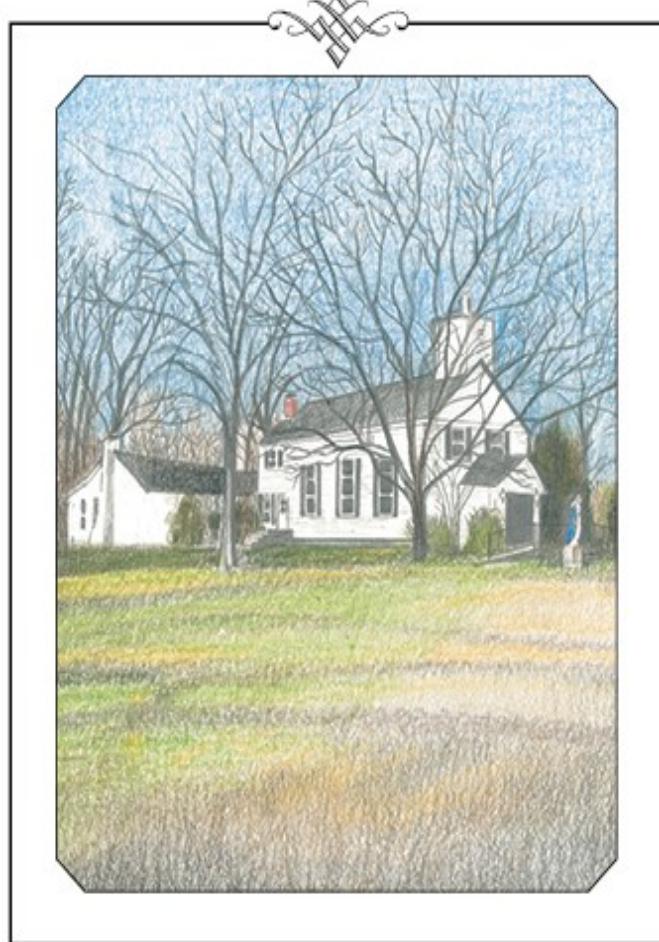


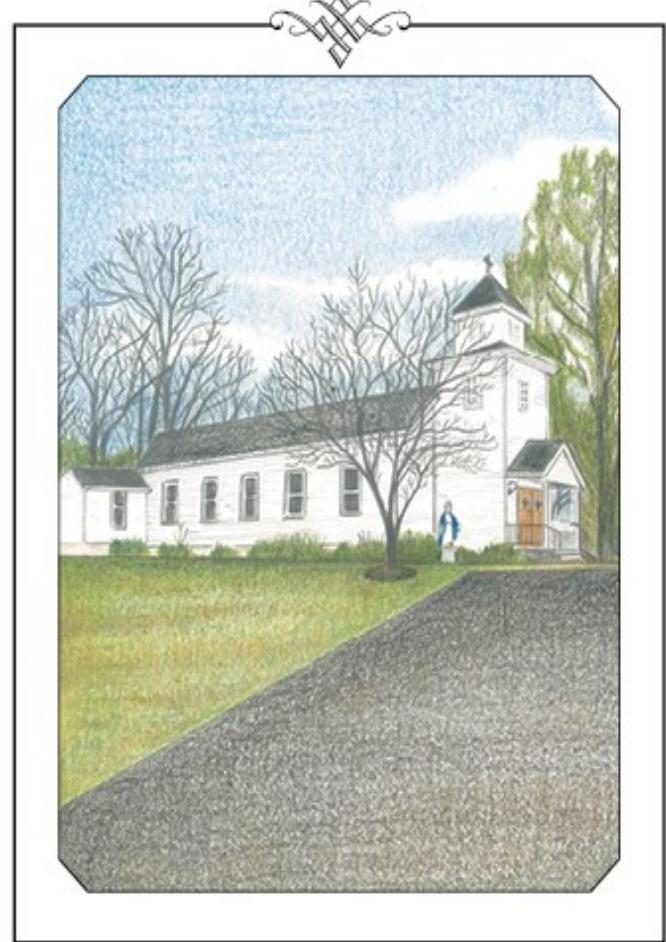
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Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland



St. Catherine of Alexandria

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**June 6, 2021 ~ The Most Holy
Body and Blood of Christ**

SUNDAY MASS

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

CONFESIONS

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.

