

MAY 2, 2021

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Parish Mission
“Engaged in Christ, Engaged with Each Other, Engaged in our Community”

For a complete list of staff emails and ministries, visit our website at www.holyfamilychurch.com

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR CATHOLIC PARISHES IN SOUTH ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

Holy Family

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00a.m. (Church), Saturday: 5:00p.m., Sunday: 8:45am & 11:15am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Edgewater 443-203-1002
 Saturday: 4:00p.m. Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00a.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00a.m.
 Wednesday 9:00a.m. Communion Service
 Mass in Spanish: Saturdays at 6:00p.m.
 (except first Sat. of the month)
“For Mass times call the office.”

Our Lady of Sorrows, Owensville 410-867-2059
 Saturday: 5:00p.m. Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30a.m.
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday: 9:00a.m.
 Wednesday 9:00a.m. Communion Service
“For Mass times call the office.”

Baptism: Call the Parish Office as early as possible to make arrangements. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for first time parents.

Reconciliation: Saturday at 3:30 p.m. through 4:45 p.m., and by appointment.

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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.): Email Charles Burk at burkce53@gmail.com to learn about the Catholic faith.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children & Youth (R.C.I.C.), Reconciliation & First Communion: Shannon Payne, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation at firstsacraments@hfccmail.org.

Perpetual Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Oratory: For information, email Cindy Daily at cindy.daily@verizon.net.

Rosary: Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

Prayer Network: To have prayers said for a special intention, call Chuck & Sally Miller at 410-798-4884.

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<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Family-Catholic-Church-Davidsonville-Maryland>

HOLY FAMILY

Dear Friends,

This weekend we will be putting a “**crown**” of flowers upon statues of the Virgin Mary at the Masses. This is called a “**May Crowning**.” So, two things: One on statues and then another on how Catholics speak about the saints like the Virgin Mary a lot.

First on statues: During Christmastime there are many statues and images of Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the Magi and Shepherds all around us through greeting cards, Nativity sets, etc. Sometimes people set up large Nativity sets in their yards even for all to see.

These images are, of course, just **REMINDERS** of the religious aspect of the Christmas season, and they help us to remember the birth of Christ even while we are at home.

It's funny, no one seems to object, ever, to a Nativity scene at Christmastime (unless it's non-religious people wanting those sets off of any public property).

But some people do have questions (oftentimes not meaning to be offensive at all) but they do question why Catholics use images **all year long** to remind us of aspects or stories from our faith: Using statues, stained glass, paintings, and icons. It simply is religious art that is meant to **REMIND** us of what they did and to **INSPIRE** us.

Part of this objection comes from looking at Exodus 20:4 where God himself shares with the Jewish people the following: “**You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.**”

But, five chapters after Exodus 20, there is a very interesting text where God asks the Jewish people to decorate the tabernacle, the place where God would dwell among the Israelites, with two golden statues of angels. In Exodus 25:18b - 19 we hear: “**And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover. Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.**”

So, while the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-7) God told the Israelites not to make “**idols**,” (as in their **WORSHIP** of the statue of the golden calf that had transpired out in the desert), even God is comfortable with using **IMAGES** as **ART** in Exodus 25. That this is what Catholics do, we do not worship any statue of any saint....we use all religious art, whether it is of Jesus or a saint, to remind us of the stories of our faith and to inspire us.

Then about Mary and the saints in our Catholic spirituality. Catholics know that Jesus is our Savior and that we aren't saved by Mary and the other saints. But, Catholics talk a lot about the saints because they are **EXAMPLES** for us in **OUR** faith journeys.

We ask them to pray for us not to take the place of Jesus's grace, but because they are our **SPIRITUAL FAMILY** and they love us.

In the end the Catholic faith always emphasizes that we are part of a community and part of a family that is on earth and in heaven. I think that our individualistic Western society causes some Christians to think that their faith journey is also supposed to be rather solitary, that they try to access Jesus in a solitary way.

Let's give thanks for our Catholic faith that reminds us that we always have the saints praying for us and all the Church praying for us throughout our spiritual lives, and let's remember that our job is not just to get saved by Jesus in the end, but to drag as many people along with us as possible!

