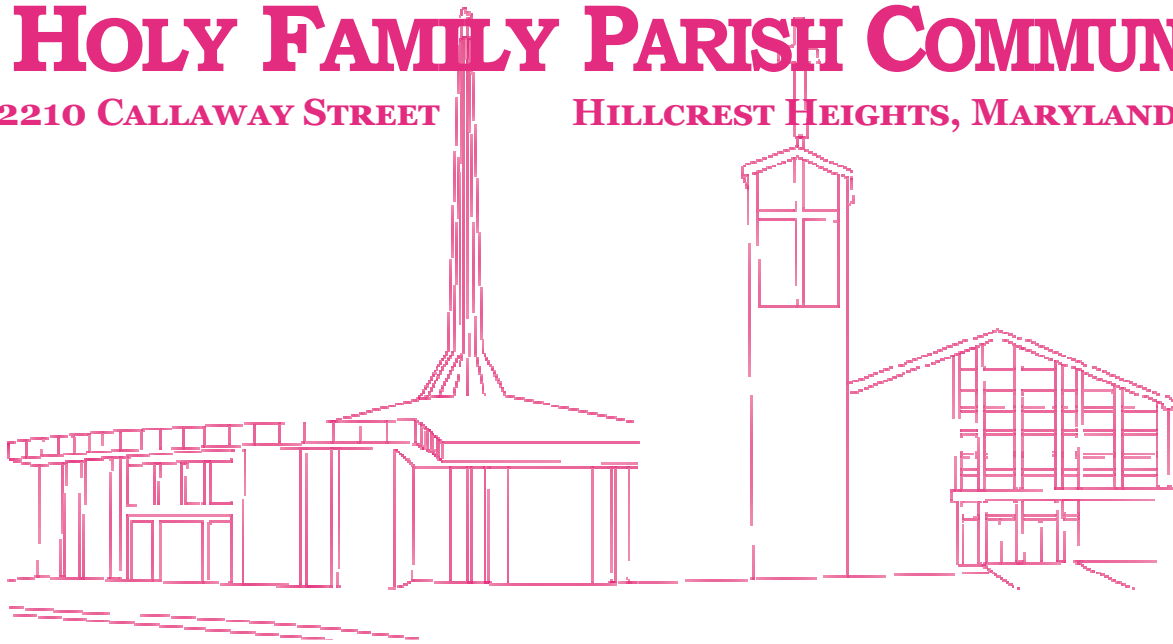


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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00pm

Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00am

Holy Days: December noon & 7:00 pm

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

(Chapel of Saint Joseph)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday:

7:00 am

Wednesday: School Mass 9:00 am (Church)

Saturday 8:00 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 8:30 am

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

30 minutes before Masses. Anytime by Appointment.

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Registration is open for the 2018-19 School Year.

We are a Regional School receiving the support of St Ignatius, Our Lady Queen of Peace, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Church of the Incarnation, Saint Luke and Saint Teresa of Avila.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED:

Our schedules, events & activities are communicated also by email and phone. If you have not received any contact, please let us know who you are. If already registered in the parish you can use this to update.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I'm new and want to stay connected.

Update my info.

I'd like to speak with Father Matt.

Please return in the offertory collection or email to rectory@holyfamilyparishmd.org.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 This weekend is Commitment Sunday: at Mass we will be renewing our offertory pledge commitments for the coming year. Our parish has always been generous in its tithing, and I thank you so much for that support upon which we depend. Let me thank you now for your consideration and generosity in making this renewal. It bears repeating, "God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7) Trust indeed that the Lord will reward you for your generosity!

Christmas is coming soon! We have been singing the hymn "O Come O Come Emmanuel" this Advent, as is customary. No doubt it is very familiar to you. But what you may not know is that this hymn is based on one of the most ancient prayers of the Church. From the sixth century on, the Church has prepared for Christmas Day by singing a particular antiphon each day at Mass and at Vespers, from December 17th to the 23rd, every year. The verses are taken from the Book of Isaiah, and speak of the titles of the Messiah, reflecting on a particular aspect of his mission.

- December, 17: O Sapientia
 (O come O Wisdom from on high) – Is 28:29
- December, 18: O Adonai
 (O come O come great Lord of might) – Is 33:22
- December, 19: O Radix Jesse
 (O come O Rod of Jesse's stem) – Is 11:10
- December, 20: O Clavis David
 (O come O Key of David come) – Is 22:22
- December, 21: O Oriens
 (O come O Dayspring from on high) – Is 9:2
- December, 22: O Rex Gentium
 (O come Desire [King] of nations bind) – Is 9:6
- December, 23: O Emmanuel
 (O come O come Emmanuel [God-With-Us]) – Is 7:14

In the first, Wisdom, we begin with the first moment of creation, the Word, by which all things are made. In the second, Lord of Might, we move to the time of Moses, to the revelation of God as Lord alone. In the third, Root of Jesse, we come to the anointing of David, to the promise of a kingdom that will not end. In the fourth, Key of David, we see what that kingdom means: salvation. In the fifth, Dayspring from on High, we hear how this kingdom is meant to be a gift for all peoples. In the sixth, King and Desire of Nations, we understand how Christ will rule over all creation. Lastly, we discover that this rule is a gift greater than anyone could have imagined, Emmanuel: that God desires to dwell among us, and to bring us into his own divine life. Together, the first letters of these titles form the Latin anagram "ero cras", meaning, "tomorrow, I will come". Someday soon our King who came in the flesh over two thousand years ago on Christmas Day will come in glory to bring justice and peace, to

make all things new. May our celebration of his birth at Bethlehem prepare our hearts for his Final Coming!

