



Holy Family Catholic Church

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

826 West Central Avenue, Davidsonville, MD 21035 | www.holyfamilychurch.com

December 10, 2023



Second Sunday of Advent

John the Baptist appeared in the desert proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Mk 1:4

Holy Family's mission is to be a vibrant Catholic community inspired by God's word, centered on the celebration of the Mass, committed to service, and open to all who wish to experience God's love. Thank you for worshipping with us!

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**Welcome New & Current
Parishioners! If you would like
to register, visit our
website or contact the
parish office.**

**Bulletin Deadline:
Monday at 8:00 am**

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am*
Daily: 9:00 am
Tuesday* - Friday*
*live-streamed

Parish Office

301-261-7399 or 410-269-0586
Fax: 410-798-5315
office@hfccmail.org

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - Noon

Website & Social Media

www.holyfamilychurch.com

Facebook: @holymfamilydavidsonville
YouTube:

@holymfamilycatholicchurchda7510
Flocknotes:

Sign up on www.holyfamilychurch.com
myParish App:

Download the myParish app on your
phone/tablet and search for Holy
Family-Davidsonville

Our Regional Catholic School (PreK-8th)



2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, MD 21054
www.schooloftheincarnation.org
410-519-2285

Pastor's Note

Last year, on Christmas Eve, our 30 plus years old heating system broke and it was very cold in the church that night and on the following Christmas morning. During Christmas week, technicians were able to get our heating system to work again but they told us that it could not be "patched" again due to its age and the problem of finding the necessary replacement parts.

Hearing this news, the Finance Committee Members, the Parish Council Members and our two parish Lay Corporators and I made a decision to purchase a new HVAC system for our church. After putting the project out for bid and receiving three bids, we selected Fresh Air Concepts bid of \$630,000.

On May 1st, we began a cathedraticum (church tax) free campaign (meaning that every dollar raised will go to the project) to raise funds to pay for the new HVAC system. To date, having started with \$50,000 from our parish reserve fund, we have raised \$301,274.76 or 56% of our goal. I thank the parishioners who have contributed to this tax free fund.

The new HVAC System is working properly and this system now gives our parish the flexibility to go quickly from heating to cooling our church and vice versa as the temperature changes greatly in a short period of time.

Traditionally, the parish depends upon the first collection at our Christmas masses to support the general operations of our parish. In addition to asking you to give generously to the first collection, I ask that you also extend your generosity to the second collection at the Christmas masses and to your year end donations to help us pay for the new HVAC System.

The second purple candle lit on this Second Sunday of Advent represents faith. It is called the "**Bethlehem Candle**" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem. As we continue our journey through Advent, we walk by faith, following the example of Mary and Joseph.

In this bulletin you will find a schedule of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Advent Season. If these days and times are not convenient, please contact me to set up a date and time.

Join us for a joyous morning at Breakfast with Santa next Sunday, Dec. 17th in Unity Hall after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. I thank my brother Knights of Columbus for providing this festive event for the children of our parish. For more information see the ad on pg. 3 of this bulletin or go to our website.

Blessings,

FZ Mike

Grow In Faith

Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Advent - December 16 & 17, 2023

- First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
- Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
- Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54
- Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Eucharistic Revival: The Year of the Parish



"A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD!"

During this season of Advent, we often fill our schedules with "things to do," rather than "things to be." Let us empty ourselves of "busyness," and become more desert-like, preparing to welcome the LORD into our hearts. May we be more prayerful, hopeful, and peaceful.

Ponder in Prayer this week: Lord, may I prepare a place in my heart to welcome you with peace, as I receive you in the Eucharist.

Visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>.

Parish News & Happenings

The Call to Serve Others...

Are you looking to get involved and serve others at Holy Family or serve in community outreach? Below are the current opportunities to answer the call to serve!

- **Food Pantry Donations for the week of December 9th & 10th will cover Teen Moms** who attend a special school in Annapolis that allows them to complete their education while receiving childcare. This donation will provide food for them over the Christmas Break. Please see the poster near the carts in the Narthex for items needed.
- **Mass Greeters Needed:** Be the "greeters" at the front doors of Holy Family. Email Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org.
- **You are invited to memorialize a loved one for Christmas:** Make a donation to help cover costs of plants and wreaths in the Church, Chapel & Unity Hall. Envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex or in your envelope packet. Thank you in helping to make our sanctuary beautiful for the birth of our Savior.
- **Mary's Center:** Thank you to all those who are donating items for Mary's Center and leaving them in the cradle in the Respect Life Corner in the Upper Gallery hallway. They are greatly appreciated. As of now, we do not need any more donations of maternity clothes or blankets. Winter clothes for infants, toddlers and children up to five years is what we could use now and baby bottles. Thank you again for your generosity.