*Peace to you,
Fr. Andy*



“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. 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.” **Jn 15:4-5**

May 3 - May 9

Mon.	9:00 a.m.	No Communion Service
Tues.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the souls of Rita Caraballo & Jim Malloy
Wed.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the souls of James O'Brien & Ines Rodriguez Caraballo
Thurs.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the soul of Jennifer Defliese
Fri.	9:00 a.m.	For the repose of the souls of Maria & Enrico Veltri
Sat.	5:00 p.m. Church & Unity Hall	For the repose of the souls of Anthony DiCaprio, Margaret Mary DeVillier, Helen Malloy
Sun.	8:45 a.m. Church and Unity Hall	For the intentions of all Mothers & for the repose of the souls of Donna Mihaly & Mary Ann Nagle
Sun.	11:15 a.m. Outside and Church	For the repose of the souls of Barbara Musterman & Dorothea Maresca



Rest in Peace

Michael Fitzurka, father of Mark

LITURGY OF THE HOURS / DIVINE OFFICE: If you would like to hear the Evening Prayer of the Divine Office sung and recited or would like to join us in saying it, please ZOOM in any day at 4pm at this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81964362513>. Our Secular Franciscan Fraternity prays together **every** day at 4pm, no prior knowledge is required and no hidden obligations. For more information: Ron Van Nest - 443-822-5373



PRAY FOR: Carol Sepeta, Gerry Deighan, Roberta Beck, Dorothy Wright, Brayden Chesnick, Richard Addair, Augusta Hunt, Tom Schall, Tracy Joyce, Jenny Worrell, Maria Witz, Gene, Ron, & Sandy Albright, Baby Giovanni LiCalzi, Morgan Earp, Bobby Bender, Oliver Moses Jaquez, Emma Webster, Tamara Huggins, Debi Greenfield, Thomas Scarduzio, Mike Greenwell, Larry & Katy Novicki, Liam O'Brien, Pauline Lukash, Lexi Woepler, Kevin Shaw, 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, Lloyd Shelton, Sandi Matthews, Adam & Christine Palmer, Mary Fenton, Priscilla Snyder, Jerry Jones, Laura Ruitberg, Anita Stuck and for those on the prayer network.



Sun.	Adoration continues, Oratory May Crowning at the 8:45am & 11:15am Masses, Church & Unity Hall Rel. Ed. Gr. K-8 8:45am-10am, Classrooms 2-6 & 10-18 First Communion Mass 11am, Outside Rel Ed. Gr. 1-8 11:15am-12:30pm, Classrooms 2-6 & 10-18 Catholicism 101 12:30pm, Church High School Group 7pm-8:30pm, Youth Room
Mon.	Adoration continues, Oratory Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-8 4:30pm-5:45pm, Classrooms 2-6 & 10-18 with Mass, Church Rosary Group 6:30pm-7pm, Chapel
Tues.	Adoration continues, Oratory Blood Drive 2pm-7:30pm, Unity Hall Prayer Group 7pm-8:30pm, Chapel
Wed.	Adoration continues, Oratory Hebrews Study 10am-11:30am, Unity Hall Nora's Knapsacks Assembly 11:30am-12:30pm, Unity Hall "ZOOM" Bereavement Program and Breakout Sessions. 7pm-8:30pm "ZOOM" Secular Franciscans Meeting 7pm-9pm
Thurs.	Adoration continues, Oratory "ZOOM" Calendar Meeting, 9:45am
Fri.	Adoration continues, Oratory Floral Arranging 9:30am, Church & Liturgy Workspace 33 Days to Morning Glory 10am-11:30am, Unity Hall Middle School Youth Group 7pm-8:30pm, Youth Room
Sat.	Adoration continues, Oratory Floral Arranging 9:30am, Church & Liturgy Workspace

CATHOLICISM 101: Join Fr. Andy Sunday, May 2nd and May 16th from 12:30pm to 1:45pm in the Church for an overview of the Catholic faith.




NOW HIRING: Holy Family is looking for a part-time person to fill our Building Maintenance position. This position consists of painting, cleaning, and other tasks at the parish. Would involve weekend work, Friday, Sunday, and Monday about 5-hours each day. The duties of the Holy Family Catholic Church Building Maintenance person cover the main Church and historic Chapel. A more detailed task list will be discussed with the applicant. Please reply to Louisa Woolery at louisa.woolery@hfccmail.org if interested, attaching work history and experience.

