



Holy Family Catholic Church

DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

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December 3, 2023



First Sunday of Advent

"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come."

Mk 13:33

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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**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
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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday:
8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday 8:30 am - Noon

Website & Social Media
www.holyfamilychurch.com
Facebook: @holymfamilydavidsonville
YouTube:
@holymfamilycatholicchurchda7510
Flocknotes:
Sign up on www.holyfamilychurch.com
myParish App:
Download the myParish app on your
phone/tablet and search for Holy
Family-Davidsonville

Our Regional Catholic School (PreK-8th)



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

Pastor's Note

On this First Sunday of Advent we bless our Advent wreath and light its first candle. This first lit candle reminds us of the assurance we have that God will fulfill His promises thru the birth of Jesus. As we ourselves embrace this hope anew in this Advent Season, who can you and I bring hope to this Advent?

As we begin Advent, we will be distributing The little Blue Advent Books, which offer a scripture passage and a short inspirational story or thought for each day of Advent.

Please pray for the children of our Parish who will celebrate their First Reconciliation this Tuesday, Dec. 5th at 6pm in the Church.

In this bulletin you will find a schedule of opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Advent Season. If these days and times are not convenient, please contact me to set up a date and time.

Plan to join us for a joyous morning at Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 17th in Unity Hall after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. I thank my brother Knights of Columbus for providing this festive event for the children of our parish. For more information see the ad on pg. 3 of this bulletin or go to our website.

Last year our Contemporary Music Group created a wonderful CD of Advent/Christmas music which was professionally recorded. We still have a limited supply of the CD's for sale at \$12ea. available thru the Parish Office. The CD makes a wonderful spiritual gift.

Blessings,

Fz Mike

Congratulations On Your Baptism!

Congratulations to: Olivia Christina Maugeri, daughter of William and Tracy, Payton Melissa Phinith, daughter of Gary and Amanda, and Robert Gabriel Smith, son of Robert and Danielle as these children received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday. Please keep these children in your prayers.



Grow In Faith

Next Sunday's Readings: Second Sunday of Advent - December 9 & 10, 2023

- First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
- Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14
- Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

Eucharistic Revival: The Year of the Parish

As we enter into the season of Advent, may we be watchful and alert, as Jesus tells his disciples. Watchful in ways to live the Gospel in our environments; alert to seeing Christ in others. Thus, we are better prepared to encounter Christ in the Eucharist.

Ponder in Prayer this week: *How can I be more alert to the needs of those around me, strengthened by the gift of the Eucharist?*

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



Parish News & Happenings

The Call to Serve Others...

Are you looking to get involved and serve others at Holy Family or serve in community outreach? Below are the current opportunities to answer the call to serve!



The Lights of KINDNESS: Annual Holiday tree decorating contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of South Anne Arundel County. Tour the holiday forest at Homestead Gardens or vote on-

line at www.RotaryLightsofKindness.org. On-line voting ends Dec. 4 at 5pm. Vote for your favorite tree or vote for the noblest cause. Every dollar donated counts as a vote and benefits our local community.

- **Food Pantry Donations for the week of December 2nd & 10th will cover Teen Moms** who attend a special school in Annapolis that allows them to complete their education while receiving childcare. This donation will provide food for them over the Christmas Break. Please see the poster near the carts in the Narthex for items needed.
- **Mass Greeters Needed:** Be the "greeters" at the front doors of Holy Family. Email Cyndi at familyministry@hfcmail.org.
- **You are invited to memorialize a loved one for Christmas:** Make a donation to help cover costs of plants and wreaths in the Church, Chapel & Unity Hall. Envelopes are on the tables in the Narthex or in your envelope packet. Thank you in helping to make our sanctuary beautiful for the birth of our Savior.
- **Mary's Center:** Thank you to all those who are donating items for Mary's Center and leaving them in the cradle in the Respect Life Corner in the Upper Gallery hallway. They are greatly appreciated. As of now, we do not need any more donations of maternity clothes or blankets. Winter clothes for infants, toddlers and children up to five years is what we could use now and baby bottles. Thank you again for your generosity.

Calendar Highlights

- Dec. 3: Advent Begins
- Dec. 3: Christmas Pageant after 10:30 am Mass
- Dec. 6, 7, 8: St. Gregory Christmas Giving Drop Off
- Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception Masses 9am & 7pm
- Dec. 9: St. Gregory Delivery
- Dec. 9: RCIA Rite of Welcoming 5pm Mass
- Dec. 9-10: Prayer Team Ministry after Masses
- Dec. 11: Book Club
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass 7pm
- Dec. 13: Confessions 5pm-7pm with additional priests
- Dec. 15: Parish Movie Night
- Dec. 17: Breakfast with Santa 9:30am-12:30pm
- Dec. 19: Confessions 9:45am with additional priests
- Dec. 20: Confessions 5pm-7pm with additional priests
- Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Mass (details to come)
- Dec. 25: Christmas Day Mass (details to come)
- 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



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



Rest In Peace



Bo Thoms, husband of Seida Tamargo
Kay Novicky, mother of Larry
Linda Kline



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

YOU ARE INVITED TO... 

