PM via Zoom video and phone conferencing.** To receive a Zoom invitation, contact JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY: March 4

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, is leading a Bible Study composed by her on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. **Join her on Thursdays at 10 AM via Zoom video and phone conferencing.** To receive a Zoom invitation, please contact JoAnn Harvan-Chin (joann.harvan@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

THURSDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY: March 4

Join Father Harris on Thursday at 7 PM for Bible Study on Facebook Live. No Facebook account? No problem! Just visit this link (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>). **The topic is, “I am the Resurrection and the Life” (Part 3). The text is John 11:28-44.** 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.

PARISH NEWS

LENTEN FIRSDAYS ARE DAYS OF ABSTAINING FROM EATING MEAT: March 5

Catholics age 14 & older are obliged to abstain from eating meat except for seafood. Eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind (even if animal fat is an ingredient) are allowed. *These disciplines are in memory of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation, intentionally failing to observe these obligations in a substantial way is a serious sin.*

LENTEN FRIDAY FISH FRIES ARE CANCELLED THIS YEAR

Unfortunately, we are not having our Fish Fries this year. We cannot risk having a fundraiser possibly having a deficit since the response during a pandemic is uncertain. **God willing, we will resume this event during Lent 2022.**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: March 5

Stations of the Cross at **3 PM will be on Facebook Live** (<https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandalstown/live>). Stations of the Cross at **7 PM in the Main Church.** During both times, we will use the devotion text on our website (<https://www.holyfamilyrandalltown.org/stations>).

VIDEO WATCH PARTY SERIES OF “THE CHOSEN”: March 5

Our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin, invites adults age 18 and older to a series of video watch parties on n Zoom video conferencing. We will watch the acclaiming series, “The Chosen,” which is based on the Gospels as Jesus calls people to discipleship. We will watch 8 episodes. After each episode, there will be a discussion. **We are meeting on Fridays at 7:30 PM. For more information and a Zoom invitation, send an email to JoAnn Harvan-Chin** (joann.harvan@archbalt.org).

YOUTH GROUP PRETZEL MAKING: March 6 & 20

This popular event returns on Zoom video conferencing. Youth ages 12 – 17 are invited to make soft pretzels and learn about Lent. **It will be held on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, March 20 at 1 PM.** For more information, the recipe, and a Zoom invitation, contact our Director of Faith Formation, JoAnn Harvan-Chin via email (joann.harvan@archbalt.org). The first ten persons will receive a free yeast packet.

BRING WATER TO BE BLESSED: March 6 & 7

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 your calling to become a saint.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

MORALITY OF RECEIVING COVID VACCINES: Resources to read

“UPDATE: Use of Pfizer, Moderna COVID-19 vaccines is morally acceptable, say bishops”

<https://www.catholicnews.com/update-use-of-pfizer-moderna-covid-19-vaccines-is-morally-acceptable-say-bishops/>

The full statement from these USCCB Committees

<https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>

Statement by the Maryland Conference of Catholic Bishops, “Maryland Bishops Encourage Use of COVID Vaccine”

<https://www.mdccatholic.org/bishops/covid>

Vatican News (official agency of The Holy See): "Vatican CDF [Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith] says use of anti-Covid vaccines “morally acceptable”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2020-12/vatican-cdf-note-covid-vaccine-morality-abortion.html>

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

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 livestreamed on Facebook Live (Saturday at 4:00 PM, Sunday at 7:30 AM & 11 AM) No Facebook account? No problem. All can access the link <https://www.facebook.com/HFCRandallstown/live>.
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.