Holy Family Church

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HERITAGE ROOM

Parish Rentals (on hold for now)

MASS SCHEDULE: (temporarily changed)

Weekends

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 5:30 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM Filipino American Mass (on hold for now)

Weekdays

Mon. through Fri.: 8:00 AM

Saturday: 9:00 AM 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 4:30 PM or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: By appointment. Classes on First Saturday at 10 AM. (Please call to register.)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: First Saturday at 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM

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





He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5 -6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18 Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

12/23	10.00	Tiory Parity Larismoners
12/25	12:00	Monette Roxas Tharp (L)
12/26	7:30	Marie Oyalowo (L)
12/26	9:30	Holy Family Parishioners
12/26	12:00	Isidora Badua (D)/Foronda Family
12/27	8:00	The Harbrant Family/MJ Thomas
12/28	8:00	Fr. Jenkins (L)/Elizabeth Sinju
12/29	8:00	Paul Mayowo (D)/Elizabeth Sinju
12/30	8:00	Jesse V. Beres (D)/Kathleen Beres
12/31	7:30	Holy Family Parishioners
01/01	10:00	Anthony Jackson (L)
01/01	5:30	Jane Yorkman (D)/Tony Yorkman

12/25 10:00 Holy Family Parishioners



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, 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, Kurleigh Bayrd, Geneva Murry, Jacqueline Foster, Monette Roxas-Tharp, James Moore, Sr., Anthony Jackson, Effie McGee, Darlene McDonald, Marie Oyalowo, Helen Parham, Dianna Felton, Justin Barnes

Where Can One Watch the Sunday Mass

Masses are still being posted on the Parish website as well as at the following:

> https://hfchurch.wordpress.com/ 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.

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The Holy Family—December 26th



The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family, the patronal celebration for our parish. follows her Son and quietly emerges at various stages of the Gospel and in the public life of Jesus. She is his mother at the Annunciation, at the Nativity, indeed, all the way to the Cross. Love brings with it responsibility and often much worry. Jesus is disowned by many of those who knew him; Mary's

testimony of love and loyalty is one that needs to be ours. She always claims him. Jesus claims her and gives her to us, his new family, on Calvary. As for good St. Joseph, tradition has it that he dies in the loving arms of Jesus and Mary. Perhaps this was God's greatest gift to this noble man? After all, as our Gospel relates, when an angel tells him that Herod is seeking Jesus "to destroy him," Joseph seeks refuge for them in Egypt until it is safe to return. His largely silent witness acknowledges the Fatherhood of God. God's providence knows best. The aged guardian of Mary and Jesus might have found it humanly impossible to remain passive when his adult Son undergoes his betrayal and passion. Thus, when his earthly role is finished, the foster father to Christ is taken from this world. His work is done. He goes ahead of them to await his Son and Savior in the abode of the righteous dead.



NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

New Year's Eve—December 31 7:30 PM

New Year's Day - January 1 10:00 AM

2021 Church Calendars - The 2021 Church Calendars are available in the back of the Church. Please take only one per family.

Religious Education News

Little Lectures on Catholic Living — A series of brief presentations on aspects of Catholic living. These presentations are intended for parish adults, are free and will be held once-a-month, on the 2nd Sunday of the month, from 10:50 — 11:40 AM in the Parish Meeting Room. A new presenter is scheduled for each talk. Our next topic:

January 9 - The importance of Bible Stories

Faith Matters – a virtual class (using Google Meet) discussing teachings of the faith, meets on Wednesdays for 1 hour at 6:30 PM. The sessions are free and digital/printed materials can be provided. For more information or to register, please contact Mrs. Rozanski at 301-249-1167 or via email at <u>rozanskip@holyfamilywoodmore.org</u>. Topics for the next few sessions include: The Real Presence, The Need for Reconciliation, Tell me about Extreme Unction?

Confirmation Preparation for our 1st Year Candidates will begin on January 6th with a candidate AND parent meeting. Our 1st Year candidates include students in 7th grade whether attending a private or public school. The meeting will be held in-person, in the parish hall, from 7-8 PM.

Parent Meeting - For parents of children preparing to receive their first reconciliation will be held in-person, in the parish hall on Thursday, January 13th at 7 PM. At least one parent should plan to attend. The children are welcome but not required to attend this meeting.

Online Testing for Unit 2 begins in January. Please refer to the calendar and syllabus for the exact dates. Testing begins at 3 PM on the first day and ends at 9 PM on the 2nd day.

A huge thank you to our catechists, office support, classroom aides and other volunteers. Our program couldn't work without your efforts. A reminder that we will be holding our Christmas Gathering on Sunday, January 2, 2022. Please RSVP no later than December 30th.

Catechetical Corner - Faith Knowledge Trivia: How many weeks is the Christmas Season?

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5

Did you get last week's answer? The answer was C—The incarnation is the mystery we celebrate on Christmas.





THANK YOU!

Our Ladies' auxiliary would not have been complete this year without your support, generosity, and friendship. We wish you a happy, healthy, and holy Christmas and New Year!

With love, Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville (LOHFM)

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

All in the Family

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



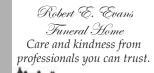


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