

# Holy Family Church

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*Established 1890 (Mission) / 1938 (Parish)*

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**HERITAGE ROOM**  
Parish Rentals (on hold for now)

**MASS SCHEDULE: (temporarily changed)**

*Weekends*

Saturday: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, and 11:00 AM

Filipino American Mass (on hold for now)

*Weekdays*

Mon., through Fri.: 8:00 AM

Saturday: (No morning Mass)

*Holy Days (TBD)*

Visit our Web Page: [www.holyfamilywoodmore.org](http://www.holyfamilywoodmore.org)

**REGIONAL SCHOOL:** St. Mary of the Assumption School,  
4610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772  
Principal – Ms. Ashley Lewis (301-627-4170)

**MARRIAGES:** Arrangements should be made with the Pastor six months in advance of the desired wedding date.  
Pre-Cana classes must be scheduled.

**CONFESSIONS:** Saturday 3 PM or by appointment.

**BAPTISMS:** By appointment. Classes on First Saturday at 10 AM.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: (on hold for now)**

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our congregation.  
Please pick up a registration form in the back of the Church or call the Rectory.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday 10:00 AM – All announcements should be faxed or submitted in writing to the Rectory.

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Meets 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM (virtual)

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY RESOURCES (PGCR)** - a parish ministry serving adults with living disabilities.  
Phone: 301-442-3708. Email: [PGCRDirector@PGCR.org](mailto:PGCRDirector@PGCR.org); Web Page: [www.PGCR.org](http://www.PGCR.org)





Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.  
- Jn 20:8-9

**Readings for the week of April 4, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 [24]/ Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35  
Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15  
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18  
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35  
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48  
Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14  
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/ Mk 16:9-15  
Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

**MASS INTENTIONS**

04/03 Holy Family Parishioners  
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04/05 No Mass Intention  
04/06 Ify Nwankwo & Gospel Asonye (L)/Teresa Nwankwo  
04/07 Ify Nwankwo & Gospel Asonye (L)/Teresa Nwankwo  
04/08 Ify Nwankwo & Gospel Asonye (L)/Teresa Nwankwo  
04/09 Families of Dave & MJ Thomas/MJ Thomas

*May the soul of Betty Burke, Msgr. Godfrey Mosley and all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.  
Amen*

**Pray for Our Sick and Homebound** - Rita Schiavone, Charles Hartley, Willie & Nellie Reyes, Maurice Davis, Alfred Tawney, Bernard & Gloria Peters, Charles Brown, Angela Brown, Sharon Diaz, Suzanne Herbert, Lisa Ramsey, Joseph Stevenson, Maurice Thomas, Faith Brock, Willie Brown, Patricia Carroll, Amelia V. Centeno, Eleanor Hawkins, Remy Cabrera, Wilfredo Justimbaste, Gloria Marshall, Veronica Nagel, Jennifer Babb, Bill Schultz, Samuel Jones, Jr., Natika and Noah Brown, Jack Richards, James Fletcher, Mary Jane Thomas, Lisa Davidson, Debby Kruse, Eileen Richards, Linda Boles, Marco Venida

**Financial Support of the Parish**

Our parish collections have dropped significantly. If you can, please remember the parish in your giving. We thank all those who have continuously donated.

**Status of the Use of the Church During County COVID Restrictions**

- Masses and Liturgies are being held in the Hall
- 25% capacity
- Registration is required for the Sunday Masses. The link is posted each Monday to the parish website [www.holyfamilywoodmore.org](http://www.holyfamilywoodmore.org) and sent through Flock Note each Monday. The link closes each Thursday by 12:00 PM (Noon)
- No registration needed for Weekday Masses
- Mass Times are as follows:  
Monday-Friday 8:00 AM  
Saturday 4:00 PM (reconciliation at 3:00 PM)  
Sunday 8:00 AM and 11:00 AM.
- Masks are required of all in attendance and should cover both mouth and nose.
- Social distancing of 6 feet needs to be maintained.
- Weather permitting, exterior doors will be left open to keep minimal touching of the door handles.
- Kneeling is dispensed.
- Those attending will be asked to sanitize their seats after Mass with the help of the ushers and parish supplies.
- Reception of Holy Communion, please be mindful of the 6 feet distance of the person in front of you. Mask are only to be lowered in order to place the host in your mouth. Receiving in the hand is referred.
- Dispensation from the obligation to attend live Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation is still in place.
- All Masses are recorded to view online for those not able to attend live.
- The Church will continue to be left open for private prayer on Sundays from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM and Saturdays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. No more than 10 people in the church building at a time and obey the directional signs as to which pews may be used.

