

HOLY FAMILY PARISH COMMUNITY

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"UNITED AS ONE" HOLY FAMILY ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

GOSPEL CONCERT

*Featuring
Holy Family Gospel Choir,
and Choirs from Saint
Joseph's Largo, Hillcrest
Baptist & more*

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER
18TH
AT 4 PM

HOLY
FAMILY
CHURCH

All are Welcome

ANNIVERSARY MASS

*Celebrated &
Preached by
Cardinal Wuerl,
Archbishop of Washington*

SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
19TH
AT 10 AM

HOLY
FAMILY
CHURCH

*Light Reception to
Follow in the Allen
Drury Room
*Only Mass of
Weekend**



Grateful to God for 65 Years of Faith & 60 Years of Education

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Please allow me to welcome you to the celebration of Holy Family's Anniversary Weekend. Together we turn our joy to the Lord for his goodness to us. The Prophet Nehemiah tells in Scriptures, "Rejoicing in the Lord must be your strength" (8:10) We choose this joy that we have deep in our hearts, placed there by the Lord in his love. Whether you have joined us for our Gospel Concert or Mass with Cardinal Wuerl, whether you are a neighbor or an old friend, whether you are a parent, a student or an alumnus, we thank you for being a part of our community. Please know that you are always welcome here.

We thank the various choirs from Holy Family Church and School, Hillcrest Baptist, Saint Joseph in Largo and Church of the Redeemer, for joining us for this occasion. We thank, His Eminence, Cardinal Wuerl for his leadership and support of our Church.

In its 65 years, Holy Family Catholic Parish has had many souls come through its doors to gather in community, to manifest the Kingdom and to worship the Living God. There have been many doors to many church buildings, our most recent being built in 1971, which we gather into day. We are grateful for those that built before us and their faith and resources. We as a community, commit to investing the same faith and resources to build up our community in Faith, Hope and Love. While many have come and gone, the mission of Holy Family has never changed. We should each take a moment to close our eyes and fondly remember the faces and experiences of others who cannot be with us in the celebration. We believe that their journey of faith leads them to the same Kingdom of Heaven for which we hope. Our memories are irreplaceable. These memories lead us to Faith as we see God active in our lives at those times, Hope, as we trust that he will be good to us in the future, and Love, which opens us now to the present moment.

In the present moment, the call to Love recognizes the blessings we have and acknowledges the challenges that we face together. We recognize that our community was much larger at one time. This was the reason that the new Church was built. There were many more activities and people. We remember that there were cultural and racial tensions as new members of the neighborhood did not always feel welcome at Holy Family. To those who have felt rejected, marginalized or unwelcome in our community, I extend an apology in the

name of myself and those Church members, "I am sorry." Please allow the healing salve of Jesus to lead you to a fuller life of forgiveness, justice and peace.

I believe that we are in an era of the *third founding* of our parish. With the world and neighborhood around us changing, our outreach to the community is essential to our mission and our future. Who are those marginalized, not feeling accepted, who need an extended hand and invitation? This re-founding will lead us to recognize the diversity in the world around us and the truly universal (Catholic) identity of the Church. Whether you are reading this as a long time parishioner or a new arrival in the neighborhood and church, please bring and share with us your culture and your gifts. We need you to be ourselves, to be a true family.

We face many challenges in the area of education. In its third year of consultation, our School is at a critical juncture. While we could spend time looking to the past and the problems that led us here, this should only be in the service of correcting these issues for the good of our children and their future. We have had rough patches in funding and enrollment in the past. However, having opened this year with only 123 students and a budgeted deficit of \$100,000, we have to come together, "United as One," to save Catholic education in our community. In October, I shared with the community the two goals of 1) increase expected enrollment to 150 for 2018-2019, and 2) raising \$100,000 to cover the deficit. In previous years of leadership transition, we were able to use our Parish savings to cover two deficits of over \$100,000. We are not in a position to cover these deficits as funds have been depleted.

The Archdiocese of Washington, under the leadership of Cardinal Wuerl, has shown more financial support of Holy Family School in recent years than it has seen in the past. The Cardinal's Appeal distributes 6 million in tuition assistance, of which our families received \$120,000 last year alone. A recent regionalization agreement with six other area Catholic churches has brought in another \$118,000 annually. Please join me in thanking Cardinal Wuerl & our other Pastors for their support of Catholic Education.

Last year, our School had amazing successes. Our principal, Mrs. Taylor, won the New Principal of the Year award. She put together an academic team that raised our test score averages higher than the averages for the State of Maryland and Prince George's County. This is an amazing feat!

