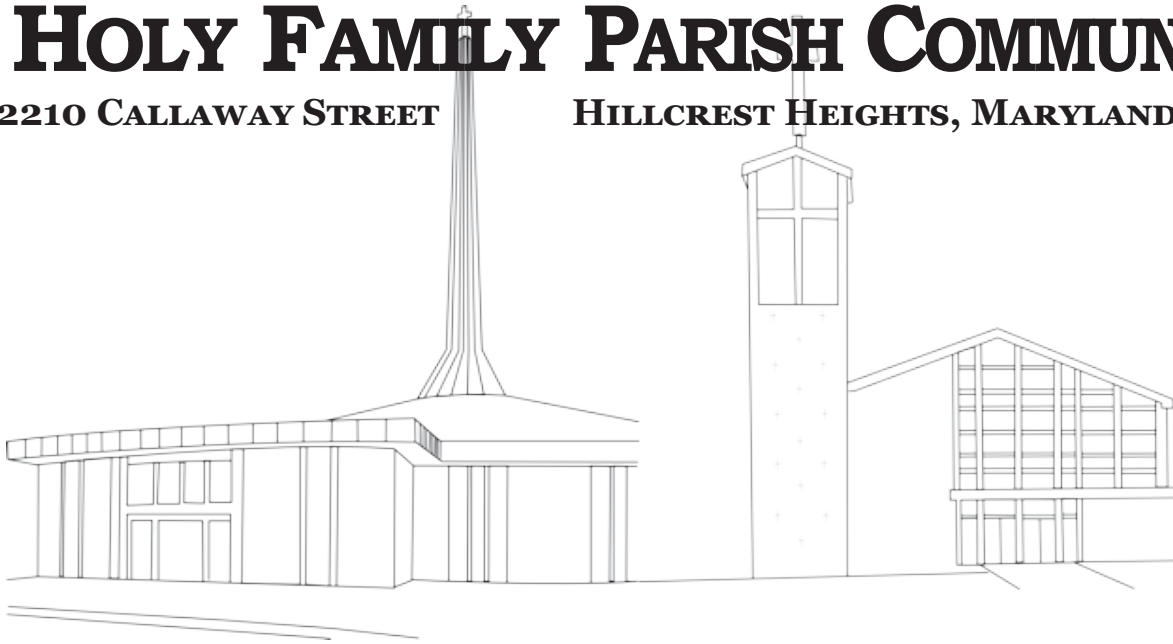


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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

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

Friday: Adoration and Confession

7:30 am - 8:30 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.

REFLECTION – THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
HUMILITY

Civil War Union General John Sedgwick walked daily along low head high protective sand banks inspecting his troops. Despite warnings Sedgwick, continued his walks. One morning after being warned yet again, he angrily snapped, “Nonsense, they couldn’t hit an elephant at this distan...” Before ending his sentence, he fell to the ground dead! Wounded by an enemy bullet. This sad story shows the tragedy of overconfidence in war. Overconfidence in spiritual matters can be worse.

In Sunday’s second reading, Paul warns against overconfidence. He tells of people of strong and sure faith who through overconfidence, threw caution to the wind; doing things that scandalized weaker faith community members.

Some joined pagans’ celebrations and ate meat sacrificed to idols. They argued, idols don’t exist. Theologically they were right. Others argued that as free children of God they could eat any meat because it all came from God. Again, they were right. However, by exercising their liberties, they scandalized others; hurting them spiritually.

Paul said, **“It is not everyone, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled”** (1 Cor 8:7). He warns. **“take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak”** (1 Cor 8:9). Paul realized that for a child of God **“All things are lawful but not all things are beneficial”** (1 Cor 6:12).

Like Christians of Corinth, there are Christians today, so certain of their salvation that they become a source of scandal to others of faith. This over-confidence may even be found among those who frequent the sacraments. They may say “I am a baptized and confirmed Christian,” “I’m born again,” or “I am blessed and highly favored.” Paul warns, even after attaining such status, we should be watchful, because salvation can still be lost.

By example, Paul cites the ancient Hebrews on their way to the Promised Land. They were baptized; passing through the waters of the Red Sea. They had their Eucharist; when they ate the “spiritual food,” manna, and drank the “spiritual

drink,” water from the rock. **“Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness”** (1 Cor 10:5).

