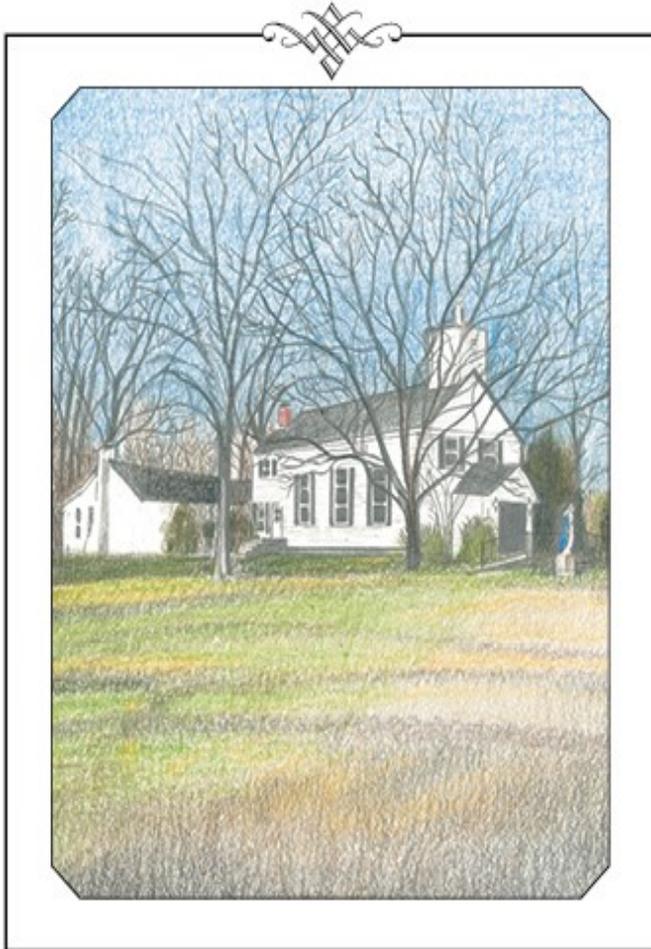


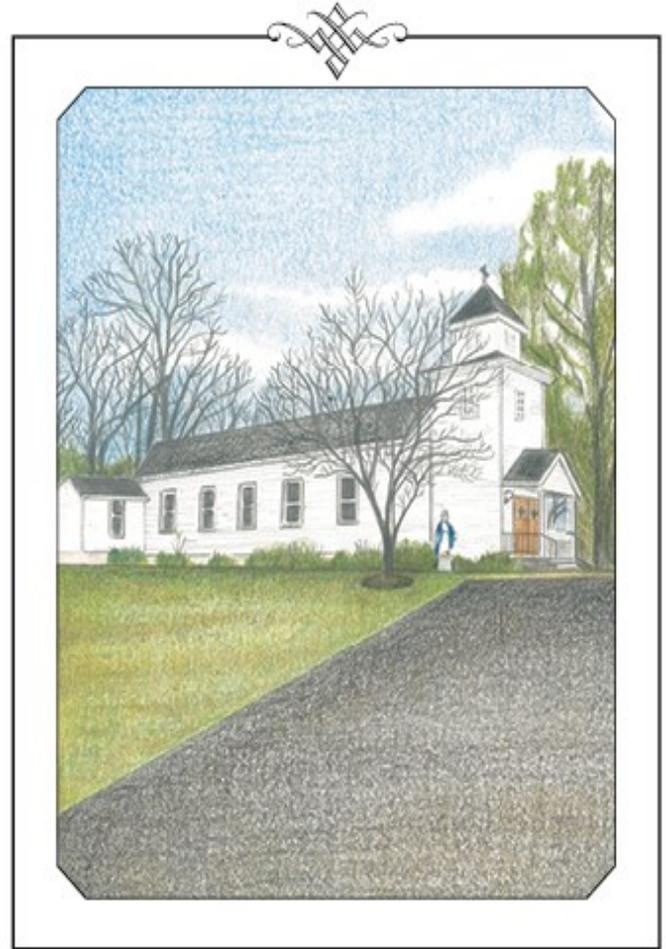
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
Port Tobacco, Maryland*



December 6 ~ Second Sunday of Advent

During COVID-19, the Mass schedule is as follows:

SUNDAY MASS

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

CONFESSIONS

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

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of November 29, 2020

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$1,433

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$643

Thank you for your generous support of our church & ministries.

