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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:15pm or by appointment

ROSARY: Monday: 6:00pm

EUCCHARIST:

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:30am

Daily: 8:00am Tuesday through Friday

Tuesday: 10:00am during school year

Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

First Thursday of the Month

6:00pm

Bulletin Deadline: in Writing by Monday 3:00 pm

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — MARCH 3, 2019

Shrove Tuesday



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

MARCH 5TH

5:30PM—7:30PM

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH FROM 5:30 TO 7:30.

INCLUDED IN THE MENU ARE BUTTERMILK, BLUEBERRY AND CHOCOLATE CHIP PANCAKES, SCRAMBLED EGGS, MADE-TO-ORDER OMELETS, SAUSAGE GRAVY & BISCUITS, VIRGINIA HAM AND SAUSAGE LINKS, HOME FRIES, APPLESAUCE, MILK, ORANGE JUICE, APPLE JUICE, COFFEE AND TEA.

DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED



Welcome to the Holy Face Catholic Church family.

On behalf of our parishioners, I invite you to tour our website and get acquainted with our growing and vibrant faith community. Better yet, please come visit us in person, worship with us, and make this your spiritual home. If you need more information about our parish, please do not hesitate to call me. May the peace of Christ be with you.

Your brother in Christ,

Rev. Jerry Gamrot

New Parishioners: The parish family of Holy Face welcomes all new parishioners! Please fill out a registration form available on our webpage or in the back of the church and drop it in the collection basket at Sunday Mass. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 301-994-0525. You may also reach our Welcoming Committee at holyface.md@adw.org *Welcome!*

Sacrament of Baptism: Expectant parents must attend our Baptism Preparation Program which is offered monthly. Baptism is the first and most important Sacrament as it introduces us to the Faith. Baptisms are offered on the **First Sunday** of the month at the **11:30am Mass** and immediately following. Call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism and to make arrangements to attend our Baptism Program.

Sacrament of Marriage: Arrangements should be made well in advance of an intended marriage, at least six months and even up to a year prior. Please call the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Pastor. Attendance at the Marriage Preparation Program is required.

Sick and Hospital Visits: Please let the Parish Office know if you have a family member who is ill at home or in the hospital so we may add them to our prayer list and arrange, if appropriate, for visits from our Homebound Ministry and the Pastor.

R.C.I.A.: If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or in becoming Catholic, please contact the Parish Office for details about the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults or contact **Ashley Davis** at 240-309-5513.

Choir: Practice is held on Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the Church choir loft. New members are always welcome.

Parish and School Websites and email: Visit our Holy Face website at www.holyfacechurch.org for up-to-date information regarding our parish. Questions or concerns may be emailed to: holyface.md@adw.org. You can also visit the Little Flower School website at www.littleflowercatholic.org for additional information regarding our school.

Parish Cemetery Information: Contact Catholic Cemeteries at 301-475-5005 or 301-932-1766.

BULLETIN DEADLINE: All requests to include activities in our weekly bulletin must be received in writing by **3pm on Monday**. Inclusion of the activity is at the discretion of the Pastor and space availability. Information may be emailed to holyface.md@adw.org.

The Bent of One's Mind

We do it all the time—we size up people by the way they look. We judge their character by their face—the light of their eyes, the turn of their mouth. We make presumptions about people's abilities by seeing their height and weight. We categorize them by race and ethnicity. We predetermine the wisdom they have by guessing their age. We make a lot of ridiculous judgments before we even meet people.

And other people do the same to you. They make unfair assumptions before you open your mouth. It is not right.

But once you say something—well, then people learn a lot more. "The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind."

Ouch. That piece of wisdom from the Book of Sirach reminds us that what we say reveals a lot about who we are. Sometimes we think more of ourselves than our speech discloses. When we say something we do not mean, it reveals something about ourselves to others. It is not always good. "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks."

It is not right to form prejudices against other people, but it is healthy to realize that each one of us has strengths and weaknesses. Our own character will be revealed the more we speak.

