

St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

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, 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

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
Marcella Palmer	Irene Proctor	Logan Willey
	Aubrey Proctor	Francis Wheeler

Deceased

Sissy Cooper (Oct 26)

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

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St. Ignatius Parish Council

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Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday November 27 – Vigil of the First

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12; 4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
4:00pm People of the Community

Sunday November 28 - First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16 1 Thes 3:12; 4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36
8:30am Repose of the soul of Francesco
Nunziata Sottile
10:30am Crista Lopiccolo

Monday November 29 – Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5 Mt 8:5-11
6:30pm All Souls

Tuesday November 30 – Saint Andrew

Rom 10:9-18 Mt 4:18-22
6:30pm Steve Lancaster

Wednesday December 1 – Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday December 2 – Advent Weekday

Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
9:00am Terry Minton

Friday December 3 – Saint Francis Xavier

Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-31
6:30pm All Souls in Purgatory

Sacrificial Giving Weekend of November 21

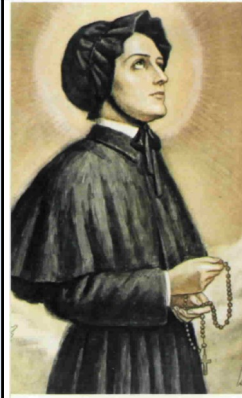
St. Catherine:

Offertory: \$1,899

St. Ignatius:

Offertory: \$1,630

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St. Elizabeth Seton

PRAYER LINE

The Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine has a prayer line where you can talk and pray with someone over the phone. The prayer line is open Monday thru Friday from 10-5.

Call 1-866-202-4934.



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Please join Cardinal Wilton Gregory at our annual Christmas Open House **Sunday, December 5, 2021 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm** at St. Ann's Center: 4901 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782. <https://www.stanns.org>

Dates to Remember



November

- Nov 30 Pizza Hotline Truck 3-7pm
St. Catherine Hall Parking Lot

December

- Dec 1 Grateful Plate 5-6pm
- Dec 4 Mass with Cardinal Gregory at St. Catherine at 4pm
- Dec 4 Dinner Reception at St. Catherine Hall at 5:00pm.

From Fr. Q's Desk

This week we celebrated the feast day of St. Catherine of Alexandria. It happened to be Thanksgiving this year, but our patronal feast day took liturgical precedence over our national holiday!

Next week our parish of St. Catherine's will celebrate our parish anniversary in style. We know that our church went into operation sometime between October and December of 1911. The best guess I have for a date for the first Mass in the church is Sunday, October 8, 1911 – if the projected construction timeline held. In those days, the circuit riding priest from Chapel Point used to come to both St. Catherine and St. Ignatius on the second Sunday of the month. But knowing how construction projects go, the first Mass might have taken place on November 12 or even December 10 of that same year. We know for sure that Christmas Mass was held in the new church in McConchie that year.

I want to warmly encourage all our St. Catherine's parishioners to join us for the celebrations. Here are some details on the evening:

Mass with Cardinal Gregory

Cardinal Gregory has graciously accepted our invitation to celebrate our anniversary Mass on **Saturday, December 4 at 4pm**. It is thrilling that our historically black parish will now welcome the first African-American cardinal in history to our parish church! As best as I can tell, this may be only the second visit of a chief shepherd to our parish. (Archbishop O'Boyle visited the church in 1955 to confer Confirmation.)

I was thinking initially that we would require reservations for our anniversary Mass. But I now believe our church has sufficient capacity for all



who want to come. So, no ticket is needed – it is first come, first served, with the intent that the Mass is for our regular parishioners. We will have a shortened period of Adoration & Confessions from 3:00-3:30 so as to prepare for the Cardinal's arrival. The Knights of St. John, who have a long relationship with our parish, will greet the Cardinal at his arrival. The Mass itself will be more or less the normal Saturday vigil Mass, without too many extra bells or whistles. We'll take a photo with the Cardinal inside the church at the end of Mass, and you can greet the Cardinal outside afterwards.

Anniversary Dinner Reception

Immediately after dinner we will host our dinner reception at our hall, to which all are invited. I want again to strongly encourage our parishioners to join us for an entertaining evening. There is no charge for the meal (you are welcome to make a free-will offering if you like). Our hope is to have most of our parishioners there. You can of course come even if you are not able to come to the Vigil Mass.