We kept our budget very tight and saw a great deal of engagement from our parents. These are the successes that we build on and this is the Good News of Holy Family School that we share with you today. We did not get the word out last year, and our enrollment is down. We continue to succeed in the classroom and need your help to get the word out!

I believe that if we can increase our enrollment, share this academic success, and engage our community with the needed fundraising, we can balance the budget for future years and ensure the continuation of Catholic education in Hillcrest Heights. We have to work together, because "United as One Holy Family," the future is in our hands. Parish groups and individuals have shown their support through donations. Many fundraisers that we will have this year, the proceeds will go directly to the school's needs. It would break many hearts to see our school close, mine included. I'm quite proud of the community we have and the work that is being done for future generations.

Thank you for your support and perseverance. We ask for God's grace and mercy in the works ahead of us - to strengthen us in building a lasting legacy of faith.

Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for Us!
Father Kevin

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

"TAKE HOLD, STAND BOLD!"

- 11/21 Open House 9 am - 11:00 am
- 11/22 Early dismissal 12:00 Noon
- 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday begins

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL 60TH ANNIVERSARY FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

HF Church & School **United as One Raffle**. Tickets are on sale now for \$5.00 each. Drawing will be held on Friday, December 15th and the winner does not have to be present. Please contact Mrs. Daughtride at 301.894.2323.

Top Prize - \$2,500 CASH

2nd Prize- \$1,000 CASH & 2 Redskins Tickets

3rd Prize- \$25 CASH (10 Winners)

HFS Night at Temple Hills Roller Skating Center, on Thursday, November 30th from 5-8:30pm. Tickets are \$15.00 each, which includes admission and rental skates. Temple Hills Roller Skating Center is donating 100% of the admission fee to Holy Family. Contact Ms. Bockin or Mrs. Daughtride to purchase tickets at 301.894.2323.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

Our Parishioners	Homebound	Elsewhere
Candace Griffin-Miles	Mary Byus	Walter Alexander
Denise Richards	Bennie Hooks Jr.	Seldon O'Connor
Cynthia Washington	Andre Johnson	Wendell Young
William Green	Rose Sparrow	Kathleen Guidry-Good
Virginia Davis	Louvinia Templeman	Dorothy Nelson
Demetrius Butler	Alease Terry	Alpha Banks
Kayla Robinson	Clarence King	Roy Banks
Barbara Smith	Samuel Jones	Joan Collette
Francis Smith	Mildred Jones	Betty Furr
Saundria Craig	Marsha Harper	Raylene Lindsay
Joseph Booker	Barbara Moore	Helen Birdsong
Angela Hewins	Margaret Kennerly	David M. Smith Sr.
Barbara Price	Hilda Reeves	Morgan Mason
James Williams	Juanita Presley	Andre Dawley
Cheryl Hooper		Deacon Ralph Cyrus
Leroy Owens		Angie Nicole Murray
Iris Pierce		
George Miles		
Pedro Hart		
Raymond Cook		
Michelle Hooker		

In Memoriam we remember Mrs. Eunice Blue, Rev. Monsignor Ralph J. Kuehner, Rev. John S. Mattingly, and Rev. Monsignor Vincent S. Gatto.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 19 - NOV 26

<u>Sun., Nov 19th</u>	<u>33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Marcello Buglisi +
10:00 am	Regina Messina & Joe Jr. +
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Mon., 7:00 am	Eunice Blue +
Tues., 7:00 am	Rev. Msgr. Ralph Kuehner +
9:00 am	Julia Ann Stratcako +
Wed., 7:00 am	Rev. Auxentius V. Pantares +
Thurs., 10:00 am	Rev. John S. Mattingly +
<u>Sun., Nov 26th</u>	<u>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF</u>
	<u>THE UNIVERSE</u>
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Eddie O'Connell +
8:00 am	Gregory Anderson (L)
11:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOV 19, 2017

Sun.:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-201/ Thes 5:1-6/Mt25:14-30
Mon.:	1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43
Tues.:	2 Mc 6:18-31/ Lk 19:1-10
Wed.:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/ Lk 19:11-28
Thurs.:	1 Mc 2:15-29/ Lk 19:41-44
Fri.:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
Sat.:	1 Mc 6:1-13/ Lk 20:27-40
Sun.:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Volunteers needed. Consider offering a hour every two weeks to serve the Children in our School Cafeteria. Please contact Keith in the Rectory for details, 301.894.2222.

Note: Thanksgiving Day Mass will be celebrated at 10:00 am in the church.



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