

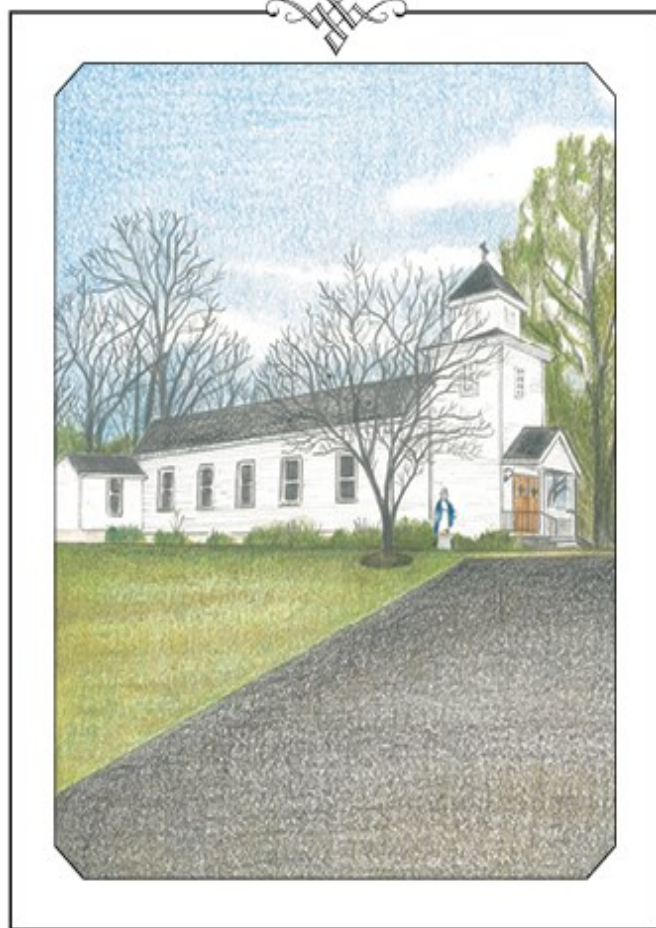
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



April 4, 2021 ~ Easter Sunday

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.

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday April 3 – Vigil of Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

7:00pm People of the Community

Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9

8:30am John Collins

10:30am

Monday April 5 – Weekday

Acts 2:14, 22-33 Mt 28:8-15

6:30pm

Tuesday April 6 – Weekday

Acts 2:36-41

6:30pm Those who died from COVID

Wednesday April 7 – Weekday

Acts 3:1-10 Lk 24:13-35

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday April 8 – Weekday

Acts 3:11-26 Lk 24:35-48

6:30pm

Friday April 9 – Weekday

Acts 4:1-12 Jn 21:1-14

6:30pm

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of March 28, 2021

Thank you for your support of our church and ministries

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$1,200

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$1,398



Please return Rice Bowls in the designated basket.

Your donations provide life saving support to more than **159 million people** in more than 100 countries.

Thank you for your generosity.

Please Wear a Mask



Please note that masks are still required in our churches and in our office. This is an act of charity which protects not only ourselves, but also our fellow parishioners. Even those who have received vaccinations should at this point continue wearing masks until the pandemic is contained.

Mass Intentions

Remember, a Mass Intention is a very heart-warming gift to give a loved one for their Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation 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.

Help Wanted!

Warmer weather is here, which means... time to start mowing the lawn! We need the help of a number of mowers to rotate service at the rectory. Many hands make light the work. Please contact Fr. Q, 301/934-9630 or QureshiA@adw.org.



From Fr. Q's Desk

"Christ is risen, alleluia! Truly he is risen, alleluia!"

From the earliest days of our faith, this was the greeting that Catholics gave one another in this happy Easter season. It's almost a Creed in miniature, distilling our faith into its most compelling assertion: that a man rose from the dead, never to die again, and that in fact he is alive even today. We know that he is alive at the Father's right hand in heaven, in a way that is not yet visible to us. The Resurrection is not a strictly historical event, but trans-historical, because it continues in our own day. That is what we know as the **Paschal Mystery** - the suffering, death and Resurrection of Jesus which unlike any other historical event, are perennially present to us.

