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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)

Tuesday: 12 noon

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 7:00am

Thursday : School Mass 9:00am (Church)

1st Friday: 11:00am Holy Hour followed by 12 noon Mass (Church)

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

30 minutes before Masses. Anytime by Appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Friday after Morning Mass

SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Michelle Taylor, School Principal ext. 22

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Registration is open for the 2017-18 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.

Rejoice: United as One Holy Family

Celebrating 65 Years Church & 60 Years School

Date	Activity
Sunday, December 17	Christmas Pot Luck Party
Saturday, January, 13	Open Gym & Paint N Sip
Saturday, February, 24	Ski Trip



FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,
 Happy Advent! I'd like to propose the following words that help to lead us to Bethlehem and the place of Jesus' Birth. **Advent 2017: Watch, Prepare, Rejoice, Let It Be!** Highlighting these actions will lead us through this season of preparation with our eyes, minds and hearts focused on Jesus - the Reason for the Season! As there are four Sundays in Advent, each of these four words will be expounded upon in this column and in the message that Sunday.

We celebrate today the First Sunday of Advent and we are commanded to **Watch!** Many times we associate this command with a warning. A parent will tell their child to "Watch out!" In a tense situation, a friend will say to another, "Watch what you say!" This imperative carries with it a tone of warning. However, the object of what we are watching for tells us how we should be disposed for its coming. We should be afraid of a car in the street. We should be aware of precarious situations around us. We are told to watch out for the working of the devil in our lives trying to trip us up. But we watch and wait for the coming of the Lord. The day of the Lord, for which we watch and wait, is the fulfillment of God's covenant with his people. Watching for this days is watching for God to make whole and complete his promises in Jesus' coming. The child in our midst who see the decorations and the preparations for Christmas teach us to watch active and eager expectation. The command to watch is because we do not know precisely when it will be, this day of the Lord. We have been promised that it will come. Let us watch for it daily, so we might recognize him when he arrives. Our recognition of his presence is what we can hope for. Let us watch for him in places and people that we many not have seen him before!

Actively watching in the future, we recognize the works of the Lord from the past. In the most recent past, he has been at work in our community through our Anniversary Celebrations. There are many things and people to give thanks for. I'm looking forward to our Parish Christmas Celebration to see the diversity of our parish and its people. Together, we **watch!**

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

Reminder:

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Friday December 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm.

STEWARDSHIP & SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Offertory for November 19th - \$6,073.22
 Offertory for November 26th - \$5,327.55

Month of November
 Offertory - \$27,422.89
 Budget - \$27,916.67
 Maintenance - \$1,224.00

Help care for the elders. - Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for the Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement fund for Religious collection.

Thank you for your generosity.

PARISH LIFE

Thanksgiving Outreach - As a result of your generosity, the Pantry was able to help 60 families, providing 57 turkeys, and 177 bags of food.

Christmas Outreach - The Advent Giving Tree, will help local public school families and others, each ornament represents a person. There are three ornaments per child/adult. Please return gifts wrapped with ornaments attached by Tuesday, December 17th.

United as One Holy Family Gospel Concert - Raised \$1,400.00 for our School.

Advent Devotional: Jesus' God's Promise - available for daily prayer in the season.

The HF Men's Club will continue their **Annual Coat Drive** thru December 17th. Please donate your slightly worn coats of all sizes and colors or new pairs of socks to be given to Catholic Charities to help those in need. Items can be deposited in the containers located in the rear of the church.

The **Women's Ministry's** will meet Monday, December 4th continuing with the topic "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible." The focus is on the stories and timeline of the Bible. Sessions will begin at 6:30 pm in the Mary Lange Library. For more information email Stephanie Lewis at stephanielewis111@gmail.com.

This week Holy Family will complete the **baby bottle campaign** to support the Forestville Pregnancy Center. Bottles can be returned either to the church or to the Rectory by December 9th. Make all checks payable to the Forestville Pregnancy Center.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- 12/5 Open House 9 am - 12
- 12/15 Christmas Program 10 am
- 12/18 Early Dismissal - Xmas Break 12 Noon

The 2017-2018 School Year is moving fast. **Enrollment is still open.** Incentives and Financial Aid are offered. Call Mrs. Taylor in the school office at 301.894.2323 to schedule an appointment to enroll your child or grandchild for this year or the 2018-2019 school year.

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.

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 need to present. Please contact Mrs. Daughtridge at 301.894.2323.

- Top Prize** - \$2,500 CASH
- 2nd Prize**- \$1,000 CASH & 2 Redskins Tickets
- 3rd Prize**- \$25 CASH (10 Winners)

ARCHDIOCESAN LIFE

National Geographic Exhibit on the Restoration of Jesus' Tomb - Journey to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb of Christ in an immersive exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC. "The Edicule," opened on Wednesday, November 15th, and documents the historic 2016 restoration of the Tomb of Jesus. Visitors will be able to walk through a 3-D digital rendering of the rotunda in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and the Tomb, including a view of the newly-revealed cave walls that have not been seen in centuries. Learn more about this extraordinary exhibit plus talks and other special events at nationalgeographic.org/dc/exhibitions/tomb-of-christ.

Christmas Dinner for the Needy. As in past years, the Basilica of the National Shrine will provide meals for hundreds of poor homeless, elderly and needy individuals living in the District and surrounding areas. If you know of individuals who cannot get out and would like a Christmas dinner delivered to their home on *Christmas Day*, Please contact the Rectory for information. Volunteers are also needed to fill many different positions associated with this great undertaking. Those interested in signing up should visit www.nationalshrine.com/christmasdinner.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:

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

In Memoriam we remember Mrs. Rosaline Brice Bryson, sister of Rev. Donald P. Brice, Mr. Edwin Arlington Marion Newsom, brother of Mrs. Roletta Butler and Tindaro Smiroldo, husband of Tindara Smiroldo.

Anniversary Blessings to William and Barbara Hutchins who celebrated their 54th anniversary on November 30th.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 3 - DEC 10

Sun., Dec 3rd	First Sunday of Advent
9:00 am (Sat.)	Rev. Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner +
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Maria Rocco-Mirabile+
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Edwin deSilva +
11:00 am	Elizabeth Harvey +
<u>Daily Masses</u>	
Tues., 12:00 pm	Elizabeth Harvey +
Wed., 7:00 am	Rev. Msgr. Vincent S. Gatto +
Thurs., 7:00 am	Rev. John S. Mattingly +
Fri., 7:00 am	Mrs. Adela Cabrera deSalinas +
9:00 am	President Trump & family (L)
Sun., Dec 3rd	First Sunday of Advent
4:00 pm (Sat.)	Rev. John S. Mattingly +
8:00 am	Holy Family Parishioners
11:00 am	Lisa Messina +

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 3, 2017

Sun.:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37
Mon.:	Is 2:1-5/ Mt 8:5-11
Tues.:	Is 11:1-10/ Lk 10:21-24
Wed.:	Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37
Thurs.:	Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri.:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Sat.:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35--10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sun.:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/ 2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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