Collection Report
April 24th & 25th
Offertory \$5,105
Mortgage & Maintenance \$1,198
Poor Box \$902

April Faith Direct Totals
Offertory \$49,305/Budget \$45,000
Poor Box \$3,614 / Lighthouse Shelter \$1,425
Good Friday \$991 / Easter \$3,520

Month of April Totals
Offertory \$29,988/Budget \$30,000
Mortgage & Maintenance \$24,992
M/M Budget \$20,000
Poor Box \$4,751
Good Friday \$831 / Easter \$11,345

Flowers on the Altar this Weekend
In Honor of the Wedding of
Justin Bell
& Chelsea Donaldson




CONGRATULATIONS TO: Chelsea Donaldson & Justin Bell as they are joined in the sacrament of Marriage this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.

Flowers this Weekend
Divine Mercy & Blessed Mother Statues
In Memory
of
Edward Sterle



HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE: Tuesday, May 4th from 2pm-7:30pm in Unity Hall. **By appointment only!** Register at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=DavidsonvilleHolyFamily>. Let's save lives!!

PARISHIONERS 70½ YEARS AND OLDER: Please remember that if you choose to make a charitable distribution from your traditional IRA account, Holy Family is qualified to receive such a distribution under applicable tax law. There are specific tax advantages for those over 70 and ½ years of age who choose to make these types of charitable donations. The donation must be made directly to the qualified charity and Holy Family will acknowledge each charitable donation in writing as required by tax law. **You should of course consult your tax advisor before making a federally tax-free charitable distribution from your IRA.**



STOCK DONATIONS TO HOLY FAMILY: Donating appreciated stock is an efficient way to make a charitable gift. It's easy and it saves the donor from paying capital gains taxes. If you itemize your deductions you are eligible to deduct the full fair market value of the stock, up to IRS limits. With the stock market near all time highs, utilizing appreciated stock for charitable gifting is worth considering. Effectively you're able to contribute 20% more than if you sold the stock and paid capital gains taxes. Please contact Donna at office@hfccmail.org in the parish office for information on the process for doing this.



CARING FOR CREATION MINISTRY:

So, last week Thursday, April 22nd was Earth Day. Many of us stopped on their otherwise busy day and did something to make a difference in our fragile world. Some of us planted Native Plants in our yard, in a pot on the balcony or even at an event with an Environmental Group. I just want to thank you so much and offer a blessing for whatever you did or do on a daily basis. When going to the nursery to pick out your plants, ask where the natives are. Use you phone and look it up right there in the store. When the plant or shrub is from Europe or the Far East it is generally not a good thing. This is particularly true with invasive perennials that can escape into naturalized areas by birds and mammals eating seeds. Some of the things we worked on was planting native flowers by our Youth Group in the **NO MOW** area of the storm water pond. We also found and cleaned up, yes wait for it, more English Ivy on the West side of the property.



Continuing to pick up trash along Riva Road, to make it a pleasant drive on the daily visits to Church. Have you seen the **"WHY"** signs? They seem to have made some folks think twice and really made a difference even slowed the flow a bit. The **"Please Don't Litter"** signs, not as much, but maybe.

At least every other week I make a run thru there just to keep up. Trying to make it a prayerful time as I walk along and be at peace with those that litter. It can be difficult. Beer, liquor, water and juice bottles and fast food trash are most commonly found. Governor Bridge Road is such a mess from Riva to Davidsonville Road. It is so sad. A request was put in to the County Roads, because of the safety issues, to clean it up around the first of April. We shall see. Would love to hear from our parishioners on what they did on Earth Day and what they have incorporated into their daily lives that shows they care for God's Creation. Email me at christophergordon@verizon.net. **Next week Cicadas!**



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Fr. Andy will continue **"curbside confessions"** on Wednesdays at 5pm and Saturdays 3:30pm.



**OUR DAILY BREAD
CASSEROLES**

Pans will be left under the blue grocery carts outside the Church the weekend of May 15th & 16th & 22nd & 23rd (during the week as well). All casseroles must be returned frozen on Saturday, May 29th, between 9AM - 11PM.

For more information, please contact Linda Wilk at linda.wilk@wilkworld.net.



