

St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



September 12, 2021 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASS

St. Catherine Sat 4:00pm
St. Ignatius Sun 8:30am
St. Catherine Sun 10:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:45pm
St. Ignatius Sun 7:45-8:15am
St. Catherine Thu 5:30-6:15pm

DAILY MASS

St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 6:30pm

ADORATION

St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 5:30-6:30pm

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses and their caregivers. To have names added to or removed from the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call (301) 934-9630. Please leave your name, phone number, person's name, facility and room number.

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday - September 11 – The Vigil of the
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:4c-9a Jas 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35
4:00pm Karli Simpson

Sunday September 12 - The Twenty-Fourth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4-7a Jas 3:1-5 Mk 7:31-37
8:30am Repose of the soul of Peyton Greer
10:30am People of the Community

Monday September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom
1 Tm 2:1-8 Lk 7:1-10
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Rev. Msgr. Robert
Cary Hill

Tuesday September 14 – Exaltation of the Holy
Cross
Nm 21:4b-9 Jn 3:13-17
6:30pm Stilts Family

Wednesday September 15– Our Lady of
Sorrows
1 Tm 3:14-16 Jn 19:25-27
No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday September 16– Saint Cornelius
1 Tm 4:12-16 Lk 7:36-50
6:30pm Remaining US Citizens in Afghanistan

Friday September 17– Weekday
1 Tm 6:2c-12 Lk 8: 1-3
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Rev. Msgr. Henry
Otero-Diago



Workshop for Parents whose Children are Away from the Church

Do you wish your adult children attended church? Do you want them growing in faith and holiness? Come join our parish workshop to pray together, hear our keynote speaker, share our witness and be encouraged together!

Saturday, September 18

8am to 2:30pm

St. Catherine Hall

Breakfast & Lunch included

Cost: \$10

To register:

retreatforparents2021.eventbrite.com

or call our office (301) 934-9630

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of September 5

St. Catherine:

Offertory: \$1,382

R&M: \$1,558

St. Ignatius:

Offertory: \$2,026

R&M: \$555

Mass Intentions

Remember, a Mass Intention is a very heart-warming gift to give a loved one for their Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation or any special occasion. Be sure to submit your Mass Intentions as early as possible to ensure you receive your requested date.

From Fr. Q's Desk

After years of dreaming about it, we finally this week undertook a radar survey of our old cemetery at St. Ignatius. There are many unmarked graves there stretching back to the mid-1800s. We hired a company to do a survey with ground penetrating radar machine to identify all the graves,



Flags mark the graves discovered by the survey.

marked or unmarked. We received financial support for this project from the Trader Foundation for Maryland Burial Sites, which assists in cemetery preservation. And we learned some surprising things about our old cemetery!

- The survey identified 75 graves in the cemetery, far more than I imagined. Of those, some 15 are marked by headstones and the rest are unmarked.
- Old graves might have been marked with a wooden cross, long since disappeared.
- A number of graves have both a headstone and a footstone. The footstone is usually small and simple, inscribed only with the

three initials of the deceased.

- The graves are aligned in rows with the feet towards the east. This was a common posture in graves of this era, since it is a traditional belief that the Messiah's second coming will be from the east, so he'll be the first thing they see when rising from the grave.
- A headstone off by itself on the far opposite side of the property indeed contains a grave!

How blessed we are to have these faithful Catholics so near to us whenever we celebrate Mass in the church. We are hoping to mark all these graves in a permanent way, even though we cannot identify them by name.



Frank L. Hopson, 93, of Selbyville, DE, and formerly of Port Tobacco, MD, passed away on 9/6/2021. Frank was born on 3/18/1928 in Oklahoma, where he was raised. He retired from the U.S. Army after 27 years, and had a long legal career with the Federal Judicial Center as a legal administrator and then with the State of Maryland as a Court Commissioner. He was also a retired Catholic Deacon at St. Ignatius Hilltop in Port Tobacco, MD. Frank is survived by his brothers Guy and Tim, his wife of 71 years, Anne, his daughter Cecilee Goldberg (Rick), his son Kenneth, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Frank's memory to St. Ignatius Hilltop.

ST. IGNATIUS YARD SALE

6455 Port Tobacco Road, Hilltop, Maryland



On Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 7 am to 2pm. There will be a bake sale table, raffle table and numerous bargains and treasures. Breakfast and lunch items will be available. Call John Minichino at 301-743-3514 for arrangements for pick-up of items or to drop off items at the church hall.



Confirmation Prep

Youth ages 12-17 who feel they are ready for Confirmation are invited to schedule an interview with their Pastor and Youth Confirmation Coordinator for entry into fall preparation. To schedule an interview, call 301-934-9630 OR email queshia@adw.org & cc_aalbrittain@sacredheartlaplata.org. The deadline to interview for our fall prep is Friday, September 17, 2021. Interviews for the spring preparation will be in January 2022.

