

# 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](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)





Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed saying: "As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world. And I consecrate myself for them, so that they also may be consecrated in truth." - Jn 17:18-19

**Readings for the week of May 16, 2021**

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33  
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a  
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19  
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26  
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19  
 Saturday: *Morning*: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25  
 Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Extended Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 *Day*: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- 05/15 Holy Family Parishioners
- 05/16 Holy Family Parishioners
- 05/17 Samuel Nwankwo (L)/Teresa Nwankwo
- 05/18 Theda Einsel (D)/Kathleen Beres
- 05/19 Sasha Birchenall (L)
- 05/20 Jessica Rice (L)/Sasha Birchenall
- 05/21 Jesse V. Beres (D)/Kathleen Beres

*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, Tawanna Gray



For the past 11 months we have been using the parish hall for our Masses. Beginning May 22-23, 2021 Masses will resume in our beloved and beautiful church. We need everyone to work together so that it is both a spiritual and safe place to worship. Important to know.

- The current Mass schedule is still in place for now.
- Masks must be worn by ALL who attend.
- Windows and doors will be left open. Pre-registration is required for Sunday Masses (includes Saturday evening). Registration links will still be on the parish webpage [holyfamilywoodmore.org](http://holyfamilywoodmore.org), and sent each Monday in Flock Note. Registration closes each Thursday at noon.
- Participants should arrive and be seated at least 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass. No guarantee of seating for those arriving later than this time. Ushers will direct you to your seat.
- Please do not move about the church or change the seats assigned by the usher.
- Those who do not pre-register will be asked to wait outside until 5 minutes prior to the start of Mass to see if seating is possible. If not you will be asked to come to another Mass.
- All must be seated for Mass, no standing in the back.
- Once Mass is over, the faithful may leave, sanitation of the pews will be handled by one source.

Some of these practices may change, others may be added. It is a challenge to be welcoming but also to instill safe practices to insure the health of all. We ask for your patience and prayers, but mostly your cooperation as we move forward.

**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.

**Where Can One Watch the Sunday Mass**

We are recording Sunday Mass and posting it on the [Parish Blog](http://Parish Blog), [YouTube Channel](http://YouTube Channel) and [Facebook Page](http://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.

## 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.

## 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 [holymfamilywoodmore.org](http://www.holyfamilywoodmore.org). THANK YOU in advance for your consideration and for your spirit to help.

## Religious Education News

**PREP Progress Reports and Summer Packets** for students that finished K-HS this program year will be sent via email by mid-May. There will NOT be a live summer catechesis program.

**Thank you to our catechists and classroom aides** for all their hard work, love and volunteerism over this past program year. You rose to a mighty challenge beautifully.

## Still Need the Vaccine or Your 2nd Moderna Dose?

Mrs. Oyalowo and Father Joe are willing to continue offering the FREE vaccine at Holy Family Church on weekends. However, not wanting to waste vaccine, they need at least 10 people to get their shots at-a-time. This [LINK](#) takes you to an interest form. There are two date choices, Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 16. You will be contacted by staff of Comcare Pharmacy to verify that enough people have signed up to hold the clinic for that day.

You can always contact the pharmacy and schedule your own appointment. Visit [comcarepharmacy.com](http://comcarepharmacy.com) and follow the link for vaccinations. Or call them at 301-262-2877 during pharmacy hours.

**Homebound and unable to get out to get your vaccine?** - If you live in the Bowie-Mitchellville area, Dr. Oyalowo can arrange to have the vaccine brought to you. Again contact Comcare at 301-262-2877.

## 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.

## Knights of Columbus Summer Camp

Registration for the Knights of Columbus Summer Camp has begun! We are preparing for our twentieth summer in College Park, MD. We offer swim lessons, arts and crafts, games, sports, and free swim at our extensive facility. The registration form can be downloaded at <http://kofccamp.wordpress.com>. Please direct any questions to Jamie Morris at (240)389-2267 (voice or text) or [kofccamp@gmail.com](mailto:kofccamp@gmail.com).

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### **There's No Place Like Home**

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness — those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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