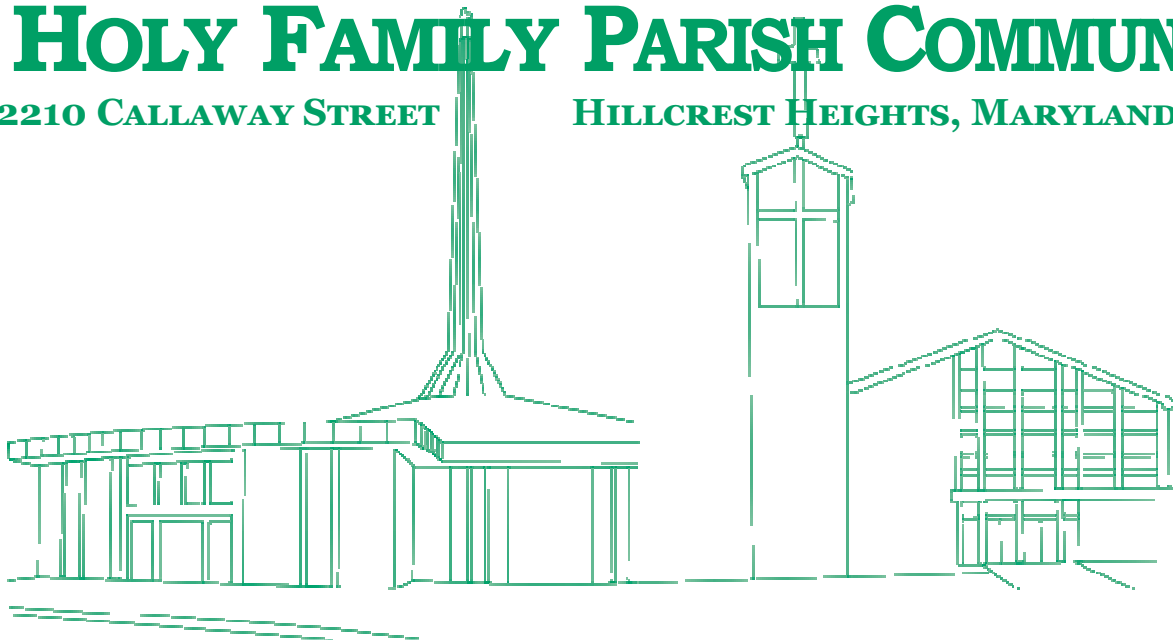


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*To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.*

## SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday: 4:00pm**

**Sunday: 8:00 & 11:00am**

**Holy Days: As Announced**

## 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**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Saturday, 20 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](mailto:rectory@holyfamilyparishmd.org).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 After these couple of months of ordinary time, pondering the beginnings of Christ's ministry, the Church again prepares to enter the Season of Lent. Counting from the First Sunday of Lent, it is 40 days until the beginning of the Sacred Triduum of Feasts: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

What is Lent? Interestingly, after Christmas and Easter, Ash Wednesday is the third most popular Mass people attend each year, though it is not even a holy day of obligation. The symbolism of being marked with ashes on one's forehead, hearing the words God spoke to Adam when he was expelled from the Garden of Eden, "remember you are dust, and unto dust you shall return", the somber color of violet—something about these symbols speaks to all people.

No doubt, Lent is a season of penance. But it is important to remember, it is not *merely* that. In truth, Lent is first and foremost a season of *preparation*: the somber tone and the stark symbols and even the works of penance are present only for the sake of helping us *focus*. On what? On what God has done for us: above all, the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of his Son—what is called, the *Paschal Mystery*. Even the name proves this is no ordinary retelling of the final chapter in the life of Jesus. It is rather the remembering of what that hour meant. Though in English, we call the great feast that concludes Lent, "Easter", in most other languages it is called by some version of the root word *Pasch*, which literally means, *Passover*.

In Lent, we remember that Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, to the cross, his descent into death and his ascent into new life, follow the pattern set by Ancient Israel in the Passover and Exodus, when the Israelites marked their homes with the blood of a lamb, preparing to leave their old life in Egypt once and for all, as they made their departure through the Red Sea, across the desert, into the Promised Land. That journey was in fact the foreshadowing of Jesus, the New Israel, the Lamb of God, who saves us by his sacrifice, who becomes a New Creation by his passage through death into the new life of the Resurrection.

Most often we say during this time, "what are you giving up for Lent?" A good tradition! But let's complement it with asking ourselves, "how will I better appreciate the Paschal Mystery of Jesus, this Lent?" There is no better way than to

take that time to meditate on the Readings and Prayers of Mass, each day.

May you have a blessed Lenten season! And may the Lord bring you closer this Lent to the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of his Son!

In Christ,  
 Fr Matt

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We have set the dates for taking pictures to update **Parish Directory**. Our Photo Event with Lifetouch will be Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>, - Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup>. It's been over 5 years since the last one. We need the help of the ministries to accomplish this goal. Please contact the rectory if you or your ministry is ready to assist this project.

**2019 Scholarship applications** are currently being accepted. Students enrolling in a Catholic High School or transitioning from High School to an Institution of Higher Learning can pick up an application from the information table in the rear of the church or from our website: [www.holyfamilyparish.org](http://www.holyfamilyparish.org). A box will also be on the table to accept completed applications.

Every Saturday at 9:00 am in the Mary Lange Library, the **Catholicism Adult Faith Formation** series continues to enhance and support the Church's mission to evangelize and teach the Faith. This program explains not only what Catholics believe and why, but also displays in visual detail the richness of the Church's global culture. Facilitator: Father



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