Holy Family Church

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Established 1890 (Mission) / 1938 (Parish)

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Sherry B. Pollock

HERITAGE ROOM (contact rectory)
Marsha Hansen

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekend
Saturday: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
Weekdays
Monday thru Friday: 8:00 AM / Sat: 9:00 AM
Holy Days (TBD)

Visit our Web Page: www.holyfamilywoodmore.org
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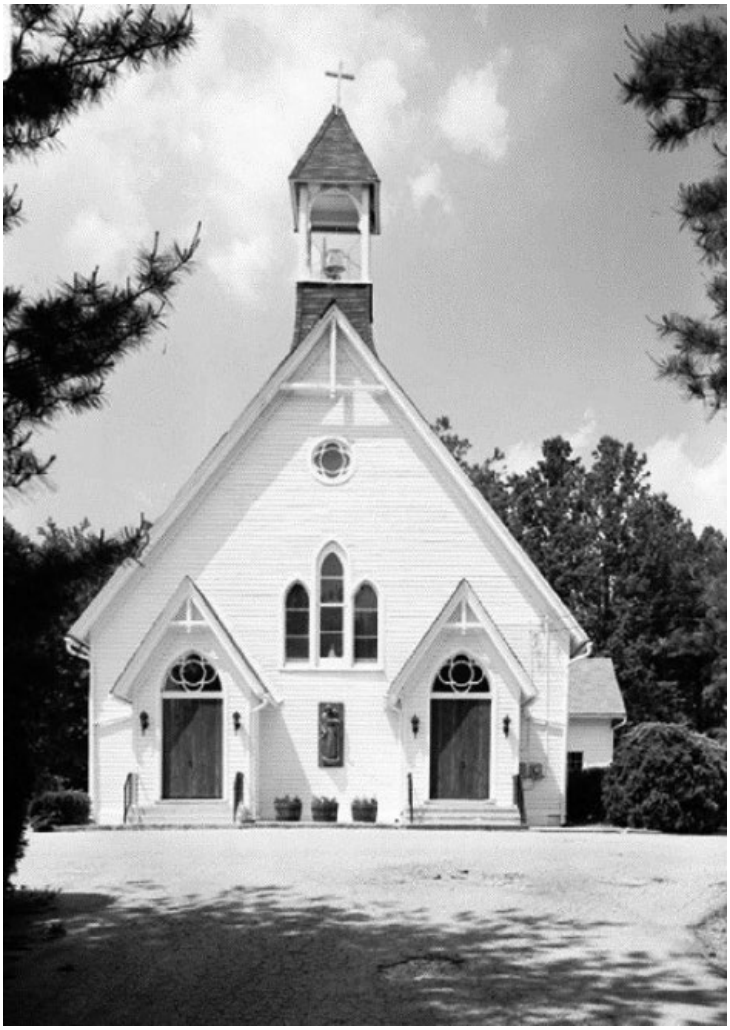
REGIONAL SCHOOL
St. Mary of the Assumption School
4610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Principal – Ms. Ashley Lewis (301-627-4170)



SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Saturday 4:30 PM or by appointment.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesday 5-8 PM (in prayer center) / First Saturday 9:30 AM-5 PM (in church).

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Six month waiting period prior to wedding, contact Pastor for preparation.
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: By appointment, required class on First Saturday 10 AM (in rectory).

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL: Virtual Meeting on the 4th Monday of variable months at 7 PM.
NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our family in faith! Registration forms online, in church or call rectory.
BULLETIN DEADLINE: Monday 10 AM – All notices should be faxed or submitted in writing to the rectory.



