

St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022

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
St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:45pm

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Please keep in your prayers those with long term illnesses, their caregivers, and those who have died. 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.

Sick

Don Thomas	Joe Cooper	Daniel Jameson
Barbara Weiss	Marie Boteler	Irene Proctor
Marshall Garino	Marcella Palmer	Aubrey Proctor
Alicia Brady	Hank Galotta	Jean Carter
Ritchie Jones	Ramona Dobry	Michael DeLane
Ann Moreland	Ignatius Cooper	Dawn Walters
David Price	Kelly Welch	Brenda Greer
Mary Ann Skinger	John Shifflett	Hailey Sellers
Polly Butler	Avery Sandiford	Linda D. Welch
Delores Jamieson	Bobby Vermillion	Clarke Hettel
Sam Gray	Marcus Elam	Jean Ambrose
Leon Higgs	Robert Ansell	DeAngelo Ball
Mike Hancock	Robin Proctor	Carina Gibbs
	Sarah Smith	Kayla Kiley

Deceased

Virginia Garino
Robert Jones
Elizabeth Riley

Please visit our website
for obituary and funeral
information.

St. Catherine Parish Council

Tracy Mattingly
Gloria Riley
John Coleman
Ed Landicho
Denise Oglesby
Steve Proctor

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Marshall Garino
Kenny Fish
Shannon Gilbert

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Linda Welch

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday September 10 – Vigil of the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32
4:00pm Marshall Garino

Sunday September 11 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32
8:30am People of the Community
10:30am Don Thomas

Monday September 12 – Weekday

1 Cor 11:17-26, 33 Lk 7:1-10
6:30pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday September 13 – Saint John Chrysostom

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a Lk 7:11-17
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Dorothy V. Haden

Wednesday September 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mn 21:4b-9 Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17
No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday September 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 15:1-11 Jn 19:25-27
6:30pm Stilts Family

Friday September 16 – Saint Cornelius

1 Cor 15:12-20 Lk 8:1-3
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Grandstaff

Sacrificial Giving Weekend of Sept 4

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,670
R&M: \$1,460

St. Ignatius:

Offertory: \$2,654
R&M: \$595

Thank you for your generosity!

Dates to Remember



Sept 14 A Grateful Plate Planning Meeting
Sept 28 A Grateful Plate
Oct 1 Yard Sale – St. Ignatius Hall

How to Be With Others at Any Age



Why do people do what they do? Deepen your own self-awareness and discover the psychological and spiritual narrative of your life. Learn how your childhood has helped shape who you are today. Over the

course of these workshops, you will see how each stage of development – from Early Childhood through Adolescence -- shaped the person you are today. Presented by Dr. Kathleen Musslewhite, Executive Director of the Alpha Omega Clinic, the series will run monthly on **Tuesday afternoons: Nov 1, Nov 29, Jan 31, Feb 28; each session duration: 12:30-2:00pm** (following Noon mass.) The cost for each session is \$60 per person. This program is a collaboration of Our Lady of Bethesda Retreat Center with the Alpha Omega Clinic, both located at 7007 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, MD 20817. Find more information and links to register on our website: www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

From Fr. Keith's Desk

Some time ago, I subscribed to receive free emails from Thinkr, a service that summarizes "the key ideas from new and noteworthy nonfiction," which can be "read...in just 10 minutes," according to their website. Some of the emails are worth reading, while others I immediately delete. Nevertheless, this week I received an email summarizing the book *Knowing God* by an evangelical theologian named J.I. Packer. I had never heard of him or his book, so I can't recommend exploring anything he teaches or writes, but I *did think* the email summary explained very well the importance of learning about God, which more formally can be called the study of *theology*. Consequently, I'd like to share some quotes from it with you this week:

"Far from theoretical or irrelevant, theology is immensely practical. Many laypeople are quick to dismiss theology as something for the pastor or priest. The days when an average Joe would study God on his own, they insist, are long gone; and people can get by just fine without it.

"This is a fair objection, but one to which there is a clear response. Such a line of thinking presupposes theology to be impractical and unrelated to everyday life, but nothing could be further from the truth.

"Consider what would happen if a villager from a remote corner of the globe with no exposure to an urban, English-speaking setting were dropped into the middle of London or New York City without any instructions or guidance. What would be the outcome? Without any knowledge of his surroundings, the language, or culture into which he's been thrown, he'll be dazed and confused.

