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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 SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — FEBRUARY 23, 2020

2020 Annual Appeal

Hearts Filled With Hope

Thank you to all parishioners who made a gift to the Annual Appeal last weekend. We appreciate your support. If you did not have a chance to make your gift, or you needed more time to prayerfully consider your gift, pledge envelopes are available this weekend and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. You may also make your pledge online at appeal.adw.org.

No gift is too small and will support more than 60 ministries and programs benefitting countless women, men, children and families, including within our own parish and local community. As in every year, 100% of your contribution will be designated to the ministries and programs supported by the Appeal.

Thank you for your generous response.

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 the Parish Office at (301)994-0525.

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 Perils of Wisdom

We live in peril. We know some day we will die. Between now and then we will enjoy life, but we also face its dangers. Disease and violence threaten us. Friends could turn against us. Possessions can be taken away. Natural disasters can change our fortunes. We live in constant peril. Yet in this state of unrest we come to know God best. Paul tells the Corinthians, “you are the temple of God.” The Spirit of God dwells within them. They are holy. But if they consider themselves wise in this age, they should become fools. “For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.” When we acknowledge our shortcomings, we speak the truth. In the truth we begin to learn the wisdom of God.

Harm may threaten us, but God keeps us holy. We may not understand why bad things happen, but we trust that God does. God loves us, created us, and placed the Spirit within us. God will not leave us alone. The peril that surrounds us is not just about physical or mental harm. We are also subject to the perils of wisdom, the danger of thinking we know it all, that we can solve it all, or that we deserve it all.

Wisdom belongs to God. Christ belongs to God. We belong to Christ. And all things—all blessings and dangers—take their place within God’s plan of love and redemption.

Mass Intentions for the Week

February 24, 2020 - March 1, 2020

Monday 8:00am - NO MASS
 Tuesday 8:00am - Deacon John A. Briscoe+
 Wednesday 8:00am -
 7:00pm -
 Thursday 8:00am -
 Friday 8:00am - Kathleen Hiner
 Saturday 5:00pm - Edith Markuson+
 Sunday 7:00am - David Walter Long+
 9:00am - Holy Face Parishioners
 11:30am -

Mass Intentions make a thoughtful gift for birthdays, anniversaries, etc. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to dedicate a Mass to a loved one.

Bulletin Board

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

Weekly Readings

(Mon) Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29
 (Tues) Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37
 (Wed) ***Ash Wednesday***
 Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2
 Mt 6:1-6,16-18
 (Thurs) Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25
 (Fri) Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15
 (Sat) Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 (Sun) Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
 Rom 5:12-19
 Mt 4:1-11

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:

Mike Alvey, Jan Barnes, Beaner Barnett, Ester Mae Battle, Lilly Mae Battle, Shirley Mae Battle, Robert Baumgarten, Nancy Brown, Judy Broyles, John Cardinal, Francis Countiss, Cindy Davis, Rose Daye, Michael Dement, Roger Detrick, Francis Dominique, Kathy Dominique, Joe Eversole, Marjorie Fechtig, Dillon Fiske, Ariana Gennaro, Gail Gennaro, Bruce Genovese, Caleb Getscher, Elizabeth Gray, Tiffany Grey, Jack Grubber, Annie Hills, Jennifer Hills, Maslynn Holmes, Pam Howard, Janice Ivancik, George Izon, Barbara Lamb, Matt Lamb, June Lang, Bie Le, Taylor Love, Janice Lynch, Patricia Madrigal, Teresa Mayor, Joanne McGilloway, Virginia McKeen, Barbara McNary, Norma Miller, Harold Owens, Linda Palchinsky, Gertrude Pirko, Dickie Russell, Robert Russell, Duncan Scott, Margaret Sison, Bea Slaske, Norma Szewczyk, Steve Taylor, Lois Testerman, Anthony Thomas, Cathy Thomas, Mary Thomas, Mark Thomason, Robert Wheeler, John Williams, Charlie Wise, Jr., Kathy Wood, Elizabeth Young.

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
 SSgt Andrew Unkle, US Army
 SPC Alexander D. Unkle, US Army
 LT Kevin Peters, USCG
 Capt. Clayton Scott, USMC
 Lt Adam Patterson, US Navy
 GSgt. Patrick J. Pullman, 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
 Capt. Matt Barchick, USMC
 Capt. Steven Beck, USMC

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



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

February 23 - In Session

March 1 - In Session

March 8 - In Session



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.

