



Holy Family Catholic Church

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

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December 24, 2023 &

December 25, 2023



Fourth Sunday of Advent

*“Therefore the child to be born
will be called holy, the Son of God.”*

- Lk 1:35

&

Nativity of the Lord

*“For today in the city of David a
savior has been born for you who
is Christ and Lord. - Lk 2:11*

Holy Family’s mission is to be a vibrant Catholic community inspired by God’s word, centered on the celebration of the Mass, committed to service, and open to all who wish to experience God’s love. Thank you for worshipping with us!

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- Photos from the Christmas Season: Winter Relief, Children’s Nativity Play and more.
- Save the date for the Family Retreat
- Don’t miss information on the Women’s Retreat



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Welcome New & Current Parishioners! If you would like to register, visit our website or contact the parish office.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at 8:00 am

Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am*
Daily: 9:00 am
Tuesday* - Friday*
*live-streamed

Parish Office

301-261-7399 or 410-269-0586
Fax: 410-798-5315
office@hfccmail.org

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - Noon

Website & Social Media

www.holyfamilychurch.com
Facebook: @holyfamilydavidsonville
YouTube:
@holyfamilycatholicchurchda7510
Flocknotes:
Sign up on www.holyfamilychurch.com
myParish App:
Download the myParish app on your phone/tablet and search for Holy Family-Davidsonville

Pastor's Note

On this Sunday, the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we light the fourth and last candle, the **"Candle of Peace."** This candle reminds us that Jesus comes to bring Peace to the world and to our hearts. Without Christ there is no peace in this world.

The 2024 Maryland Polar Bear Plunge will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis. Our Holy Family Parish will be participating for our second year. The Plunge raises funds for Maryland Special Olympics which gives our fellow Marylanders the opportunity to participate in various sports of their choosing. Our Holy Family Team name is **"The Holy Dippers."** You can join our Holy Dippers Team by registering at <https://plungemd.com>. Each member of the team is asked to raise at least a \$100 in pledges. Last year, our first year participating as a parish in the Polar Bear Plunge, the members of our Holy Dippers Team and I raised over \$8,000. Register and join us on Saturday, February 3rd for the 2024 Plunge!

Our Parish Office will be closed on Monday, Dec. 25th and Tuesday, Dec. 26th and will reopen on Wednesday, Dec. 27th at 8:30am. There will be no Daily Mass on Tuesday, Dec., 26th.

On behalf of the members of the Parish Staff at Holy Family, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Blessings,

Fz Mike



*Rest in Peace
Dorothy Genau, mother
of Cindy Urgo*



Grow In Faith

Next Sunday's Readings: The Holy Family - December 30 & 31, 2023

- First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3
- Second Reading: Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17- 19
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9
- Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Eucharistic Revival: The Year of the Parish



"Jesus is born in our midst; he is God with us. He comes to accompany our daily lives, to share with us in all things: our joys and sorrows, our hopes and fears. He comes as a helpless child. He is born in the cold night, poor among the poor. In need of everything, he knocks at the door of our heart to find warmth and shelter." (Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi Blessing 2022)

Ponder in Prayer this week: Jesus comes to us in the Eucharist. Come, Lord Jesus!

Visit <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>.

Our Regional Catholic School (PreK-8th)



2601 Symphony Lane
Gambrills, MD 21054
www.schooloftheincarnation.org
410-519-2285

Parish News & Happenings



On the last evening of Winter Relief our traditional choir, with Father Mike, sang Christmas Carols with the guests at Holy Family in Unity Hall. Thank you to the 200 volunteers needed to make Winter Relief happen!



December 3rd we held our Children's Nativity Play! The joyful performances and heartfelt portrayals warmed our hearts, reminding us of the true spirit of Christmas.

