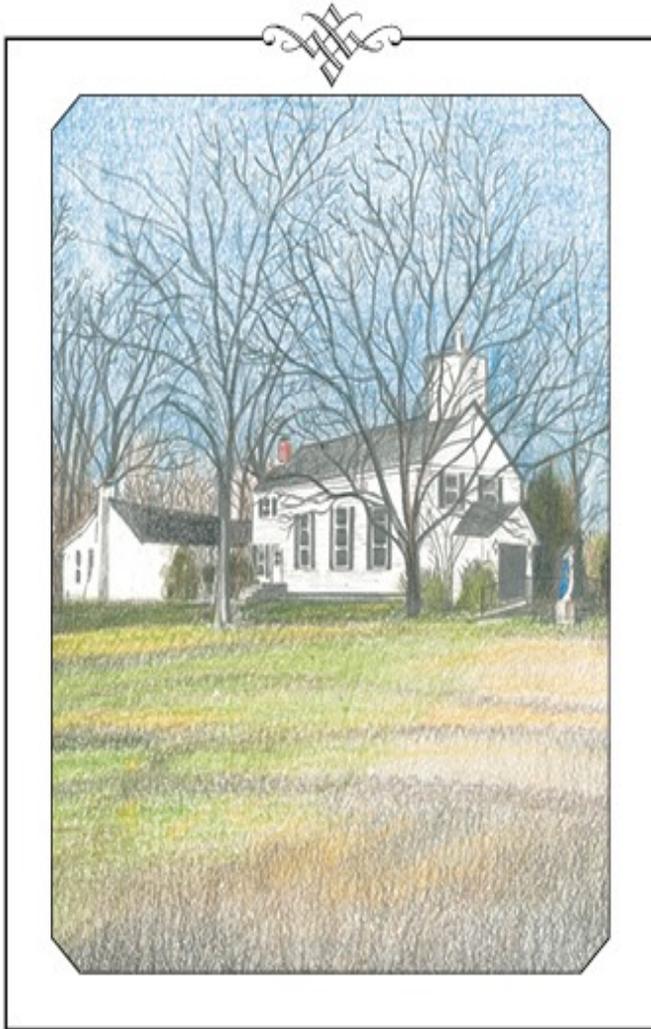


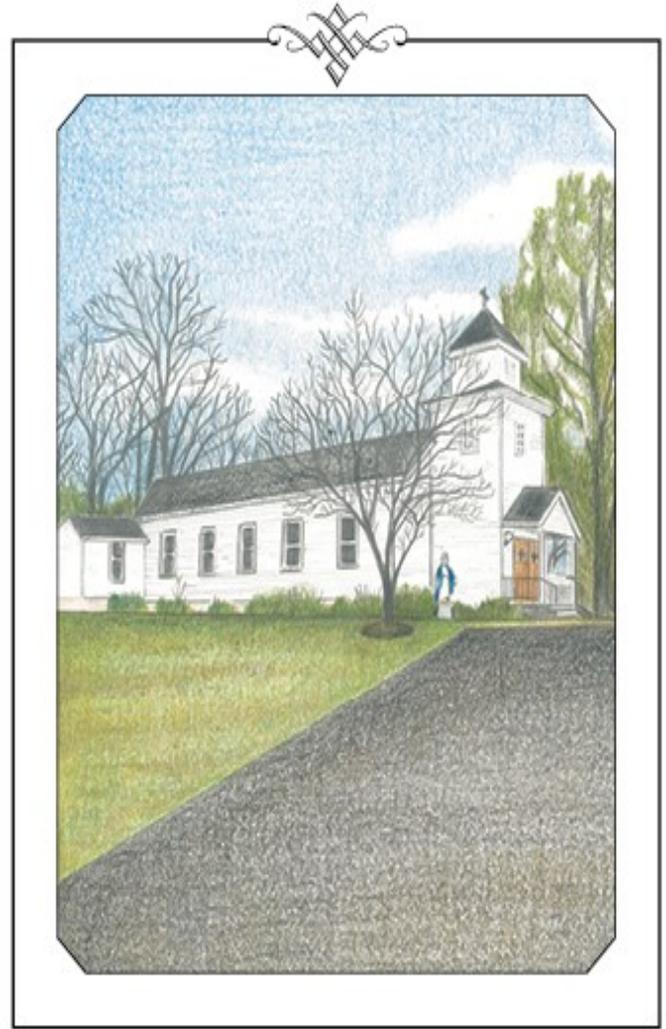
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
Port Tobacco, Maryland*