During the reception we will have a short slide show – a "Blast from the Past" over the last 110 years of our existence.

I look forward to seeing all our St. Catherine's parishioners next weekend! St. Catherine of Alexandria – *pray for us!*

Chesterton Academy of St. Mary's

A new Catholic high school that has just started this year. It is still welcoming new students. More information can be found at www.chestertonstmarys.org.



Town Hall for St. Catherine's

The annual Town Hall meeting for St. Catherine's will take place **Sunday, December 19 from 12-1pm** in the parish hall. Fr. Q will offer some thoughts on our parish's present and future, and invite your thoughts and feedback. All parishioners are heartily encouraged to attend.



CATHOLIC MEN'S RETREAT

December 3-5, 2021

Retreat Masters

Rev. Larry Swink and Rev. Bob Kilner

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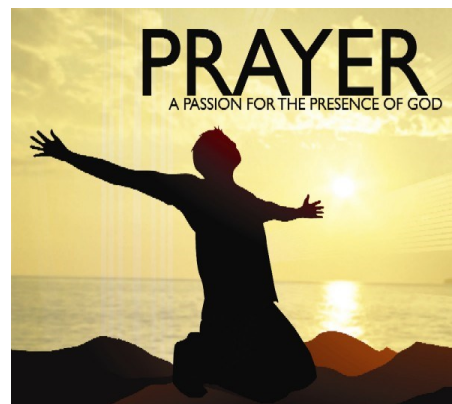
Substitutes Needed

Archbishop Neale School is in need of substitute teachers. If you are interested, please contact the school office at 301-934-9595 for more information. Any applicant must be in full compliance with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington's Child Protection Policy.



UNBOUND PRAYER MINISTRY

Is there a place in your life where you feel 'stuck' and unable to act/think/feel as you really want to? This could be a thought pattern, an addiction, an emotional reaction, or a pattern of events that seems to recur. Unbound prayer is premised on the belief that the Gospel can make a difference in your life. It is a powerful model of deliverance prayer that guides you in responding to the Gospel and receiving the Father's love. For more information about this ministry contact Fr. Conley, Pastor, St. Mary's in Bryantown at frconley@comcast.net or 301-870-2220 ext 13 .



Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH SECTION TWO

Article I The Sacrament of Baptism

Section V Who Can Baptize?

1256 The ordinary ministers of Baptism are the bishop and priest and, in the Latin Church, also the deacon. In case of necessity, any person, even someone not baptized, can baptize, if he has the required intention. the intention required is to will to do what the Church does when she baptizes, and to apply the Trinitarian baptismal formula. the Church finds the reason for this possibility in the universal saving will of God and the necessity of Baptism for salvation

VI. The Necessity of Baptism

1257 The Lord himself affirms that Baptism is necessary for salvation. He also commands his disciples to proclaim the Gospel to all nations and to baptize them. Baptism is necessary for salvation for those to whom the Gospel has been proclaimed and who have had the possibility of asking for this sacrament. The Church does not know of any means other than Baptism that assures entry into eternal beatitude; this is why she takes care not to neglect the mission she has received from the Lord to see that all who can be baptized are "reborn of water and the Spirit." God has bound salvation to the sacrament of Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his sacraments.

1258 The Church has always held the firm conviction that those who suffer death for the sake of the faith without having received Baptism are baptized by their death for and with Christ. This Baptism of blood, like the desire for Baptism, brings about the fruits of Baptism without being a sacrament.

1259 For catechumens who die before their Baptism, their explicit desire to receive it, together with repentance for their sins, and charity, assures them the salvation that they were not able to receive through the sacrament.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Preparing the Manger

Where do you fall in the "Christmas-songs-in-November" debate — do you like them, tolerate them, or outright hate them? There's no theological problem with Christmas songs in November outside of worship, even if it's not everyone's cup of tea. But there is a problem with getting so caught up in the baggage of the season — the trimmings, the gifts, the celebrations, all of which are marvelous in their own way — that you forget to prepare the manger.