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17
 9 AM-12:30 PM | UNITY HALL

Enjoy a yummy breakfast and get photos with Santa!

Tickets (Per Person & Sold at the Door):
 \$10 for adults (13 and older)
 \$5 for ages 5-12
 Free for under 5

Funds Raised Support the HVAC Campaign.
 Visit www.holyfamilychurch.com to learn more!

PARISH
Christmas Movie Night
 Friday, December 15
 7 pm - 9 pm, Unity Hall
I HEARD THE BELLS
 Produced by the
 Sight & Sound Theatre

More Information at:
www.holyfamilychurch.com

Prayer List

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



Deacon Doug's Q&A

QUESTION: When did the Church begin to celebrate Advent?

Answer to the question, what Advent candles symbolize:

There are different interpretations. One is that they can be symbols of the great stages of salvation before the coming of the Messiah. The first is the forgiveness granted to Adam and Eve; the second is the symbol of the faith of Abraham and of the patriarchs; the third is the symbol of the joy of David the King from whom Jesus descended and to his covenant with God; and the fourth and last candle is the symbol of the teaching of the prophets who announced a reign of justice and peace. They also can symbolize the four stages of human history: creation, the Incarnation, the redemption of sins, and the Last Judgment.

Mass Intentions: Dec. 4 – Dec. 10

Mon. 9:00 am Communion Service
Tues. 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Alhen Green
Wed. 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Maria Jaqueline Barbe
Thurs. 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Judith Ann Granados
Fri. 9:00 am For the repose of the soul of Charlene Haughery
Fri. **7:00 pm** For the repose of the soul of Eric Walter
Sat. 5:00 pm For the repose of the soul of Bernice Ostrosky
Sun. 8:30 am For the repose of the soul of Ken Rochel and for the intentions of our Parishioners
Sun. 10:30am For the repose of the souls of Sara Maria Greenfield and Michael John Madera

Giving & Stewardship



**SCAN THE
FAITH DIRECT QR CODE**

HVAC Campaign Update

As of November 26, we have received \$296,345.81. Parishioners' gifts, combined with the \$50,000 from our reserve fund, brings us to a total of \$346,345.81 or 55% towards our goal of \$630,000!

Collection Report & Mass Attendance

	Nov. 18 & 19
Offertory	\$4,307
Maintenance Fund (HVAC)	\$6,549
Poor Box	\$513.25
Attendance	846
	Nov. 25 & 26
Offertory	\$4,258
Maintenance Fund (HVAC)	\$2,672
Poor Box	\$637.87
Attendance	838

November Faith Direct

Offertory	\$46,340
Poor Box	\$3,665

Month of November Totals

Offertory	\$23,636
Maintenance Fund (HVAC)	\$50,794
Poor Box	\$3,398.15

♦ **Dec. 2nd & 3rd : Collection Retired Religious**

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. Register now!

Understanding Your Grief: Meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm through December. 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.

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.

Nursery: Every Sunday during both Masses for children between 2 and 5 years of age.

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.



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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): RCIC is available for older children looking to catch up on their Sacraments. 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.

Save the date!
Basket Bingo

All proceeds will benefit the HVAC Campaign & Youth Ministry



Friday, February 2, 2024

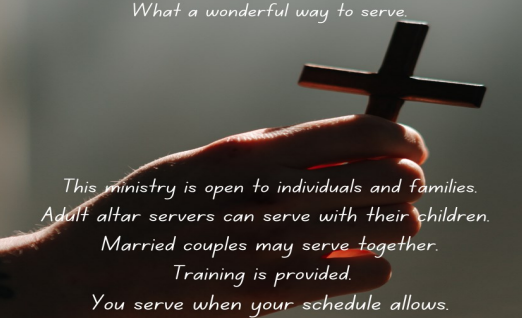
Doors Open: 5:30 pm In Unity Hall • Games Start: 7 pm

Join us for a fun night of 20 games of bingo, 2 specials and 2 raffles. Come out and support Holy Family while having a blast! More information is coming soon!

Holy Family Catholic Church is asking for disciples.

ALTAR SERVING IS NOT JUST FOR YOUTH!

What a wonderful way to serve.



This ministry is open to individuals and families.
Adult altar servers can serve with their children.
Married couples may serve together.
Training is provided.
You serve when your schedule allows.

If you are interested, please contact Cyndi Zajic at familyministry@hfccmail.org or call (301)261-7399