

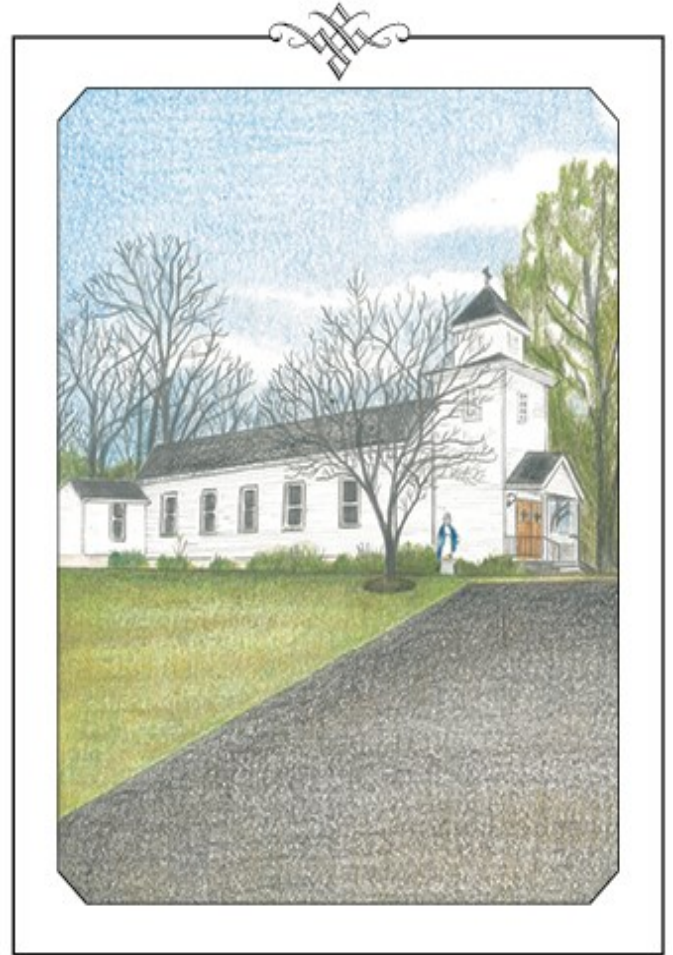
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



January 17, 2021 ~ Second 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.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of January 10, 2020

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,200.25
Repairs & Maint: \$210

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$2,017
Repairs & Maint: \$50

Thank you for your support of our church and ministries!

Mass Intentions

Be sure to submit your Mass Intentions as early as possible to ensure you receive your requested date. If your date is not available, your Mass Intention will be listed as the next closest date.



Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday, January 16 – Vigil – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Repose of the soul of Melvin
Jamieson

1 Sm 3:3b, 10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Sunday, January 17 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am People of the Community

10:30am Repose of the soul of Leonard
DeNittis

1 Sm 3:3b, 10, 19 1 Cor 6: 13c-15a, 17-20
Jn 1:35-42

Monday January 18 – Weekday

6:30pm Those deceased from COVID
Heb 5:1-10 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday January 19 – Weekday

6:30pm Irene Nielsen
Heb 6:10-20 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday January 20 – Weekday

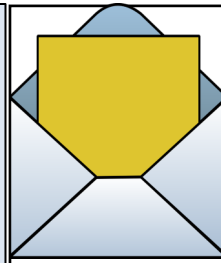
No Mass at St. Catherine's
Heb 7:1-3, 15, 17 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday January 21 – Saint Agnes

6:30pm Repose of the soul of Deacon Ralph W.
Cyrus, Jr.
Heb 7:25; 8:6 Mk 3:7-12

Friday January 22 - Weekday

6:30pm Deceased Parishioners and Benefactors
Heb 8:6-13 Mk 3:13-19



Offertory Envelopes

Due to USPS delays, some parishioners have not received their Offertory Envelopes. If you do not receive your Offertory Envelopes by January 17, kindly call the rectory so we can send you replacement envelopes.

Year End Statements

Year End Statements will be mailed in the next couple of weeks. If you have any address changes or updates, kindly let the Office know. Thank you!