"Abraham replied, 'My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.'"
- Lk 16:25

Readings for the week of September 28, 2025

Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10
Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24
Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Mass Intentions

09/27	5:30	Simeon Mascarenas (D)/Romerosa Family
09/28	7:30	Dennis Boles (D)/Margaret Boles
09/28	9:30	John Knott Sr. & John Knott Jr. (D)/Knott Family
09/28	12:00	Holy Family Parishioners
09/29	8:00	John Abell (L)
09/30	8:00	Cassie Duah (L)/Duah Family
10/01	8:00	Bruce James Martin (D)/Stacey Martin
10/02	8:00	Maria Salvador (L)
10/03	8:00	Teresa Nwankwo (L)
10/04	9:00	Frances & Charmaine Cebe (D)/Wm. Marshall

May the soul of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen

Pray for Our Sick and Homebound

Anthony Susai, Charles Hartley, Willie & Nellie Reyes, Maurice Davis, Charles Brown, Angela Brown, Sharon Diaz, Joseph Stevenson, Willie Brown, Patricia Carroll, Eleanor Hawkins, Remy Cabrera, Wilfredo Justimbaste, Gloria Marshall, Bill Schultz, Samuel Jones, Jr., Natika and Noah Brown, Jack Richards, Eileen Richards, Monette Roxas-Tharp, James Moore, Sr., Effie McGee, Darlene McDonald, Marie Oyalowo, Geraldine Thompkins, Nicholas Roxas, Alice Shepherd, Carletta Patterson, Deborah Thomas, Millet Panga, Ruth DeCesaris, John Abell, Michael Cesar Chismar, Delores Scrivner, Vincent Hubbard, Cindy McGee, Peggy Marosy, Marie Logem

Blessing of the Animals

Join us on Saturday, October 4th to commemorate the Memorial Day of St. Francis of Assisi at our Marian Grotto for the blessing of animals. Gathering at 10 AM, all animals welcome.

Stewardship Report

September 21, 2025
Offertory $6,764.00 Maintenance $110.00

Liturgical Minister Schedule

October 4, 2025
5:30 PM M. Tutman (Reader), No Server Scheduled

October 5, 2025
7:30 AM JM. Cepko (Reader), No Server Scheduled

9:30 AM M. Oyalowo (Reader 1), G. Kameni (Reader 2), G. Nunyi (Server 1), K. Nunyi (Server 2), P. Nunyi (Book Bearer/Crucifix)

12:00 NN L. Afihene (Reader), Z. Etiendem (Server 1), N. Ngum-Atanga (Server 2), A. Etiendem (Crucifix), AN Etiendem (Book Bearer)

TOGETHER Holy Family Can Help



Please support the St. Jude's Walk to fight childhood cancer with the Ladies of Holy Family Mitchellville. Everyone is welcome to participate. To be a walker or a volunteer at the walk, see the flyer at the back of the church. To donate, write checks to LOHFM with "St. Jude" on the memo line and place them in a sealed envelope in the Poor Box. **THANK YOU!**

Saint of the Month



St. Hedwig of Silesia (1174-1243)
Feast Day: October 16
Patronage: Brides, Widows, Duchesses, Those with Children Who Died, Difficult Marriages, Invoked Against Jealousy

St. Hedwig of Silesia was born to royalty and holiness, aunt of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, she was happily married to Henry, Duke of Silesia and had seven children. When Henry died in 1238, she lived as a lay sister at the monastery in Trebnitz but retained the administration of her property so that she could give personal relief to the suffering, living a life of asceticism, visiting the imprisoned and paying the debt of the poor. She founded a Cistercian convent, hospitals, monasteries, and churches. Hedwig died holding a statue of the Blessed Mother, and when her coffin was opened, her fingers holding that statue were incorrupt.

St. Hedwig, you displayed holiness in loving the Lord through your many acts of charity to those in need and in establishing hospitals. You became well-known for your virtue and piety as a young married woman. Later in life, you lived in a monastery and used the remainder of your fortune for good works. Pray that we may never weary of answering God's call to serve Him through works of charity to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

Sweepstakes Tickets

The MD State Council is conducting a sweepstakes, and our Knights of Columbus Council are selling tickets for $5 each. The three cash prizes include: $7,000 (1st), $2,000 (2nd), and $1,000 (3rd). The drawing will be held October 12, 2025. See a Knight for tickets.

Fish Fry—October 26
Get Your Ticket This Weekend



The Knights of Columbus will be selling Fried Fish Baskets (To Go) on October 26, 2025 starting after the 9:30 AM Mass until 1:30 PM. Fried Fish Baskets will be available for the price of $10.00 per basket. Each basket will include fillet fish, potato wedges, bread and coleslaw. See a Knights of Columbus Member after Mass to purchase a ticket. Funds will be used to support The Knights of Columbus charitable activities.