Rest In Peace

Antonietta DiNapoli,
mother
of
Mark



Calendar Highlights

- Dec. 9: St. Gregory Delivery
- Dec. 9: RCIA Rite of Welcoming 5pm Mass
- Dec. 9-10: Prayer Team Ministry after Masses
- Dec. 11: Book Club
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7pm
- Dec. 13: Confessions 5pm-7pm with additional priests
- Dec. 15: Parish Movie Night
- Dec. 17: Breakfast with Santa 9:30am-12:30pm
- Dec. 19: Confessions 9:45am with additional priests
- Dec. 20: Confessions 5pm-7pm with additional priests
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Masses 3pm - Church/Unity Hall 5:30pm, 7:30pm and 10pm - Church
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass 10am - Church
- Dec. 28: Mass for loss of child 7pm, Chapel
- Dec. 31: 5pm Vigil Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 1: 11am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 6: First Saturday Confessions & Mass, 8am
- Jan. 6-7: Wine & Cheese & Coffee & Donuts Weekend
- Jan. 19: March For Life, Washington, DC



Looking For A Detailed Weekly Calendar of Events? Scan the QR Code to visit our website. Or go to www.holyfamilychurch.com

Holy Family Mailing address: Please make note that we no longer use P.O. Box 130. We only receive mail at 826 West Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

PARISH
Christmas Movie Night
Friday, December 15
7 pm - 9 pm, Unity Hall
I HEARD THE BELLS
Produced by the
Sight & Sound Theatre
More Information at:
www.holyfamilychurch.com

YOU ARE INVITED TO...
BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
9 AM-12:30 PM | UNITY HALL
Enjoy a yummy breakfast and get photos with Santa!
Tickets (Per Person & Sold at the Door):
\$10 for adults (13 and older)
\$5 for ages 5-12
Free for under 5
Funds Raised Support the HVAC Campaign.
Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more!

Christmas Masses
Christmas Eve Masses
3 pm: Church
3 pm: Unity Hall
(Contemporary Music Group)
5:30 pm: Church
7:30 pm: Church (Men's Choir)
10 pm: Church (Traditional Choir)
Christmas Day Mass
10 am: Church

Prayer List

Robin Luce, Janet Krussell, Moira Dehn, Sonny Cave, Dawn Witz, Beth Grayson, Brandon Peters, Candy Turner, Paul McMenamain, Joseph Pazulski, Hazel Garland, Gene Baez, Melia Sepeta, Gerry Deighan, Dorothy Wright, Brayden Chesnick, Richard Addair, Augusta Hunt, Tracy Joyce, Jenny Worrell, Maria Witz, Morgan Earp, Oliver Moses Jaquez, Emma Webster, Tamara Huggins, Debi Greenfield, Thomas Scarduzio, Mike Greenwell, Liam O'Brien, Pauline Lukash, Lexi Woepler, Elizabeth Coe, Jessica Connell, Bradley Abell, Ricky Smith, Lauren Scalici, Edward Stromberg, Jr., Noah Haas, John Kelly, Bill Hoffman, Mary Markuski, Steve Arapian, Linda Markuski, Ken Carter, Pam Thayer, Geri McCarthy, Adam & Christine Palmer, Priscilla Snyder, Anita Stuck, Jim & Deb Powers, Steve Kuchta and for those on the prayer network.



Caring For Creation



Oh those leaves! Well, they are just about done. The leaves have been coming down for a couple of weeks now. Many of them coming from my neighbors yard. But that's OK. We own them where they fall. Get it, fall? I do like to

rake up the leaves off the grass. We have quite a bit of area which is under the tree canopy and has no grass. For the most part, the leaves will stay there till Spring. Why, you might ask? There are a lot of insects that are hibernating in the leaf litter. I can see the Carolina Wrens and other birds rooting around in the leaves looking for a meal. This undisturbed area will be a food source all winter long. It's only when the snow falls that feeders become critically important. So, if you can leave some leaves in your flowerbeds or other wild areas, you too can help our wildlife survive another cold winter.

