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CONFESSIONS:

Saturday: 4:15pm or by appointment ROSARY: Monday: 6:00pm

EUCHARIST:

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm Sunday: 7:00am, 9:00am Daily: 8:00am Tuesday through Friday Holy Days: As Announced

ADORATION WITH BENEDICTION

First Thursday of the Month 6:00pm

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 20, 2021

A Father's Day Prayer

God,
Bless all the fathers in the world. Father, we ask that You guide them to be good role models and loving to their children. We also ask that You help them to be a father like You are. Give them grace and patience to handle situations in a loving way.

Amen

Bulletin Deadline: in Writing by Monday 3:00 pm

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

<u>New Parishioners:</u> 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*!

<u>Sacrament of Baptism</u>: 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.

<u>Sacrament of Marriage</u>: 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.

<u>Sick and Hospital Visits:</u> 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.

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

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

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













The Mystery of Suffering

As one generation passes to the next, we figure out more and more about life. Technological advances continue at record pace. Teenagers communicate through mediums their parents could only have dreamed about. The mysteries of the world are being unlocked.

Some people set science and religion at odds. When they could not figure out cures for illnesses, the management of energy, or the translation of languages, people assigned these mysteries to the wisdom of God. But in time, the mysteries became less mysterious. Human wisdom advanced. To some, it seemed that God was not as responsible as they once thought. To others, explanations for the mysteries of the universe strengthened their belief in God, who created and rules over all.

Job wanted an explanation. He didn't want algebra, calculus or engineering. He just wanted to know why so many catastrophes had befallen him. He lost his family, his property, and his health. He wanted to know why.

Job didn't get the answer he wanted. God basically told him, "I could explain it, but you wouldn't understand it." Instead he heard how God gave birth to the sea, wrapping it with clouds and darkness, and keeping it from spilling over the land. God set limits for the sea and fastened the bar of its door. Job could only conclude that God must know what is best. Job may never know the reasons, but he trusts that God does.

Mass Intentions for the Week

June 21, 2021 - June 27, 2021

Monday NO MASS

Tuesday 8:00am - Mary Kelly+

Julie Englehart+

Wednesday 8:00am - Selma McKay+

Flora Underwood+

Thursday 8:00am - Linda Buffenbarger+
Friday 8:00am - Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 5:00pm - Holy Face Parishioners

Sunday 7:00am - Helen Halfhill+

9:00am - For All Fathers

Weekly Readings

(Mon) Saint Aloysius Gonzaga Gn 12:1-9/Mt 7:1-5

(Tues) Saint Paulinus of Nola Saints John Fisher and Thomas More Gn 13:2, 5-18/Mt 7:6, 12-14

(Wed) Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Mt 7:15-20

(Thurs) The Nativity of Saint John

*the Baptist*Is 49:1-6/Acts 13:22-26
Lk 1:57-66, 80

(Fri) Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Mt 8:1-4

(Sat) Gn 18:1-15/Mt 8:5-17

(Sun) Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24 2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15 Mk 5:21-43

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:

Jan Barnes, Beaner Barnett, Ester Mae Battle, Lilly Mae Battle, Shirley Mae Battle, Robert Baumgarten, Heather Beiser, Nancy Brown, Judy Broyles, Sean Campbell, John Cardinal, Cindy Davis, Rose Daye, Michael Dement, Roger Detrick, Francis Dominique, Kathy Dominique, Joe Eversole, Marjorie Fechtig, Dillon Fiske, Don Geary, Gail Gennaro, Bruce Genovese, Caleb Getscher, Elizabeth Gray, Tiffany Grey, Annie Hills, Jennifer Hills, Pam Howard, Carole Humphrey, Janice Ivancik, George Izon, Barbara Lamb, Matt Lamb, June Lang, Bie Le, Taylor Love, Janice Lynch, Patricia Madrigal, Teresa Mayor, Virginia McKeen, Barbara McNary, Norma Miller, Dolores Norris, Harold Owens, Linda Palchinsky, Robert Russell, Duncan Scott, Margaret Sison, 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:

CDR Randy Dodds, US Navy PFC Jacob A. Gilbert, USMC CDR Richard C. Moebius, Jr., US Navy Lt.Col. Brett A. Shilling, USAF Airman Steven M. Lamb, USAF 2Lt. Danielle Wilkin, USAF GSqt Patrick J. Pullman, USMC LT Jacob Schmidt, US Navy SSgt Andrew Unkle, US Army LT Michael Woehrer, US Navy SPC Alexander D. Unkle, US Army LT Mark D. Sweet, Jr., US Navy LT Kevin Peters, USCG Pvt Gavin Podlaski, US Army Capt. Clayton Scott, USMC Capt. Matt Barchick, USMC Lt Adam Patterson, US Navy 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 (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 Classes have ended for this school year. We look forward to seeing you in September.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word will remain on break and resume in some format come Fall. Have a safe and Blessed Summer!



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?

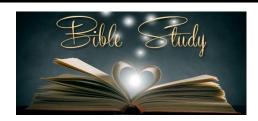
Do you know someone already Catholic but has not yet received Confirmation & Communion?

