



Holy Family Catholic Church

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

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December 17, 2023



Third Sunday of Advent

"I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."

John 1:26-27

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

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 \$351,274 or 56% of our goal. I thank the parishioners who have contributed to this tax free fund.

The new HVAC System is now working properly and it gives our parish the flexibility to change quickly from heating to cooling our church and vice versa as the temperature changes greatly in a short period of time. In past years, for example, it took two days to change the system from heating to air conditioning.

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 this 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.

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent, is called Guadete Sunday. We light the third candle, the rose candle, because the color rose is the liturgical color signifying joy. The rose candle reminds us of the joy which the world experienced at the birth of Jesus Christ and our growing joy as Christmas draws closer.

In this bulletin there is 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.

Last Christmas a little under 2,500 persons attended the Masses here on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Planning ahead, we want to warmly welcome all who will be joining us to celebrate Christ's birth this year. If you are a parishioner who is planning to attend one of our Christmas Masses, I ask you to please be a greeter at one of the entrances to our church or outside Unity Hall, providing a hospitable welcome to everyone as they enter before Mass. In addition, greeters will hand out the Christmas programs and provide directions (ex., to the restrooms). If you will be a greeter, please go to our parish website (www.holyfamilychurch.com) and sign up on the Sign Up Genius.

Blessings,

F. Mike

Grow In Faith

Next Sunday's Readings: Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 23 & 24, 2023

- First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
- Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
- Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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Eucharistic Revival: The Year of the Parish



"In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas." – from the USCCB Advent calendar 2023

Ponder in Prayer this week: This third week of Advent brings joy. Let us put more joy into our prayer, and joyful thanks as we receive the Holy Eucharist.

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

Our Regional Catholic School (PreK-8th)



2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, MD 21054

www.schooloftheincarnation.org
410-519-2285

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.
- **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.

WE NEED
YOU!

- **Mass Greeters Needed:** Be the "greeters" at the front doors of Holy Family. Email Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org.
- **Greeters for Sacramental Events:** Serve others by being the "host" at Sacramental Events, such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. If you are interested, please contact Delores Jones at dt61jones@verizon.net.
- **Lazarus Ministry:** This ministry has the privilege of helping families come together after a funeral to share a meal as loved ones are remembered. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.
- **Ushers:** Needed for all Masses. Contact Vernon Pizzi at vernonpizzi49@gmail.com.

Calendar Highlights

- 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
- Jan. 20: Women's Retreat, 8:30am Unity Hall
- Jan. 23: Praying Through Cancer, 11am, Serenity Room
- Jan. 24: Senior Ministry Luncheon, Noon, Unity Hall
- Jan. 28: Catholic Schools Week begins
- Feb. 2: Basket Bingo
- Feb. 3: First Saturday Confessions & Mass, 8am
- Feb. 3: Polar Bear Plunge
- Feb. 3-4: Wine & Cheese & Coffee & Donuts Weekend



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

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.

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

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation
5 pm Vigil Mass December 31
& January 1 Mass at 11 am

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

Praying Through Cancer

Cancer Support Ministry

January 23, 2024

11 am-12 pm

Serenity Room

Come Pray on the 4th
Tuesday of each Month

Cyndi Zajic: (301) 261-7399
familyministry@hfccmail.org

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



Caring for Creation means people too. From Isaiah we hear today's Comfort. Give comfort to my people says your God. That is exactly what happened the week of November 27th-December 4th at Holy Family. Our Church hosted a week of comfort to the homeless here in Anne Arundel county. The Arundel House of Hope sponsors Winter Relief, as folks are cared for, stay warm and are provided good food and fellowship.

P.S.: Maddie and Sophie really enjoyed seeing everyone each evening after dinner helping to supervise the evenings activities. Plus they were always looking for a treat. Please join us next year in supporting this most important ministry.

Deacon Doug's Q&A

QUESTION: The Church celebrates three different Masses on Christmas. What are they and how are they different?

Answer to the question about who was the first Santa Claus: "Santa Claus" is old English name, popularized in the US 200 years ago, for Saint Nicholas whose Feast Day was December 6. As Bishop of Myra in southern Turkey in the 4th Century, Nicholas became the subject of legends for giving away all his inherited wealth to help the poor and sick. The best-known story is how he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery by their father by throwing a bag of gold coins through a window, providing them with a dowry so that they could be married. By the Renaissance (1500), St. Nicholas was the most popular saint in Europe.

Mass Intentions: Dec. 18 – Dec. 24

- Mon.** 9:00 am Communion Service
- Tues.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Daniel P. DiStefano
- Wed.** 9:00 am For the repose of the souls in Purgatory
- Thurs.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Rose King and for the intentions of Gretchen and Ken Muir 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Fri.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Margaret "Maggie" Lamb
- Sat.** 5:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Lorraine Blain
- Sun.** 9:00 am For the Men and Women in the Military, First Responders and their families this Christmas Season
- Sun.** 3:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Sara Maria **Church** Greenfield
- Sun.** 3:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Betty Robertson **U. H.**
- Sun.** 5:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Katherine Anne Wojcik
- Sun.** 7:30 pm For the repose of the soul of Raymond Totten and for the intentions of our Parishioners
- Sun.** 10:00pm For the repose of the soul of Rebecca Miller

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, Collection Report and Mass Attendance for Dec. 9 & 10 will be in a future bulletin due to early publication deadlines.

**Poor Box donations, Celebratory Bricks at the Chapel
&
Stock Donations**

Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com/giving.html for additional ways to support Holy Family.

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Take the PLUNGE with us!
THE HOLY DIPPERS
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
 Click here to donate or sign up to participate!

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

2024 SCOUT SUNDAY
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2024
 SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
 Please sign up to be lector, cantor, gift bearer, altar server.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040F4AAFAA29A3F58-46450941-scout>


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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.

Don't Miss

Basket Bingo!



Friday, February 2, 2024

Time & Location:

Friday, Feb. 2, 2024: Doors Open: 5:30 pm
in Unity Hall - Games Start: 7 pm

Tickets:

Cost: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door

When & Where: After ALL Masses starting Jan. 13 & 14 in Upper Gallery OR visit Parish office M-F after Jan. 15.

Join us for a fun night of 20 games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles. Learn more at: www.holyfamilychurch.com.

All proceeds will benefit the HVAC Campaign & Youth Ministry



YOU ARE INVITED TO...

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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!