Calendar Highlights

- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Masses 3pm - Church/Unity Hall 5:30pm, 7:30pm and 10pm - Church
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass 10am - Church
- Dec. 28: Mass for loss of child 7pm, Chapel
- Dec. 31: 5pm Vigil Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 1: 11am Mass—Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
- Jan. 6-7: Wine & Cheese & Coffee & Donuts Weekend
- Jan. 19: March For Life, Washington, DC
- Jan. 20: Women's Retreat, 8:30am Unity Hall
- Jan. 23: Praying Through Cancer, 11am, Serenity Room
- Jan. 24: Senior Ministry Luncheon, Noon, Unity Hall
- Jan. 28: Catholic Schools Week begins
- Feb. 2: Basket Bingo
- Feb. 3: Polar Bear Plunge
- Feb. 3-4: Wine & Cheese & Coffee & Donuts Weekend



Looking For A Detailed Weekly Calendar of Events? Scan the QR Code to visit our website. Or go to www.holyfamilychurch.com

The St. Gregory's Christmas Giving Program provided gifts for 127 families this year! Thank you for your generosity!



Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Masses

- 3 pm: Church
- 3 pm: Unity Hall
(Contemporary Music Group)
- 5:30 pm: Church
- 7:30 pm: Church *(Men's Choir)*
- 10 pm: Church *(Traditional Choir)*

Christmas Day Mass

- 10 am: Church

Feast of the Holy Family

DECEMBER 30, 5 PM MASS
DECEMBER 31, 9 AM MASS
(ONLY MASS THAT MORNING)

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
5 pm Vigil Mass December 31 & January 1 Mass at 11 am

Prayer List

Jocelyn Baron, Robin Luce, Janet Krussell, Moira Dehn, Sonny Cave, Dawn Witz, Beth Grayson, Brandon Peters, Candy Turner, Paul McMenamin, Joseph Pazulski, Hazel Garland, Gene Baez, Melia Sepeta, Gerry Deighan, Dorothy Wright, Brayden Chesnick, Richard Addair, Augusta Hunt, Tracy Joyce, Jenny Worrell, Maria Witz, Morgan Earp, Oliver Moses Jaquez, Emma Webster, Tamara Huggins, Debi Greenfield, Thomas Scarduzio, Mike Greenwell, Liam O'Brien, Pauline Lukash, Lexi Woepler, Elizabeth Coe, Jessica Connell, Bradley Abell, Ricky Smith, Lauren Scalici, Edward Stromberg, Jr., Noah Haas, John Kelly, Bill Hoffman, Mary Markuski, Steve Arapian, Linda Markuski, Ken Carter, Pam Thayer, Geri McCarthy, Adam & Christine Palmer, Priscilla Snyder, Anita Stuck, Jim & Deb Powers, Steve Kuchta and for those on the prayer network.



Caring For Creation



Caring for Creation: Depending on the Mass you go to this weekend we are excitingly, waiting, or celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. A new beginning. I am blessed to have the opportunity to talk to people who sometimes question their own faith, or even the existence of God. Where is God? Can you see him? For me that's an easy one. I see God in the eyes of our two dogs, Maddie and Sophie. I see God as we walk in the park as we hear the rustling of leaves by the squirrels and the hoot of an owl. Around here as the sun rises and sets over the water. In the stars of the sky. Yes we are truly blessed. Christ is born!

Deacon Doug's Q&A

QUESTION: What is the "Octave of Christmas?"

Answer to the question, *The Church celebrates three different Masses on Christmas Day?* What are they and how are they different? The first Mass traditionally has been the Midnight Mass or the Angel's Mass. The Gospel is Luke 2: 1-14 celebrating the hour that Christ was born. The second Mass: Mass at Dawn or Shepherd's Mass; Luke's Gospel (Luke 2:15-20) continues and narrates the shepherds hastily going to meet the newborn Messiah and joyfully glorifying the Lord for this miracle. The third Christmas Mass is the Daytime or King's Mass. Gospel of John 1:1-18 is about "The Word made Flesh," and highlights the mystery of the Incarnation of the King of Kings.

Congratulations On Your Baptism!

Congratulations to: Hannah Marie Young, daughter of Daniel and Meagan and Vivianne Rose Borneman, daughter of Joshua and Anna, as these children received the Sacrament of Baptism last weekend. Please keep these children in your prayers.



