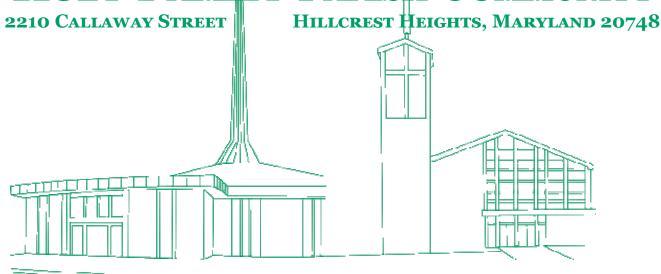
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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

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

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.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has been quite cold of late. It's about this time that I start to think about possible vacations to warm climates, if not questioning why I did not choose to reside in a place of perpetual summer! While some enjoy the wintry features of scarves and sweaters, snow and stillness, I myself always feel like I'm hunkered down, waiting for the earliest sign of the return of warmth, leaves, and longer days. Though these are features of living in the northern hemisphere, Christianity has traditionally associated these cycles of nature with the Liturgical Calendar.

When the light seems farthest from us, we remember the birth of our Savior, the light shining that the darkness cannot overcome. Soon we anticipate the changing of the season in the lengthening of the day: the midpoint of the winter has traditionally been the celebration of Candlemas on February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation, when we celebrate the entrance of the Christ child into the Temple, as the prophet Simeon proclaimed the coming of the Messiah: "My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in sight of all the peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

Now that the light has emerged, its force, its heat, will soon be felt. Nature herself responds by turning again to new generation. But before Easter arrives, we anticipate its glory by the celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation, when the Word becomes flesh in the womb of Mary. Just as God divided the light and the darkness at the first day of creation, so on the first day of the new order of grace, the light and darkness are equal.

As spring arrives in all its glory, we celebrate the season of Easter, culminating in the Feasts of the Ascension of Christ and of Pentecost: in the brightness of the summer sun, we recall how God's own life has been poured into our hearts, as we live that heavenly life even now. As summer comes to its peak, we begin the warmest days by celebrating the Birth of John the Baptist on June 24: St John was the fire that prepared the way of the Lord, and we too must be enflamed with passion for the glory of Christ. But our lives still remain in this world, this present age, where we await the Second Coming of Our Lord, the final victory and the

fulfillment of his redemption. The feast of the Archangels, or Michaelmas, on September 29th, prepares us to turn once again through the cycle of fall, winter, and spring, asking for the help of the heavenly angels that we would remain faithful, until we reach that age when time ceases and we rest in perpetual light.

What a wonderful grace, this synergy between the turns of nature and the cycles of the Liturgical Year! As we yearn for an end to these cold days together, let us set our hearts in anticipation of the coming Easter, remembering that after every winter, even those in our own lives, the Lord will come in light as he said he would.

In Christ,

Fr Matt

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Offertory for Jan. 20th - \$8,510.00 Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH LIFE

<u>February 2nd</u> has been designated as Parish Cleanup Day. Contact Father Matt for additional information.

Starting <u>Saturday</u>, <u>February 9th @ 9:00 am</u> in the Mary Lange Library, the **Catholicism Adult Faith Formation** series will 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 details the richness of the Church's global culture. Facilitator: Father Matt. Continental breakfast will be provided.

The Men's Club is selling tickets for their **Annual Valentine Day Raffle**. The drawing will be held on *February 10th after the 11:00 mass*. Tickets on sell after each mass. See any Men's Club member for tickets. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

COMMUNITY LIFE

You are invited to attend **St. Thomas More Jazz** on *February 9th at 7:00 pm* featuring music by jazz saxophonist Keith Kool. Regular tickets are \$25.00 and VIP tickets are \$40.00. go to STM@catholicacadamies.org. for more.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

2/27	School Open House	10am -12pm
2/28-3/1	Catholic Schools Week	all day
3/2	Mardi Gras	8pm - 12am
3/23	School Open House	10am -12pm



Volunteers are needed to assist in serving daily lunch to the children at the school. For more information contact the school or the rectory.

ARCHDIOCESE LIFE

A workshop for **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC)** in English will be offered on *Saturday, April 6th 9:00am to 12:00pm* at St. Matthias Church (Lanham, MD). This workshop will instruct the faithful on how to serve effectively as an EMHC in the parish setting as well as when taking Holy Communion to the sick and shut-ins. A \$5 registration fee can be paid at the door. Please RSVP by emailing liturgy@adw.org. If you have additional questions, you may call Maria Hamm in the Office of Worship at 301-853-4594.

Sunday, February 3rd will mark the 30th year of National Day of Prayer for the African -American and African Family, founded in 1989 by Fr. Jim Goode, OFM. This year's theme is, "...And is Still Blessed Assurance," invites us to come together in prayer in solidarity with our African-American and African brothers and sisters for their families and their needs. A resource aid for this occasion, which contains a prayer composed by Fr. Goode, suggested activities to celebrate the day, and a catechetical reflection by Therese Wilson Favors, former Director of the Office of African-American Catholic Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, is available the Solid Ground Ministry solidgroundministry.com.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

Our Parishioners	Homebound	Elsewhere
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	Joan Collette
Richard Hewins	Mildred Jones	Betty Furr
Barbara Price	Marsha Harper	David M. Smith Sr.
Leroy Owens	Barbara Moore	Francis Briscoe
Iris Pierce	Margaret Kennerly	
Ethel Handon	Hilda Reeves	
Angela McNair	Juanita Presley	
James Tarleton	Frank Wilson	
Michelle Handon	Rufus Thornton	

In Memoriam - we remember Ms. Michelle Minor and Helen Birdsong, mother of Mrs. Jessie Owens. Funeral Mass to be held here at Holy Family on February 9, 2019.

Prayers for Healing for James Tarleton, Michelle Handon, Rufus Thornton and Barbara Williams, Mary Hooper and Rev. Everett Pearson.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JAN 27-FEB 3

<u>Jan. 27th</u>	3 RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Rev. Everett Pearson (L)
8:00 am	Leon Adams +
11:00 am	Mary Hooper (L)

Daily Masses

Tues. 7:00 am Leon Adams +
Wed. 7:00 am Helen Birdsong +
Thurs.7:00 am Jackie Collins +
Fri. 7:00 am Joanne Collins +
Sat. 8:00 am Roslyn Bartholomey +

Feb. 3rd	4 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES
	Rosa Gavidia de Baiza +
8:00 am	John Manning +
11:00 am	Janyce Prince +

2018 Contribution Statements - if you have contributed in a known way, more than \$250 to the church in the last year, your contribution statement for tax purposes will be in the rear of the church. If you do not see one there and would like a copy, please contact the rectory.

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