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



Bible Study will be taking a break for the summer. Please look in the bulletin for the exact date we will resume our studies and consider joining us Wednesday evenings. Enjoy your summer and Stay Safe!

Knights of Columbus

Grand Knight Charles Shilling

301-535-8339

On May 1, 2021, during the Maryland State Convention, Holy Face Council received first place in all 4 out of 4 "Best of the Best" Faith-In-Action (FIA) programs Statewide for "Division D" of councils. Division D represents 41 councils Statewide and is contains the highest number of councils. It is a very rare occurrence when one council achieves the highest honors and recognition Statewide in all 4 out of 4 - FIA Programs and no other Division had such achievements this year.

These 4 award winning Statewide FIA programs are: FAITH – "Leave No Priest Behind", LIFE – "Polar Bear Plunge", COMMUNITY – "Tootsie Roll Campaign 2020", FAMILY – "Octoberfest Drive Through Dinner".

Of course, two (2) vitally important elements must coincide for the above honors to be bestowed unto any Knights of Columbus council. The first is they need a Church and Parish community to support their council of Knights, something our council benefits from.

And, . . . more importantly the second element we need are "These Men We Call Knights". The below list contains the names of the ten (10) top Holy Face Council #3849 members who have unselfishly given so much of their time to help others. This list represents the "Total Service Hours" accumulated during the 67 programs/events conducted this past year, when two (2) or more Knights are gathered in service to others between 01/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. However, it does not include any of the vast hours of time associated with being a Council Officer, or any other service hours provided by an individual Knight.

GK Chuck Shilling – 151.5 hrs., William Campbell – 83 hrs., DGK Chris McGraw – 76 hrs., Carl Wolf – 72.5 hrs., Marty Beaulieu – 66 hrs., Pat Hunt – 55 hrs., Bernie Kneeland – 53 hrs., Rich Lang – 49 hrs., Matt Lamb – 48.5 hrs., Mark Sweet – 46.5 hrs.

Please take the time to thank all our hard working Knights, their wives, and families for allowing their husbands and fathers to give of their time to help serve others in need.

Faith-Directed Family Chat

Are you a part of a family? Of course you are, no matter your dynamics! We invite you to escape the world's routine by joining us briefly on a weekday evening, only once or twice a month for 1 hour. We will share family experiences in light-hearted joy as we polish our Catholic Faith together among a small group of the Church family! Easy-access Zoom option! Please contact Jamie and Don Shuryn for more details dandjshuryn@yahoo.com.



LITTLE FLOWER SCHOOL UPCOMING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Upcoming Events

Little Flower School is seeking a part time teacher for Music in grades PreK through grade 5. Please call the school office at 301-994-0404 or apply directly on School Spring: www.schoolspring.com iob id# 3421807

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Registration is now open for the 2021-22 school year. Visit our website: www.littleflowercatholic.org to see all the great things Little Flower School has to offer. Please contact Little Flower School (301-994-0404) to arrange a tour.

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ON-GOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT!

Thank you to those who've mailed in contributions! We are extremely grateful for your support during these challenging times. Please know that we are depositing contributions once per month rather than once per week as we usually do. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anya Naegele, our Parish Bookkeeper, at 301-994-0525.



With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God,
the Archdiocese of Washington
joyfully announces the ordination of
The Permanent Diaconate Class of 2021
to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate
through the laying on of hands
and the invocation of the Holy Spirit by
His Eminence Wilton Cardinal Gregory
Archbishop of Washington

Please join us as Tom assists at his first Mass as a Deacon on Sunday June 27th at Holy Face Church in Great Mills at 9:00a.m.

Congratulations Tom

May God bless you and your family!



Happy Birthday Marin Elizabeth Keeton Born On June 16th

Father,
On this day
we give you thanks
for the gift of this child
and her birthday.
We ask your blessing
upon her
that you would keep her safe
for many years to come,
and guide her
in the way of love and mercy,
following the example of your
Son our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.



Holy Manger Lambs June 25th Prayer Reminder

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

Evelyn Annemarie Buckenmeyer
Athanasius Barnabas Calvino
Grant Thomas Hedspeth
Mateo Alexander TerranovaHedspeth
Marin Elizabeth Keeton
Agnes Naegele
Finn Duong Nguyen
Oxford Stone Paige
Daniel Parson
Savannah Marie Patton
Altreus Falco Shilling





An Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Lifting of the Dispensation from the Obligation to Attend Mass

Cardinal Gregory and the Bishops of the Province of Baltimore (Archdiocese of Baltimore, Catholic Diocese of Arlington, Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, Catholic Diocese of Richmond and the Diocese of Wheeling -Charleston) have jointly announced that the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Day Mass obligation will be lifted beginning on Saturday, June 26, 2021 and Sunday, June 27, 2021.



This week is the last week to collect change for Care Net SoMD! The money you collect goes directly to offering hope, help and compassion to women facing unplanned pregnancies. It's needed now more than ever, so don't forget to bring your bottle full of coins, cash or checks (or donate online) next week!

To participate, simply go to: https://friendsofcarenetsomd.org/ events/babybottles/ and make your donation under the Holy Face Church tab.

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