**Reconciliation**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation time and location has changed beginning in Lent. It will be held on Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM in the small meeting room inside the large hall. A folding screen will be added for those wanting privacy. Sanitizing supplies will be available.



## **Where Can One Watch the Sunday Mass**

We are recording Sunday Mass and posting it on the [Parish Blog](#), [YouTube Channel](#) and [Facebook Page](#)  
<https://hfchurch.wordpress.com/>  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9Iy3-Pni-E49wcnKggC4fg>  
<https://www.facebook.com/HFWoodmore>

If you have a SMART TV, type “Holy Family Catholic Church Mitchellville MD” in the search engine at YouTube and our page will come up with the available Masses.

## **Reminders and Sign-Ups for Mass**

**Flock Note Reminders** – These emailed parish updates are being sent on Mondays. The updates will contain parish news along with the Sign Up Link for Sunday Masses. The links are always on the parish web page at [www.holyfamilywoodmore.org](http://www.holyfamilywoodmore.org) and are also sent each Monday through Flock Note.

## **NEW - Telephone Outreach Ministry**

Our parish is forming a Telephone Outreach Ministry and needs adult volunteers to call and greet fellow parishioners who have been away from Holy Family for a while. Friendliness and discretion are the main qualifications for anyone interested. The Ministry will provide a script and other tools to make it easy to participate. Please contact either Sherry Pollock at [motivator961@aol.com](mailto:motivator961@aol.com) or Pam Rozanski at [holyfamilywoodmore.org](http://holyfamilywoodmore.org). THANK YOU in advance for your consideration and for your spirit to help.

## **Religious Education News**

**Virtual Parent Meeting Related to 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion** – will be held on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Invitation to the meeting will be sent out via email.

**Reminder of Catechist Meeting** - Monday, April 5 at 7 PM

## **PGCR**

**Instructors Needed** – PGCR currently offers cooking classes and bingo. We dream of offering more to the community. Do you have a skill/talent that could be shared via Google Meet or Zoom with adults living with disabilities? Or maybe you would you like to moderate a “girls” or “guys” evening of virtual socializing? If so, please contact us at 301-442-3708 or via email at [PGCRDirector@pgcr.org](mailto:PGCRDirector@pgcr.org) to discuss the details. Compensation offered.

## **Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville**

The Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville, was created to offer the women of Holy Family Parish an opportunity to experience *FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND SERVICE*. Membership is open to all parish women, ages 18 and older. Currently our meetings are being held virtually on the 3rd Monday of each month, via Google Meet, from 7:30 - 8:00 PM. For more information contact Membership Chair and Vice President, Sherry Pollock, via email.



My dear Parish friends,

Echoing Cardinal Gregory, I would encourage as many of you as possible to seek vaccination against COVID-19. It signifies a real step forward to normalcy in living our lives and in keeping safe both ourselves and those around us. We are still employing the hall as our worship space as it better allows for social distancing than the Church. Chairs can move— but, pews cannot. As things continue to open, stay engaged with the parish through Flocknotes. We now have genuine cause for hope but please do all that you can to inhibit illness. The news tells us that the infection numbers are starting to rise again. We do not want to see this. We have already lost too many parishioners and neighbors to the coronavirus.

Let us embrace the joy of the Easter season. The empty tomb is a silent witness to Christ’s power over life and death. Just as he could heal bodies, forgive sins and exorcise demons; he could raise the dead. Of course, his resurrection went far beyond the earlier expressions of his power as with the son of a widowed mother or a little girl or his friend Lazarus. Jesus would never suffer or die again. His victory is complete. While not seen in the tomb, the Risen Lord would appear to his friends made brand new. He wants to fill the caverns of our hearts with his loving presence. His return to life is no fiction. The resurrection is the greatest of all realities. It changes human history. Love makes possible life and in Jesus is the greatest love of all. Love is stronger than the grave. Love is forever because life is forever.

Make sure to send in your envelopes. We will be retaining the online giving platform on the Parish website as well. I am grateful of the sacrifices made by a few to maintain Holy Family during these trying days of the pandemic. It insures that when we get past this crisis, our Parish will still be here. As we seek to increasingly open, the Mass schedule may change as well. Keep track of this. The current reduced pandemic schedule was implemented in light of a terrible attendance reduction (literally from 600 to 60 a weekend). I hope everyone will soon come home.

There may be no Easter egg hunt this year and services will be heavily truncated . . . but at least there will be some semblance of a congregation. I deeply miss seeing my flock each week. Please know that I love you all and pray for our faith community daily. Please keep me and my small staff in your daily prayers.

Have a blessed and holy Easter!  
*Father Joe*

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