Every good Catholic knows that Lent is a penitential season. It's hard to miss that point — Lent doesn't even have any fun songs you can groove to on the radio. We are pretty good at recognizing that Lent calls us to examine ourselves. To deny ourselves. To give of ourselves. And most of all, Lent calls us to prepare, as a good steward does, for the return of our master.

It's harder for us to remember that with Advent, but Advent is just as much of an opportunity for penance, preparation, and reconciliation to God — and just as much reason, too. The very name of the season — "advent" — encourages us to focus on what is coming, not what is already here. Be on guard, the readings tell us today, "so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and (the coming of the Lord) catch you unexpectedly, like a trap."

So let us not forget — our master's advent is upon us. And let us ask ourselves: how can we prepare the manger?

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

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WATCH: *St. Andrew: After the Upper Room*

Explore the lives of the Apostles — Who are they? What is their story? Whom did they influence? How did they lay the foundations of the Church as we know it? Begin with St. Andrew, presented by Fr. Ambrose Criste, O.Praem.

READ: *Mystery of the Kingdom: On the Gospel of Matthew* by Edward Sri

Mystery of the Kingdom is a refreshing Bible study on the Gospel of Matthew that focuses on the “kingdom of God.” Why is the kingdom at the heart of Jesus’s teaching? What were Jesus’s contemporaries expecting? What did Jesus actually say about His kingdom? What is the relationship between the “kingdom” and the Catholic Church we see today?

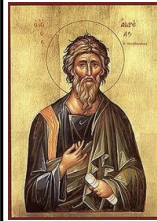
Join popular Scripture professor Edward P. Sri for a faithful exploration of Jesus’s “kingdom-building” mission. Sri’s accessible style and provocative study questions make this book ideal for individual or group study.

FOR KIDS TO WATCH: *The Truth to Inspire Series*

The Truth to Inspire Series offers captivating audio dramatizations for children of the lives of saints and well-known Marian apparitions in order to teach them more about the Catholic Faith.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT ANDREW



The New Testament records that St Andrew was the brother of Simon Peter, by which it is inferred that he was likewise a son of Jonah, or John. He was born in Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. Both he and his brother Peter were fishermen by trade, hence the tradition that Jesus called them to be his disciples by saying that He will make them “fishers of men”. At the beginning of Jesus’ public life they occupied the same house at Capernaum. In the gospel Andrew is referred to as being present on some important occasions as one of the disciples more closely attached to Jesus, but in Acts there is only a bare mention of him.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER



St. Francis Xavier was a Navarrese Basque Roman Catholic missionary born in the Kingdom of Navarre on April 7, 1506. When Francis came of age, he was sent to study at the University of Paris. While there he roomed with his friend, Peter Favre. The pair met and were heavily influenced by Ignatius of Loyola, who encouraged Francis to become a priest. On August 15, 1534, Francis Xavier made vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. He planned to travel to the Holy Land to convert non-believers. Francis Xavier was ordained on June 24, 1537. Pope Paul III approved the formation of their order in 1540, which became The Society of Jesus. The order is more popularly known as the Jesuits.

St. Catherine's of Alexandria Celebrating 110 Years

Established 1911

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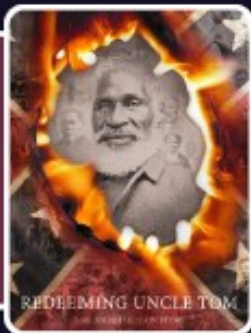
MOVIE NIGHTS

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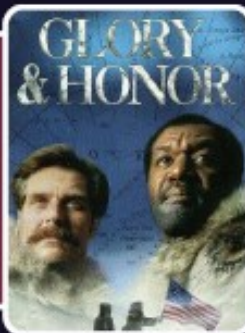
5:30 PM - START TIME

Support Our Local Scouts And Enjoy Some Food And Camaraderie

6:00 PM - MOVIE START TIME



NOV 13TH
"Redeeming
Uncle Tom"
about
Josiah Henson



NOV 20TH
"Glory & Honor"
about
Matthew Henson

NOVEMBER 25TH
9 am Mass;
St. Catherine of
Alexandria Feast Day Mass

DECEMBER 4TH
110th Anniversary Vigil Mass
with Cardinal Gregory;
Dinner Reception to Follow

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