Even after becoming full members of God’s covenant people, we can still lose that relationship by giving free rein to our sinful natures. That is what happened to the Israelites in the desert. Paul did not want this to happen to Christians in Corinth nor does he want it to happen to Christians today.

People of God, we are people of hope. We live in hope of that salvation promised to us in Christ by God will be ours. Our salvation is a hope! It isn’t a reality that we already possess! It can be lost. In the end, what God seeks is not our knowledge or strong faith but rather how humbly we show love, care and concern for the least of people!

May this reflection help us have a spiritually simpler Lenten Season!

Deacon Collins

STEWARDSHIP & SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory for Mar. 17th - \$6,033.00

Thank you for your generosity

2019 Lenten Activities

Wednesday

(Chapel of St. Joseph)

Adoration w/confession - 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Reflections 7:00 - 7:30pm

Soup and sandwiches provided.

Friday during Lent

(in the Church)

Mary’s Way of the Cross - 12:00 noon

Stations of the Cross - 7:00 pm

PARISH LIFE

Congratulations to Deacon Gerald Collins on being awarded the Knights of Columbus **Citizen of the Year Award**, based on his leadership role in the parish community. On March 31st, the day will begin with the Knight’s Founder’s Day Mass at Mt. Calvary Church at 2:00 pm followed by an Awards Dinner at Pius X Hall. Let’s show our support for our Deacon by purchasing tickets to the dinner or making a donation. Tickets are \$15.00 each or 2 for \$25.00. Contact the rectory for more.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Lenten Fish Fry - March 29th, and April 5th from 11 am to 5 pm.

Holy Family School's Drama Club presents "*The Little Mermaid, Jr.*" on Friday, March 29th, Saturday, March 30th and Sunday, March 31st. Tickets for adults are \$10 and Children's are \$5. Contact the school for more information at 301-894-2323.

PARISH LIFE CONT.

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our parish families for our **updated parish directory** on Thursday, April 25th, - Saturday, April 27th. Sign up for your professional photography sessions starting this weekend in the rear of the church. Participants will receive a free 8 X 10 standard print and a church directory. Contact the rectory for more.

Encounter Lent with CRS Rice Bowl - Thank you to all that have participated in CRS Rice Bowl in the past and plan to do so in 2019 to enrich your Lenten observances. CRS Rice Bowl uses traditional Lenten themes – prayer, fasting, and almsgiving – to also shine a light on global poverty. Please pickup one of the "rice bowl" cardboard boxes from the rear and return your contributions at the end of Lent. Visit www.crsricebowl.org to learn more.

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.

Lenten Regulations

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are at least 18 years of age but not yet 59 of age. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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	Betty Furr
Richard Hewins	Mildred Jones	David M. Smith Sr.
Barbara Price	Marsha Harper	Francis Briscoe
Leroy Owens	Barbara Moore	Barbara Williams
Iris Pierce	Margaret Kennerly	Carmelo Chillari
Ethel Handon	Hilda Reeves	
Angela McNair	Juanita Presley	
Michelle Handon	Frank Wilson	

In memoriam - we remember our longtime parishioner and sodalist, Angela Daly and John Dickens, brother of Phyllis Biscoe.

Prayers for Healing for Donald Murphy, Rafaela Richardson and Darhlene Banks .

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn on March 24th in honor of Bryan Thomas, deceased son of Mrs. Patricia Thomas.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 24-MAR 31

<u>Mar. 24th</u>	<u>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	James Tarelton +
8:00 am	Holy Family Sodality
11:00am	Holy Family Parishioners
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Tues. 7:00 am	Kevin Kelley (L)
Wed. 7:00 am	Mrs. Kamdem & Teachers
	of Maya Angelou School
	Holy Family School
9:00 am	
Thurs. 7:00 am	Virginia O'Leary +
Fri. 7:00 am	Angela Daly +
Sat. 8:00 am	Poindexter Family
<u>Mar. 31st</u>	<u>4TH SUNDAY OF LENT</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Victims of abuse
8:00 am	Joseph F. & Maude Deville
11:00am	Holy Family Parishioners

Daily readings can be found at <http://usccb.org/bible/readings/index.cfm>.

