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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

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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.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Tuesday, December 24th

Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

Mass at Night: 9:00pm

Wednesday, December 25th

Mass during the Day: 9:00 am

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
 Christmas is almost here! As we approach this feast, I hope that all of you have some time to step back and celebrate this season. For many of us, Christmastime is a chance to be with family and friends, to renew our bonds of affection as we close the calendar year, to give thanks for what God has given us, and to renew our hope for things to come in the future. All the same, it's easy to let the public celebration of this holiday take over, so it's important to let the Christmas liturgies provide that opportunity to remember and refocus on why we celebrate this to begin with.

Though the moment passed unnoticed by most, one night in Palestine changed everything in our world.

Traditionally, before the Midnight Mass, a text of how this moment became the center of all history was sung before the congregation. After Vatican II, the tradition fell away, but St. John Paul II brought it back. This text is called the *Kalendra* or the *Christmas Proclamation of the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ*. It begins with creation and relates the birth of the Lord to the major events and personages of sacred and secular history. The contrast with these events illustrate how the otherwise unnoticed event of the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem was in fact the most momentous event to occur in the history of the world. The text proclaimed is as follows:

The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

The Twenty-fifth Day of December, when ages beyond number had run their course from the creation of the world, when God in the beginning created heaven and earth, and formed man in his own likeness; when century upon century had passed since the Almighty set his bow in the clouds after the Great Flood, as a sign of covenant and peace; in the twenty-first century since Abraham, our father in faith, came out of Ur of the Chaldees; in the thirteenth century since the People of Israel were led by Moses in the Exodus from Egypt; around the thousandth year since David was anointed King; in the sixty-fifth week of the prophecy of Daniel; in the

one hundred and ninety-fourth Olympiad; in the year seven hundred and fifty-two since the foundation of the City of Rome; in the forty-second year of the reign of Caesar Octavian Augustus, the whole world being at peace, JESUS CHRIST, eternal God and Son of the eternal Father, desiring to consecrate the world by his most loving presence, was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and when nine months had passed since his conception, was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem of Judah, and was made man: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to the flesh.

May you have a Merry Christmas!

God Bless You

Fr Matt

Offertory for December 15th	
Offertory Collected	- \$5,471.00
Budget Goal	- \$5,769.23
Surplus/(Deficit)	- (\$298.23)
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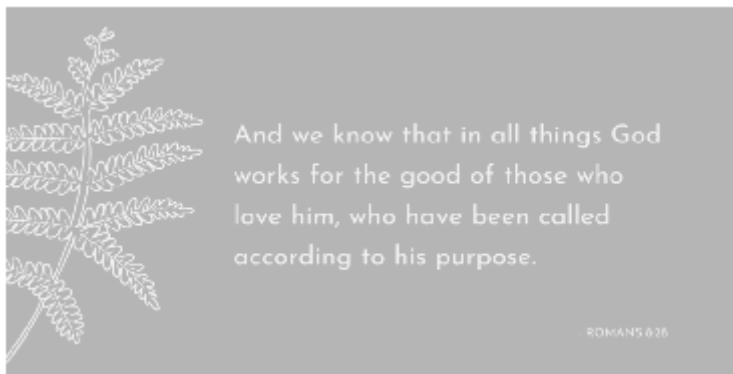
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**Rectory office will be closed
 December 24th—December 27th**

PARISH LIFE

Thank you all for participating in the **Holy Family Christmas Party**. A few shout outs to the planning committee, the decorators, the food prep crew, the servers, the donors of the door prizes, the children's gifts and activities. To Santa Claus and most of all to those who took the time to prepare the food that we all shared. May God continue to bless our parish and its parishioners.

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.

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 January 12th.

The **Leisure Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Mother Lange Library. Next meeting, January 7th

The **Men's Club** will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:00am Mass. The next meeting, January 19th.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:**Our Parishioners**

Denise Richards
Cynthia Washington
William Green
Demetrius Butler
Barbara Smith
Angela Hewins
Richard Hewins
Barbara Price
Iris Pierce
Angela McNair
Michelle Handon
Candace Griffin-Miles
Frances Fisher

Homebound

Mary Byus
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Andre Johnson
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Alease Terry
Clarence King
Mildred Jones
Marsha Harper
Barbara Moore
Margaret Kennerly
Hilda Reeves
Juanita Presley
Frank Wilson
Ethel Handon

Elsewhere

Wendell Young
Dorothy Nelson
Kathleen Guidry
Alpha Banks
Roy Banks
Betty Furr
David M. Smith Sr.
Francis Briscoe
Barbara Williams
Middleton Russell
Anne Vaughn

We continue to pray for Healing of Elaine Richardson.

Birthday Blessings to Phyllis Curtis, Gloria Rainey, Quiana Johnson, Vaudi Bedon, Hannah Magruder and Kristen Bryant.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF DEC 22 — DEC 29Dec 22nd

Sat. 4:00 pm
8:00 am
11:00 am

4th Sunday of Advent

Carmelo Chillari +
Joseph F. Deville +
Holy Family Parishioners

Daily Masses

Tues. 4:00 pm Those in Need of Prayer
9:00 pm The Sick
Wed. 9:00 am Rev. Julio Alvarez-Garcia +
Thurs. 8:30 am Holy Family School
Fri. 7:00 am Retired Religious

Dec 29th

Sat. 4:00 pm
8:00 am
11:00 am

Feast of the Holy Family

The Poor and Homeless
The Messina Family
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

Christmas Flower Offerings— Envelopes will be available starting this week to contribute to the flower fund in honor of your loved ones.

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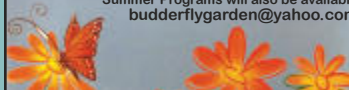
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