Deacon Doug's Q&A

QUESTION: Who was the first Santa Claus? (For the children).

Answer to the question about when did Advent begin: Advent, which in Latin means "to come" or the arrival of someone or something important, has been celebrated in some form by the Church since early times. The first records indicate it was a Church practice by 480 A.D. focused on hope; preparation for the celebration of the Nativity and hope for the Second Coming of Christ.

THE 2024 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS, "The Apostles' Creed," are available on the tables in the Narthex this weekend. Please take one copy per family to ensure everyone gets one. Thank you to Kalas Funeral Home for donating the beautiful calendars.

Mass Intentions: Dec. 11 – Dec. 17

- Mon.** 9:00 am Communion Service
- Tues.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Gordon Waite
- Tues.** 7:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Rose King
- Wed.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Rosalie Byron
- Thurs.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Frances Xavier Hammett
- Fri.** 9:00 am For the repose of the souls of Philip and Loretta Campoli
- Sat.** 5:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Matt Bullman
- Sun.** 8:30 am For the repose of the soul of Vivian Gawronski and for the intentions of our Parishioners
- Sun.** 10:30am For the repose of the soul of Eleanor Ferrara

Giving & Stewardship

Thank you for your continued support for all the ministries at Holy Family! You can add a donation weekly or monthly by using this link: membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/MD61 (one-time donation can also be made). Scan the QR code below to sign up or give now.



**SCAN THE
FAITH DIRECT QR CODE**

HVAC Campaign Update

As of Dec. 3, we have received \$301,274.76. Parishioners' gifts, combined with the \$50,000 from our reserve fund, brings us to a total of \$351,274.76 or 56% towards our goal of \$630,000!

Collection Report & Mass Attendance

	Dec. 2nd & 3rd
Offertory	\$9,932
Maintenance Fund (HVAC)	\$4,928.95
Poor Box	\$1,163.84
Retired Religious	\$262
Attendance	825

Upcoming Collection

- ◆ **Dec. 30 & 31 Supporting the Catholic Schools**

Connect and Grow In Faith & Fellowship at Holy Family

Adult Ministries

Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more about these and our many ministries and outreach service groups. Contact Margaret Wood at margaret.wood@hfccmail.org, for more information on Adult Enrichment Groups.

Disciples in Christ: We meet on Friday's at 10am in rooms 12 & 13. This group is for any adults looking for an intellectual pursuit, mixed with fellowship and faith-sharing. Everyone is welcome!

Fall Adult Faith Studies: "Join a study anytime!" A Journey Through Church History; The Eucharist in Scripture: A Eucharistic Revival Study on the Eucharist; and Grounded in Hope: Walking With Purpose Women's Study.

Women's Ministry: Join women of all ages for faith-sharing, fellowship, and fun! Regular meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Choose between two meeting times: 10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm. Watch for fun activities outside of the church!

That Man Is You Men's Group: Register now for this nationwide program that helps men to gain insight into how to be the faith-filled Christian men that God calls them to be. Register now!

Understanding Your Grief: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Contact Joan Pawloski at 301-943-2808 or Joan.Pawloski@yahoo.com for more information.

Sew Time: Our next meeting will be January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm in HF Rooms 12 & 13. Please let us know if you know of anyone in need of a walker tote. Raffle tickets are still available for our Haiti Raffle Quilt "Mary's Garden" (drawn 2/3/24 at the Haiti Bull Roast). They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information, please contact Barbara Harmel at barbara.harmel@gmail.com.

Book Club: Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Find all the book selections on the website.

Knights of Columbus: Visit <http://bit.ly/Council8251> to learn more and join.

Family & Fellowship Ministries

For more information on Family & Fellowship Ministries, email Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

Making Music, Praying Twice: Come be part of our music class for preschool age children and their parents/guardians. Classes are on Wednesdays, at 10 am in the Children's Library and are held September through May.

Family Adoration: We have one hour reserved for family Adoration one Sunday a month, from 10-11 am.

Caregiver Support Group: Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday. If you are interested in attending, please email Stephanie: sagabramson@aol.com.

Grandparents in Faith: Every Monday at 10am in Lower Gallery. Supporting grandparents looking to share their faith with the younger generation.

Youth Service Hours

Any teen interested in earning service hours at Holy Family should contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

Children's Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) Adult and teenage volunteers are needed! Sundays at 10:30am Mass. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

Nursery: Every Sunday during both Masses for children between 2 and 5 years of age.

