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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.

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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, Happy Easter!

We are almost at the end of the Easter Season, with one week until Pentecost. This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension. Celebrated as it is, between Easter and Pentecost, the Ascension gets a bit forgotten sometimes. I even had some parishioners ask me last weekend whether the Feast of the Ascension would be on Thursday this year or not! I think it's been quite some time since that Feast was celebrated on a Thursday in this archdiocese, but their instincts were right.

The Feast of Ascension is celebrated forty days after Easter, unless bishops decide to transfer the Feast to Sunday. About one-third of the dioceses in the United States have kept the Feast of the Ascension on its original Thursday (all of New England, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and much of the Great Plains). For those dioceses, that Thursday celebration remains a holy day of obligation. For the rest of the dioceses in the United States, including ours, the Feast of the Ascension has been moved to Sunday, which is always a holy day of obligation anyways.

By why is this feast so important? As I mentioned last week, Jesus recognizes that his disciples would prefer that he stay and remain with him, after his Resurrection. Why must he leave? It isn't because he wants to leave us behind. Rather, it's because he must go to heaven, to receive his heavenly glory, sitting at his Father's right hand. He must, because that is how he completes his mission. And his mission was to make us into that new creation, to bring us into that life of the Holy Trinity, that heavenly life that we can share now (and not just later).

We can live that heavenly life now because Christ who is the Head of this new, mystical person — the Whole Christ, head and members, of which we are part, if we remain in his grace — has gone before us and begun that heavenly life on behalf of us, for us. We say it often, but it's worth really thinking about this truth: we live IN him. Christ our Head lives in heaven, so that we could live that heavenly life now, in him. At the same time, our life is still one of *transformation*. As St Paul says:

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory." (Col 3:1-4)

How then do we complete that transformation, and find that which is above? "We are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him." (Rom 8:16-17) We must still follow the same way Christ Jesus took to return to heaven: the way of the cross.

God bless, Fr Matt

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PARISH LIFE

Congratulations to 2019 Confirmation Class:

Daphne Sanabria Jayda Smith Devine Njoku Sophia Haddad Kimberly Fuentes-Biaza

Holy Family Sodality invites you to an end of the year event - an **Ice Cream Social** on <u>Sunday, June 9, 2019</u> immediately following the <u>11:00AM Mass</u> in the Allen Drury Room. Thank you for your continued support.

The new officers for 2019-2020 service years are as follows:

Prefect - Shirley Brawner
Vice-Prefect - Phyllis Curtis
Treasurer - Robbie Edmonds
Secretary - Michelle Porter

Corresponding Secretary - Frances Young Let us offer congratulations to the new leaders.

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

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

Congratulations to the Class of 2019:

Kayla Boyette

Antwan Lewis Jr.

Azaria Rose

Jabari Smith

Antoine Smith Jr.

Khairi Wilson

Victoria Woods

ARCHDIOCESE LIFE

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>June</u> 16, <u>2019</u> at <u>2:00</u> <u>pm</u>, 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 on *June 16th* to celebrate these couples. To volunteer, please send an email to: visiblesign@adw.org or call the Events office at 301-853-5337 to volunteer. This Mass fulfills your Sunday Mass obligation.

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.

All men are welcome and encouraged to come to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for a retreat on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>June 22</u>. Explore how God calls you to lead as a man of faith, husband, son, and father. Lunch is included with registration. More information and registration at strongerretreat.eventbrite.com. For questions, email: events@jp2shrine.org.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

TRATERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:				
Our Parishioners	Homebound	Elsewhere		
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			
Candace Griffin-	Frank Wilson			
Miles				

Prayers for Healing for Candace Griffin-Miles and Michelle Handon.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 2 - JUNE 9

	June 2nd	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat. 4:00pm		Marcello Buglisi +		
	8:00am	Jacquelyn Jackson-Jenifer+		
	11:00am	Parishioners of Holy Family		
	Daily Masses Tues. 7:00 am Wed. 7:00 am Thurs.7:00am Fri. 7:00am	Archbishop Wilton Gregory HF School Graduates 2019 Confirmation Class		
	June 9th	PENTECOST SUNDAY		
	Sat. 4:00pm	Marcello Buglisi +		
8:00am		Carmelo Chillari +		
11:00am		Parishioners of Holy Family		

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 other special occasion. These Mass Intentions will be offered on Sundays in the Church and on weekdays in the Chapel of St Joseph. Mass cards are available. Altar floral arrangements are also accepted. Request yours today.

Bulletin Announcements and Inserts for the *NEXT* bulletin are due in the Rectory Office on the *Tuesday before by 12 noon*. The bulletin is sent to the printer on Tuesday afternoon. Inserts are printed front and back and are limited to 1 sheet per bulletin. Late submissions will go into the next bulletin.

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