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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: twenty minutes before Masses.

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Michelle Taylor, School Principal ext. 22

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Mrs. Gail Daughtridge, School Administrator ext. 11

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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.

CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

Holy Family

Every Friday before the Noon Mass (main church)

11:30 am - 11:50 am

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Monday through Saturday

7:45 am to 8:15 am | 10:00 am to 12:00 pm | 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm

Sunday

10:00 am to 12:00 pm | 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm | 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Franciscan Monastery

Monday – Saturday

9:00 am | 10:00 am | 11:00 am | 1:00 pm | 2:00 pm | 3:00 pm 4:00 pm

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Lent! That may seem a strange thing to say, and it certainly is not the traditional way of putting it. But it's a good reminder: Lent is not meant to be a season of sadness, let alone a time to dwell on negative images of our unworthiness before God. Rather, as the Church makes clear in her traditions and in the Readings for the season, Lent is a time to *turn back to the Lord*, the literal meaning of the word "repentance". Why turn back? Because he alone is the source of all joy and peace, the only one who can free us and heal us from all the burdens that the foolishness of sin brings. The great penitential Psalm 51 begins:

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.... Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

This is the beginning of any act of contrition, the *confession* of our failings before our loving, merciful Father. We have been foolish! Thinking we could find life apart from the ways of God, apart from his plan for our lives, expressed in the Commandments and in the life of Jesus Christ our Savior!

So we say with the Psalmist: "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.... Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit."

Certainly reparation is part of any sincere repentance, but this is not the main point. No amount of good deeds can make up for what we did in turning away from God: rather, our works of repentance should symbolize what remains at the heart of true conversion:

"For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. The sacrifice acceptable to

God is a broken spirit; a humble and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

As I did during last season of Advent, I want to again encourage all our parishioners to try to find time to examine their lives and make a good confession this Lent.

We will continue to offer Confession here at the usual times, Friday morning during Adoration (7.30am-8.30am), and Saturdays before the Vigil Mass (3.30pm-3.50pm). I'll also be available to hear confessions before our Lenten Friday noon Mass & Stations of the Cross (Mass begins at 12.00pm in the church, with Stations to follow) from 11.30am-11.50am, as well as before and after Sunday Mass each week.

Finally, we will be listing Confession times of local parishes in the bulletin, for those who would prefer to go to Confession elsewhere. And you can always go to Confession at the National Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception or the Franciscan Monastery in DC, both of which offer confession throughout the day, Monday through Saturday, every week. (That's where I go!)

As a bonus, we'll be listing confession times there and at local parishes around us, here in the bulletin—that way you can be sure to find a time and place to receive this sacrament!

As we say, the Light Is On for You!

In Christ,

Father Matt

Offertory for February 23rd

Offertory Collected - \$5,653.00
Budget Goal - \$5,769.23
Surplus/(Deficit) - \$(116.23)

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.

Almsgiving: Pick up your **CRS Rice Bowl** from the back of the church. 75% of contributions goes to Catholic Relief Services for global programs and 25% remains in the Archdiocese for local use.

PARISH LIFE

Holy Family Sodality will be cleaning the church on March 14th, starting at 9:00 am through 12:00 Noon. Cleaning supplies will be provided. Volunteers are welcome. For more information contact: Helen Norris at helen.norris@verizon.net.

The Holy Family Sodality is sponsoring a bus trip to **Sight and Sound in Lancaster, PA** to see the play "Queen Esther" on Tuesday August 18th. Bus will be leaving Holy Family at 6:00 am and will return between 7:30 and 8:00pm. For more information contact; Vernetta Stevenson, (301) 894-8372, Essie Shorter, (301) 609-0710, Cassandra Butler, (301) 423-9157 or Michelle Porter (301) 702-0741.

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

The **Men's Club** will meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 am Mass. The next meeting, March 15th.

The next meeting of **Women's Ministry** is scheduled to be held in the Rectory on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 pm.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Holy Family School is currently enrolling for the 2020-2021 school year. Tours with the Principal Michelle Taylor are held every Tuesday from 9:00 - 11:00 am. Please contact the school at (301) 894-2323 to schedule your appointment today!

Next **Open House** on March 24th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. Please join us to see our school's faith-based environment that helps young learners become disciples, scholars and citizens.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

Our Parishioners

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

Homebound

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Alease Terry
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Margaret Kennerly
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

In Memoriam we remember Raymond Cook, Jeffrey Scott and Mrs. Jessie Walker.

Birthday Blessings to Marie Virgil, Mary Taylor, Herbert LaRoche, Jacqueline Becton, Vincent Watson, Shekinah Banks and Principal Michelle Taylor.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAR 1—MAR 8

Mar 1st

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

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Carmelo Chillari +
Holy Family Parishioners
Sophie Simkins

Daily Masses

Wed. 12:10 pm Ramona Johnson (L)
Thrus. 8:30 am **Mary Hooper** (L)
Fri. 12:00 pm **Ethel Handon** (L)

Mar 8th

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

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Rev. Francis Bober +
Rev. An Vu +
Holy Family Parishioners

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

Altar Arrangements and Mass Intention. Offerings in honor of a deceased or living loved one, a person's birthday, anniversary, or any another special occasion. Mass Intentions will be offered by our priests on Sundays in the Church and on weekdays in the Chapel of St Joseph in the Rectory. Mass cards are available to share your intention.

Applications for 2020 Holy Family Scholarships are available at the school office and in the back of the church on the information table. Forms are also available on the website for download.

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