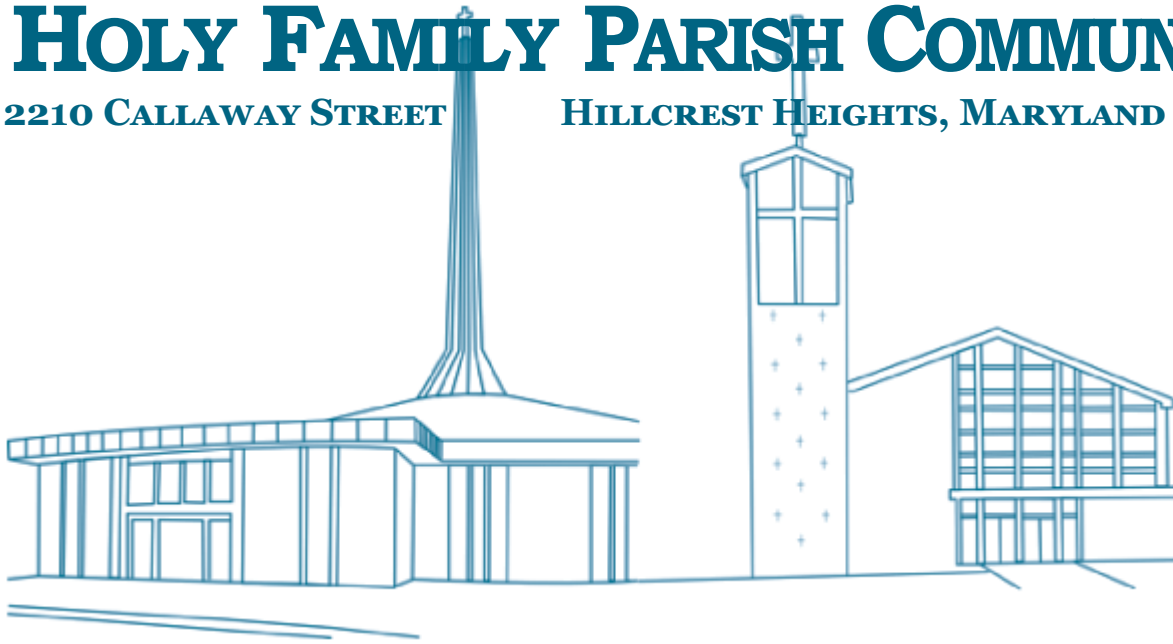


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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

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.

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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.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you had a blessed Christmas, and a wonderful beginning to the new year.

Last week we had a visiting missionary priest here to raise money for helping the poor – I hope you were able to hear their story, as well as do what you can to support their efforts, especially by your prayers.

I was on retreat in New York City for the New Year, where I stayed with the Dominican Friars at St Catherine’s in the Upper East Side. It was very good, a great time to rest and pray, as well as ask God to help me know how he wants me to lead this parish this year.

Retreats are very important. Priests are required to take a five-day retreat every year. Though not required, I would advise any lay person to do what they can to take, if not a yearly retreat, at least one every few years. We all need time to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, to be renewed in our spiritual lives, and to hear again what the Lord’s will is for us.

There are many places where one can take retreats: the John Paul II Cultural Center next to Catholic University is a great one, as is the Franciscan Monastery nearby on Otis Street. The Catholic Information Center downtown also offers many such retreat opportunities, as does the Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center. My favorite though may be the Loyola Retreat Center down in southern Charles County, located in beautiful rural southern Maryland, right on the water on the Potomac. You can look up any of these online, and find out more about the retreat opportunities there. It’s worth it to take a little time for yourself, and for what’s most important: your relationship with our Lord.