Coats for Kids

The Knights of Columbus are asking for new or used donations of children's coats for Christmas. Please drop off your coats to John Minichino at St. Ignatius and at the Rectory for St. Catherine. They will be cleaned and distributed to children December 12.

Thank you for your kind donation!

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday, December 5- Vigil – Second Sunday

In Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Sunday December 6 – Second Sunday in

Advent

8:30am People of the Community

Is 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

Monday December 7 – Saint Andrew

6:30pm Peace & Reconciliation in the USA

Is 35:1-10 Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday December 8 – Advent Weekday

6:30pm Repose of the souls of Nguyen Family

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday December 9 – Advent Weekday

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Is 40:25-31 Mt 11:28-30

Thursday December 10 – Advent Weekday

6:30pm Repose of the souls of Deacon Robert

Salgado

Is 41:13-20 Mt: 11:11-15

Friday December 11 – Advent Weekday

6:30pm Repose of the soul of the Vu Family

Is 48:17-19 Mt 11:16-19

Please Note

- The St. Catherine 4:00pm Mass previously held in the Hall has now moved to the Church.
- On the enclosed *Revised* Mass Schedule, please note that we added a 10:00pm Mass on December 24, 2020.



Adult Faith Formation

December 12 – 8:30am

St. Catherine Hall

No sign up, no cost

Books and coffee provided!

**WHY WE'RE
CATHOLIC**



OUR REASONS FOR FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE

TRENT HORN

This week's topics:

- Chapter 21: Why We Protect Life
- Chapter 22: Why We Cherish our Sexuality

Please Read

Important

We have arranged with our Sunday Visitor to mail your weekly offering envelopes to your home. You will receive two months of envelopes at a time. Your first set of envelopes (for January and February) will arrive in late December. Likewise in late February, you will receive March and April and etc.

Should your address change, it is important to let the Rectory know so we can forward your envelopes to your new address.



To everyone at St. Ignatius who so generously donated for the Thanksgiving Baskets. We were able to buy \$100 gift cards to put in each basket.

We are doing the same for the Christmas Baskets and ask, once again, for your donations. The gift cards can be used to supplement their food basket or help the family with gifts.

Your generosity is very appreciated.

From Fr. Q's Desk

What a blessing it was to dedicate and bless our new sanctuary space at St. Ignatius this week on December 2! This work has been the product of a lot of generosity on the part of our parishioners and many others. We celebrated with a Mass for St. Francis Xavier, the great

es, and give them veneration according to what they represent." Ignatius encouraged the devotion of the faithful to be expressed in the artistic works of their churches. In a time when Protestants were destroying art and images, and insisting on barren, whitewashed churches, Ignatius enthusiastically encouraged the traditional Catholic genius: that beautiful sacred art is an important way that we can come

to know God.



Fr. Nichols then went on to describe the new artwork that we see in our sanctuary. There is the "IHS" insignia on the ambo, the symbol of the Jesuits, which honors the holy name of Jesus. There are the symbols of the four evangelists, also on the ambo from which the Gospel is proclaimed. There is the tabernacle and sanctuary lamp, which were used in our church for many years and have now been refurbished and returned to use. Finally, there is the inscription Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, the motto of Ignatius and of the Jesuit order: "for God's greater glory". That is the very reason we have taken all the trouble to beautify our church, and really, in a nutshell, it is the reason for our lives of faith.

Jesuit saint and patron of missionaries. As you know, Jesuit priests founded St. Ignatius 161 years ago, and subsequently staffed it for many years. Fr. Rick Nichols, S.J., a Jesuit priest who is chaplain at Georgetown University Hospital, was kind enough to join us for the day and preach the first homily from the newly blessed ambo.

In his homily, Fr. Nichols referred to St. Ignatius' writings. One of Ignatius' rules was this: "We should praise the ornamentation and building of churches and especially their imag-

ists, also on the ambo from which the Gospel is proclaimed. There is the tabernacle and sanctuary lamp, which were used in our church for many years and have now been refurbished and returned to use. Finally, there is the inscription Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam, the motto of Ignatius and of the Jesuit order: "for God's greater glory". That is the very reason we have taken all the trouble to beautify our church, and really, in a nutshell, it is the reason for our lives of faith.

My sincerest thanks to all who made these improvements possible. God bless you!

St. Catherin

The Angel Tree

St. Catherine
ing items and
four families
supporting
for Christmas
are also



will be collect-
donations for
in addition to
local children
this year. We
accepting new,

unwrapped toys or games for ages 8-16. Please take an angel off the tree and return the unwrapped gift with the tag by Friday, December 18th at the church.