June 21, 2020 ~ 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

During COVID-19, the Mass schedule is as follows:

SUNDAY MASS

St. Catherine Sat 5:00pm Field
St. Ignatius Sun 8:30am

CONFESSIONS

St. Catherine Sat 4:00-4:45pm Field
St. Ignatius Sun 7:45-8:15am
St. Catherine Thu 5:30-6:15pm

DAILY MASS

St. Catherine Mon-Tue-Thu-Fri 6:30pm

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Hank Galotta	Aubrey Proctor	Kayla Kiley
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John Shifflett	Dawn Walters	Joe Raub
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Bobby Vermillion	Raymond	Robert Cecil
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Robert Ansell	Hailey Sellers	Joseph Copsey
Robin Proctor	Linda Welch	Francis Wheeler

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.

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of June 14, 2020

St. Catherine	St. Ignatius
Offertory: \$1,337.25	Offertory \$975

Thank you for your generous support of our church & ministries

Split the Stimulus!

Uncle Sam is putting cash in our hands to stimulate the economy. Will you consider joining Fr. Q in splitting your incoming stimulus check with your parish?



Mass Intentions and Readings

Sunday June 21 – Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

8:30am Albert Heard

Jer 20:10-13 Rom 5:12-15 Mt 10:26-33

Monday June 22– Weekday

6:30pm Thang Nguyen

2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday June 23 - Weekday

6:30pm Charles Jamieson

2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21 31-35a, 36 Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday June 24– Nativity of St. John the

Baptist

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Is 49:1-6 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday June 25 – Weekday

6:30pm Khue Nguyen

2 Kgs 24:8-17 Mt 7:21-29

Friday June 26 – Weekday

2 Kgs 25: 1-12 Mt 8:1-4

2nd Collection for U.S. Church Missions

Please use the envelopes provided for your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

Knights of Columbus Clothing Sheds

The used clothing collection sheds are closed until further notice because the sorting facility used by Turnkey Enterprises is closed due to Coronavirus. Please discontinue bringing your used clothing to these sheds immediately. We will let you now when the sheds are open again. Many thanks for your support!

Southern Maryland Pilgrimage

July 18, 2020

Reservations are now being taken for our Southern Maryland Pilgrimage on Saturday, **July 18**. The stops include Chapel Point, Colton Point Museum, St. Francis Xavier Church, and St. Mary's City. The fee is \$50 which includes snacks and water on the bus, all tours and a boxed lunch. The bus is equipped with a bathroom. Rain or Shine!

Call the Rectory or stop by to sign up. Space is limited to 55 people.

Call now to reserve your spot!



Brick Chapel – St. Mary's City

Father's Day ~ Sunday June 21

If you would like to have your father (living or deceased) remembered in Father's intentions during the Mass, you may pick up a Memorial offering envelope. You may return it to the office or place it in the offertory basket next weekend. Fr. Q will offer the Sunday, June 28th Mass for all living and deceased Fathers.

Mass In Time of Pandemic

Reminders for St. Catherine 5pm Vigil Mass

- Bring your Missalette
- Bring your chair and sit with your household
- Remain in place for communion

Reminders for St. Ignatius 8:30am Mass

- Bring your Missalette and mask
- Sit with your household in designated pews
- Remain in place for communion

From Fr. Q's Desk—For St. Catherine's

Dear St. Catherine's parishioners,

We've certainly seen our spate of bad news in 2020—I hardly need to repeat it all here. But of course, as Christians we also know that running underneath all the bad news, there is also **good news!** In fact, that's what the word "Gospel" means—good news. The best news of all is summarized in Jn 3:16: *God so loved the world that he gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* We hope for eternal life—now that is good news!

