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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,

No doubt, Lent is a season of penance. But it is important to remember, it is not *merely* that. In truth, Lent is first and foremost a season of *preparation*: the somber tone and the stark symbols and even the works of penance are present only for the sake of helping us *focus*. On what? On what God has done for us: above all, the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of his Son—what is called, the *Paschal Mystery*.

Though in English we call the great feast that concludes Lent “Easter”, in most other languages it is called by some version of the root word *Pasch*, which literally means, *Passover*.

Much like how the English word “Lent” comes from an Old English word for springtime, the word “Easter” comes from the Old English name “Estre”, a Teutonic goddess of the rising light of day and spring. In the early Church, as pagan lands were Christianized, traditional pagan religious feasts and customs were often absorbed into the Christian liturgical year—not for reasons of syncretism, but in order to show how the pagan religious inspirations reflect the natural religious longings of mankind, how the one true God of Israel, of Jesus Christ, fulfills whatever in these religions reflect the longing that man has had since his expulsion from the Garden of Eden.

Passover is the great feast of the Jewish faith in which faithful Jews not only remember but ritually re-enact the story of how God delivered the Israelites from the deadly terror of Egypt: how God brought judgment upon Pharaoh for assuming the prerogative over life and death that belongs to Almighty God alone, sending the Angel of Death upon that land, a judgment that the Israelites were saved from on account of their faith, in which they put the blood of a lamb upon their doorposts, a lamb that was eaten in preparation for a great journey they were about to undertake, a sudden and hasty exodus of leaving everything behind, all that they had gotten used to for making Egypt their home, to risk everything and journey into the desert in order to receive a new Promised Land.

Lent is the preparation for the season of rebirth, the true supernatural springtime. In Lent, we remember how Jesus’ journey to Jerusalem—to the cross, his descent into death and his ascent into new life—follows the pattern set by Ancient Israel in the Passover and Exodus.

In Lent we too are like those ancient Israelites: we hear the call of God to let go of all that we have become accustomed to in this world—*urgently*, with haste. God is bringing his judgment upon a sinful world; but he has called his holy people to be that very instrument by which he would save the world. Like the ancient Israelites, we become that instrument by the great act of faith in which we place everything in God’s hands, trusting that he will save us from our enemies and fulfill the covenant he made with us at our Baptism.

God bless,

Fr Matt

Offertory for March 1st	
Offertory Collected	- \$7,995.00
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LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Good Friday by all Catholics who are at least 18 years of age but not yet 59 of age. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal a day. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one’s needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

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.

An important meeting will be held on Saturday, March 21st for **all liturgical ministers** in preparation of the Easter season. Contact: Deacon Collins for more information.

In 2018, Sister Thea Bowman FSPA, was declared a servant of God. This is the first step toward sainthood. To god be the glory. Join Faith Formation as they present **This Little Light of Mine: The Amazing Light of Sister Thea Bowman**, Sunday, March 29th, in the Allen Drury following the 11:00 am mass. **Refreshments will be served**. Contact Thelma Adams for more information.

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 leave 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 April 12th.

The **Men's** meets 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** will be in the Rectory on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 pm.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL

Holy Family School is sponsoring a **Lenten Fish Fry** for the Parish. Every other Friday beginning Friday, March 13th through Good Friday in the Allen Drury Room from 11:00 am until 6:00 pm. Submit order forms located in the rear of the church or call the school office (301) 894-2323 for more .

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

Our Parishioners	Homebound	Elsewhere
Cynthia Washington	Mary Byus	Wendell Young
William Green	Bennie Hooks Jr.	Dorothy Nelson
Demetrius Butler	Andre Johnson	Kathleen Guidry
Barbara Smith	Rose Sparrow	Alpha Banks
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Michelle Handon	Margaret Kennerly	Middleton Russell
Candace Griffin-Miles	Juanita Presley	
Frances Fisher	Frank Wilson	
	Ethel Handon	

In Memoriam we remember Mrs. Jessie Walker.

Birthday Blessings to Lemia Young, Luis Matus, Helen Norris, Doreen LaRouche, James G. Matthews and Harriet Holly.

MASSES FOR WEEK OF MAR 8—MAR 15

<u>Mar 8th</u>	<u>2ND SUNDAY OF LENT</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Rev. Francis Bober +
8:00 am	Rev. An Vu +
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners

<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Wed. 12:10 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 8:30 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Fri. 12:00 pm	Holy Souls in Purgatory

<u>Mar 15th</u>	<u>3RD SUNDAY OF LENT</u>
Sat. 4:00 pm	Carmelo Chillari +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Holy Souls in Purgatory

Daily readings can be found at <http://usccb.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 web-site for download .

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