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday – June 5 – The Vigil of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
4:00pm Repose of the Soul of Julie Thomas

Sunday June 6 – The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Ex 24:3-8 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26
8:30am People of the Community
10:30am Repose of the Soul of Julie Thomas

Monday June 7 – Weekday

2 Cor 1:1-7 Mt 5:1-12
6:30pm

Tuesday June 8 – Weekday

2 Cor 1:18-22 Mt 5:13-16
6:30pm Gerard Pappas & children

Wednesday June 9 – Weekday

2 Cor 3:4-11 Mt 5:17-19
No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday June 10 – Weekday

2 Cor 3:15; 4:1, 3-6 Mt 5:20-26
6:30pm

Friday June 11 – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Hos 11:1, 3,-4 8c-9 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19 Jn 19:31-37
6:30p

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of May 30

St. Catherine
Offertory: \$2,163

St. Ignatius
Offertory: \$1,527

Fr. Q on Vacation

Fr. Q will be away on vacation in June. Daily Masses will be suspended at St. Catherine's from June 7 – June 18.



Sunday June 12-13 Masses as normal

4pm St. Catherine Fr. Swink
8:30am St. Ignatius Msgr. Wilson
10:30 am St. Catherine Msgr. Wilson

Please welcome our visiting Priests.

Movies on the Lawn

Save the Dates!



St. Catherine's will be hosting "Movies on the Lawn" this summer. Our dates are:

- June 19 *Black Panther*
- June 26 *Big Hero 6*
- July 3 *Risen*

starting at 8pm. Please let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome to join us. Look for our flyer in next week's bulletin.

The Catholic Standard

Be sure to read the article in the Catholic Standard about Fr. Qureshi and Fr. Clifford discovering a ledger about a future saint having a hand in building St. Catherine's. Fascinating!



From Fr. Q's Desk

What a joy it's been for me—and for so many of you—to have our churches full again with the praise of God! And it's nice to see faces again, without the requirement for masks. Thank God for the ingenuity of our scientists, the wisdom of our legislators, and the hard work of our front-line caretakers that we have been able to get to this point.

It was March of 2020 that the bishops suspended the normal obligation to attend Mass. I wanted to inform you that **the obligation will be reinstated soon**. Here are some things to know!

Q: When does the obligation to attend Mass go into effect?

A: Our local bishops have set **June 26-27** as the first weekend that Mass will return to its "obligatory" status.

Q: Why was the obligation suspended last year?

A: The normal obligation was suspended due to concerns about the Covid-19 pandemic.. Beginning March 14-15, 2020, all public Masses were suspended as our world went into lockdown. Mass here in the Archdiocese of Washington was reopened to the public two-and-a-half months later on Sunday, May 31, 2020—fittingly, Pentecost Sunday. Since then, our archbishop determined that in person attendance at Mass would be optional, recognizing the continued risk and the wide variety of dispositions and circumstances of the faithful.

Q: Why is the obligation now being reimposed?

A: The bishops of our local region have determined that the risk from Covid-19 in our area has been sufficiently mitigated due to vaccination and the precautionary behavior of our citizens. Infection and mortality rates have dropped steeply in our area, and many other parts of our lives are returning to something

closer to normal than before. As part of that "normal", we as Catholics return to the normal obligation to attend Mass.

Q: Why do we have an obligation to attend Mass anyway?

A: The obligation to attend Sunday Mass each and every week, as well as the five Holy Days of obligation, stretches back to the Old Testament. *You shall keep holy the Sabbath* was the Third Commandment given to Israel. And the early Christian community was noted for faithfully gathering each week on the day of the Lord's Resurrection. As always, whenever God commands something, it's not because he's trying to make our lives hard! Rather, he knows what is good for us, and he wants us to be trained in the practice of holiness. That's what faithful attendance at Mass is: training for heaven, and encouraging one another too!

Q: Is missing Mass still considered a mortal sin?

A: The deliberate skipping of Mass—when otherwise you could have gone—is considered a very serious sin, since it offends one of the most important commandments God gave us: to worship him faithfully. When chosen freely, and with full knowledge, it would be a mortal sin, and you should get to Confession right away.

Q: But what if I have serious reasons for not attending Mass?

A: This is where the exercise of your conscience as a mature Christian comes in. There are sometimes legitimate reasons for being unable to attend Mass: for instance, illness, age, weather or personal emergencies. It is not a sin to miss Mass under those circumstances, since it was not a freely chosen decision on your part, and there would be no need to confess it. (When those things happen, it is a praiseworthy practice to spend some time in personal prayer with the Sunday readings so as to honor the Lord's Day in the best way you can.) If you have doubts, I'm always available to talk it over with you.



St. Catherine of Alexandria
invites you to our 2021
Spring Yard Sale

Saturday June 12
7:00am - 2:00pm
St. Catherine Hall
7865 Port Tobacco Road

Drop Off Times for Donations at the Hall are:

Tues, 6/8 from 9am to 1pm • Wed, 6/9 from 4pm to 7pm
Thur, 6/10 from 12pm to 7pm • Fri, 6/11 from 9am to 3pm

Donations of furniture & baby furniture, household items, clothing in very good condition, appliances, tools, and lawn equipment are greatly appreciated.