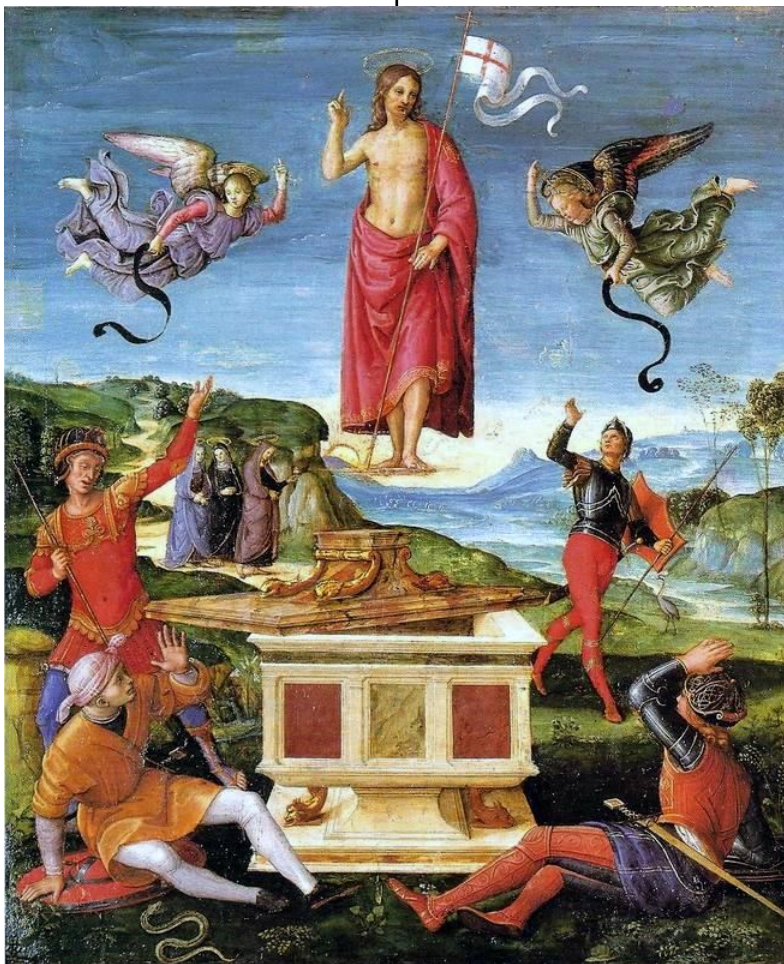
How do we unlock the events of the Paschal Mystery in our own day and time? The secret is in the liturgy. Precisely in the celebration of Mass and the other sacraments, you and I enter through the Holy Spirit into the timeless phenomenon of the Paschal Mystery. We are drawn into the pattern of our Lord's own life. And so Jesus' invisible life in heaven becomes visible to you and me, in the sacraments, in the

life of the Church, and in the pursuit of daily holiness in our own lives.

At the Easter Vigil this Saturday, our parish lights the large paschal candle that will stand at the front of our sanctuary throughout the upcoming year.

Every time you see it, you might be reminded of the power of the Paschal Mystery at work in the world, and at work in your own life. As St. Paul says, *May I know him and the power of his resurrection, and may I share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.* (Phil 3:10-11)

A blessed Easter to you and yours!



Theological Musings

St. Augustine, 5th century

The season before Easter signifies the troubles of the life we live here and now, while Easter and the season following it are a foretaste and promise of the joy that will be ours in the future. Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the season before the feast with fasting and prayer; but when the fast has ended we devote these present days to praise. This is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

Address Change



Our old PO Box has closed, so be sure to use our new mailing address :

7640 Port Tobacco Road
Port Tobacco, MD 20677

Food Items Needed for the Pantry

- Canned Carrots
- Canned Tuna Fish
- Mixed Vegetables
- Canned Potatoes
- Pork & Beans
- Canned Potatoes
- Pancake Mix/Syrup
- Peas and Beets

All Poor Box donations support our Pantry

Thank you!