Mass Intentions for the Week

March 4, 2019 - March 10, 2019

Monday NO MASS
 Tuesday 8:00am - Janis Tennyson+
 Wednesday 8:00am - Joseph Calvert McKay Sr.+
 7:00pm - Thomas "Eddie" Tippet+
 Thursday 8:00am - Agnes Lang+
 Friday 8:00am - Harry C. Raley+
 Saturday 5:00pm - Daniel Leo Hysan, Sr.+
 Sunday 7:00am - Agnes Bean+
 9:00am - Holy Face Parishioners
 11:30am - Robert M. Stone+

Bulletin Board

Monday 6:00pm Rosary
 Wednesday 7:00pm Choir
 7:00pm Bible Study

Weekly Readings

(Mon) **Saint Casimir**
 Sir 17:20-24/Mk 10:17-27
 (Tues) Sir 35:1-12/Mk 10:28-31
 (Wed) **Ash Wednesday**
 Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2
 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 (Thurs) **Saints Perpetua and Felicity**
 Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 (Fri) **Saint John of God**
 Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 (Sat) **Saint Frances of Rome**
 Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 (Sun) Dt 26:4-10/Rm 10:8-13
 Lk 4:1-13

In Our Prayers

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please include the following people, as well as all of our family and friends who are ill in your prayers, especially:

Beaner Barnett, Ester Mae Battle, Lilly Mae Battle, Shirley Mae Battle, Robert Baumgarten, Doris Bean, Nancy Brown, Judy Broyles, John Cardinal, Carol Ann Coombs, Francis Countiss, Mark Czinger, Cindy Davis, Rose Daye, Michael Dement, Francis Dominique, Kathy Dominique, Marjorie Fechtig, Dillon Fiske, Ariana Gennaro, Gail Gennaro, Bruce Genovese, Caleb Getscher, Elizabeth Gray, Tiffany Grey, Jack Grubber, Jennifer Hills, Pam Howard, George Izon, Barbara Lamb, Matt Lamb, June Lang, Elsie Lawrence, Taylor Love, Janice Lynch, Patricia Madrigal, Joanne McGilloway, Virginia McKeen, Barbara McNary, Norma Miller, Stephan Norman, Linda Palchinsky, Gertrude Pirko, Christine Russell, Robert Russell, Duncan Scott, Margaret Sison, Steve Taylor, Lois Testerman, Anthony Thomas, Cathy Thomas, Mary Thomas, Mark Thomason, Juliana Vallandingham, Carolyn Weiler, Robert Wheeler, Jim Williams, Charles Wise, Sr., Charlie Wise, Jr., Kathy Wood.

Call the Parish Office to have names added to or removed from our list.

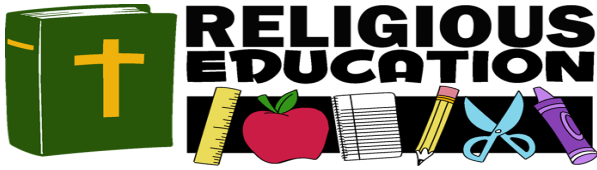
SERVICE PRAYER LIST

Please remember in your prayers all of our troops and their civilian counterparts serving in war zones as well as all those in service around the world:

LCDR Randy Dodds, US Navy
 LCDR Richard C. Moebius, Jr., US Navy
 Airman Steven M. Lamb, USAF
 SSgt Gregory Bergin, USAF
 Sgt Andrew Unkle, US Army
 SPC Alexander D. Unkle, US Army
 LT Kevin Peters, USCG
 Capt. Clayton Scott, USMC

PFC Jacob A. Gilbert, USMC
 Lt.Col. Brett A. Shilling, USAF
 2Lt. Danielle Wilkin, USAF
 LT Jacob Schmidt, US Navy
 LT Michael Woehrer, US Navy
 LTJG Mark D. Sweet, Jr., US Navy
 Pvt Gavin Podlaski, US Army
 Gerard Cronkrite

If you would like to add a loved one to our armed forces prayer list, please contact the Parish Office during normal business hours—301-994-0525 (T-F 8am-3pm).