DIVORCECARE is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. It is a 13 week support group with videos and book studies. We would like to start an online group in the Fall. We need a few leaders, co-leaders or just individuals willing to assist in group meetings. If you are interested in helping or attending please email Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org.



DIVORCECARE FOR KIDS (DC4K) support group is a safe, fun place where your children can learn skills that will help them heal. DC4K groups blend, games, music, stories, videos and discussion to help kids process the divorce and move forward. Groups meet weekly and are designed for children ages 5-12. DC4K has many online groups and meets different days of the week. Sign in at <https://www.dc4k.org>.

- ◆ We would like to host our own group online (virtually) and need group facilitators. If you have an interest in leading, co-leading or assisting in a group, please reach out to Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT GROUP: "HOME SHOULDN'T HURT!" This group is held online on Wednesdays at 4 pm. If you are interested, please contact the YWCA at 410-626-7800 so you can be invited to the group. Nancy Frank is the contact person there. If you would like additional resources you can also email familyministry@hfccmail.org.



WITNESS TO LOVE: Holy Family engaged couples! This is our premarital program. Please contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org. Congratulations!!



MAKING MUSIC PRAYING TWICE:

For the past five years we have been holding preschool musical classes at Holy Family. It has been very successful. With the change in our social distancing environment we have been publishing an online program. Now, we would like to take one additional step. We are hoping to have virtual/interactive classes soon. We are looking for individuals over the age of 17 who are willing to teach online music to our young ones and their guardians. If you are interested, please email Cyndi at familyministry@hfccmail.org.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: Visit the website homepage and scroll to the **"CLOW"** ICON. Search the dates and click on the link to a power point presentation with that week's lesson. God Bless!



LIGHT OF THE NEW COVENANT PRAYER GROUP: Join us on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Chapel. For more information contact Mela Dempsey at hermed219@comcast.net.



SEW TIME: We have completed our 9th Annual Lenten Challenge of walker totes for those in need in area nursing homes/rehab facilities (contact us if you know of anyone that could use a walker tote). Our sew angels are now working on pillow case dresses and shorts for **"Hope for Appalachia Project"** for the children in Kentucky. Home kits w/material and patterns are available for all projects. In addition, we have a great deal of yarn that was recently donated. So, if you knit or crochet or know someone who does we would be happy to share our bounty of yarn. Please contact Barbara Harmel at barbara.harmel@gmail.com or Pam Hines at hinesjp@verizon.net for more information.



DEACON DOUG'S Q & A: Question: In honor of Fr. Andy, four questions: **a.** When was he ordained a priest? **b.** Where did he go to college? **c.** What did he do before he became a priest? **d.** What was the name of the famous music group that was the first band he ever saw in concert?"

Answer to the question about Mystagogy: Those Baptized and Confirmed at Easter then go through a several weeks of **"Mystagogy,"** (from the Greek "to lead through the mysteries"). This is a period of accompaniment for new Catholics with the community as they discover what it means to fully participate in the sacramental mysteries of the Church. It is a beautiful time in the life of the newly baptized and received, where the true treasure of the Church is more fully revealed.



MEN'S GROUPS: Fraternity, discussion and faith. We meet every other week. Choose from a variety of meeting times. For more information and to find a time that works for you contact Dave Springer at HFMM24@gmail.com.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Are you looking for sisters in Christ to share in faith and friendship? A place where you can ask for prayers and know you will be lifted up and supported in any way possible. A place where you can grow in your knowledge of scripture and how it applies to your daily life. Contact Christy Cosgrove at adulted@hfccmail.org and find out how to participate in this beautiful ministry.



BOOK CLUB: Join us Monday, May 10th at 7pm as we dive into **Stories of the Saints by Carey Wallace** and share in faith, friendship and lively discussion. We will meet in the JMJ Café. You must wear a mask. All social distancing practices will be in place. For more information, please contact Betty Ryon at eryon0037@aol.com or 240-375-6344.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED: Are you looking for a way to serve and help the parish? We are in need of Ushers (**especially at the 11:15 Outside Mass**), Extraordinary Ministers and Lectors. VIRTUS training is required. If interested or want more information, please email Donna at office@hfccmail.org.



