

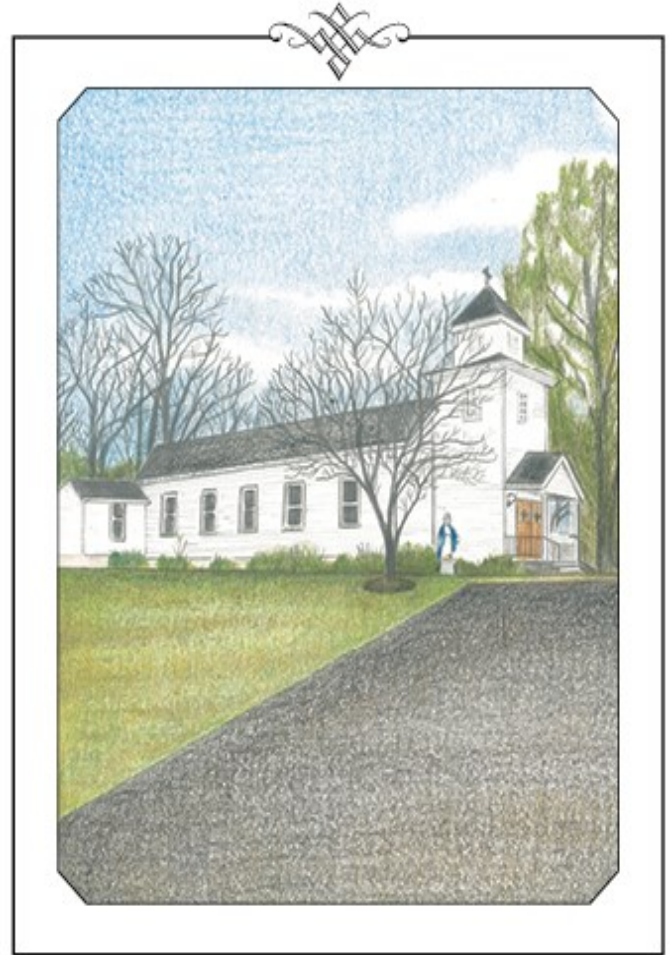
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 23, 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

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

St. Catherine Finance Council

Marshall Garino
Kenny Fish
Shannon Gilbert

St. Ignatius Parish Council

Susan Collins
Keith Smoot
Austin Doherty

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Kellie Burch
Gabrielle Campbell
Gaston Plante

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday January 22 – Vigil of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 1:12-30

Lk 1:4, 4:14-21

4:00pm Remember the Unborn

Sunday January 23– The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 1 Cor 1:12-30

Lk 1:4, 4:14-21

8:30am Rev. James Isidore Dixon

10:30am People of the Community

Monday January 24 – Saint Francis DeSales

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Mk 3:22-30

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

Tuesday January 25 – Conversion of St. Paul

Acts 22:3-16 Mk 16:15-18

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

Wednesday January 26 – Saints Timothy and Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 Mk 4:1-20

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday January 27 – Weekday

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Mk 4:21-25

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

Friday January 28 – Saint Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Mk 4:26-34