"In the same way, without a knowledge of God, we are clueless about his creation and the way he intended his creatures to function. Without this guiding understanding, the world will seem a painful, chaotic, meaning-

less place. If you want to walk through life stumbling around in the dark, stay far, far away from the study of God...

"Knowing your chief aim as a human being helps provide a realistic point of view for decision-making, measuring what's important, and showing our problems for what they are. It's also an antidote to nihilism (life as entirely meaningless) and absurdism (life as one cruel, drawn-out joke). Life becomes worth living when there is a compelling goal to strive for, and what could be more compelling than to align oneself with and get to know the Creator of the cosmos in a relational way?"

As we go about our busy lives, I hope that encourages us to fit in time to study God, in order to get to know him better, *and* in order to get to know ourselves and our world better. If you'd like to read the entire email summary, you can find it here: <https://thinkr.org/newsletter/knowning-god>.

God bless,

Father Keith

St. Ignatius, Hilltop Yard Sale



October 1, 2022

- Open 7am to 2pm
- Yard Sale/Bake Sale
- Raffle Table
- Volunteers Needed
- Donations Needed (donations can be dropped off after September 17)

Call Julie or Keith Smoot 301/281-5133

Archbishop Neale School Needs!



- Archbishop Neale School is currently looking for a part-time Primary Math Resource teacher. If interested and for more information please contact Mrs. Teresa Skinner, ANS principal, at skinner@archbishopnealeschool.org.
- Archbishop Neale School is continuing to accept enrollment. Please visit our website at archbishopnealeschool.org or call the school office: (301) 934-9595.
- Archbishop Neale School is currently accepting applications for substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information please contact the school office: (301) 934-9595.

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.

ENCOUNTER

SCHOOL OF MINISTRY

COMING THIS FALL!

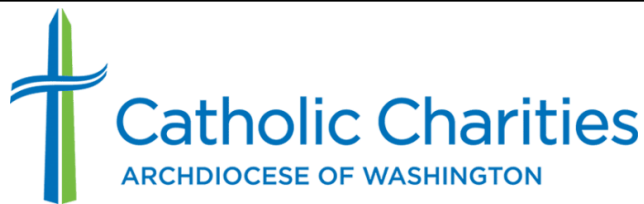
Be encouraged by gaining confidence in your identity as a child of God and in hearing God's voice for yourself and others. Learn to evangelize with joy! Encounter School of Ministry, developed by Fr. Mathias Thelen, Patrick Reis, and Dr. Mary Healy, offers a dynamic two-year program which impacts thousands of Catholics across the country and is now in the DC area! Our world needs men and women who can demonstrate the power and love of God. Join us as we teach, equip and activate you to do just that! Encounter School of Ministry DC Satellite School meets Tuesday nights at 6:00 PM at our Gaithersburg, MD campus. **Attend the first class for free on Tuesday, September 13, 2022.** For more information, visit us at encounterschool.org/dc.



Grieving with Great Hope

If you are grieving the loss of a loved one or

friend, St. Mary's Church in Bryantown will offer, a six-week Catholic-based grief support workshop, on **Saturdays, Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 from 9-11 am.** Guided by the Holy Spirit, Grieving with Great Hope is presented in a DVD format that offers prayerful reflection, practical learning and personal fellowship. To register or for more information, please contact Gemma Nelson (240-216-7845; gemma_nelson@gmail.com) or Wendy Slay (301-653-0111; wendyslay1@gmail.com).



Say YES! Fall Call for Volunteers

Say "YES" by **September 18th, 2022** to be one of 200 volunteers who will commit to serving 4 hours a week for the next year to serve a person working to better their life. We believe volunteering is the best response to the tough conditions beyond our individual control: war, famine, extreme weather, political turmoil, systemic injustice. Spread the word! Information and applications:

<https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/VOLUNTEER/ONGOING>

Apply by September 18th, 2022

Our Lady of Fatima

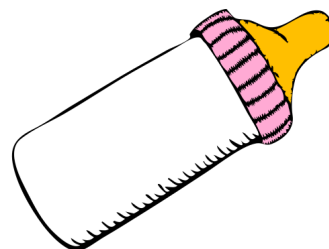


In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's third apparition, September 13, 1917. The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "The Blue Army" invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and healing prayers.

