

Ladies of



Mitchellville

Catholic Women of Holy Family Parish

(An Auxiliary to Fr. Kidd Council)

The Establishment of the LOHFM

The Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville was instituted as an Auxiliary of Fr. Michael C. Kidd #14455 Council with the approval and support of the Maryland State jurisdiction of the Knights of Columbus. The election of Auxiliary Officers was held on Monday, August 17, 2015. The charter officers were Judy Cardano (President), Geneva Murry (VP), Ngozi Ikeji (Secretary) and Monette-Roxas-Tharp (Treasurer). The women decided to call themselves THE LADIES OF HOLY FAMILY MITCHELLVILLE.

What do the Ladies do?

The Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville is active in a variety of social, service-related and charitable activities. We give members the opportunity to become involved in both the Parish and in the surrounding community. Auxiliaries that have worked in concert with Councils have historically been interested in helping physically and mentally handicapped children, unwed mothers, the disenfranchised and the needy. They are also known for their opposition to abortion and pornography.

We give Auxiliary support to the Knights and have our own good works to maintain with either volunteers or proceeds from fundraisers. Here are some of our past activities: a Baby Shower, Fundraiser for House of Ruth, Dinner Fundraiser for Special Olympics, Christmas Party, Lenten Pancake Supper, Dinner Dance, Assisting with Knights of Columbus Activities, etc.

Partnership with Father Michael C. Kidd Council

Our Auxiliary was formed in Fr. Kidd Council's eighth fraternal year. We are involved in most everything the Knights are about.

Just as wives and mothers are at the center of Christian homes, the Ladies are at the heart of Columbianism here at Holy Family Parish. “We are an ethnically diverse community, but we are united in our faith and values. We care about one other and work closely with each other, our Knights, our Parish, and with other spouses and children in our Knights of Columbus family. Together, we try to make a positive difference.”

The Ladies follow the lead of the Knights in working to serve in the areas of FAITH, FAMILY, LIFE and COMMUNITY. Plus, our Ladies and Knights also manage to have a lot of fun working together. As with any organization, new members are needed to sustain the group and the activities. Here are some FAQs on membership in the Ladies Auxiliary:

Who are the current officers (2018-2019)?

- **President:** *Geneva Murry*
- **Vice President:** *Pamela Rozanski*
- **Secretary:** *Gloria Smith-Hill*
- **Treasurer:** *Monette Roxas-Tharp*

What is the Status of Auxiliaries with the Knights of Columbus and with Holy Family Parish?

“The Supreme Council recognizes the good that Ladies’ Auxiliaries do to help local councils fulfill their charitable and fraternal purposes. However, the Charter, Constitution, and Laws of the Knights of Columbus are silent on the subject of Auxiliaries. There is nothing in the Laws of the Knights of Columbus that confers upon a state deputy or any other officer of the Knights of Columbus any authority or jurisdiction over Auxiliaries. Ladies’ Auxiliaries are not comprised of members of the Knights of Columbus, but are instead independent”

associations comprised of non-members. In sum, Auxiliaries have no formal legal connection with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus or with any of its subordinate councils or assemblies.”

Recommended guidelines for Auxiliaries are given by the Maryland State jurisdiction of the Knights. Our Auxiliary is a Parish-based association that works in tandem with the local Knights of Columbus Council. The Auxiliary has its own programs, assists Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council #14455 and promotes the faith and charity mission of Holy Family Parish.

Who can join?

While many of our members are related to the Knights, membership is open to all Parish women 18 years of age and older who are Catholics in good standing.



While not required to attend all meetings, an active member must be willing and able to participate in the organization’s activities.

Is there a cost?

Dues of \$1 per month are paid annually in July. If a member is disabled or financially unable to pay dues, the organization may vote to waive the dues. Each case will be decided individually by a vote of the membership present at that meeting.

While not required, we do have a “uniform” shirt that we like to wear during our events and activities. There is an additional fee of \$33 to purchase this shirt.



What is the governing structure?

Every other year, four Officers are elected: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. We install new officers in June or July after the Installation of the Knights. A reception follows in the Parish Hall.

PRESIDENT

- Preside at all meetings when present.
- Appoint committees and/or chairwomen as deemed necessary and train them for their new responsibilities.
- Serve as ex-officio on all committees with the exception of the Nominating Committee.
- Representing the organization at all functions unless a delegate is appointed.
- Work cooperately with the Grand Knight of Fr. Kidd Council.
- Sign checks prepared by the treasurer if they are approved expenditures.

- Submit reports as required by the Maryland State Ladies Auxiliary guidelines.

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Preside at all meetings in the absence of the President.
- Serve on committees as needed.
- Be the Membership Chair.
- Keep an updated file on all members to include all contact information and important dates.
- Perform duties as assigned by the President.
- Assist the President with submission of reports.

SECRETARY

- Keep minutes to all meetings.
- Have copies of the Bylaws and past minutes available.
- Handle all business written correspondence and retain a copy.
- Contact members as directed by the President.
- Perform duties as assigned by the President.

TREASURER

- Receive and issue all organizational income and expenditures.
- Maintain accurate records of all organization financial transactions.
- Provide a verbal financial report at each meeting and provide a paper copy of the report to each officer.
- Provide a semi-annual financial report for the Fr. Kidd Council's Financial Secretary.
- Perform duties as assigned by the President.