Like Mary and Joseph, families have a mission to welcome Jesus into their homes and lives, to "listen to him, speak with him, take care of him, protect him and grow with him, and in this way improve the world." -Pope Francis

Sunday Faith Formation serves all parish children. Weekly sessions for Pre-K through 8th Grade meet on Sundays from 10:15am to 11:20am. Two years of faith formation are usually required prior to reception of the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. We always welcome new team members as catechists, substitutes, hall monitors and teen assistants.

Faith Formation Calendar

March 3 - In Session (Lenten Retreat)

March 9 - First Reconciliation

March 10 - In Session

CLOW Upcoming Meeting Dates

March 3

March 10

CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Word) is for children ages 3 to 1st Grade only.

Would you like to help out with this ministry? Materials and training are provided. Please contact Jamie Shuryn at (301)994-1777 or dandjshuryn@yahoo.com.



Are You Thirsting For God?

Are you someone who would like to learn more about your Catholic Faith? Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in a non-Catholic Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to become Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion?

Others may be thirsting too...

For each of us faith is a journey marked with moments of conversion along the way...we move from unbelief to initial faith, from sin to repentance, from painful isolation to the joyful experience of a loving community, from fear to love.

Faith, conversion, repentance, celebration and community --- five basic elements that are present in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). The RCIA provides a setting where the journey of faith and moments of conversion can be celebrated within the local Church community.

RCIA is a place to ask questions and seek understanding. Come and See! Invite a friend! All are Welcome! RCIA meets Sunday's at Little Flower School from 10:15 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. Contact Ashley Davis at (240) 309-5513



Please join us as we continue our Stories of the Old Testament by James P. Campbell. This study takes us through the Old Testament using 100 carefully selected readings. Each reading is meant to be completed in one sitting using dozens of short easy-to-grasp informational pieces to supply background and commentary to understand the Old Testament.

For more information please call or text Susan Baker at 301-904-7404.

Knights of Columbus



Grand Knight Mark D. Sweet

240-298-0293

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<https://kofcknights.org/CouncilSite/index.asp?CNO=3849>

Brothers – Celebrate Fat Tuesday With Pancakes!

Lent begins this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, which is a time when Catholics traditionally give up something to atone for sin and focus on Jesus' Passion and death on the cross. Back in the day, the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Fat Tuesday, was a time to consume all those "luxury" foods like pancakes and buttery, fat-laden treats before beginning the long Lenten journey of fasting and reflection leading to our Savior's Passion and Resurrection. The name "Shrove Tuesday" comes from the middle English word "Shrovetide" dating from the early 16th century and refers to a period of celebration before going to confession at the beginning of Lent. Every year, Holy Face Council helps our Parish celebrate this tradition by preparing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. By now, you will have received the email "call to arms" from Brother Pat Hunt asking for help. Please help if you can. If you can't, please join us for a good meal and good fellowship - and be generous with your donation!

St. Joseph, Model for Men in March

When we conclude our meetings with the prayer "Mary, Queen of the Knights," we are reminded of our special devotion to the Blessed Mother of Jesus. This month, the Church reminds us of our special role as husbands, fathers, and sons and gives us St. Joseph as a model for our daily lives. The following is excerpted from the online edition of Columbia Magazine. "... Mary and Joseph loved each other with a tender marital love. Joseph also loved Jesus as his son. The spousal and paternal love of Joseph was a gift of the Holy Spirit to help him live on earth as if he were already in heaven — a gift given, in large measure, to help Christian men be chaste and tender spouses and fathers. Stated simply, St. Joseph is the model of all husbands and the exemplar of all fathers."

Upcoming Events

March	
5	Shrove Tuesday dinner
16	Swing and Ballroom dance
19	Host Admission degree ceremony
28	Care Net Benefit Dinner
31	Pancake Breakfast

P.S. The speaker for this year's annual Care Net dinner is Dr. Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King. She is a dynamite speaker, civil rights activist, and passionate defender of life. You don't want to miss this! Tickets are still available at <https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/annual-banquet/>.