Lastly, I’d like to share an amazing story I read in the Smithsonian Magazine. Apparently, archeologists recently discovered a Christian basilica church in Ethiopia, 30 miles northeast of Aksum, the capital of the then Aksumite kingdom, contemporaneous with the conversion of Constantine in 312AD (the traditional date when we mark the beginning of legalization of Christianity in the west, and when they started

building Christian churches in Europe). It’s a good reminder that Christianity spread to sub-Saharan Africa early on in the history of the Church, long before it came to Northern Europe, even before it came to France and Germany and Ireland. It’s important to know about this part of our history too, that Black Catholics are as old as the Church is, and were building majestic basilicas and sending out missionaries even before that great age of Christendom that we rightly associate with Medieval times. I encourage you to look up the article and read it!

God Bless

Fr Matt

Offertory for January 5th

Offertory Collected	- \$6,647.00
Budget Goal	- \$5,769.23
Surplus/(Deficit)	- \$877.77

Thanks to all that donated to Cross Catholic Outreach and Rev. Msgr. David H. Benz. If you would still like to contribute to this worthy cause, please add you donation to the collection basket mark for Cross Catholic Outreach.

Thanks for you continued support.

PARISH LIFE

Christmas Flower Offerings—Thanks to all who contributed to our Christmas flower fund.

The Sodality thanks all that supported the **Pecan Sale**.

Thanks to all that continued to support the Men’s Club annual **“Keep Warm this Winter”** coat drive. These items were distributed to local centers in the area. Valentines Day Raffle tickets are now on sale by members of the Men’s Club each week after Mass from now until Valentine’s Day.

The next Holy Family **Finance Council** meeting will be on January 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

PARISH LIFE

The next meeting of **Women's Ministry** is scheduled to be held on Monday, January 20th 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 today.

The **Leisure Club** meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month in the Mother Lange Library. Next meeting, January 14th

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

ARCHDIOCESAN LIFE

The **Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass** will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 at Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Praise and Worship will start at 3:30 pm and the Mass begin at 4:00 pm. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the Celebrant and homilist.

Renting in Maryland? You May Be Eligible for a State Tax Credit. The state of Maryland has a program that helps low-income renters struggling with rising rent payments, particularly those who are over 60 years old, permanently disabled, or have a dependent under age 18. To learn if you qualify for up to \$1,000 in financial assistance, visit MarylandTaxCredit.com or contact the Housing Partnership Initiative (hiphomes.org) at 301-916-5946 or ccastro@hiphomes.org..

The Sunday TV Mass—Do you know someone who can't get to Mass? Since 1952, the Archdiocese of Washington has produced a weekly televised Mass for those who are homebound, broadcast from the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. It is a wonderful ministry for those members of our Catholic family who are unable to be physically present with a local worshiping community for the Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy.

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	Anne Vaughn
Candace Griffin-Miles	Juanita Presley	
Frances Fisher	Frank Wilson	
	Ethel Handon	

We continue to pray for Healing of Elaine Richardson and Linton Flood.

In Memoriam we remember Gregory Brantley nephew of Stephanie Lewis who was fatally struck by a NJ train.

Birthday Blessings to Jenelle Lyles, Stephanie Lewis, Mary Greenfield, Wilton Greene, Ernest Huggs, Rafaela Richardson, Dominic Njoku, Darhlene Banks, Cynthia Lawson, Dathen Dawkins, Vonda Jones, Emma McNeal, Margtha Grant, Mary Hayes, Kalena Wiggins, Monet Young, Keon Smith and Mercy Baiza.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF JAN 12 — JAN 19

Jan 12th **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**
 Sat. 4:00 pm **Carmelo Chillari +**
 8:00 am **Mercy Baiza (L)**
 11:00 am Holy Family Parishioners

Daily Masses
 Wed. 12:10 am **Leon Adams +**
 Thurs. 7:00 am **Michael Butler +**
 Fri. 7:00 am **Stephanie Lewis & Family**

Jan 19th **2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
 Sat. 4:00 pm Dr. Martin Luther King Jr +
 8:00 am Holy Family Parishioners
 11:00 am **Tiffany Poindexter (L)**

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

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