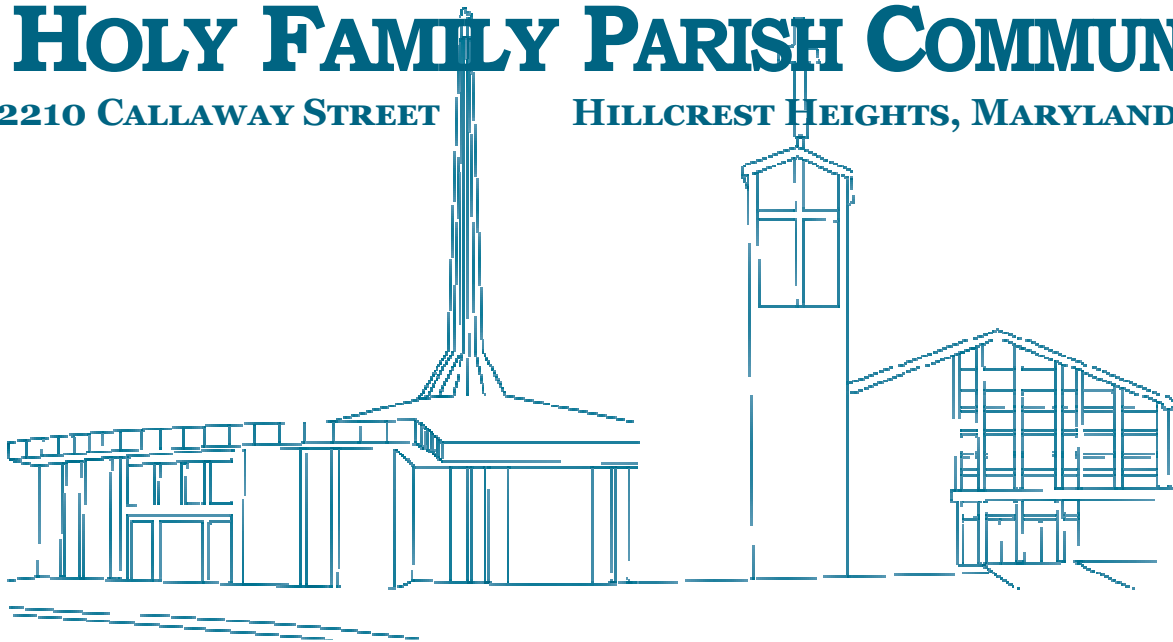


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*To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.*

## 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)**

**Friday: Adoration and Confession**

**7:30 am - 8:30 am**

## SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

**Saturday, 20 minutes before Masses.**

**Anytime by Appointment.**

## SCHOOL STAFF

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*Registration is open for the 2019-20 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,  
 Again, we say, Happy Easter! We celebrate the Easter season for fifty days – forty days from the Easter Vigil to Ascension Thursday, symbolizing the forty days Jesus remained with his disciples after his Resurrection – and ten more until Pentecost Sunday. Fifty days is seven weeks – seven being the number of perfection – plus one day, symbolizing the eighth day of the New Creation, one-seventh of the year.

During this Season of Easter, the Church focuses in a particular way on the Book of Revelation. Every year the Office of Readings, from the Liturgy of the Hours, goes through Revelation; and in the third year of the Three Year Cycle of the Lectionary – this year, Year C – the Second Reading too is taken from Revelation.

Some may remember that this is one of those books in the Bible whose name has changed over the years. We used to call it, “The Apocalypse”, taken from the first word of the book, in Greek, “apocalypsis”. However, that word has changed meaning in English in recent years: “apocalyptic” now most often means *catastrophic*. However, its original meaning was *an unveiling* – or in other words, a *revelation*. The revelation of this book is a vision that the apostle John receives, a mystical, symbolic vision that describes the end of this world and the beginning of the world to come. This end happens by a great battle between Jesus and Satan.

In recent years, many people have read this book as a kind of prediction of the end of the world, but the Church has always taught that its meaning is much more than that. It is primarily a book that tells us the deeper spiritual meaning of what has *already happened*, about the Incarnation of Christ and his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, and about what that means. It tells us this through story and symbol, though it also gives us some rough details about what will happen when Christ comes again. Some of these details are matters of fact, but the Church has always taught that these facts are mysterious, and must be measured against the primary spiritual meaning of the book.

