

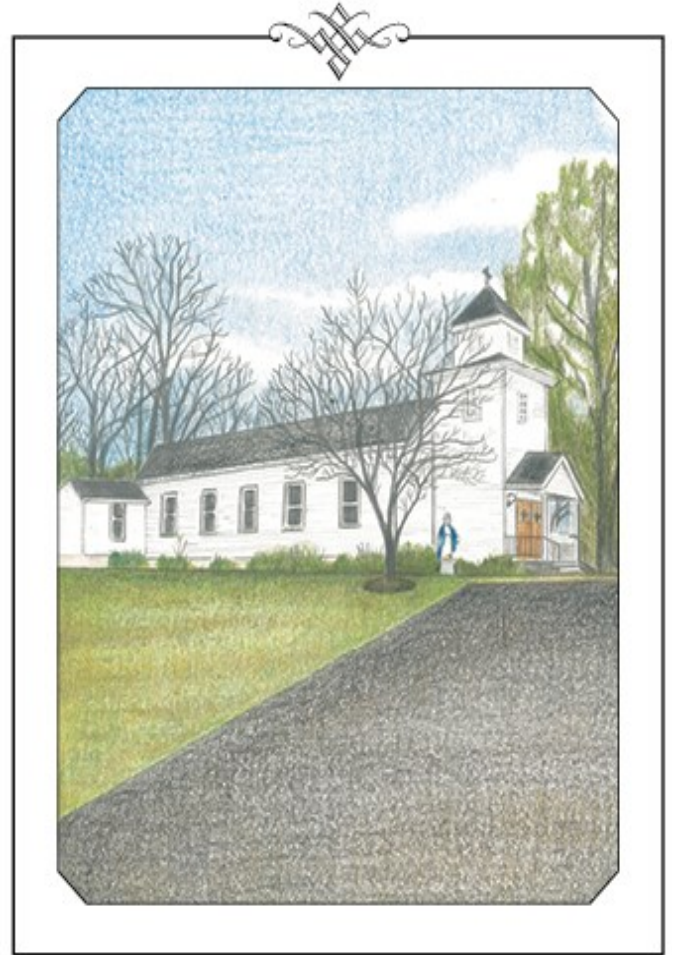
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 16, 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

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

Deceased

Lionel Gray
Robert Pender
Sissy Cooper

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for obituary and funeral
information.

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Tracy Mattingly
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John Coleman
Ed Landicho
Denise Oglesby
Steve Proctor

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Gabrielle Campbell
Gaston Plante

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday January 15 – Vigil of the Second

Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

4:00pm

Sunday January 16– The Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

8:30am People of the Community

10:30am Repose of the soul of Melvin Jamieson

Monday January 17 – Saint Anthony

1 Sm 15:16-23 Mk 2:18-22

6:30pm *No Mass at St. Catherine's*

Tuesday January 18 – Weekday

1 Sm 16:1-13 Mk 2:23-28

6:30pm *No Mass at St. Catherine's*

Wednesday January 19 – Weekday

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Mk 3:1-6

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday January 20 – Weekday

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7 Mk 3:7-12

6:30pm *No Mass at St. Catherine's*

Friday January 21 – Saint Agnes

1 Sm 24:3-21 Mk 3:13-19

6:30pm *No Mass at St. Catherine's*

Sacrificial Giving Weekend of January 9

St. Catherin

Offertory: \$1,604

St. Ignatius:

Offertory: \$1,140

Thank you for your generosity!

Dates to Remember



Jan 21 March for Life – Washington DC

Jan 26 Grateful Plate 5-6pm



Our Confirmation Prep spring session will be beginning in February, so we are now scheduling interviews for students ages 12-17 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Interested students must speak with one of our priests and the Confirmation Prep coordinator before classes begin. To schedule an interview, contact the parish office at 301-934-2261 or email our parish secretary. All interviews for the Spring 2022 session must be completed by January 28th. For more information about our Confirmation Prep program, including requirements, expectations, meetings dates, and assignments, please see our website.