Divine Mercy Sunday



Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11

2:00pm Holy Hour + Confession at St. Ignatius
3:00pm Sung Divine Mercy Chaplet



Fr Q or another minister can come bring you communion if you are homebound.

Fr. Q can anoint you if you are gravely ill or going for surgery. Call the Rectory, 301/934-9630.

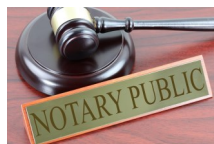


Fr Q is also available for appointments if you are struggling. There is also a counselor available, Caitlin Langreich , 301-541-3740, clangreich@stjeromes.org.

Notary Public Available

Did you know that our Administrative Assistant, **Linda Harrigan** is also a Notary Public?

If you need a notary, you may see Linda Mon, Wed, Fri from 10:00am -3:00pm.



Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 1

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

II. How is the Liturgy Celebrated?

Signs and symbols

1157 Song and music fulfill their function as signs in a manner all the more significant when they are "more closely connected . . . with the liturgical action," according to three principal criteria: beauty expressive of prayer, the unanimous participation of the assembly at the designated moments, and the solemn character of the celebration. In this way they participate in the purpose of the liturgical words and actions: the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful: How I wept, deeply moved by your hymns, songs, and the voices that echoed through your Church! What emotion I experienced in them! Those sounds flowed into my ears distilling the truth in my heart. A feeling of devotion surged within me, and tears streamed down my face - tears that did me good.

1158 The harmony of signs (song, music, words, and actions) is all the more expressive and fruitful when expressed in the cultural richness of the People of God who celebrate. Hence "religious singing by the faithful is to be intelligently fostered so that in devotions and sacred exercises as well as in liturgical services," in conformity with the Church's norms, "the voices of the faithful may be heard." But "the texts intended to be sung must always be in conformity with Catholic doctrine. Indeed they should be drawn chiefly from the Sacred Scripture and from liturgical sources."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

A Happy Ending Isn't the Whole Story

"Is there a happy ending?"

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, "Is there a happy ending?"

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly — or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week — from the Passion and death of the Lord — it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear — it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

Visit **FORMED.org** with a web browser

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

LISTEN: *Chosen: How Christ Sent Twenty-Three Surprised Converts to Replant His Vineyard* edited by Donna Steichen

The twenty-three men and women who tell their conversion stories in these pages were not drawn to the Church by sound evangelization programs, beautiful buildings and liturgies, or saintly witnesses among the clergy. On the contrary, many of them were attracted to Catholicism in spite of a now decades-long stretch of deficient catechesis, mediocre Masses, and uninspiring leadership. Christ himself led these souls to his Church, concludes editor Donna Steichen, who compiled this consoling collection, and it is the Lord who set them to work replanting his devastated vineyard.

"Despite their marked differences in origin, education, and field of service," writes Steichen, "each one makes it clear that it is Christ who did the choosing. They testify that Christ touched their hearts and intervened in their lives in unexpected, sometimes even miraculous, ways."

"These conversions in the midst of the post-Vatican II crisis of faith seem particularly pure and often entertainingly improbable, bearing testimony to the central truth... That the Church is not a man-made institution, but a divine one a perpetual repository of truth and grace so powerful that not even the darkness of scandal can overshadow it." --from the Foreword by George Neumayr, editor of Catholic World Report.

EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY



Easter, also called Pascha or Resurrection Sunday, is a holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world. For those who trust in Jesus's death and resurrection, "death is swallowed up in victory." Any person who chooses to follow Jesus receives "a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead". Through faith in the working of God those who follow Jesus are spiritually resurrected with him so that they may walk in a new way of life and receive eternal salvation, being physically resurrected to dwell in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter. The feast of Divine Mercy, according to the diary of Kowalska, in particular that if a p e r s o n g o e s to sacramental confession (the confession may take place some days before) and receives holy communion on that day, shall obtain the total expiation of all sins and punishment. That means each person would go immediately after death to heaven without suffering in purgatory.



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WITH THE *Gospel*

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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



Easter Sunday • John 20:1-9