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

Sacrificial Giving Weekend of January 16

St. Catherine
Offertory: \$2,488

St. Ignatius:
Offertory: \$1,175

Dates to Remember



January 21 – March for Life



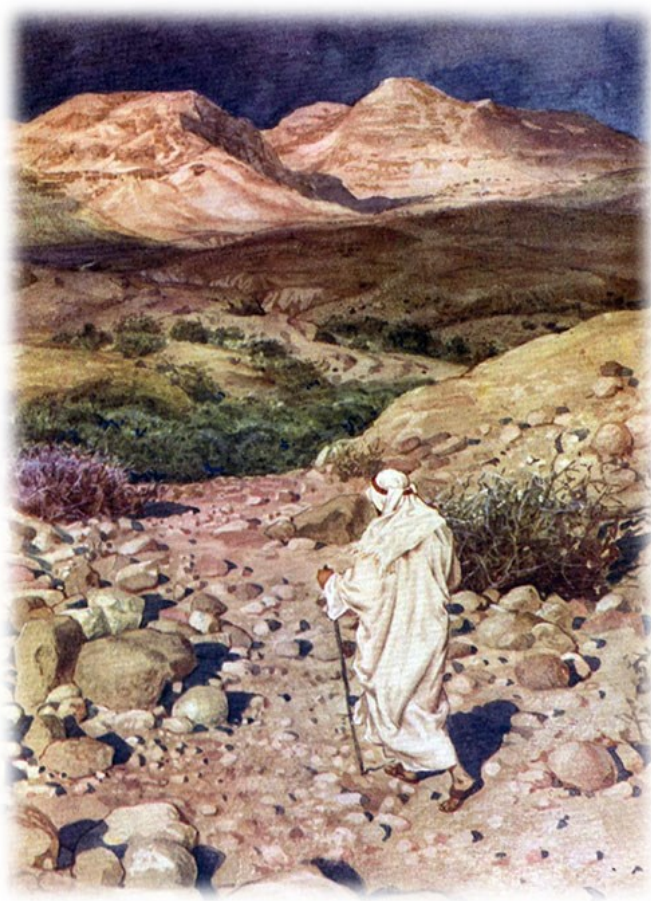
Our Confirmation Prep spring session will be beginning in February, so we are now scheduling interviews for students ages 12-17 interested in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Interested students must speak with one of our priests and the Confirmation Prep coordinator before classes begin. To 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.

Mass Intentions



Remember, a Mass Intention is a very heartwarming gift to give a loved one for their Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Illness or any special occasion.

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 to the next closest date.



From Fr. Q's Desk

Dear Parish Family,

I'm away on retreat at a hermitage outside of Phoenix this week. I'll be spending another few days with family in Arizona afterwards, so I'll miss you this weekend! My sincere thanks to Fr. Dustin Dought, a priest from Louisiana who works in Washington at the Conference of Catholic Bishops. Please make him feel welcome and see if you can hear a slight Southern twang!

You may know that every priest is required to take one week a year on retreat. That is in imitation of Our Lord himself. You'll recall that immediately after his baptism, he went on a 40-day silent retreat in the desert. Moreover, we see him frequently in the Gospels stealing away for a night of prayer with the Father. And he encourages his disciples to do the same: *Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.* (Mk

6:31) Jesus knows that we need time away to reconnect with our "first love" - God himself.

My retreat this year is a solo retreat, i.e., by myself and not part of a group. It will be, for the most part, silent. I'll spend three hours in quiet prayer each day, in addition to celebrating Mass by myself. I'll also spend some time reading and exercising. The hermitage is located in a rural desert area, and time in nature is always an opportunity to be united with God. In other years, I attend "Directed Retreats", with a retreat master who leads a group of us journeying through the retreat experience together. Retreats usually have some component of silence (not always strict), so that we can listen to God more keenly.

But retreats are not intended just for priests; they are encouraged for all the faithful! And in fact, studies show that one of the key ways that Catholics grow in and retain their faith is if they've had a retreat experience like this. There are retreats for:

- Individuals
- Parishes
- Youth groups (especially Confirmation)
- Families
- Couples

We have a number of wonderful retreat houses in the Washington area. One is right here in our neighborhood: the Jesuits run the Loyola Retreat Center in Faulkner. There is also Camp Maria in Leonardtown; Our Lady of Bethesda in Washington; and Priestfield near Charles Town, West Virginia, among others.

Once Covid calms down (whenever that happens...) I would like to lead a retreat for our parishioners. But until then, you can always attend one of the weekend retreats scheduled at these centers.

I'll be remembering you all in prayer during my retreat, and ask you to pray for me as well!

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.



