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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,

This Sunday we celebrate the Second Sunday of Advent. But if you noticed, it's also December 8th, the day of the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. Every once in a while in the Liturgical Calendar, a moveable feast and fixed feast will conflict, and one has to take preference over the other. Advent is such an important season, that no feast can override its celebration on Sunday. Therefore, even a feast as important as the Immaculate Conception must give way to the priority of the Sunday celebration of Advent. The Immaculate Conception is thereby moved to the following day, Monday the 9th; but this year, because of the transfer, the obligation to attend Mass on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception does not apply.

But this does not mean we should forget about this feast! In many ways, the Immaculate Conception can help us come to a deeper understanding of the meaning of Advent. As last Sunday's Gospel reading was focused on the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus, this week's Gospel recalls how his first coming in the flesh was prepared for, especially by the person of Saint John the Baptist. This Sunday we hear his call to us: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."

But of all the people throughout history, no one made straight the paths of the Lord better than Mary of Nazareth. Mary was preserved from all stain of sin from the moment of her conception so that she could be the first to anticipate the coming of the Lord, to offer her own obedience in her "yes" at the Annunciation, thereby to become the Ark of the New Covenant, and declare on behalf of Israel in her Magnificat: "He has come to the help of His servant Israel, for He has remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and His children forever."

The Immaculate Conception celebrates how Mary, when she was conceived in the womb of her mother Anna, was preserved from original sin and received the life of the Holy Spirit, full of grace from the first moment of her existence. Mary received the first fruits of the victory of Christ before that victory happened in time, in a way proving that nothing is impossible for God.

We ought to have that same confidence and hope as we prepare for the great Feast of Christmas. We ought to believe that God can do something definitively new in our lives: that the past does not define us. Rather, it is God's love for us that defines our destiny. Let us say "yes" to God's plan with Mary this Advent, making straight those divine pathways in our life, believing that God can always do something new in our time.

God bless you,

Fr Matt

Offertory for December 1st

Offertory Collected - \$6,610.00
Budget Goal - \$5,769.23
Surplus/(Deficit) - \$840.77

This week we support our aging religious. Envelopes are available for donations to support those that have served with little or no pay. Religious communities often don't have enough to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of elderly religious. It also helps to ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders.

Please give generously.

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

The **Women's Ministry** will be on hiatus until the new year. Next meeting will be on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 pm in the rectory.

The **Sodality** will meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass in the ADR. Next meeting will be on December 8th.

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

The **Men's Club** will meet on Sunday, December 8th at 9:30 this month due to the Xmas party.

PARISH LIFE

Tis the Season to be Jolly. Planning continues for the **Parish Potluck Christmas Party** on *December 15th after the 11:00pm* Mass. If you haven't already and would like to participate in any way, please contact Karen Poindexter, (301)267-8661, Malisa Frazier, (301)257-5127 or the rectory (301)894-2222 so that together, we can make this a truly joyous occasion.

The Sodality continues to offer **pecans for sale through January 7, 2020**. Contact Cassandra Butler (301) 423-9157 or Essie Shorter (301) 609-0710.

The Men's Club continues their annual "**Keep Warm this Winter**" coat drive. Please leave your gently used coats, sweaters and other outer garments in the boxes in the rear of the church. These items will be given to the Catholic Charities distribution center at St. Francis Xavier.

Our **Baby Bottle** campaign for the Pregnancy Center ends this week. Please return bottles to the rear of the church. 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

On *December 14th*, hundreds will process from the Shrine of the Sacred Heart at 16th and Park Road to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception for the **ADW's Annual Walk With Mary**. The procession will start at *11:30* at Sacred Heart and proceed along Irving Street to the Basilica where they will pray the rosary at *1:00 pm* followed by Mass presided by Archbishop Wilton Gregory at *2:30 pm*.

"**Find the Perfect Gift**" campaign invites all to celebrate faith and traditions this Christmas. This campaign aims to invite people back to the Catholic Church or to visit a Catholic church during the Advent season. For additional information about this campaign please visit www.findtheprecertgift.org.

**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
Demetrius Butler	Rose Sparrow	Alpha Banks
Barbara Smith	Alease Terry	Roy Banks
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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	Anne Vaughn
Candace Griffin-Miles	Juanita Presley	
Frances Fisher	Frank Wilson	
	Ethel Handon	

We continue to pray for Healing of Celestine Warren and Elaine Richardson.

In memoriam—we remember Shirley Fuqua, sister of Helen Turner, Blanch Elmore, sister of Arletha Plummer and Joseph F. Deville, father of Helen Norris, who would have been 104 years old on December 4th.

Birthday Blessings to Carol Reid, Donna Harrison, Robert Fuqua, Lorriane Talley, Helen Hill, Cleo Dorsey, Nidia Botero-Matus, Courtney Douglas-Wilson and Kiara Smith.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DEC 8TH— DEC 15TH

<u>Dec 8th</u>	<u>2nd Sunday of Advent</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Carmelo Chillari +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Helen Turner & Family
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Wed. 12:10 pm	Sheila Diane Amos +
Thurs. 8:30 am	Joseph Alvin Deville +
Fri. 7:00 am	Joseph E. & Betty Lou Deville+
<u>Dec 15th</u>	<u>3rd Sunday of Advent</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Carmelo Chillari +
8:00 am	Joseph F. & Maude Deville +
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners

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. Altar Arrangements in honor of your loved ones start at \$60.00

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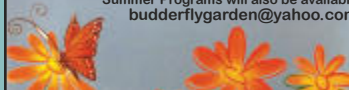
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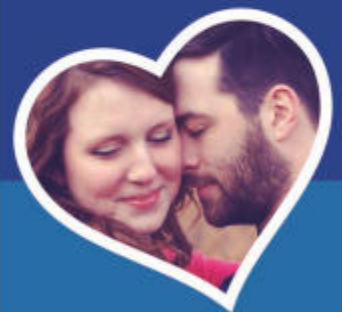
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