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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)

Wednesday: 12:10 pm

Thursday: 8:30 am (School Mass)

Friday: 7:00 am

**Friday: Adoration and Confession
7:30 am - 8:30 am**

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Saturday, 20 minutes before Masses.

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Michelle Taylor, School Principal ext. 22
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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.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED:

Our schedules, events & activities are communicated also on our website. If you are new to our parish, 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,
 Last week I wrote about how purgatory is not a negative or pessimistic doctrine, but good news: that as long as we give him that first “yes” of our hearts, God will find a way to finish the job, to make us holy and perfect as he created us to be.

The Catechism teaches (CCC 1030-32):

All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.... This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: “Therefore Judas Maccabeus made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.”(2 Macc 12:46) From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

In this month of November we pray for those who died, for all those were not yet saints at the time of their passing, who are being purified now in purgatory, and who depend on our prayers to pass through that place of purification, just as we ourselves one day will need the prayers of others to be purified so to be able to enter heaven.

In his encyclical *Spe Salvi*, Pope Benedict XVI taught:

The belief that love can reach into the after-life, that reciprocal giving and receiving is possible, in which our affection for one another continues beyond the limits of death—this has been a fundamental conviction of Christianity throughout the ages and it remains a source of comfort today. Who would not feel the need to convey to their departed loved ones a sign of kindness, a gesture of gratitude or even a

request for pardon? ... We should recall that no man is an island, entire of itself. Our lives are involved with one another, through innumerable interactions they are linked together. No one lives alone. No one sins alone. No one is saved alone. The lives of others continually spill over into mine: in what I think, say, do and achieve. And conversely, my life spills over into that of others: for better and for worse. So my prayer for another is not something extraneous to that person, something external, not even after death. In the interconnectedness of Being, my gratitude to the other—my prayer for him—can play a small part in his purification. And for that there is no need to convert earthly time into God's time: in the communion of souls simple terrestrial time is superseded. It is never too late to touch the heart of another, nor is it ever in vain.

God bless,
 Fr Matt

Offertory for November 3rd
Offertory Collected - \$6,738.03
Budget Goal - \$5,769.23
Surplus/(Deficit) - \$ 968.80

Thank you for your continued support.

Collection for Retired Priests will continue this weekend. If you still would like to contribute to the this fund please add your envelope to the collection basket or contact the rectory.

PARISH LIFE

The **Sodality** will meet Sunday, November 10th after the 8:00 am Mass in the ADR.

The **Finance Council** will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 7:00 pm in the Rectory.

The **Men's Club** will meet on Sunday, November 17th after the 8:00 am Mass.

The **Women's Ministry** meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the rectory at 6:30 pm.

The **Leisure Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Mother Lange Library.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 11/11th School Closed - Veterans Day
- 11/14th Kids Museum Field Trip
- 11/19th Pizza Fun Lunch Fundraiser

PARISH LIFE

The **Holy Family Community Pantry** will be opened on 11/23 rather than 11/16th. This change in schedule will provide more time to prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Celestine Warren at (301) 423-3744 or Malisa Frazier at (301) 257-5127. See flyer for pantry items that are needed.

The **baby bottle** campaign has begun. Forestville Pregnancy Center. Bottles will be left in the rear of the church with empty bottles. Bottles can be returned by the first weekend in December. If you return a bottle early, please make sure it is labeled "Returns" so that someone doesn't accidentally pick up your returned bottle. Make all checks payable to the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Thank you in advance for all you have done to support the Forestville Pregnancy Center.

COMMUNITY LIFE

SOME's 18th Annual Thanksgiving Day Trot for Hunger, will take place on Thursday, November 28th Join **So Others Might Eat** on Thanksgiving morning at Freedom Plaza in Downtown, DC. For more information contact the Trot for Hunger Event Manager, Bianca Washington, at or call (202) 753.4960.

Catholic Charities is seeking an experienced domestic violence advocate to join its Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau, conducting parish workshops and presentations about domestic violence. Professional volunteers should have experience assisting domestic violence survivors and enjoy public speaking. Volunteers will have attended the MD Network Against Domestic Violence (MNADV) 40-hour domestic advocate free training. Volunteers needed for PG county parish outreach. Contact Laura.Yeaomans@cc-dc.org in the Lanham office.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

<u>Our Parishioners</u>	<u>Homebound</u>	<u>Elsewhere</u>
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
Angela Hewins	Clarence King	Betty Furr
Richard Hewins	Mildred Jones	David M. Smith Sr.
Barbara Price	Marsha Harper	Francis Briscoe
Iris Pierce	Barbara Moore	Barbara Williams
Angela McNair	Margaret Kennerly	Middleton Russell
Michelle Handon	Hilda Reeves	
Candace Griffin-Miles	Juanita Presley	
Frances Fisher	Frank Wilson	
	Ethel Handon	

We continue to pray for Healing of Candace Griffin-Miles, Celestine Warren, Michelle Handon and Elaine Richardson.

Birthday Blessings to Demetrius Butler, Emanuel Yates, and Jabari Smith.

The Sanctuary Lamp in the church will burn on November 10th in celebration of the birthday of Emanuel L. Yates from Ernest and Elena Yates.

In memoriam, we remember Emma McNeal.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF NOV 10—NOV 17

<u>Nov 10th</u>	<u>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Mr & Mrs Edwin deSilva +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Demetrius Butler (L)
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Wed. 12:10 pm	Jean & Marie Lemire +
Thurs. 8:30 am	All Black Catholics
Fri. 7:00 am	Emma McNeal +
<u>Nov 17th</u>	<u>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Carmello Chillari +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Alice & Douglas Gosling +

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

Altar Arrangements and Mass Intentions: Offerings (\$5.00) can be made to honor a deceased or living loved one, or other special occasions. These Mass Intentions will be offered on Sundays in the Church and on weekdays in the Chapel of St Joseph.

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