We cannot accept donations of large desks, computers and computer peripherals, electronic components, TV's, or Flat Screen TV's. No Mattresses.

Refreshments will be available
Donuts and Coffee - AM
Light lunch and Refreshments - PM

- Help Wanted for Pre-Sale, Setup, and Day of Sale.
- Outside Rental available for \$20. Bring your own tables.
- Help needed for pick up large items.

For more information or to schedule a pick-up contact:
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Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 1

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

III. When is the Liturgy Celebrated?

Liturgical seasons

1175 The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself "continues his priestly work through his Church." His members participate according to their own place in the Church and the circumstances of their lives: priests devoted to the pastoral ministry, because they are called to remain diligent in prayer and the service of the word; religious, by the charism of their consecrated lives; all the faithful as much as possible: "Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts. the laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually."

1176 The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours demands not only harmonizing the voice with the praying heart, but also a deeper "understanding of the liturgy and of the Bible, especially of the Psalms."

1177 The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the psalms into the age of the Church, expressing the symbolism of the time of day, the liturgical season, or the feast being celebrated. Moreover, the reading from the Word of God at each Hour and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters at certain Hours, reveal more deeply the meaning of the mystery being celebrated, assist in understanding the psalms, and prepare for silent prayer. the lectio divina, where the Word of God is so read and meditated that it becomes prayer, is thus rooted in the liturgical celebration

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

We Can Prepare the Upper Room

We all know that person, don't we? Hey, maybe we've even been that person.

"I have a great relationship with God, but I don't go to church regularly. God and I are on good terms. I can talk to Him just fine on my own."

There isn't anything false in these statements. It's important to have an intimate, even conversational prayer relationship with God. But the problem with this attitude is that it implies that churches don't matter. Community worship doesn't matter. Today, we are reminded exactly why that is so untrue. Why we need our parishes, our priests, and each other.

The Body and Blood of Christ — that's what it's all about. If it's not about that, it's not about anything. If we don't have the Eucharist, we're just like the ancient priests, making sacrifices that don't have the power to redeem anybody.

Where do we receive the Body and Blood of Christ? For most of us, it's in our parishes. The altar of sacrifice is also the table we gather in front of, as a family, to become one with Christ in the truest and realest way possible, recreating the scene in the Upper Room over and over again every time Mass is celebrated.

The disciples were commissioned by Christ to prepare the Upper Room for the Last Supper. How can we take up that work ourselves? How can we strengthen the bonds in our spiritual family? How can we serve our parish, always remembering that the table is not meant to be set only for two?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



THE CATHOLIC FAITH. ON DEMAND.

LISTEN: *The Body and Blood of Christ* by Dr. Scott Hahn

In this informative presentation, Dr. Scott Hahn, a former Presbyterian minister, provides the Biblical basis for the Church's teaching on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist and the significance of the Feast of Corpus Christi. It also gives us a greater understanding of our vocation to be the living presence of Christ in the world.

WATCH: *Hostia: The Power and Presence of the Eucharist*

"This powerful and inspiring film begins with the Gospel accounts of how Jesus Christ instituted the Eucharist. It explains how the sacrifices and offerings in the Old Testament prefigured the perfect and final sacrifice in Jesus Christ Himself—the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. The constant belief of Christians in the Real Presence throughout history is clearly demonstrated along with examples of heroic witnesses for the Faith. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is explained as the center of the Christian life where Jesus becomes truly present in the Eucharist. The practices of Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction are presented as the real power behind any evangelization and essential to reviving faith in every Catholic parish.

With contributions from Fr. Nicholas Schofield, Fr. Tim Finigan, Fr. Andrew Pinsent, Hannah Vaughan-Spruce, John Pontifex, Fr. Bruno Witchalls, and Fr. Marcus Holden, this film offers an inspiring presentation with clarity of teaching about the Holy Eucharist."

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

June 6, 2021

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SAINTS THIS WEEK



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Feast of Corpus Christi, Day of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus

Christ the Lord, also known as the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, is a Roman Catholic, Anglican, and Western Orthodox liturgical solemnity celebrating the Real Presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the elements of the Eucharist. Two months earlier, the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper is observed on Maundy Thursday in a somber atmosphere leading to Good Friday. The liturgy on that day also commemorates Christ's washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the priesthood and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The feast of Corpus Christi was proposed by Saint Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The pontiff, established the feast of Corpus Christi as a Solemnity and extended it to the whole Roman Catholic Church. At the end of Holy Mass, there is often a procession of the Blessed Sacrament, generally displayed in a monstrance. The procession is followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. A notable Eucharistic procession is that presided over by the Pope each year in Rome where it concludes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Body and Blood of Christ • Mark 14:12-16, 22-26