

Holy Family Church

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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

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)

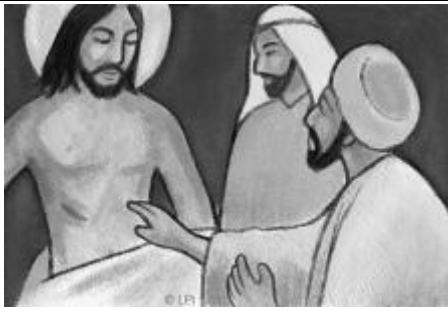
NEW PARISHIONERS: We would like to extend a warm welcome to the new members of our congregation.
Please pick up a registration form in the back of the Church or call the Rectory.

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; Web Page: www.PGCR.org





Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

- Jn 20:28-29

Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3
 Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

MASS INTENTIONS

04/10 Holy Family Parishioners
 04/11 Holy Family Parishioners
 04/12 John Kuzmiak (D)/MJ Thomas
 04/13 Reynoldo Dizon (D)
 04/14 David Thomas (D)/MJ Thomas
 04/15 Linda Bryant (L)/Acqua Williams
 04/16 Karen & Bill Pelham/MJ Thomas

May the soul of 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.

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.

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 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.

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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 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 or Pam Rozanski at holyfamilywoodmore.org. THANK YOU in advance for your consideration and for your spirit to help.

Religious Education News

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

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 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.

Celebrating A Special Wedding Anniversaries: June 27, 2021 Jubilarian Mass

Are you celebrating a special wedding anniversary? Each year the Archdiocese of Washington honors couples married 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 and 70+ years at the annual Jubilarian Mass. This year’s Mass will be held Sunday, June 27 at 3:00pm at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Seating is limited to allow for social distancing and the Mass will be live-streamed. To receive a signed Jubilarian anniversary certificate or to register to attend the Mass, please contact the parish office before May 1, 2021.

Catholic Schools Virtual Open Houses

Catholic schools provide a faith-based education that lasts a lifetime. Are you interested in finding the right Catholic school for you? Take the first step by attending a virtual open house or admissions event this month. Learn more at www.adwcatholicsschools.org.

Everyday Stewardship - Recognize GOD in Your Ordinary Moments

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you’ve ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that’s not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn’t bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He’s not believing the hype. He’s going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We’ve all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven’t seen it with our own two eyes?

That’s when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It’s easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, “you didn’t believe the testimony of your friends!” But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can’t be seen with the naked eye.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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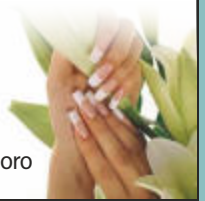
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