Mass Intentions: Dec. 25 – Dec. 31

- Mon.** 10:00am For the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Wolcott
- Tues.** 9:00 am **NO DAILY MASS**
- Wed.** 9:00 am For the repose of the souls of Willa Tranchitella and Hannah Starkey
- Thurs.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Katie Sabo
- Thurs.** 7:00 pm For all those who have lost a child Chapel
- Fri.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Jessica Clark
- Sat.** 5:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Helen Malloy
- Sun.** 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Ed Tutko
- Sun.** 5:00 pm For the intentions of the Parishioners of Holy Family

THE 2024 APPOINTMENT CALENDARS, "The Apostles' Creed," are available on the tables in the Narthex this weekend. Please take one copy per family to ensure everyone gets one. Thank you to Kalas Funeral Home for donating the beautiful calendars.

Giving & Stewardship

Thank you for your continued support for all the ministries at Holy Family! You can add a donation weekly or monthly by using this link: membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/MD61 (one-time donation can also be made). Scan the QR code below to sign up or give now.



FAITH DIRECT QR CODE

Dec. 9 & 10

Offertory	\$17,883.42
Maintenance Fund (HVAC)	\$10,579
Poor Box	\$784.76
Attendance	849

Upcoming Collection

- ◆ **Dec. 30 & 31 Supporting the Catholic Schools**

HVAC CAMPAIGN UPDATE: As of Dec. 10, we have received \$323,315.76. Parishioners' gifts, combined with the \$50,000 from our reserve fund, brings us to a total of \$373,315.76 or 59% towards our goal of \$630,000!

HVAC Campaign Update, Collection Report and Mass Attendance for Dec. 16 & 17 will be in a future bulletin due to early publication deadlines.

Connect and Grow In Faith & Fellowship at Holy Family

Adult Ministries

Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more about these and our many ministries and outreach service groups. Contact Margaret Wood at margaret.wood@hfccmail.org, for more information on Adult Enrichment Groups.

Disciples in Christ: We meet on Friday's at 10am in rooms 12 & 13. This group is for any adults looking for an intellectual pursuit, mixed with fellowship and faith-sharing. Everyone is welcome!

Fall Adult Faith Studies: "Join a study anytime!" A Journey Through Church History; The Eucharist in Scripture: A Eucharistic Revival Study on the Eucharist; and Grounded in Hope: Walking With Purpose Women's Study.

Women's Ministry: Join women of all ages for faith-sharing, fellowship, and fun! Regular meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Choose between two meeting times: 10:00am-11:30am or 7:00pm-8:30pm. Watch for fun activities outside of the church!

That Man Is You Men's Group: Register now for this nationwide program that helps men to gain insight into how to be the faith-filled Christian men that God calls them to be.

Understanding Your Grief: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm. Contact Joan Pawloski at 301-943-2808 or Joan.Pawloski@yahoo.com for more information.

Sew Time: Our next meeting will be January 16, 2024 at 6:30pm in HF Rooms 12 & 13. Please let us know if you know of anyone in need of a walker tote. Raffle tickets are still available for our Haiti Raffle Quilt "Mary's Garden" (drawn 2/3/24 at the Haiti Bull Roast). They are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information, please contact Barbara Harmel at barbara.harmel@gmail.com.

Book Club: Meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Find all the book selections on the website.

Knights of Columbus: Visit <http://bit.ly/Council8251> to learn more and join.

Family & Fellowship Ministries

For more information on Family & Fellowship Ministries, email Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

Making Music, Praying Twice: Come be part of our music class for preschool age children and their parents/guardians. Classes are on Wednesdays, at 10 am in the Children's Library and are held September through May.

Family Adoration: We have one hour reserved for family Adoration one Sunday a month, from 10-11 am.

Caregiver Support Group: Meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesday. If you are interested in attending, please email Stephanie: sagabramson@aol.com.

Grandparents in Faith: Every Monday at 10am in Lower Gallery. Supporting grandparents looking to share their faith with the younger generation.

Scout Sunday: Scout Sunday is Feb. 10 & 11. Visit the parish website to sign up to serve in the Mass. Thank you Scouts!

Praying Through Cancer: A new cancer support ministry is starting Jan. 23. Meetings will be monthly on the 4th Tuesday. Visit the website for more information.

Youth Service Hours

Any teen interested in earning service hours at Holy Family should contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

Children's Ministries

Children's Liturgy of the Word (C.L.O.W.) Adult and teenage volunteers are needed! Sundays at 10:30am Mass. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.