Fr. Q on Retreat & Vacation

Fr. Q will be on Retreat and Vacation from January 17-28. There will be no daily masses at that time. Weekend Masses will take place as usual. Fr. Dustin Dought will cover Masses the weekend of Jan 22-23.



Let's wish Fr. Q the grace, guidance, and refreshment that God offers him on retreat!

From Fr. Q's Desk

Dear parish family,

After last week's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, the Christmas decorations came down (thank you to all who helped un-decorate our churches!) and we have returned to a period that the Church terms "Ordinary Time". This period of Ordinary Time lasts until Ash Wednesday – March 3 this year. Lent and Easter interrupt Ordinary Time. It then picks up again after Pentecost (June 5) and continues until the feast of Christ the King (November 20).

Here is how our bishops describe Ordinary Time:

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ. This is the time of conversion. Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation, a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.



To make Ordinary Time a time "for growth and maturation", as the bishops propose, may I offer some suggestions?

- **Growth in Christian virtues.** Virtues are nothing but ingrained good habits. (Vices are ingrained bad habits.) These are the habits we exercise—or don't—in the course of our everyday normal living. They are things like: patience, humility, generosity, thoughtfulness, piety, courage—the list could go on and on. What virtue do you think God wants you to grow in? What is one small way you could practice that virtue—daily or weekly—during this Ordinary Time?

- **Recognition of graced moments.** God speaks to us in a hundred ways each day, imparting his grace and favor. But grace surrounds us so much that often we are blind to its actions! Perhaps God has touched you through the voice of a loved one, or the kindness of a stranger, or the beauty of your backyard, or a moment's peace after dinner. We can grow in our appreciation of these graced experiences by examining our day before we got to bed and say "Thanks" for three times that we saw God at work.

- **Stepping back from the media whirlpool.** Our world likes us to be anxious about many things. The media often sucks us in to its grasp. But God wants to convey his peace and assurance to us—not to be wrapped up in every adverse event that afflicts our world. What if I aimed for a 10:1 ratio—that for every ten minutes you spend with TV/radio/internet,, you will devote one minute to sacred reading or prayer? Your ordinary time would be transformed.

May this Ordinary Time be a sacred time of growth and maturation for you!

Theological Insights

St. Cyril of Jerusalem (4th Century)

Water comes down from heaven as rain, and although it is always the same in itself, it produces many different effects, one in the palm tree, another in the vine, and so on throughout the whole of creation. In the same way the Holy Spirit, whose nature is always the same, simple and indivisible, apportions grace to each man as he wills.

Church Family Directories are Here!



There are Family Directories available for those who did not receive one. We have a limited supply, so they are first

come — first serve.

Rectory Office Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King, the Rectory Office will be closed on Monday, January 17.



Inclement Weather Reports



Let's keep in touch! Be sure to sign up!

Flocknote texts will be sent out in the event of changes in schedule or church closings. To receive these texts, text "ROUTE6" to 84576. You can also see essential Flocknotes posted to our webpage. Visit our church site at:

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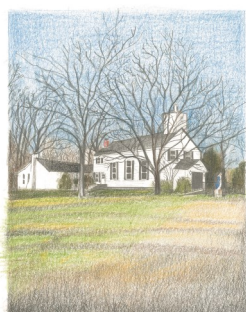
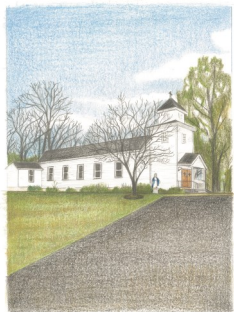
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Attention Shoppers!

-St. Ignatius needs your help-

Our proposed museum at St. Ignatius to the circuit-riding priests needs some antique articles. Can you help either by donating one of these items, or by helping the parish find and procure them?

