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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](mailto:rectory@holyfamilyparishmd.org).

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
 This weekend we begin a new Liturgical Year, as we celebrate the First Sunday of Advent. Today, Advent is the season that precedes and prepares for Christmas. But on its own, Advent remains a rich season that offers far more than just being a place holder before Christmas.

“Advent” comes from the Latin words *ad + venire*, literally meaning “the arrival” or “the approach”. And in Advent, we remember and focus on the two comings of Christ: his coming in history in the flesh over two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, when the Son of God united a human nature, body and soul, to his divine person; and his coming in glory at the end of time, his Second Coming, when Christ will defeat the forces of and judge all the souls who have ever lived, before he hands his Kingdom over to the Father, bringing about the New Creation. The first coming of Christ at Christmas is but a preparation for his final, glorious coming at the End of Time.

In Advent, the vestments and altar cloths use the color violet to signify the somber aspect of the season: it is a time of preparation rather than celebration, a time to reflect on the first and second comings of Christ. For this reason, as in Lent, we do not sing or say the Gloria.

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, the readings speak about the Second Coming of Christ; on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday, the readings focus on the ministry of John the Baptist; on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday, the readings continue to focus on John the Baptist, but begin to look forward in joy to the Christmas season (hence the use of the color *rose* on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday); on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, the readings tell of the angelic visitations of St Joseph and Our Lady.

Finally, on the weekday Masses from December 17<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>, the Gospel Antiphons focus specifically on the mystery of the first coming of the Messiah, taking various titles from the Old Testament to form a series of meditations on the mission of Jesus. These antiphons are called the “O Antiphons”: together they form the verses of that familiar hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”.

In all these ways, we have the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the meaning of Jesus in

our lives, what it means that he has come into our hearts now by his grace. In order to help us do this together, we will be offering Eucharistic Adoration in the main church from 5.30pm – 7.00pm each Wednesday of Advent. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered from 6pm – 7pm. This will be a great chance to come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. I hope to see you there!

God bless you,  
 Fr Matt

**Offertory for November 24th**

**Offertory Collected - \$5,455.00**

**Budget Goal - \$5,769.23**

**Surplus/(Deficit) - (\$314.23)**

Thank you for your continued support

**ADVENT SCHEDULE**

*Wednesdays during 1st 3 weeks of Advent in the main church.*

**Adoration - 5:30pm—7:00pm**

**Confession - 6:00pm—7:00 pm**

**PARISH LIFE**

This week the **Holy Family Pantry** served 70 families with Food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thanks to the generosity of our parishioners from the weekend masses, \$947.00 was collected for the **Mission Appeal for the Syro-Malankara Archdiocese of Trivandrum, S. India.**

The **Women’s Ministry** meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of the month in the rectory at 6:30 pm. Next meeting, December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The **Sodality** will meet on the second Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass in the ADR.

The **Leisure Club** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month in the Mother Lange Library. Next meeting, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The **Men’s Club** will meet on third Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass.

**PARISH LIFE**

Tis the Season to be Jolly. Planning has begun for the **Parish Potluck Christmas Party** on December 15th after the 11:00pm Mass. If you would like to participate in any way to share the cheer of the season, please contact Karen Poindexter, (301) 267-8661, Malisa Frazier, (301) 257-5127 or Keith at the rectory (301) 894-2222 so that together we can make this a truly joyous occasion.

The Sodality is holding a **Fall Fundraiser**, offering Pecans for sale again this year. Sale will continue through January 7, 2020. Contact Cassandra Butler (301) 423-9157 or Essie Shorter (301) 609-0710.

The Men's Club has started their **Annual "Keep Warm this Winter"** coat drive. With the assistance of the Knights of Columbus Pius X Council, they distributed approximately 60 coats to children of schools in our neighborhood. In addition, the Men are collecting gently used coats from the parish to give to the Catholic Charities distribution center at St. Francis Xavier.

The **Baby Bottle** campaign continues for the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Empty bottles are located in the rear of the church. 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.

**ARCHDIOCESAN LIFE**

This year, **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception** is not a holy day of obligation. Because the Second Sunday of Advent takes precedence over the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the Solemnity is transferred to Monday, December 9th. Therefore, the Solemnity is NOT a holy day of obligation this year.

**New Rectory Office hours are Monday—Thursday 10:00am to 3:00pm**

**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
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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, Elaine Richardson.

**In memoriam**—we remember Margaret Woodland and Shirley Fuqua, sister of Helen Turner and Blanch Elmore, sister of Arletha Plummer.

**Birthday Blessings** to Tracy Medley, Barbara Lathan, Janice Hunter and James Talley.

**Altar Arrangement** is offered by William Hutchins in honor of Barbara Hutchins, whose birthday would have been on November 30th.

**MASSES FOR WEEK OF DEC 1<sup>ST</sup>— DEC 8<sup>TH</sup>**

<u>Dec 1st</u>	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>
Sat. 4:00 pm	<b>Tindaro A. Smioldo +</b>
8:00 am	<b>Barbara Hutchins +</b>
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Wed. 12:10 pm	Shirley Fuqua +
Thurs. 8:30 am	<b>Margaret Woodland +</b>
Fri. 7:00 am	Arletha Plummer & Family
<u>Dec 8th</u>	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>
Sat. 4:00 pm	<b>Carmelo Chillari +</b>
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Helen Turner & Family

**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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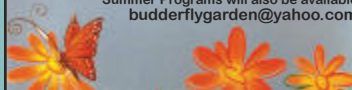
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