In that spirit, I wanted to share with you some more **good news** that pertains to us right here at St. Catherine's. Two weeks ago I signed a check, put it in the mail, and breathed a big sigh of relief. It was the final payment on our long-standing debt that the parish owed to various creditors. For the first time in many years (maybe decades), **St. Catherine's parish is debt-free!** I am so grateful to you, our parishioners, for your steadfast and steady support through your generous giving. Without your generosity, we never could have done this. I am also very grateful to Fr. Ken Gill, my predecessor here at St. Catherine's, who did so much in his time here to put our parish on a sound financial footing. I would have liked to have had an "IOU-burning" party, but covid-19 is making us wait on that.

The second piece of good news is that we received a grant from a generous donor to Catholic Charities to upgrade the entryway of St. Catherine's Hall for our many friends who benefit from our social services run with St. Ignatius: the Food Pantry and Grateful Plate. New doors are currently being installed, and

we hope soon to have new flooring and a new concrete ramp and stairs. Please pray for the anonymous benefactor who made this possible.

Now, with our debt taken care of, it is time to train our sights on the future. Ever since I came to the parish a year ago, I've heard one suggestion from you parishioners over and over—"Father, we need to do something about the lights." I wholeheartedly agree. We are ready to install lights that are more elegant and more fitting for a building that is "God's house." On top of that, with LED technology, they will be more energy efficient, more cost-effective, more inviting, and more conducive to celebrating the sacred liturgy.



I have worked with a designer and an electrician to scope out the cost of the work, and I am happy to announce that we are ready to move forward. Please see the picture for the general design, which is period-appropriate for our 100-year-old church. Some lights will be on chains, and some flush-

mounted. The total cost of the project will run \$7500. I am eager to get this project started now, while we are not using the church for Sunday services, since it will be a little messy!

I would like to solicit your help to make this vision a reality. Every donation helps, and I know that many of you are as eager as I am to beautify further our pretty church. You can make donations in the following ways:

- Cash/check to the parish with note "Renovations"
- An online donation via the parish website to the account "Renovations" with credit card or ACH.

Thank you for your continued generosity—and thank God for all our "Good News"!

From Fr. Q's Desk – For St. Ignatius

Dear St. Ignatius' parishioners,

We've certainly seen our spate of bad news in 2020—I hardly need to repeat it all here. But of course as Christians we also know that running underneath all the bad news, there is also **good news!** In fact, that's what the word "Gospel" means—good news. The best news of all is summarized in Jn 3:16: *God so loved the world that he gave* his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.* We hope for eternal life—now that is good news!

In that spirit, I wanted to share with you some more **good news** that pertains to us right here at St. Ignatius'. We are blessed have a very pretty "country church", but there are also some upgrades and beautification projects I have been looking into to make the sanctuary a more elegant place in which to worship God in the sacred liturgy. One of the items I have noted and discussed with our parish council was the main crucifix, which is a little undersized and dated. I was hoping we could find something a little more fitting for that central area of the church.



I have been keeping my eye on options, and a crucifix came on the market recently that caught my eye. It was made at an artisan's shop in Italy, hand-carved and very elegant. It is the perfect size for our sanctuary space. Please see the picture. Our parishioner, Jewell Bragunier, who recently passed away, was married at St. Ignatius years ago, and her family generously decided to purchase this crucifix in her memory. I am grateful to them, and to Jewell herself who had mentioned the idea to me before she passed. I expect to install the crucifix this summer.

Our second piece of good news: I spoke to you back in January about how I wanted to have a more fitting ambo for the proclamation of the Word of God in the sacred liturgy. I have been working with a designer the past several months and we have more or less finalized a design. The ambo itself will be a handsome tribute to our Jesuit heritage, with the seal of the Jesuits featuring prominently on the front. There will be images of the evangelists as well. The ambo is designed to blend well with the sanctuary space at St. Ignatius.