And that meaning is simple: Christ came to conquer sin and death by overthrowing the rule of the prince of darkness, Satan, to whom we had become bound by our sin. Christ conquers Satan by his sacrifice on the cross. The cross is not defeat, but victory. Christ, the Lamb of God, is worthy to offer this sacrifice because he

eternally praises the Father and always does his will – and we too, his Church, have been taken up into that eternal liturgy. The Book of Revelation, therefore, is more than anything, a revelation about heaven. And its message is that, once Christ through his Church has defeated Satan completely, all of creation will become transformed into that heavenly city, in which there will be no temple, because Christ and his Church have become the New Temple, just as they have come one Mystical Body. And God’s word at the end will be: “behold, I make all things new.”

Can there be any greater message of hope than that? We too will share in that victory if we remain in Christ, if, in the words of the Book of Revelation, we “conquer” and wash our robes in “the Blood of the Lamb”: “The victor will inherit these gifts, and I shall be his God, and he will be my son.” (Rev 21:7)

I hope you can take some time to read and pray over the Second Reading this Sunday, to hear those words of hope against all discouragement: for we who remain in Christ must know, the battle has already been won, and victory is ours!

In Christ,  
 Fr Matt

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**PARISH LIFE**

The **Installation Mass for Archbishop Wilton Gregory** will be held on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. For those planning to attend and to ride the bus with the parish, the bus will leave Holy Family at approximately 12:00 noon and will return at about 5:30 - 6:00 pm.

**Parish Directory** - Due to the overwhelming response of those who missed the original photo shoot, we will attempt to schedule a makeup day for portraits. Anyone wishing to have their picture included in the updated Parish Directory is asked to contact Keith at the rectory.

**PARISH LIFE CONT.**

**Patriarchal Bible Studies** sponsored by the Men's club continue on June 1st from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm in the Allen Drury Room. All men of the Parish are invited.

**Confirmation activities** - Two activities are scheduled for those. On Saturday, May 18th the class will be having a meeting in the Mary Lange Library at 10:00 to 12:00. Also on Saturday the confirmation class will make banners in the Allen Drury Room from 12:00 to 4:00.

**ARCHDIOCESE LIFE**

Archbishop Gregory will offer a **Mass of Thanksgiving** on Sunday, May 26, 2019 at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Saint Matthew the Apostle in Washington.

On Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 2:00 pm, Archbishop William Gregory will celebrate the annual **Jubilarian Mass** for couples commemorating Jubilee anniversaries at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This Mass commemorates those couples celebrating 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, and more years of marriage. This is an especially joyous occasion for the couples and the Archdiocese.

Each year volunteers are needed to help greet, seat and distribute certificates honoring these couples for their witness to the gift of marriage. Please consider volunteering at the Jubilarian Mass to celebrate these couples. Please call the Events office at 301-853-5337 send an email to: [visiblesign@adw.org](mailto:visiblesign@adw.org) to volunteer. This Mass fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation.

Are you looking for an opportunity to grow in your faith and extend that gift to others through your personal witness and service to the Church? Become a **Docent (Tour Guide) or Tour Desk Receptionist** at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Hours and days are flexible and training will be provided. Interested? Contact: Dee Steel (Director of Visitor Services) at 202 526-8300, ext.111, or via email [dsteel@bnsic.org](mailto:dsteel@bnsic.org).

**PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:**

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

**In memoriam** - we remember Mrs. Katherine V. Burrow and Glen Washington.

**Birthday Blessings** to Beatrice Curtis and Michelle R. Porter.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19-MAY 26**

<b>May 19th</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Sat. 4:00pm	<b>Carmelo Chillari +</b>
8:00am	<b>Jacquelyn Jackson-Jennifer+</b>
11:00am	Parishioners of Holy Family
<b>Daily Masses</b>	
Tues. 7:00 am	<b>Rita and Joe Karr</b>
Wed. 7:00 am	James Curtis III +
Thurs. 7:00am	The Messina Family +
Fri. 7:00am	Elizabeth Harvey +
<b>May 26th</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>
Sat. 4:00pm	<b>Carmelo Chillari +</b>
8:00am	Parishioners of Holy Family
11:00am	Mrs. Lessie Thompson +

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

**Altar Arrangements and Mass Intentions:** You can make an offering in honor of a deceased or living loved one, a person's birthday, anniversary, or any another special occasion. These Mass Intentions will be offered by our priests on Sundays in the Church and on weekdays in the Chapel of St Joseph in the Rectory. Mass cards are available to share your intention with your loved ones. Altar floral arrangements are also available. Request yours today.

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