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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Framed Prints Sale

Fundraiser for St. Ignatius Church

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and

St. Catherine's

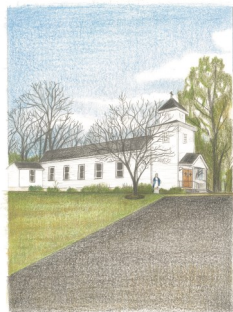
Churches

Prices: From \$20-\$45

See: Mary Pat Doherty

Call: 202-230-6675

On Display: St. Ignatius Church Hall



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

II. The Signs and the Rite of Confirmation

1294 Anointing with oil has all these meanings in the sacramental life. the pre-baptismal anointing with the oil of catechumens signifies cleansing and strengthening; the anointing of the sick expresses healing and comfort. the post-baptismal anointing with sacred chrism in Confirmation and ordination is the sign of consecration. By Confirmation Christians, that is, those who are anointed, share more completely in the mission of Jesus Christ and the fullness of the Holy Spirit with which he is filled, so that their lives may give off "the aroma of Christ.

1295 By this anointing the confirmand receives the "mark," the seal of the Holy Spirit. A seal is a symbol of a person, a sign of personal authority, or ownership of an object. Hence soldiers were marked with their leader's seal and slaves with their master's. A seal authenticates a juridical act or document and occasionally makes it secret.

1296 Christ himself declared that he was marked with his Father's seal. Christians are also marked with a seal: "It is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has commissioned us; he has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ, our enrollment in his service for ever, as well as the promise of divine protection in the great eschatological trial.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful – truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God – giving it true spirit and life.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



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WATCH: *Saint Francis de Sales: Pastor of Souls*

Determined from his youth to pursue the priesthood, Saint Francis de Sales lived a storied life as a priest and missionary before settling down to the duties of a small-town bishop in the foothills of the French Alps. The spiritual writings of this beloved teacher of everyday holiness are justly celebrated. In his doctrine, we find the summation of the teaching of the Catholic Reformation.

READ: *Angels & Demons: What Do We Really Know about Them?* by Peter Kreeft

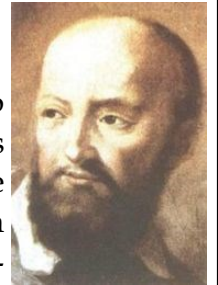
In response to actual questions many people have asked him about angels and demons, well-known author and philosophy professor Peter Kreeft separates fact from fantasy, and myth from reality, as he answers 100 common questions about these spiritual beings. Based on a very popular college course he teaches on this subject, this book responds to the incredible amount of interest in angelic beings and attempts to clear up some of the misinformation abounding in the numerous books today on what we know about these mysterious spirits.

Drawing on the Bible, traditional Church teaching, and St. Thomas Aquinas, Kreeft gives straight, clear answers to the perennial and philosophical questions asked about angels and demons throughout time. In his typical lucid, profound, and sometimes humorous style, Kreeft answers such questions as "What are angels made of?", "How do angels communicate with God?", "How do angels communicate with us?", "Do demons, or devils, or evil spirits really exist?", and many more. Includes art depicting angels.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES

Saint Francis DeSales was a Bishop of Geneva and is revered as a saint in the Catholic Church. He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation. He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the *Introduction to the Devout Life* and the *Treatise on the Love of God*.



SAINT THOMAS ACQUINAS



Thomas Aquinas is considered one of the Catholic Church's greatest theologians and philosophers. Pope Benedict XV declared: "This (Dominican) Order ... acquired new luster when the Church declared the teaching of Thomas to be her own and that Doctor, honored with the special praises of the Pontiffs, the master and patron of Catholic schools."^[17] The English philosopher Anthony Kenny considers Thomas to be "one of the dozen greatest philosophers of the western world". Unlike many currents in the Catholic Church of the time, Thomas embraced several ideas put forward by Aristotle — whom he called "the Philosopher" — and attempted to synthesize Aristotelian philosophy with the principles of Christianity.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free.*

- Lk 4:18