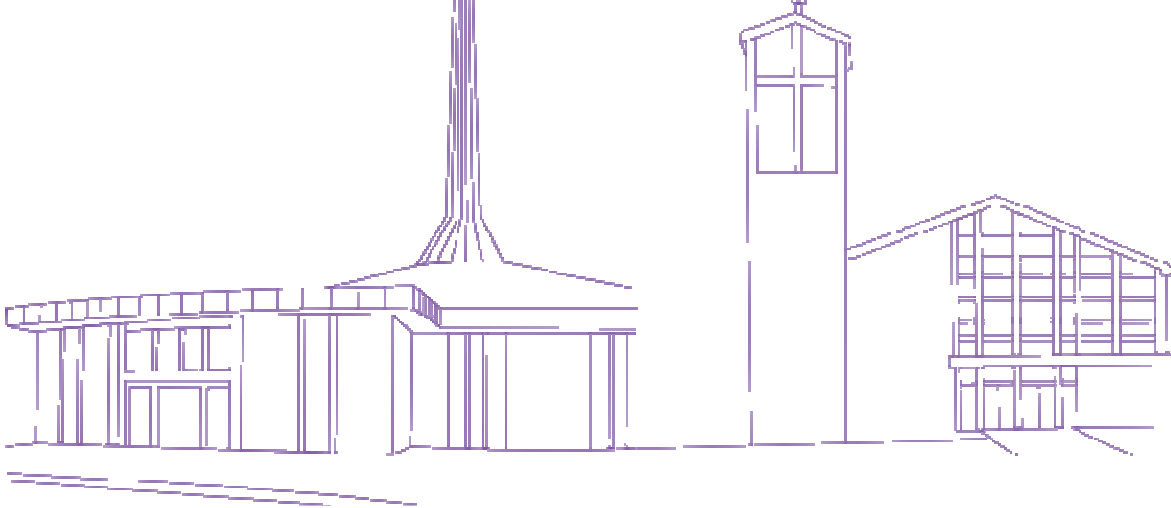


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To join our parish family, call or visit the Rectory, or complete the Census form found in the Church.

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

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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

Saturday,
January, 27

Winter Family
FunFest

Saturday,
February, 24

Ski Trip



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE PASTOR

Christmas 2017

Dear Parishioners,

"We'll walk in the light, beautiful light, Come where the dew-drops of mercy are bright; Shine all around us by day and by night, Jesus, the light of the world!"

This beautiful hymn, written by J.V. Combs appears in hymnals around 1916. While written over a century ago, these words and their meaning are so necessary for us to hear, sing and live today. This Christmas, in the face of the darkness and fear that so many in power use to control, we find freedom in this revelation that Jesus is the light of the world.

Christmas is a time for us to grow in our recognition of Jesus as the light of the world. As we have been following the journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, we know that they had angelic visitors and experiences that asked them to walk in the light of faith in God's promises. They didn't know where their journey would take them - only the promise of God that he would be with them. God has promised his people for generations that he would not leave them. But they, like us at times, failed to believe and forgot his promises. As he prepared to send his Son, these promises move toward fulfillment. The Glory of God is shown in our midst. We can believe that God has truly visited and redeemed his people!

This Christmas night, we stand in the light of the Glory of God that shone around the shepherds watching over their flocks. In the darkness of night, feeling to be outcasts and marginalized, they were the first recipients of this message. *"Behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today, a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord."* They were not the last recipients as people of every age and generation have found hope in this words. This is a message that brings hope, peace and joy. This is the Good News for all people, that Christ has been born for us.

One of my favorite canticles from the scriptures comes from the lips of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. He spent some time in disbelief that God's promises would be fulfilled. Because of this disbelief, he was rendered mute for a time. If he did not believe, then he could not open his

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Offertory for December 17th - unavailable due to early submission times

mouth to spread doubt and darkness. We might wish the same on some people today. As our lips have been made to praise God, only when Zechariah is ready does he render God this praise. He believes and his lips are open and he shares a beautiful canticle to be found beginning in the first Chapter of Luke. The canticle ends with this verse: *"Through the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us; to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and guide of feet into the way of peace."* May you walk in the light and you feet guided in the way of peace, walking with Christ Jesus and his Church forever.

Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Pray for Us!
Merry Christmas!

Father Kevin

p.s. While Jesus is the Perfect Gift that we receive into our hearts and homes at Christmas, bringing light and joy, we also have a special gift for you! Join us for Mass on Christmas and receive the book "Your God is Too Boring" by Jon Leonetti. Read and consider joining our discussion in January. Give it to a friend who need to hear the message of how small our ideas about God can be. Merry Christmas!

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday, **12/30** Vigil Mass - **4:00 pm**

Sunday, **12/31** Mass - **10:00 am**

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Monday, **1/1/18** Mass - **10:00 am**

Welcome New Parishioners! No matter how long you are planning to be in the neighborhood, please consider this your home parish. Fill out a registration form, or stop by the Rectory weekdays. If you'd like a priest to bless your home, call the Rectory.

Parish website - You may check the parish calendar, and obtain other parish information at <http://holyfamilyparishmd.org>.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

1/2/18 School Reopens from Xmas break

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.

PARISH LIFE**Rejoice: United as One Holy Family**

We continue our **65th Anniversary Celebration** by having two great events that will prove to be fun for the whole family!

Winter Family Funfest - On Saturday, January 27th from 4:00 to 8:00pm, bring your children to jump around and play in the gym (\$5 donation) at the while the adults create artistic masterpieces at the **Sip N Paint** (\$40) in the Allen Drury Room downstairs from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Contact Crystal Washington for more information at 240.882-1525.

Holy Family Ski Trip - Travel up to Liberty Mountain Resort for an all included trip Saturday, February 24. For \$130, you get transportation, rental, lesson and all-day lift ticket. Option for bus without ski package is \$30. Contact Johnathan Hunter 301-254-6448 or Carrie Smith 301-257-4123.

Special Opportunity for Parishioners - Allen Drury Room. The Allen Drury Room is available for small parishioner family events, not to exceed 50 people and not to go beyond 8 pm on weeknight or weekends. For \$300 the Hall would be available for 4 hours (setup and cleanup included). Alcohol is not permitted and there is no requirement for security. Insurance of \$125 will be required through Catholic Mutual. Floor plan will not be adjustable. There is limited use of the kitchen and cleanup would be required by rentals. Scheduling open 1 month prior. Priority given to larger evening events. Security deposit is \$100 to hold a date. Please contact the Rectory for more details.

AROUND THE COMMUNITY

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. Visit <http://www.nationalgeographic.org/dc/>

PRAYERS FOR THOSE WE KNOW AND LOVE:**Our Parishioners**

Candace Griffin-Miles
Denise Richards
Cynthia Washington
William Green
Virginia Davis
Demetrius Butler
Barbara Smith
Francis Smith
Saundria Craig
Joseph Booker
Angela Hewins
Barbara Price
Leroy Owens
Iris Pierce
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Alease Terry
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Mildred Jones
Marsha Harper
Barbara Moore
Margaret Kennerly
Hilda Reeves
Juanita Presley
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Roy Banks
Joan Collette
Betty Furr
Raylene Lindsay
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David M. Smith Sr.
Morgan Mason
Andre Dawley
Deacon Ralph Cyrus
Angie Nicole Murray
Rolando Blakeney

In Memoriam we remember Deacon Pascal S. Hong, Deacon Kevin A. Butler Sr. and Rev. Msgr. William J. Kane.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 24 - DEC 31

Sun., Dec 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm (Sat.) Michelle Sim (L)

10:00 am Catherine M. Lang (L)

Mon., Dec 25th Nativity of our Lord - Christmas

4:00 pm (Sun) Mr. & Mrs. Edwin deSilva +

10:00 pm (Sun) Joseph +

10:00 am Rev. John Mattingly +

Daily Mass goers are invited to visit other local parishes for Daily Mass from December 26 - December 30.

Sun., Dec 31st Fourth Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm (Sat.) Selden O' Connor

10:00 am Holy Family Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 24 2017

Sun.: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25

Christmas Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

Tues.: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Mt 10:17-22

Wed.: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thurs.: 1 Jn 1:5--2:2/Mt 2:13-18

Fri.: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

Sat.: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Lk 2:36-40

Sun.: Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:22-40



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