



HFCC Inclement Weather Policy December 2015

Holy Family follows the inclement weather policy of Frederick County Public Schools (FCPS) for cancellations and delays as follows. Check the parish website or call the office and listen to the weather related prompts. Every attempt will be made to have decisions made by 7:00 am for morning activities and 3:00 pm for evening activities. (We reserve the right to close or cancel activities even if FCPS has remained open.)

Daily Mass and Morning Prayer

If FCPS is closed or has a delayed opening, the week day morning Mass (or communion service) and Morning Prayer are cancelled; the Parish Office will open at 10:00 am. If the scheduled Mass has an announced intention, Fr. Rob will celebrate Mass at home that morning, and the intention will also be rescheduled at the next available daily Mass.

Morning Activities

If FCPS has a delay, morning activities are cancelled; the Parish Office will open at 10:00 am. Any afternoon events will continue as scheduled unless otherwise notified.

Weekday Meetings/Events/Religious Education

If FCPS is closed due to inclement weather, there will be no parish activities or Religious Education. If FCPS closes early or cancels evening activities, Religious Education and evening meetings are cancelled.

Parish Office

If FCPS is closed or has a delayed opening, the parish office will open at 10:00 am. The parish offices follow the inclement weather policy for the Frederick County Government (not Schools). If the Frederick County Government offices are closed or close early for inclement weather, the parish office will also close. Even if the parish office is open, please call ahead if you have an appointment with one of our staff. Although the office may be open, individual staff members may not be able to come into the office. They will make every effort to notify any one affected, but it's still best to call and check.

Weekend Meetings and Events/TYM

Cancellations and delays for weekend meetings events will be handled on a case by case basis. If an event is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am we would hope to make a decision by 7:00 am. If an event is scheduled for the evening, we would hope to make a decision by 3:00 pm. Sometimes that is not possible, and we ask you please to check the parish website or call the parish office before setting out to Holy Family.

Weekend Mass

Because attendance at weekend Mass is required, the standards for cancellation are much higher and will not be determined by the FCPS policy (because school is already off on the weekends). If weekend Mass must be cancelled, it will be done in conjunction with the other parishes in the area and with the consent of the Archbishop of Baltimore. This is very rare.

Whenever possible, decisions are made by 7:00 am for morning closings and delays, and by 3:00 pm for early closings, and announced soon after. Sometimes that is not possible and we ask you please to check the parish website or call the parish office before setting out to Holy Family.

Please do not travel if you feel unsafe or the roads near you are not passable. The obligation to attend Mass is commuted (relieved) if you cannot attend due to bad weather even if Mass has not been cancelled.

Parish office – 301-473-4800 X 8

Parish website – www.hfccmd.org

Frederick County Public School website – www.fcps.org

Frederick County Government website – www.frederickcountymd.gov