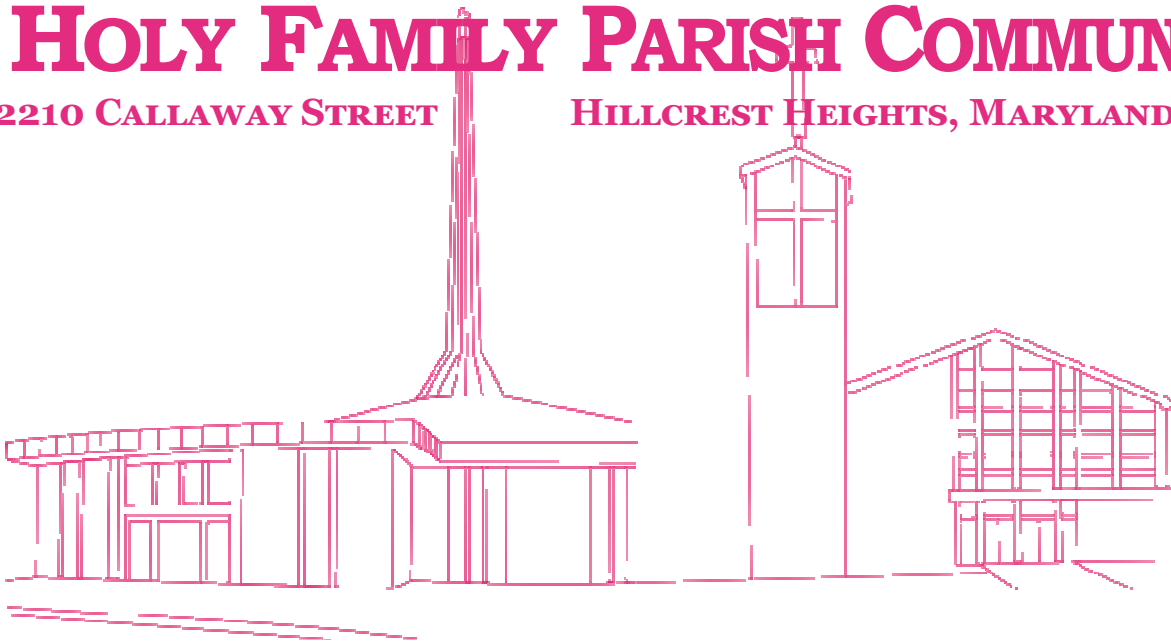


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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

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.

A PRAYERFUL KISS FOR POPPI!

When Lent began, we were introduced to the concept of KISS, (Keep It Simple Sinner). For some, KISS is a difficult concept because we did not grow up with it.

So Lent can still be a time of severe penance for purifying ourselves of sinful habits as we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery and recommit to follow Christ. However, the church has changed. Now it leaves the Lenten practice of penance to the good will and generosity of individual Christians. Recently, I was approached by a few parishioners seeking comfort during what they termed “an overabundance of deaths” in our parish. In pondering the comment, I wondered how many remembered that praying, particularly for the dead, is very much in line with KISS-ing for Lent! Besides, praying for the dead is a Spiritual Work of Mercy. Such prayers have been known to help salve the pain of death.

As I began my prayerful research on the subject, I ran across a story I’d like to share. It originated with a young lady agonizing the loss of her beloved grandfather. The story goes: “I have never believed in fairytales. I never liked Snow White or Cinderella because they weren’t real. Despite that, I do believe in superheroes. Not the ones with capes or masks. I am talking about regular people who change the world simply by who they are. My superhero was my grandfather, Poppi. He had this amazing gift of inviting me to live my belovedness. When I was with him, whether we were swinging in the park, feeding ducks, or just driving around, I knew I was the most important person in his world. He marveled at everything I did or said as if I were the first little girl he had ever met. It was a love so deep and powerful that I couldn’t imagine life without it. When Poppi died, a piece of me died.

For years, I had terrifying dreams of him. In my dreams no one believed me when I kept yelling, “But he is dead!” Later, I would awaken furious and confused. I thought, “Why is God allowing this?” “Why is Poppi tormenting me?” Years later I told my spiritual advisor about my dreams. I was shocked at her response. She asked, “Do you pray for Poppi?” She continued, “What if Poppi misses you?” “What if, this is how Poppi can visit you?”

Her comments were an “aha” moment akin to the blindness one gets from a sudden overly bright light. Eventually through prayer, my sight was restored. I began to understand that death isn’t the end of a relationship. It is the end of a person’s life, but the relationship continues.” The young

lady concluded, “Poppi still visits my dreams regularly.” In scripture, Roman’s chapter 8, verses 38-39, it says: “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Remember, we are a people of hope and Prayer!

Deacon Collins

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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. Today, March 31st, the celebration will begin with the Mass at Mt. Calvary Church at 2:00 pm followed by the 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.

Lifetouch will be photographing all of our parish families for our **updated parish directory** on Thursday, April 25th and Friday, April 26th from 2:00pm - 8:00 pm and - Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 am until 4:00pm. Sign up for your professional photography sessions 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.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Lenten Fish Fry - March 29th, from 11 am to 3 pm.

Holy Family School's Drama Club presents "*The Little Mermaid, Jr.*" this weekend. Tickets for adults are \$10 and Children's are \$5.

PARISH LIFE CONT.

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.

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.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Catholic Charities has recently expanded its services at its Susan Denison Mona Center at 5859 Allentown Way in Temple Hills. They now offer the following services:

- Dental Clinic – Dental exams, x-rays, cleanings, dentures and other services.
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- Immigration Legal Services – Assists with all immigration-related issues.

Representatives from Catholic Charities will be available in the back of the Church after all Masses this Sunday. Please contact Deacon Jim Shanahan (202) 772-4310 or Jim.Shanahan@cc-dc.org for additional information.

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 Angela Daly, Donald Murphy and Mrs. Barbara Bushrod, aunt of Keith Poindexter. Mass for Mrs. Daly will be held here on Wednesday, April 3rd at 11:00 am, with repast immediately following in the Allen Drury Room. Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Murphy will be at 11:00 am on Friday, April 5th, with visitation at 10:00 am and repast immediately following in the Allen Drury Room. **Prayers for Healing** for Rafaela Richardson and Darlene Banks.

<u>MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR 31-APR 7</u>	
Mar. 31st	<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
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Tues. 7:00 am	Maddie Manz (L)
Wed. 7:00 am	Mrs. Kamdem & Teachers of Maya Angelou School
9:00 am	Angela Daly +
Thurs. 7:00 am	Samantha Pare (L)
Fri. 7:00 am	Deacon Collins (L)
Sat. 8:00 am	Donald Murphy +
Apr. 7th	<u>5TH SUNDAY OF LENT</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Holy Family Parishioners
8:00 am	Joseph A. Deville +
11:00am	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin deSilva +

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

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 Good Friday by all Catholics who are 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 according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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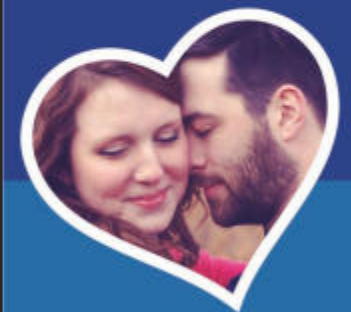
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