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2019

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligations:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Holy Face Lenten Schedule:

The Light is On for You (Confessions) – Every Friday 6PM

Stations of the Cross – Every Friday 7PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

Catholic College and Vocations Fair

If you have students in high school or you just enjoy listening to great Catholic speakers, plan on attending the Catholic College and Vocations Fair on Saturday, March 9th from 11am-3pm at St. John's Parish in Hollywood, MD. Eucharistic Adoration and Mass (9:00-11:00am) will precede the fair. A dozen of the top colleges from the Newman Guide to Catholic Colleges will be present along with many religious orders. Dr. John Cuddaback, professor of philosophy at Christendom College and Mr. Brent Johnson, V.P. of Enrollment at Ave Maria University are the keynote speakers this year. The event is open to all and there is no admission charge. Food will be available for purchase.

More information can be found online: www.StJohnsSummerProgram.com/CCVF.

ENCOUNTER GRACE: RECLAIM

Ladies! Join the Encounter Grace team on Saturday, March 23, 2019, for the 2nd in their women's series, *Encounter Grace: Reclaim* at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church and Family Life Center, 105 Vianney Way, Prince Frederick MD. The day begins with the option to attend mass at 8 am. Breakfast and check-in begin at 8:30 am and will be followed by three powerful talks on the topic of reclaiming who you are - and *whose* you are - following God's plan for your life in whatever season of life you find yourself. Guest speakers include Heather Anderson Renshaw, Catholic speaker and author of the best selling book *Death By Minivan*; Megan Philip, Catholic speaker and blogger and Laura K. Roland, Catholic speaker and blogger. There will be time for reflection and sharing throughout the day as well the opportunity for confession. Tickets are on sale now at www.encountergrace.co

This event is appropriate for women ages 16+. Contact the Encounter Grace team at encountergraceco@gmail.com or 301.848.2980 for more information.

Camp Maria Retreat Center is hosting a Healing Retreat on ***"Surviving the Grief of an Overdose Death"*** on Friday, March 29th through Saturday, March 30th, 2019. Losing a loved one through addiction and overdose is extremely painful and isolating for all. This retreat is for adults who have lost loved ones through overdose death. Come away for a time of reflection, healing and connection with others in a safe, compassionate and supportive environment. This is a one night/two day retreat with overnight accommodations; space is limited. If you have questions/need more information, contact Ann Kovalcik ,SCNA, Director at 301-475-8330 or director@campmaria.org or Melinda Ruppert at 240-298-2442 or melinda@melindaruppert.com. Please register by March 5, 2019.

Little Flower School



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- *Tuesday, March 5 - Bake Sale (PreK)
- *Wednesday, March 6 - Ash Wednesday Mass at 8:00; Knight of Columbus Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner, 5:30
- *Friday, March 8 - Stations of the Cross, 10:00; Parent/Student Lunch (K); Parent/Student Mass (6)

LFS Mulch Sale is March 30th! Punxsutawney Phil didn't see his shadow which means spring is right around the corner! Please check out the insert (located at the back of the church) for further information on the different deals on Brown, Red, and Black mulch for all your landscaping needs! (Free delivery is included, some exclusions apply)

*Bingo every Wednesday, doors open at 5:30 pm; early bird special starts at 6:45pm. Cash prizes! Food and drink will also be for sale.

*Are you on social media? Don't forget to "like" us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/littleflowercatholic) and "follow" us on Twitter and Instagram (@LFS patriots)!

* Don't forget to save your Box Tops and Campbell's Soup labels! They add up and help our school to be able to purchase supplies, gym equipment, technology, and other things to enhance our students' learning!

Flowers—Masses—Lamps

If you would like to have a Mass (\$10), the Sanctuary Lamp (\$5), or Altar Flowers (\$50) dedicated in someone's memory or honor, please call the Rectory at 301-994-0525.