Boxes of Joy

The Knight of Columbus in partnership with Cross Catholic Outreach is sponsoring a Box of Joy program for poor children around the world. This project is a wonderful way to bring happiness to kids who have nothing.

Boxes can be picked up in the back of the Church for you to fill with small toys, school supplies and other gifts.

Please return boxes filled by October 26th along with $9.00 (checks made out to Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council) to cover the cost of postage.

Knights of Columbus Soccer Shoot-Out
Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council #14455

The annual Knights of Columbus, Fr. Michael C. Kidd Council, District Soccer Shoot-Out
Saturday, October 4th, 2-4 PM at the St. Pius X School in Bowie.

All youth ages 6-18 are eligible to compete with age group winners advancing to the state level competition.

This is a fun and free event, and no advance registration is required. Please contact Morgan Walubita at 202-746-7662 if you have any questions.

Strength Through the Pierced Heart of Our Mother

Join Johnnette Benkovic Williams, founder and president of Women of Grace and EWTN host October 3-4 for "Strength Through the Pierced Heart of Our Mother" at St. Mary's of the Assumption School and Family Life Center, 4610 Largo Road, Upper Marlboro. Johnnette's visit will begin with First Friday Mass at 6:00 PM followed by registration, food, fellowship and a talk. Saturday begins with Mass at 8:00 AM, three talks, lunch, the opportunity for confession and scapular enrollment and much more, with a day concluding at 3 PM. Come Friday or Saturday or both days! For more information and registration visit http://www.womenofgrace.com/events or call 1-800-558-5452 or email info@womenofgrace.com.

Religious Education

Call for Catechists

The PREP program is in need of a volunteer catechist. We are in urgent need of a lead catechist for 6th grade. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact Mrs. Yiliwaka Walubita on 301-246-1167 or email holyfamilyprep@msn.com. The requirements to be a catechist are:

- Be 19 years and above
- Received ALL initiation Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation
- Be a practicing Catholic in communion with the Catholic Church, lifestyle should bear witness to teachings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church
- Ready to learn and transmit the teachings of the Catholic Church
- Enjoy working with children, as you will be a Catechist for children ***and/or*** youth

United African Fellowship (UAF)

Holy Family Catholic Church, Mitchellville

"One Faith, Many Cultures, One Family in Christ"
Are you of African heritage? Caribbean? African American? Or do you simply love and support African culture?

Join us as we launch a new ministry that celebrates African spirituality, culture, family, and service!

Upcoming Meeting: Every 1st Sunday from 1:20-2:30 in the hall classroom.

(For more information contact Ngozi Ikeji at 240-305-1970 ngozibronco@yahoo.com)

East of The River Revival Adult Sessions

The Est of the River Revival Adult Session will be held October 6th, 7th, and 8th at 7:00 pm Location: Mount Calvary Catholic Church, 6700 Marlboro Pike, Forestville, MD Monday, September 6th Revivalist will be Deacon Kyle Simon, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Largo Tuesday, September 7th Revivalist will be Sr. Oralisa Martin, St. Theresa of Avila Wednesday, September 8th Revivalist will be Deacon Keith Summerville, Mount Calvary Catholic Church.

Catholic Bibles for Sale

We have assorted Catholic Bibles for sale. Do you have a complete CATHOLIC Bible in your home? Do you open it to read and pray over? The parish offers inexpensive paperbacks and a few higher priced quality hardbacks and leather bound books. If you are interested in buying a CATHOLIC Bible, call the rectory at 301-249-2266.

Live the Liturgy

The rich man had a chance, every day of his life, to choose righteousness. But righteousness wasn't convenient for him. He discovered too late that the only time we have to follow God is now. Here. This moment. Will we take our chance?

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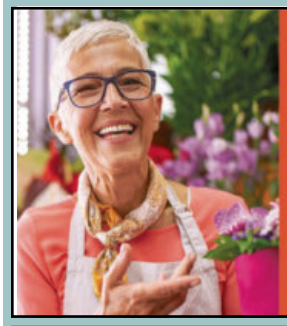

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