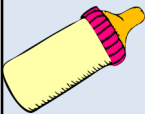


SAVE the DATE

**9/22/21 at 10 am
Food Ministry Gathering
by Zoom**

Catholic Charities is hosting a Food Ministry Best Practices workshop on Wednesday September 22 at 10 a.m. by Zoom. Please come prepared to share challenges and successes in food ministry during COVID-19. Please share steps your parish ministry is taking to serve those in need and keep volunteers and families safe. To register and receive the zoom link, please contact Trinidad.Soc@CC-DC.org.

Diaper Baby Supply Drive



The Knights of Columbus 2279 are hosting a Diaper/Baby Supply Drive from August 8th until September 12th. All supplies donated will be given to the Catherine Foundation in Charles County.

Items needed:

- Similac advanced and pro-advanced baby formula,
- Baby Food/Cereal
- Diapers (sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6) and pull-ups
- Wipes ▪ Baby wash/shampoo/lotion
- Sippy cups
- Bottles
- Teethers.

Donation boxes are at the entrance of the church from August 28th to September 12th.

Church Covid-19 Practices



- Charles County has reinstated the “mask mandate” for churches. Please wear your mask inside church.
- If you have been diagnosed with Covid-19, please wait a minimum of **ten days after symptoms first appear** before returning to church. Fr. Q is available to bring you Communion to your home if desired.
- Fr. Q has implemented archdiocesan guidance regarding the distribution of holy Communion at Mass. He sanitizes his hands before distributing Communion, and also after each individual / family who receives on the tongue. If you wish, he is available to give you Communion individually after the end of Mass; just speak to him after Mass.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

SECTION TWO

I. What is This Sacrament Called?

1214 This sacrament is called Baptism, after the central rite by which it is carried out: to baptize (Greek baptizein) means to "plunge" or "immerse"; the "plunge" into the water symbolizes the catechumen's burial into Christ's death, from which he rises up by resurrection with him, as "a new creature."

1215 This sacrament is also called "the washing of regeneration and renewal by the Holy Spirit," for it signifies and actually brings about the birth of water and the Spirit without which no one "can enter the kingdom of God."

1216 "This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding" Having received in Baptism the Word, "the true light that enlightens every man," the person baptized has been "enlightened," he becomes a "son of light," indeed, he becomes "light" himself:

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift....We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Can You Walk the Walk?

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor — it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing — well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of his best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from his destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith — but help us, also, to do the work.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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September 12, 2021

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READ: *Mary: God's Yes to Man (Redemptoris Mater)* by Saint Pope John Paul II

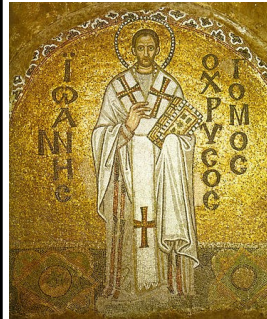
Pope John Paul II's only encyclical on our Blessed Mother, with introduction by the Cardinal Prefect of the congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, and commentary by one of the world's leading Catholic theologians, Hans Urs von Balthasar. The Church's supreme magisterium and representative of the Church's most penetrating theological reflection combine to provide for all the faithful a rich and concise compendium of the Mother of the Redeemer.

The development of traditional Marian dogma in the light of the present day bears the Pope's unmistakable personal stamp. The three parts of the encyclical ("Mary in the Mystery of Christ", "The Mother of God in the Midst of the Pilgrim Church" and "Motherly Mediation") draw predominantly from two sources: Sacred Scripture and the central documents of the Second Vatican Council. There is a particular emphasis on ecumenism. What binds all Christians to Mary becomes ever clearer: she is the model of their faith.

LISTEN: *Lessons from the Early Church Fathers* by Mike Aquilina

Our individual identities are shaped by and linked to our parents and the stories of our families. As a Church, our identity is linked to and shaped by our fathers and mothers in the faith, the earliest Christians. How is our understanding of liturgy shaped by what Jesus' followers in the first centuries believed and practiced? Have the changes in the Eucharist brought us closer to the ancient church or separated us from our roots? These are some of the questions Mike Aquilina, will address in this five part series as they examine the faith.

SAINTS THIS WEEK



SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Saint John Chrysostom was an important Early Church Father who served as archbishop of Constantinople. He is known for his preaching and public speaking, his denunciation of abuse of authority by both ecclesiastical and political leaders, his fanatical anti-Semitism and the *Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*, and his ascetic sensibilities. Chrysostom was among the most prolific authors in the early Christian Church, although both Origen of Alexandria and Augustine of Hippo exceeded Chrysostom.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS



The Sorrowful Mother or Mother of Sorrows and Our Lady of Piety, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows or Our Lady of the Seven Dolours are names by which the Virgin Mary is referred to in relation to sorrows in life. As *Mater Dolorosa*, it is also a key subject for Marian art in the Catholic Church. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In common religious Catholic imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed, sorrowful and in tears, with one or seven long knives or daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of Simeon.

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GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE B



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



24th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 8:27-35