If you have questions, please contact Carol DeStoto (301/751.2966) tffwdesoto@hotmail.com or Shannon Gilbert (571/839-4643), shandiibongil@gmail.com. If you would like Carol/Shannon to do the shopping, please let us know and provide the financial donation by Sunday, December 13th. For special cases, we can pick up donations. Thank you for your support!

Catholic Charities Volunteers

Winter Recruitment Campaign: Volunteer for a Good New Year!

Catholic Charities is recruiting 30 volunteers to take on a weekly, year-long commitment to service. To volunteer visit our website at catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/ongoing/ to learn more and to apply. Except for medical professionals, **volunteering is done remotely** via video chat, phone calls, email, and regular mail.

Angel Tree 2020

Each year, Catholic Charities helps hundreds of families during the holiday season by providing each of their children, ages 16 and younger, with a Christmas gift. We are asking for community sponsors to make a donation to purchase gift cards for these families.

Visit our website at catholiccharitiesdc.org

Indulgences for All Souls

An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. The indulgence is plenary each day from the first to the eighth of November; on other days of the year it is partial.

A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 {as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day}] piously visit a church. In visiting the church it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father. The three conditions may be fulfilled several days before or after the performance of the visit; it is, however, fitting that communion be received and the prayer for the intention of the Holy Father be said on the same day as the visit.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 12 "I Believe in Life Everlasting"

"Amen"

1061 The Creed, like the last book of the Bible, ends with the Hebrew word amen. This word frequently concludes prayers in the New Testament. The Church likewise ends her prayers with "Amen."

1062 In Hebrew, amen comes from the same root as the word "believe." This root expresses solidity, trustworthiness, faithfulness. and so we can understand why "Amen" may express both God's faithfulness towards us and our trust in him.

1063 In the book of the prophet Isaiah, we find the expression "God of truth" (literally "God of the Amen"), that is, the God who is faithful to his promises: "He who blesses himself in the land shall bless himself by the God of truth [amen]." Our Lord often used the word "Amen," sometimes repeated, to emphasize the trustworthiness of his teaching, his authority founded on God's truth.

1064 Thus the Creed's final "Amen" repeats and confirms its first words: "I believe." To believe is to say "Amen" to God's words, promises and commandments; to entrust oneself completely to him who is the "Amen" of infinite love and perfect faithfulness. the Christian's everyday life will then be the "Amen" to the "I believe" of our baptismal profession of faith:

May your Creed be for you as a mirror. Look at yourself in it, to see if you believe everything you say you believe. and rejoice in your faith each day

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Jubilation to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You don't feel the same motivation to share? Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Don't feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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READ: *Cradle of Redeeming Love: The Theology of the Christmas Mystery* by John Saward

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The subject of this book is the objective and divinely revealed truth of the Nativity of Christ, as proclaimed by His infallible and immaculate Bride. It is the splendor of this truth, of "Love's noon in Nature's night", which for two millennia has captivated the Fathers and Schoolmen, and activated the genius of poets, painters, and musicians. Illustrated with eight color paintings.

"Combines Saward's usual profundity and precision with a treasure-trove of texts from the tradition. A comprehensive exposition of the Christmas mystery. Anyone wanting to know the true meaning of the Incarnation and Christmas need look no further." – Aidan Nichols, O.P., Author, *Looking at the Liturgy*

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"John Saward is on my very short list of preeminently important twentieth-century Catholic writers. His writing is always profound, original, and clear." – Thomas Howard, Author, *On Being Catholic*

Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2020

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SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT AMBROSE



Ambrose was the Bishop of Milan, a theologian, and one of the most influential ecclesiastical figures of the 4th century. Ambrose was serving as the Roman governor of Aemilia-Liguria in Milan when he was unexpectedly made Bishop of Milan in 374 by popular acclamation. His literary works have been acclaimed as masterpieces of Latin eloquence, and his musical accomplishments are remembered in his hymns. Ambrose is also remembered as the teacher who converted and baptized St. Augustine of Hippo, the great Christian theologian, and as a model bishop who viewed the church as rising above the ruins of the Roman Empire. He is a patron saint of Milan and of beekeepers.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in



the womb of her mother, Saint Anne. The iconography of the Virgin of the Immaculate Conception shows her standing, with arms outspread or hands clasped in prayer, and her feast day is 8 December.

KIDS CORNER

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday of Advent • Mark 1:1-8