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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: 12 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

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Michelle Taylor, School Principal ext. 22

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Mrs. Michiko Hemmer, Tuition Coordinator ext. 14

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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,
 If you haven't heard the good news, I'm happy to share that in the last six weeks we have raised over \$270,000 for the school. Most notably, one anonymous "angel donor" gave \$200,000! In light of the work of parents and teachers, the generosity of our parish family and alumni, we will be able to open the school next fall for the 2019-2020 school year. But our goal was never just to simply open the doors: I want to put the school on secure financial footing, so that the school will be self-sustaining, year after year. We have taken a good first step, but there are several more steps to take. We will be raising tuition to a level more competitive with neighboring schools, sufficient to pay our teachers salaries and other bills; and we will continue to work hard to increase enrollment to sustainable levels. The approach to the yearly budget will be a conservative one, not budgeting for enrollment we do not yet have, nor permitting superfluous expenses or projects not yet funded. Lastly, the principal, Mrs. Michelle Taylor, and I are working at setting up a network of donor relationships that will keep us not just solvent but allow room for advancement for the future. All that's to say, we have begun the process of separating parish and school accounts, so that the parish will no longer have to insure the success of the school at the expense of its own financial stability. Thanks in particular to the fundraising done thus far, *from this point on, parish offertory collections and other revenue no longer have to go to pay school expenses*; instead, they can be used, beyond ordinary operating expenses, to begin rebuilding our parish reserves. I am looking at various ways of increasing revenue, but *the primary way our reserves will be built up will be through our regular offertory collection on Sundays*. For that reason, now is the perfect time to begin an offertory renewal campaign – and so in two weeks, we will have the opportunity during Mass to renew our offertory commitment with a new pledge of support. Considering the relatively smaller size of our congregation, this parish has always demonstrated generosity in its offertory and sacrificial giving. However, as our congregation continues to change, it remains important to take the opportunity to renew our own commitment and invite others to do the same. I think it is important to stress that, knowing that parish funds can and will be used for exclusively parish needs and not to subsidize the school, now is the time to do our best to build up those reserves for our future parish family. I know how generous this parish has been, and so I trust that, with the grace of God, as long as we come together as a family, we will be able to meet the challenges that come our way.

God bless you,
 Fr Matt

STEWARDSHIP & SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory for Dec. 2nd - \$8,591.00

Aging religious need your help. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift today for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious.

Please be generous.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Wednesday 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 8:30 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 this week and 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***.

The **Holy Family Men's Club Annual Coat Drive** will begin on Sunday, November 18th and will end on Sunday, December 16th. Please help by donating your slightly worn coats of all sizes and colors along with new pairs of socks. These items will be taken to Catholic Charities for distribution to those members of our community in need. Items can be deposited in the containers in the rear of the church.

Holy Family Annual Potluck Christmas Party is scheduled for Sunday, December 16th at 12:30pm in the Allen Drury Room. Please consider being a part by contributing your favorite dish for all to share. Sign up sheets will be on the table to specify what dish you will bring or to volunteer your assistance. For more information contact: Robbie Edmonds (301)423-2411 or Rose Spencer (240)603-7744. Thank you for your support.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

12/15 School Xmas Bazaar 10 am - 3 pm
 12/19 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 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. If you return a bottle, please make sure you put it in the box labeled "Returns" so that someone doesn't pick up your returned bottle. 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 (12 men - 12 women). To show your commitment, a non-refundable deposit of \$75.00 is required by Wednesday, December 12, 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:

Our Parishioners

Denise Richards
 Cynthia Washington
 William Green
 Demetrius Butler
 Barbara Smith
 Francis Smith
 Angela Hewins
 Richard Hewins
 Barbara Price
 Leroy Owens
 Iris Pierce
 Ethel Handon
 Angela McNair
 Barbara Hutchins
 James Tarleton

Homebound

Mary Byus
 Bennie Hooks Jr.
 Andre Johnson
 Rose Sparrow
 Alease Terry
 Clarence King
 Samuel Jones
 Mildred Jones
 Marsha Harper
 Barbara Moore
 Margaret Kennerly
 Hilda Reeves
 Juanita Presley
 LaWander Patrick
 Cynthia Lawson
 Frank Wilson

Elsewhere

Walter Alexander
 Wendell Young
 Dorothy Nelson
 Kathleen Guidry
 Alpha Banks
 Roy Banks
 Joan Collette
 Betty Furr
 Helen Birdsong
 David M. Smith Sr.
 Michelle Hooker
 Francis Briscoe

Prayers for Healing for Richard Hewins and Barbara Hutchins.

In Memoriam - We remember Morris Bell husband of Margaret Pryce-Bell. Mass of Christian Burial will be on Tuesday, December 11th here at Holy Family with repast to follow in the Allen Drury Room.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 9 - DEC. 16

Dec. 9th	2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin deSilva +
8:00 am	Janice Cole +
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Tues. 7:00 am	Linda Smith +
Wed. 7:00 am	Alice Gosling +
9:00 am	Holy Family School
Thurs. 7:00 am	Morris Bell +
Fri. 7:00 am	Bill Rogers (L)
Sat. 8:00 am	Retired Religious
Dec. 16th	3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Trefry Family
8:00 am	Hutchins Family
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners



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