Father Matt

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Offertory for Dec. 9th - \$6,943.00

Thank you for your generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Friday 7:30 am - 8:30 am

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 22, 2018

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 23, 2018

Mass: 8:00 am & 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday, December 24, 2018

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Mass at Night: 10:00 pm

Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Mass during the Day: 10:00 am

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday, December 29, 2018

Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm

Sunday, December 30, 2018

Mass: 11:00 am

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Tuesday, January 1, 2018

Mass: 10:00 am

PARISH LIFE

This month, we are beginning our offertory renewal campaign, **Take the Next Step**. You should receive a letter and commitment card from Fr. Matt this week. During the next few weeks, you will be asked to look at your current offertory giving, and then renew your offering by making a commitment to our parish that is comfortable for you and your family. As we know, this is a sign of gratitude to God for what we have been given, a way of expressing our faith and trust in God, as well as showing our gratitude and love for our parish. Please give prayerful consideration to your response, and think about how God may be calling you to **Take the Next Step**.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

December 19th Early dismissal - Christmas Break begins

Volunteers are needed to assist in serving daily lunch to the children at the school. For more information contact the school or the rectory.

PARISH LIFE CONT.

Holy Family Annual Potluck Christmas Party is scheduled for today at 12:30pm in the Allen Drury Room.

Holy Family will continue the **Baby Bottle Campaign** to support the Forestville Pregnancy Center. A box will be left in the rear for the next couple of weeks. Bottles can be returned by the second weekend in December. Make checks payable to the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Thank you in advance for your support to the Forestville Pregnancy Center.

As we prepare to decorate the church for the Christmas season, your donations are needed to help make our church more beautiful. **Flower offering envelopes** are available at all entrances.

Mustard Seed Mission Trip to Jamaica: Anyone interested in serving God's children on a mission trip to Jamaica, contact: Tracy Medley at tracymedley7604@gmail.com The team requires a minimum of 14 members and a maximum of 24 (December men - December women). To show your commitment, a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required by Wednesday, December, 2018 through the Mustard Seed website. Upon request all the necessary information will be forwarded to you.

ARCHDIOCESE LIFE

Christmas Dinner for the Needy. As in past years, the Basilica of the National Shrine will provide meals for hundreds of poor homeless, elderly and needy individuals living in the District and surrounding areas. If you know of individuals who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on Christmas Day, Please contact the Rectory for information. Volunteers are also needed to fill many different positions associated with this great undertaking. Those interested in signing up should visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

<u>Our Parishioners</u>	<u>Homebound</u>	<u>Elsewhere</u>
Denise Richards	Mary Byus	Walter Alexander
Cynthia Washington	Bennie Hooks Jr.	Wendell Young
William Green	Andre Johnson	Dorothy Nelson
Demetrius Butler	Rose Sparrow	Kathleen Guidry
Barbara Smith	Alease Terry	Alpha Banks
Francis Smith	Clarence King	Roy Banks
Angela Hewins	Samuel Jones	Joan Collette
Richard Hewins	Mildred Jones	Betty Furr
Barbara Price	Marsha Harper	Helen Birdsong
Leroy Owens	Barbara Moore	David M. Smith Sr.
Iris Pierce	Margaret Kennerly	Michelle Hooker
Ethel Handon	Hilda Reeves	Francis Briscoe
Angela McNair	Juanita Presley	
Barbara Hutchins	Cynthia Lawson	
James Tarleton	Frank Wilson	

In Memoriam - We remember Morris Bell husband of Margaret Pryce-Bell, and Barbara Hutchins, longtime parishioner, sodalist, wife to William Hutchins, and mother to Darrin (Angela).

Correction - Birthday Blessings to Debbie Blue Adams who celebrated her birthday on December 2nd, from Laverne Douglas.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 16 - DEC. 23

Dec. 16th	<u>3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Trefry Family
8:00 am	Hutchins Family
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Tues. 7:00 am	Jeanne Hemmer (L)
Wed. 7:00 am	Carmella Harris +
9:00 am	Holy Family School
Thurs. 7:00 am	Phyllis Simone +
Fri. 7:00 am	Debbie Blue Adams (L)
Sat. 8:00 am	Retired Religious
Dec. 23rd	<u>4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	LaWanda Patrick (L)
8:00 am	William Rogers (L)
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners



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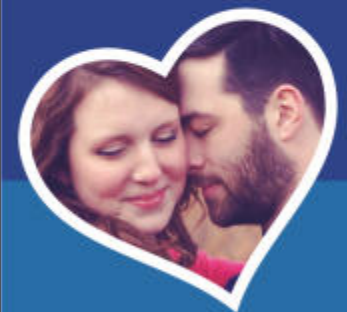
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