HOLY FAMILY MOVIE CLUB: Watch this spot for changes this Summer! For more information about this ministry, contact Jeff Snively at jeffsnively@gmail.com.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: If you have taken a Marriage Encounter weekend and would like to join a monthly Marriage Encounter Prayer Circle please contact Eileen Dickey at 410-867-3542 for more information.



PRAY THE ROSARY: Mondays at 6:30pm in the Chapel or 4:30pm Saturdays in the Church.



ZOOM 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY AT-HOME RETREAT: This at home retreat began on Wednesday, April 28th from 7pm-8:30pm. It offers individuals a quick and easy way to withdraw from the demands of daily life and enter into a peaceful interior reflection on their relationship with Christ in the context of

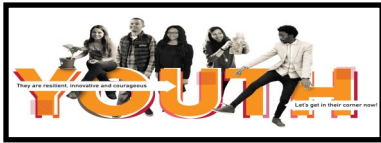
Marian devotion. The videos for the retreat are available for free on **FORMED**. Betty Ryon will offer video chats as you go through the journey. Start your journey now. Contact Betty for book and **ZOOM** information at eryon0037@aol.com. All are welcome.



VACATION BIBLE CAMP is back this year! The theme is **"KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE!"** Mark your calendars now for June 21-25, 2021. For kids in preK (age 4) through incoming 6th grade. Social distancing, masks, and safety protocols will be in

place. **MANY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - adults, college-age, and teens (**great opportunity for service hours and it's fun**) are welcome! Please contact Dodie Seppi now at dre@hfccmail.org if interested in volunteering. Planning meetings will begin in April. Registration details coming soon.

Mass of Consecration will be held on June 3rd at 7pm with rosary starting at 6:30pm.



NO SUNDAY EVENING MASSES SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME.

WE NEED YOU!

SACRISTAN NEEDED: Holy Family is looking for a young parishioner who is interested in employment, as well as serving their parish. Sacristans are the individuals who prepare the Church for Mass on Saturdays and Sundays. You need to be at least 14 years old. Please contact Cyndi if you are interested and want further information at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

AFTER HOURS DROP BOXES: Can't make it to the Parish Office or Religious Education Office during regular business hours and need to drop something off or need a document signed (please leave best contact number)? We have installed two black boxes for your convenience. One is located on the brick wall across from the main entrance door to the Church and the other is located under the doorbell next to the main doors to the Religious Education Office. **NO CASH, PLEASE!**

Stay Connected...



@hfccyouthmin
Stay connected with seeing cool photos from past events as well as our upcoming events.



@hfccyouth.
Stay connected with posts and photos from past events as well as announcements for upcoming events.



Please email youthministry@hfccmail.org
Stay connected in this community group chat where announcements will be shared.

LIGHTER SIDE



A Good Sermon

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible.

George Burns



HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS MAY & JUNE

- ◆ "ZOOM" High School Bible Study and video game night: Every Thursday through May from 7pm-9pm. Theme is **"PRAYER!"** Following Bible Study, stay on for video games! We play Among Us and a few Roblox games. Do you have a Roblox account? It's free. Be sure to invite a friend.
- ◆ May 2nd - 7pm-8:30pm
- ◆ May 16th - 7pm-8:30pm
- ◆ June 6th - 7pm-8:30pm
- ◆ June 18th - "Bonfire," last day of school!

MIDDLE SCHOOL EVENTS "IN-PERSON"

- ◆ **Give it up for Mom:** Friday, May 7th from 7pm-8:30pm. **For all our Moms and our Blessed Mother!**
- ◆ **Noodle Games:** Friday, May 28th from 7pm-8:30pm. **Run and fun....."Yeah!"**

Questions about any of the MS events, email John.Freiland@hfccmail.org.



ARE YOU AGAINST US OR AMONG US? Join youth ministry on zoom every Thursday from 6pm-8pm. Open to both Middle School and High School. Email lindsay.wilk@hfccmail.org for the link and next scheduled date.

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

TO OUR FIRST TIME VISITORS, YOU'LL FIND WE ARE A WELCOMING, FRIENDLY PARISH COMMUNITY.

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AND TO OUR PARISHIONERS: PLEASE REMEMBER THAT, IF YOU SHOULD FIND AN UNFAMILIAR CAR IN YOUR FAVORITE PARKING PLACE.