Rectory Office Closed

Please note the Office & ANS will be closed on Monday, January 18 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Daily Mass

Rejoice always, and pray without ceasing... (1 Thess 5:16)

The Church continually lifts her voice of thanksgiving, praise and petition to God - not just on Sundays, but throughout the week. Come join your voice to the Church's at daily Mass - each Mon/Tue/Thu/Fri at St. Catherine's Church at 6:30pm.



Men, if you are you interested in Strengthening Your Faith and Assisting your Parish and Community then please consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Perry Giovacchini at 240-270-6967 or pmgiovacchini@gmail.com to learn more or to set up an interview. The Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Neale Council 2279 Officers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and Members meet monthly.

From Fr. Q's Desk

Having recently met with each of our parish councils, I realized that parish councils are somewhat new to our parishes, having been set up by Fr. Gill a few years ago. So I thought I'd try to answer some questions about the function of the parish council.

What is the parish council?

The parish council is a group of parishioners who offer advice to the pastor on important issues facing the parish. They also can serve as intermediaries between the pastor and the wider body of parishioners, facilitating communication in both directions. While they provide advice, final decisions are still made by the pastor.

Who sits on the parish council?

St. Ignatius: Mary Minichino, Susan Collins, Keith Smoot, Austin Doherty

St. Catherine: Gloria Riley, Tracy Mattingly, Dottie Clements, John Coleman, Ed Landicho, Scott Farren

These rosters are found on the parish website, and also published occasionally in the bulletin.

When does the parish council meet?

I meet quarterly with our parish councils. (To preserve the integrity of our discussions, meetings are restricted to council members only.)

How are council members selected?

I appoint council members to three-year terms, with one or two members rotating off each fall. When looking for new council members, I generally look for parishioners who have a living relationship with the Lord and who actively participate in the life of the parish. They may head up a ministry, attend a faith formation program, regularly be present at Adoration or

daily Mass, or supply any of the much-needed help that makes our parishes run. In addition, I do my best to have the parish council broadly representative as a corporate body of the various demographic groups in the parish.

Can I suggest someone for the parish council?

Absolutely. If you see someone who fits the criteria just described, please bring him/her to my attention.

How do you employ the parish council in your decisions?

I suppose every pastor has his own leadership style, but here is mine when confronting any of the ump-teen decisions I make for our parishes each year. Issues can be small, medium or large depending on their scope, urgency or permanence.

Small issue: I make a decision myself, after consultation when needed with some of the concerned parties in the parish. *Examples*: trash company contract; new kitchen equipment.

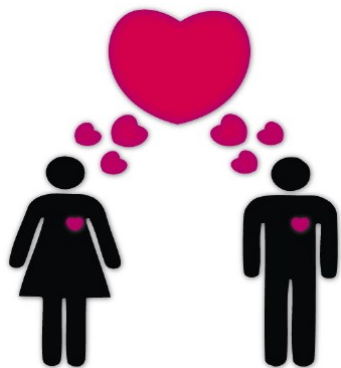
Medium issue: I do some research and formulate a proposal or list of options. I then take this to the parish council for feedback and advice before making a decision. *Examples*: campus signage; organizing a community event.

Large issue: I again formulate a proposal and bring it to the parish council. After taking their feedback into account, I then invite the feedback of the broader parish. *Examples*: church renovations; permanent change in Mass times.

Can I speak to a parish council member about a question or concern regarding the parish?

Yes, definitely. While you are always welcome to raise an issue with me directly, you may also contact a council member to answer your question or to address your concern at the next meeting.





Help Our Marriage

Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue, or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped many couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage.

For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on January 29th - January 31st, 2021, please visit: www.HelpOurMarriage.org, call (443) 400-7017, or email: 3015@HelpOurMarriage.org.

RETREATS AT LOYOLA



Men's Retreat	Jan 22-24, 2021
Women's Retreat	Apr 9-11, 2021
Spanish Coed Retreat	Apr 23-25, 2021

The cost is \$245. The deposit fee of \$115 is due with your registration (deposits are nonrefundable, but are transferable). Please make checks payable to "Loyola Retreat House", P.O. Box 9, Faulkner, MD 20632. For more information, call (301) 392-0800 and/or check the website www.loyolaonthepotomac.com.