Catholic Charities Angel's Watch Shelter



Catholic Charities, Angel's Watch Shelter is in desperate need of items for the families at the shelter. We are very much in need of pillows, bath towels, full- and twin-size blankets. We do accept gently used items. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Clark at 301-274-0680 ext. 161 or at Kathy.Clark@cc-dc.org. Thank you for your assistance



The Catherine Foundation Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The Catherine Foundation Pregnancy Resource Center in Southern Maryland is a Christian faith-based nonprofit that has helped over 39,000 pregnant women and families with young children since 1983. The Catherine Foundation is mainly sustained by private donations, allowing them to provide pregnancy counseling and essential supplies to families.

Baby Bottles will be available starting next week. Take a bottle, save your change and help a mother care for her child.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH

Part two: The Celebration of the Christian Mystery

Article 3 The Sacrament of the Eucharist

1370 To the offering of Christ are united not only the members still here on earth, but also those already in the glory of heaven. In communion with and commemorating the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, the Church offers the Eucharistic sacrifice. In the Eucharist the Church is as it were at the foot of the cross with Mary, united with the offering and intercession of Christ.

1371 The Eucharistic sacrifice is also offered for the faithful departed who "have died in Christ but are not yet wholly purified," so that they may be able to enter into the light and peace of Christ:

Put this body anywhere! Don't trouble yourselves about it! I simply ask you to remember me at the Lord's altar wherever you are.

Then, we pray for the holy fathers and bishops who have fallen asleep, and in general for all who have fallen asleep before us, in the belief that it is a great benefit to the souls on whose behalf the supplication is offered, while the holy and tremendous Victim is present.... By offering to God our supplications for those who have fallen asleep, if they have sinned, we . . . offer Christ sacrificed for the sins of all, and so render favorable, for them and for us, the God who loves man.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Rise, and Go to Your Father

"If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you're sure not picking anything up."

I first read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron's "8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter," (that's Rule No. 5, by the way).

There's a certain respect that is shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door, ring the bell and wait to be greeted. Being willing to go through the niceties for the sake of appearances is a small act of deference on the part of the person doing the picking-up, even if it's not for a date. Without it, the whole scenario becomes entitled.

I want you to think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it peace? Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship?

The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. *I haven't been given half of that, he thinks, and I've worked so hard.*

But for all his faithfulness, one has to wonder — did this son ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn?

God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. He wants us to be like Moses — sure enough of our Father's indulgence to boldly ask for it. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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READ: *Saint Helena and the True Cross* by Louis de Wohl

Set against the colorful background of power struggles in imperial Rome and battling Roman legions, this is the exciting story of St. Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, who found the Cross of Christ in Jerusalem. This book, originally written for young people but loved by readers of all ages, paints a vivid portrait of a remarkable woman who overcame every obstacle with faith, hope, perseverance, and a healthy dose of ambition.

Louis de Wohl, known for his masterful storytelling, describes the amazing events that led to the conversion of Helena and the rise to power of her son. He also recounts the vision Constantine experienced on the eve of a pivotal battle and his subsequent legalization of Christianity in the fourth century. The story dramatically concludes with St. Helena's final accomplishment--her dangerous and miraculous expedition to the Holy Land.

LISTEN: *Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows* by Kimberly Hahn

Speaker and author Kimberly Hahn, wife of Dr. Scott Hahn and mother of six, is a convert to the Catholic Faith. Although honoring Mary was difficult for her to understand initially, she began to encounter Mary's loving guidance in little ways on a daily basis. In this Lighthouse Talk audio, Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROS SEPT 14



Exaltation of the Holy Cross also called Universal Exaltation of the Holy and Life-Giving Cross liturgical feast celebrated on September 14 to honor

the cross on which Jesus Christ was crucified. In the Eastern churches the feast dates back to the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher (the site of Christ's tomb) in Jerusalem circa 335. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross also commemorates the discovery of the True Cross. Legend holds that the relic was found by St. Helena, mother of Constantine the Great, during her pilgrimage to the Holy Land about 326.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS SEPT 15



Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Dolours, the Sorrowful Mother are names by which Mary, mother of Jesus, is referred to in relation to sorrows in life. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular religious theme and a Roman Catholic devotion. In Christian imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed sorrowful and in tears, with one or seven swords piercing her heart, iconography based on the prophecy of Simeon in Luke.