SACRISTAN NEEDED: Holy Family is looking for parishioners who are interested in employment, as well as serving their parish. The Sacristans prepare the church for Mass on Saturdays and Sundays every week. This is a paid position. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.



OUR LADY OF Guadalupe
PATRONESS OF THE AMERICAS
PRAY FOR US
DECEMBER 12
Join us for Mass at 7 pm



SAVE THE DATE!
Women's Retreat
Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
in Unity Hall
Sacred Sisterhood:
Nurturing Faith, Renewing Spirits



THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE
POLAR BEAR PLUNGE
A MARYLAND TRADITION
Special Olympics Maryland
Aetotek
Take the PLUNGE with us!
THE HOLY DIPPERS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
Click here to donate or sign up to participate!

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Sacraments & Ministry Resources

Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more about these Sacraments and Ministries.

Baptism: Visit the parish website for information and registration. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for first time parents. Classes are the second Monday of each month.

Reconciliation: Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm, and by appointment.

Children's Faith Formation: Faith Formation classes are available for children ages Pre-K 4 through 8th grade. Contact the Director of Religious Education: Dodie Seppi at 410-798-5680 or email dre@hfccmail.org for more information.

First Reconciliation, First Communion: The Sacramental Preparation program is open to all baptized Catholic students in the second grade or older that have completed a year of faith formation last year either here at the parish or in a Catholic School. Contact Beth Supple, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation at firstsacraments@hfccmail.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children & Youth (RCIC): For those ages 16-20 who missed their sacraments and wish to prepare for some, or all of their sacraments, please contact Beth Supple, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation at firstsacraments@hfccmail.org.

Confirmation: Students should be in at least 9th grade and have been in a faith formation or Catholic school program in the previous year. Contact youthministry@hfccmail.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Email Charles Burk at burkce53@gmail.com to learn about the Catholic faith and participating in RCIA.

Communion Calls: Call the Parish Office if you wish Holy Communion brought to a member of your family.

Marriage: Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the anticipated date of the wedding. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org to begin the Premarital Preparation Program.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or someone you know would like to receive this sacrament please contact the office, or if appropriate, the hospital chaplain.

Perpetual Adoration in the Oratory: All parishioners are invited to enjoy prayer time with Jesus by spending time at our parish Oratory. For more information visit the parish website or email Cindy Daily at cindy.daily@verizon.net.

Holy Hour: All are invited to the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, on Thursdays from 7pm-8pm in the Chapel with and contemplation prayer Lectio Divina.

Rosary: Saturday at 4:30 pm & Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Church. Monday at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Prayer Network: To have prayers said for a special intention, call Chuck & Sally Miller at 410-798-4884. Additionally, visit one of the healing prayer teams in the church after each Mass on the second weekend of every month.

Schools

School of the Incarnation (Pre-K to 8th Grade): 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054; Phone: 410-519-2285; www.schooloftheincarnation.org.

Archbishop Spalding High School: 8080 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144; Phone: 410-969-9105 DC: 301-261-2170; Fax: 410-969-1026; www.archbishopspalding.org.

Save the date!

Basket Bingo

All proceeds will benefit the HVAC Campaign & Youth Ministry



Friday, February 2, 2024

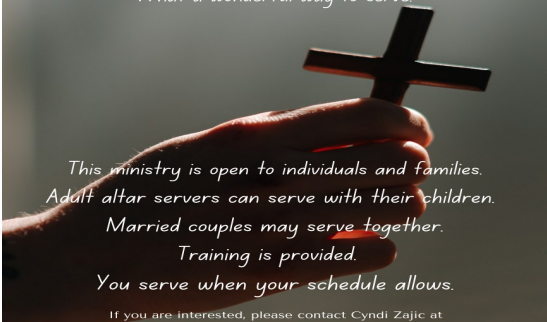
Doors Open: 5:30 pm In Unity Hall • Games Start: 7 pm

Join us for a fun night of 20 games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles. Come out and support Holy Family while having a blast! More information is coming soon!

Holy Family Catholic Church is asking for disciples.

ALTAR SERVING IS NOT JUST FOR YOUTH!

What a wonderful way to serve.



This ministry is open to individuals and families. Adult altar servers can serve with their children. Married couples may serve together. Training is provided. You serve when your schedule allows.

If you are interested, please contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org or call (301)261-7399