For more information, contact the Parish Office at (301)994-0525.

CLOW Upcoming Meeting Dates

February 23

March 1

**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.



We will begin a new series February 19th entitled David and the Psalms. This series was written by Fr. Joseph Ponessa and Laurie Watson Manhardt, and covers the Book of Psalms, Ruth, and 1 and 2 Samuel with video presentations to help expand upon what is read. We hope that you will consider joining our varying group of unique individuals whose one goal is to better understand the Bible and therefore God and his wishes for us. Please consider joining our small, friendly group. For more information please call or text Susan Baker at 301-904-7404.

Bible Study will not be meeting February 26th in observance of Ash Wednesday. Please join us the following Wednesday.

Knights of Columbus



Grand Knight Charles Shilling

301-535-8339

shillingassoc@gmail.com



**SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE
SUPPER**

FEBRUARY 25th

5:30PM—7:30PM

The Knights of Columbus invite you to join us for our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25th from 5:30 to 7:30.

Included in the menu are Buttermilk, Blueberry and Chocolate Chip Pancakes, French Toast, 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

LENTEN REGULATIONS 2020

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

NEED TAX HELP?

Beginning February 3, 2020, 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 4:30pm to schedule an appointment. Walk-in service is available at the Lexington Park Rescue Squad in Lexington Park on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:00am to 6:00pm and Saturdays 9:00 to 12:00pm.

Little Flower School



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday Mass 8:00am

*Friday, February 28 - Stations of the Cross 10:00am

Ten Reasons to Choose a Catholic Education

1. Catholic tradition and academic excellence in a community grounded in faith
2. Balanced curriculum that includes art, music and fitness
3. Emphasis on moral development, service to others and leadership skills
4. A 99% graduation rate
5. Strong preparation for further education
6. Safe and disciplined environment
7. Exceptional faculty who help students reach their highest potential
8. Individual attention in a caring community
9. Commitment to technology use to enhance education
10. Good stewardship of resources

*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)!

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

Contribution statements for 2019 have been mailed. If you did not receive one 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.

JANUARY FINANCIAL REPORT

REVISED

Offertory	\$ 23,988.32
Catholic Education	\$ 1,526.00
Maintenance	\$ 2,024.50
Other	\$ 3,495.78
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 31,034.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>- 38,153.91</u>
NET	\$ (7,119.31)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Holy Manger Lambs

February 25th

Prayer Reminder

We invite all our parishioners to pray one decade of the Holy Rosary on February 25th for the health and well-being of our Holy Manger Lambs and their families:

Roy Sterling Bouchard

Jack Paul Maciejewski

Richard Finn Moebius

Dylan Joseph Shuryn



Make a Joyful Noise!

Music touches the spirit and emotions in ways words alone cannot. Music in worship draws us closer to God and deepens our faith. It adds beauty to the Mass, offers comfort and inspiration, and glorifies God. Come sing with the choir and become a part of something greater than yourself.

You don't have to read music or have a concert-quality singing voice, and no audition is required. We have openings for all voice parts, and we are just beginning to learn new music for the Lent and Easter season, so now is a great time to join!

All adults and young people ages 12 and up are welcome. (Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent.) We practice in the choir loft on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7 p.m. and ending between 8:00 and 8:30, depending upon the time of year.

If you love to sing and would like to share your musical gifts with others, come visit us in the choir loft after Mass, or join us for practice in the choir loft at 7 p.m. on any Wednesday night in February. For more information, call Carol Engle at (301) 994-3959, email her at juluka@verizon.net, or see her in the choir loft after Mass. Join the choir, meet new friends, and make a difference!



In Honor of Black History Month

Annually, the civic society in the U.S. honors the historical accomplishments of African-Americans in the areas of Science, Math, Medicine, Technology, Education, Music, Dance, Inventions, Sports, as well as other fields. We Catholics also can honor the experiences and accomplishments of African and African-Americans in the history of Christianity/Catholic Faith beginning with the baptism of the Ethiopian Official (Acts 8:36, 38-19) to the first publicly recognized African-American Priest, Father Augusta Tolton, in 1854 and throughout U.S. history down to the first African-American Bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington, DC, Archbishop Wilton Gregory; and among the other three million African-American members of the U.S. Catholic Church including the recently deceased Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna.

A display with some of the Catholic highlights is provided for your enjoyment in the alcove area of the Church near the ramp entrance. Please help yourself to any of the available copies of materials and any prayer cards that you like.