SACRISTAN NEEDED: Holy Family is looking for parishioners who are interested in employment, as well as serving their parish. The Sacristans prepare the church for Mass on Saturdays and Sundays every week. This is a paid position. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org.



Take the PLUNGE with us!
THE HOLY DIPPERS
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024
 Click here to donate or sign up to participate!



SAVE THE DATE!
Women's Retreat
 Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024
 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 in Unity Hall
 Sacred Sisterhood:
 Nurturing Faith, Renewing Spirits



Join us on an adventure!
Family Retreat
 Go, Seek, Find: The Amazing Treasures of the Catholic Faith
 February 17, 2024
 9:00 am-12:00 pm
 Unity Hall
 Don't miss this fun, faith-filled, family event!
 More information coming soon!
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Sacraments & Ministry Resources

Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more about these Sacraments and Ministries.

Baptism: Visit the parish website for information and registration. A Baptism Preparation Class is required for first time parents. Classes are the second Monday of each month.

Reconciliation: Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday from 3:30 pm to 4:45 pm, and by appointment.

Children's Faith Formation: Faith Formation classes are available for children ages Pre-K 4 through 8th grade. Contact the Director of Religious Education: Dodie Seppi at 410-798-5680 or email dre@hfccmail.org for more information.

First Reconciliation, First Communion: The Sacramental Preparation program is open to all baptized Catholic students in the second grade or older that have completed a year of faith formation last year either here at the parish or in a Catholic School. Contact Beth Supple, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation at firstsacraments@hfccmail.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Children & Youth (RCIC): For those ages 16-20 who missed their sacraments and wish to prepare for some, or all of their sacraments, please contact Beth Supple, Coordinator of Sacramental Preparation at firstsacraments@hfccmail.org.

Confirmation: Students should be in at least 9th grade and have been in a faith formation or Catholic school program in the previous year. Contact youthministry@hfccmail.org.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Email Charles Burk at burkce53@gmail.com to learn about the Catholic faith and participating in RCIA.

Communion Calls: Call the Parish Office if you wish Holy Communion brought to a member of your family.

Marriage: Call the Parish Office at least 6 months before the anticipated date of the wedding. Contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org to begin the Premarital Preparation Program.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or someone you know would like to receive this sacrament please contact the office, or if appropriate, the hospital chaplain.

Perpetual Adoration in the Oratory: All parishioners are invited to enjoy prayer time with Jesus by spending time at our parish Oratory. For more information visit the parish website or email Cindy Daily at cindy.daily@verizon.net.

Holy Hour : All are invited to the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, rosary, on Thursdays from 7pm-8pm in the Chapel with and contemplation prayer Lectio Divina.

Rosary: Saturday at 4:30 pm & Wednesday at 5:00 pm in the Church. Monday at 6:30 pm in the Chapel.

Prayer Network: To have prayers said for a special intention, call Chuck & Sally Miller at 410-798-4884. Additionally, visit one of the healing prayer teams in the church after each Mass on the second weekend of every month.

Schools

School of the Incarnation (Pre-K to 8th Grade): 2601 Symphony Lane, Gambrills, MD 21054; Phone: 410-519-2285; www.schooloftheincarnation.org.

Archbishop Spalding High School: 8080 New Cut Road, Severn, MD 21144; Phone: 410-969-9105 DC: 301-261-2170; Fax: 410-969-1026; www.archbishopspalding.org.

Don't Miss

Basket Bingo!



Friday, February 2, 2024

Time & Location:
Friday, Feb. 2, 2024: Doors Open: 5:30 pm
in Unity Hall - Games Start: 7 pm

Tickets:
Cost: \$20 in advance / \$25 at the door
When & Where: After ALL Masses starting Jan. 13 & 14 in Upper Gallery OR visit Parish office M-F after Jan. 15.

Join us for a fun night of 20 games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles. Learn more at: www.holyfamilychurch.com.

All proceeds will benefit the HVAC Campaign & Youth Ministry

Faithfully Ever After

Nurturing Your Catholic Marriage



February 10, 2024

Save the date for a special evening event!
More information coming soon.