

# 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)





“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit.” - Jn 15:1-2

**Readings for the week of May 2, 2021**

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
 Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 05/01 Holy Family Parishioners
- 05/02 Holy Family Parishioners
- 05/03 Lawrence Nwankwo (L)/Teresa Nwankwo
- 05/04 Lee Siu-nui (D)/Mr. & Mrs. Hui
- 05/05 Debra Datcher (D)/Barbara Parham
- 05/06 Samuel Nwankwo (L)/Teresa Nwankwo
- 05/07 Ezi Jemie (L)/Teresa Nwankwo

*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 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
- 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.

**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.



The National Day of Prayer is observed annually on the first Thursday in May. This day observance (May 6), designated by the United States Congress, asks people “to turn to God in prayer and meditation.”

## **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**

**PREP Summer Program** – Thank you to those who responded to the poll. Summer Plans will be shared shortly.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year Confirmation Candidates** are reminded of their upcoming interviews. Check your email or have your parents check theirs for the calendar invite.

## **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.

## **Ignatian Volunteer Corps**

Make a difference this Spring. The Ignatian Volunteer Corps (IVC) is a Jesuit service ministry that gives retired men and women the opportunity to provide meaningful service for people in need within a framework of Ignatian Spirituality and adult faith formation. IVC is currently recruiting Service Corps Members to serve with a variety of non-profit agencies in the District of Columbia and Suburban Maryland. Typically, service is offered two days per week for ten months per year, with much of the service being provided remotely during the pandemic. The needs are great as our community responds to the challenges of the times, with our underserved schools in special need of retired educators to provide support in (virtual) classrooms. For more information contact Dir. Mike Goggin/202-277-4447 or [mgoggin@ivcusa.org](mailto:mgoggin@ivcusa.org).

## **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 by May 3, 2021.

## **EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**

### **Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be**

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

It’s a struggle, for sure. But we need to remember that our fruit belongs to the whole tree.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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