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Vaccination Volunteer Task Force

The Charles County Mobile Intensive Care Unit is assembling a local volunteer force to assist them with vaccinations. They need your help! Those interested must be prepared to work four-hour shifts outdoors helping with tasks such as directing traffic, assisting vaccine recipients with paperwork, and lending support to the medical volunteers.

Although medical training is a plus, no medical training is required. This is a great way to aid the public health as the vaccines roll out. Please contact the office if you would be able to help.



Shelves of Hope Food Pantry

2nd and 4th Saturday 9:30am to 11:00am

Food Items always needed:

- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Potted Meats (tuna, chicken)

Please leave donations in the church narthex.

All Poor Box donations support our Pantry



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 2 The Paschal Mystery in the Church's Sacraments

II. The Sacraments of the Church

1117 As she has done for the canon of Sacred Scripture and for the doctrine of the faith, the Church, by the power of the Spirit who guides her "into all truth," has gradually recognized this treasure received from Christ has determined its "dispensation." Thus the Church has discerned over the centuries that among liturgical celebrations there are seven that are, in the strict sense of the term, sacraments instituted by the Lord.

1118 The sacraments are "of the Church" in the double sense that they are "by her" and "for her." They are "by the Church," for she is the sacrament of Christ's action at work in her through the mission of the Holy Spirit. They are "for the Church" in the sense that "the sacraments make the Church," since they manifest and communicate to men, above all in the Eucharist, the mystery of communion with the God who is love, One in three persons.

1119 Forming "as it were, one mystical person" with Christ the head, the Church acts in the sacraments as "an organically structured priestly community." Through Baptism and Confirmation the priestly people are enabled to celebrate the liturgy, while those of the faithful "who have received Holy Orders, are appointed to nourish the Church with the word and grace of God in the name of Christ."

1120 The ordained ministry is at the service of the baptismal priesthood. The ordained priesthood guarantees that it really is Christ who acts in the sacraments through the Holy Spirit for the Church., they receive the Spirit of Jesus to act in his name and in his person. They are the sacramental bond that ties the liturgical action to what the apostles said and did and, through them, to the words and actions of Christ, the source and foundation of the sacraments.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Christ Is Anything but Ordinary

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access Code: **84PVM3**
- Enter your email and create a password

READ: *History of the Catholic Church: From the Apostolic Age to the Third Millennium* by James Hitchcock

The Catholic Church is the longest-enduring institution in the world. Beginning with the first Christians and continuing in our present day, the Church has been planted in every nation on earth.

The Catholic Church claims Jesus Christ himself as her founder, and in spite of heresy from within and hostility from without, she remains in the twenty-first century the steadfast guardian of belief in his Life, Death, and Resurrection. The teachings and redemptive works of Jesus as told in the Gospels are expressed by the Church in a coherent and consistent body of doctrine, the likes of which cannot be found in any other Christian body.

The history of the Catholic Church is long, complicated, and fascinating, and in this book it is expertly and ably told by historian James Hitchcock. As in the parable of Christ about the weeds that were sown in a field of wheat, evil and good have grown together in the Church from the start, as Hitchcock honestly records. He brings before us the many characters—some noble, some notorious—who have left an indelible mark on the Church, while never losing sight of the saints, who have given living testimony to the salvific power of Christ in every age.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT FABIAN



Fabian came to Rome after Pope Anteros died in 236. A layperson, he may have come for the same reason many still come to Rome today during a papal election: concern for the future of the faith, curiosity about the new pope, a desire to grieve for the pope who had passed. Which one would be the new pope? Someone known for power? Someone known for eloquence? Someone known for courage? Suddenly during the discussion, a dove descended from the ceiling. But it didn't settle on "someone known" for anything at all. The dove, according to Eusebius, "settled on [Fabian's] head as clear imitation of the descent of the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove upon the Savior." There must have been something of the Holy Spirit working because everyone suddenly proclaimed Fabian as "worthy" to be pope and this stranger was elected.



SAINT AGNES

Agnes of Rome (c. 291 – c. 304) is a virgin martyr, venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. St. Agnes is one of several virgin martyrs commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Agnes is depicted in art with a lamb, evoking her name which resembles the Latin word for "lamb", *agnus* (the given name is Greek, from *hagnē* ἁγνή "chaste, pure").

KIDS CORNER

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE B



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42