How often do we meet?

Our general meeting is on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. (Executive meetings are at the same time on the 1st Monday.) Typically a meeting runs about an hour. At our meetings, we discuss upcoming projects and activities. We may even welcome an outside speaker(s). Committees are formed to work on various events, and all Ladies are asked to support the activities as best they can.



Meeting Procedure

1. Call to order.
2. Hail Mary / Optional Meeting “Opening Prayer.”
3. Introduction of guests or new members.
4. Recording Secretary report (attendance, minutes).
5. Secretary report of correspondence.
6. Report of President.
7. Report of Vice President.
8. Report of Treasurer.
9. Reports from Directors/Committee Chairs.
10. Unfinished business.
11. New business.
12. Adjournment.
13. Closing Prayer / Optional “Prayer for Peace.”
14. Social refreshments.

Our Principles

Faith – As a Catholic organization, our members are Christians who share a faith relationship with Jesus Christ. The Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville is actively involved in parish life at Holy Family Catholic Church and the wider community. We are called to live out the Beatitudes. “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:3-12).

Friendship – We offer friendship and mutual support to the membership. We watch out for and take care of one another. We also place a special emphasis on the importance of FAMILY. None of us is as good or as effective as all of us together. We know that TOGETHER we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. It means that as a Lady of Holy Family Mitchellville you can count on the support and encouragement of your sisters as you work to make life better in our Parish and community.

Service – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members show this love in many ways; i.e. by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies.

PRAYERS FOR MEETINGS

Opening Prayer

Blessed Mother, our Patroness, we beseech you to intercede on our behalf in obtaining the grace that we might be ever mindful of our responsibilities to Holy Mother Church and also in obtaining for us the spiritual as well as temporal favors which will enable the Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville to grow and prosper. St. Joan of Arc, pray for us. St. Theresa, the Little Flower, pray for us.

Closing Prayer (Prayer for Peace)

O God, from whom are holy desires, right counsels and just works, give your servants that peace which the world cannot give; that our hearts may be disposed to obey your commandments, and the fear of our enemies being removed, our times, by your protection, may be peaceful. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, obtain peace for the world. Amen.

PRAYER FOR LIFE

Eternal Father, Source of Life, strengthen us with your Holy Spirit to receive the abundance of life you have promised. / Open our hearts to see and desire the beauty of your plan for life and love. / Make our love generous and self-giving so that we may be blessed with joy. / Grant us great trust in your mercy. / Forgive us for not receiving your gift of life and heal us from the effects of the culture of death. / Instill in us and all people reverence for every human life. / Inspire and protect our efforts on behalf of those most vulnerable especially the unborn, the sick and the elderly. / We ask this in the Name of Jesus, who by His Cross makes all things new. Amen.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

O God, who wishes all men to be saved, touch with grace the hearts of many young men and women, moving them to offer themselves as candidates for the priesthood and religious life. Inspire fathers and mothers and all members of the Christian families to become aware of the great need for religious vocations. Endow all people with reverence for these sacred callings that they may encourage many to serve God and mankind in the ranks of religion. These blessings we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER FOR QUEEN ISABELLA'S CANONIZATION

Almighty Father, in Your infinite goodness You made your Servant, Queen Isabella of Spain, a prayerful model for young ladies, wives, mothers, women leaders and government rulers. As the first sovereign of the American continent, you granted to her heart a sense of piety, justice, compassion and the vision of a new land full of promise. Grant us the grace to see your infinite majesty glorified in her prompt canonization, and through her intercession, we ask You to respond to our present needs through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

FATHER MCGIVNEY GUILD PRAYER

O great and glorious God, You imbued Your holy priest. Father Michael J. McGivney, with deep priestly virtue and especially with pastoral concern for the poor, the orphan, the widow, for the Christian education of youth, for the protection of the faith of the working man of his day. Now that his priestly ministry continues to spread to countless millions throughout the world, through the efforts and influence of the Order of the Knights of Columbus, which Father McGivney founded, we beseech Your, Heavenly Father, to raise Your faithful servant, Michael, to the honors of the altar. We ask this favor through our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Mother, Mary and our Mother. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE ROSARY

Sign of the Cross

The Apostles' Creed – I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer / Hail Mary / Glory Be / Fatima Aspiration

THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES

1. Annunciation
2. Visitation
3. Nativity
4. Presentation
5. Finding Jesus in the Temple

THE GLORIOUS MYSTERIES

1. Resurrection
2. Ascension
3. Descent of the Holy Spirit
4. Assumption
5. Coronation

THE SORROWFUL MYSTERIES

1. Agony in the Garden
2. Scourging at the Pillar
3. Crowning with Thorns
4. Carrying of the Cross
5. Crucifixion

THE LUMINOUS MYSTERIES

1. Baptism of the Lord
2. Wedding at Cana
3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
4. Transfiguration
5. Institution of the Eucharist

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. O GOD, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*



The Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville have their General Meeting on the Third Monday of the month and their Executive Board Meeting on the First Monday of the month 7:30 PM in Holy Family Church's Parish Hall @ 12010 Woodmore Road, Mitchellville, MD 20721.

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