- Antique bed
- Sitting/rocking chair
- Pot belly stove
- Simple desk
- ~~kerosene lantern~~ — **Donated!**
- ~~Chamber pot~~ — **Donated!**
- Breviary prayer book
- Saddlebags
- Wall pegs for clothes



Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH SECTION TWO

Article 2 The Sacrament of Confirmation

I. Confirmation in the Economy of Salvation

1291 A custom of the Roman Church facilitated the development of the Western practice: a double anointing with sacred chrism after Baptism. The first anointing of the neophyte on coming out of the baptismal bath was performed by the priest; it was completed by a second anointing on the forehead of the newly baptized by the bishop. The first anointing with sacred chrism, by the priest, has remained attached to the baptismal rite; it signifies the participation of the one baptized in the prophetic, priestly, and kingly offices of Christ. If Baptism is conferred on an adult, there is only one post-baptismal anointing, that of Confirmation.

1292 The practice of the Eastern Churches gives greater emphasis to the unity of Christian initiation. That of the Latin Church more clearly expresses the communion of the new Christian with the bishop as guarantor and servant of the unity, catholicity and apostolicity of his Church, and hence the connection with the apostolic origins of Christ's Church.

II. The Signs and the Rite of Confirmation

1293 In treating the rite of Confirmation, it is fitting to consider the sign of anointing and what it signifies and imprints: a spiritual seal. Anointing, in Biblical and other ancient symbolism, is rich in meaning: oil is a sign of abundance and joy; it cleanses (anointing before and after a bath) and limbers (the anointing of athletes and wrestlers); oil is a sign of healing, since it is soothing to bruises and wounds; and it makes radiant with beauty, health, and strength.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

It Takes All Kinds

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever he tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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READ: *The Walls are Talking: Former Abortion Clinic Workers Tell Their Stories*

This book narrates the harrowing and life-changing experiences of former abortion clinic workers, including those of the author, who once directed abortion services at a large Planned Parenthood clinic in Texas. These individuals, whose names have been changed to protect their identities, left their jobs in the abortion industry after experiencing a change of heart. They have come forward with their stories, not for fame or notoriety, but to shed light on the reality of abortion. They want their stories to change the lives of others for the better.

These stories are difficult to read, because abortion is an act of violence, harming not only the obvious victim—the unborn child—but also the mother, the father, the doctor, and everyone else involved. But these stories also offer hope, for they show that anyone, no matter what part the person has played in an abortion, can start anew and make amends. They demonstrate that the first step on that journey is telling the truth, as these courageous individuals do in these pages.

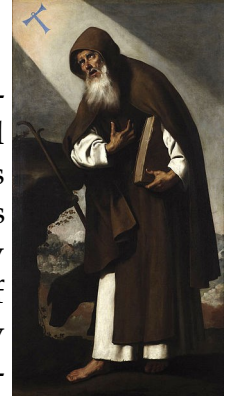
"Those of us that have worked in the abortion industry all live with a constant burden. We can't let our burden slide off of our shoulders; it is what keeps us on fire. It reminds us of why we fight so hard. We have seen death and evil in a way that most haven't—and we participated. But we are forgiven. He who has been forgiven much, loves much. And we love a lot. I am eagerly awaiting the day when we can call all abortionists and clinic workers former and repentant abortion providers."

— Abby Johnson, author

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT ANTHONY

Anthony the Great was a Christian monk from Egypt, revered since his death as a saint. He is distinguished from other saints named Anthony such as Anthony of Padua, by various epithets of his own: Saint Anthony, Anthony of Egypt, Anthony the Abbot, Anthony of the Desert, Anthony the Anchorite, Anthony the Hermit, and Anthony of Thebes. For his importance among the Desert Fathers and to all later Christian monasticism, he is also known as the Father of All Monks. His feast day is celebrated on 17 January among the Orthodox and Catholic churches and on Tobi 22 in the Coptic calendar.



SAINT AGNES



Agnes of Rome is a virgin martyr, venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, and Eastern Orthodox Church. St. Agnes is one of several virgin martyrs commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass.

She is, among other patrocines, a patron saint of virgins, girls^[1] and chastity. Saint Agnes' feast day is 21 January.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3