Help Support the Church

OFFERTORY

As we conclude the Christmas Season, I am thankful for all the generous gifts that you provide to our parish, but I realize that you cannot be with us every Sunday of the year. Please consider using our secure electronic giving program, *Faith Direct*. *Faith Direct* will automatically process any offertory or second collections donation of your choosing. Visit www.faithdirect.net and use our church code: MD210.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

God Bless You,

Father Jerry

Contribution statements for 2018 have been mailed. If you do not receive one by next week, or if a contribution was made and not reflected, please contact the Parish Office. Those who contribute through FaithDirect will receive tax statements directly from FaithDirect.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEED TAX HELP?

Beginning February 6, 2019, IRS/AARP certified tax counselors will provide free tax preparation and electronic filing for low-to moderate income taxpayers of any age in St. Mary's County. Taxpayers do not need to be a member of AARP. Call 240-466-1740 between 9:00am and 6:00pm to schedule an appointment. Walk-in service is available at the Lexington Park Rescue Squad in Lexington Park, MD on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am to 12:00pm.

ANNUAL JUBILARIAN MASS

The annual Jubilarian Mass honoring couples married 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 and 51+ years will be celebrated on Sunday, June 23 at 2:00pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Please call the Parish Office to register. Names of Jubilarians need to be turned into the office by **Thursday, April 25th**.



Spring Festival 2019

What's New This Week?

An IDEA/SUGGESTION/HELP BOX...

For all your Inquiries, suggestions, sponsors, Silent Auction donations and referrals.

We're looking for a BARN or maybe just a shed, garage or other FREE storage area for donated the Indoor Yard Sale. (Don't worry we'll clear it out by May 1st.)

We're looking for ENTERTAINMENT that is willing to donate their time and talent and sorry, no treasure to offer in exchange but we're offering free advertising, face time and an opportunity to perform.

If you can help us with either of these please contact Mark Beckman at (301)994-9493 or drop a contact name and number in the Help Box on your way out of church. Thanks!

Watch each week to see how YOU can help get ready for **The 2019 SOUTHERN MARYLAND SPRING FESTIVAL**

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The next meeting for the 2018 Spring Festival will be held on **Monday, March 4** at 7pm in our Parish Hall.

We have several openings that need to be filled and we would LOVE to have some new faces this year.

Please join us for planning this very important fund-raising event.

The schedule for meetings this year are as follows and will be in the Parish Hall at 7 pm:

March 25th

April 8th

April 15th or 22nd

Cleanup Day April 28th (Time TBD)



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SEEKING NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Parish is seeking a new music director and your help is needed! Ideal candidates have studied music, experience directing a choir and is able to play the piano/keyboard.

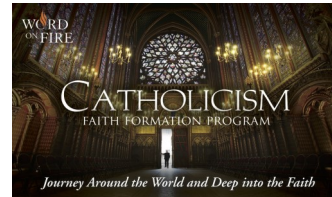
A musician with keyboard skills is needed immediately to accompany the choir at practice on Wednesday evenings (7-8:30pm) and at Masses while the search for a permanent director is conducted.

For further information, please call the Parish Office (301-994-0525) or email [holyface.md@adw.org](mailto:holyface.md@adw.org).

Please pass on this information to anyone you think might be interested in either opportunity to serve with their musical talents in enriching the liturgy here at Holy Face Church! Your assistance may be key to continuing the vital Music Ministry we have all enjoyed for almost 25 years.

### **LENTEN FOOD DRIVE**

*Hunger is an ever-present reality in our community. Local food pantries are experiencing a great demand for food. To help replenish supplies, Catholic Charities and the Archdiocese of Washington together are sponsoring the Lenten Food Drive. Our parish collection for the food drive will take place during the weekend of **March 30th and 31st**. Bags for your donations will be available if you wish to use them. As is our custom, our collection will be donated to HOPE. We thank you for your continued generosity.*



Deacon Paul will be facilitating this program on Fridays for 12 weeks

Come to as often as you can  
All discussions sessions are independent sessions.

Please bring a snack to share  
(Drinks will be provided)

Next session is

### **March 8 following Stations of the Cross**

in the basement of the church.  
This week's discussion topic is:  
*The Teachings of Jesus – Happy Are We*