It's now time for me to ask for your help and support to make this vision a reality. I estimate that the ambo is going to run us about \$4500. I hope that you'll agree that this will be a beautiful addition to our parish and serve as a fitting platform from which to proclaim God's word each week. There are two ways you can contribute:

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Catechism of the Catholic Church **The Communion of Saints**

Communion in Spiritual Goods

956 The intercession of the saints. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness.... They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and men, Christ Jesus.... So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped."

Do not weep, for I shall be more useful to you after my death and I shall help you then more effectively than during my life. I want to spend my heaven in doing good on earth.

957 Communion with the saints. "It is not merely by the title of example that we cherish the memory of those in heaven; we seek, rather, that by this devotion to the exercise of fraternal charity the union of the whole Church in the Spirit may be strengthened. Exactly as Christian communion among our fellow pilgrims brings us closer to Christ, so our communion with the saints joins us to Christ, from whom as from its fountain and head issues all grace, and the life of the People of God itself"

We worship Christ as God's Son; we love the martyrs as the Lord's disciples and imitators, and rightly so because of their matchless devotion towards their king and master. May we also be their companions and fellow disciples!

958 Communion with the dead. "In full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of the Christian religion, has honored with great respect the memory of the dead; and 'because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins' she offers her suffrages for them."

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Will You Say Yes?

You find yourself in the difficult situation of being accused of blasphemy and confronting possible execution. Your crime is believing in Jesus Christ. The question is then asked of you, "Are you a Christian, a follower of the one named Jesus Christ?" Your answer may very well dictate what happens to you next. What is your answer?

It is probably easier to answer this question when the scenario is make-believe. All of us want to believe that we would say yes to the question of belief in Jesus, but strange things happen when humans panic in the face of extreme stress. As we reflect on what we would say, there are those all over the world who are being asked that very same question. It is a question that was asked of many in the first centuries of the Church. Those who respond "yes" are considered martyrs and saints.

We might not usually think of all this in terms of good stewardship living. However, our faith is also a gift we have received from God to cultivate, grow, and share with others. The more interesting question than the one posed above is, "Would an accuser even think of asking you such a question?" Would you have cultivated, grown, and shared your faith enough that anyone would even consider you worthy of asking the question? They might assume you don't know Jesus Christ at all. I don't like conflict and do not seek out conflict, but I would rather someone ask the first question posed than assume there is no reason to confront me in the first place.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time June 21, 2020

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LISTEN: *He Leadeth Me* by Walter Ciszek

He Leadeth Me is the deeply moving personal story of one man's spiritual odyssey and the unflagging faith, which enabled him to survive the horrendous ordeal that wrenched his body and spirit to near collapse. Captured by the Russian army during World War II and convicted of being a "Vatican spy," American Jesuit Father Walter J. Ciszek spent some 23 agonizing years in Soviet prisons and the labor camps of Siberia. He here recalls how it was only through an utter reliance on God's will that he managed to endure. He tells of the courage he found in prayer—a courage that eased the loneliness, the pain,

the frustrations, the anguish, the fears, and the despair. For, as Ciszek relates, the solace of spiritual contemplation gave him an inner serenity upon which he was able to draw amidst the "arrogance of evil" that surrounded him. Learning to accept even the inhuman work of toiling in the infamous Siberian salt mines as a labor pleasing to God, he was able to turn adverse forces into a source of positive value and a means of drawing closer to the compassionate and never-forsaking Divine Spirit. *He Leadeth Me* is a book to inspire all Christians to greater faith and trust in God—even in their darkest hour.

READ: *Golden Legend of Young Saints* by Henri Daniel-Rops

For 2000 years now, young Christians have lived—and often died—for Christ, and with a courage that many adults find hard to muster.

Although she was just thirteen, in 304 AD, pagan authorities tortured and murdered brave Agnes of Rome for her Christian faith; for the same reason—and just over a hundred years ago—a Bantu king in Uganda burned to death young Charles Lwanga (c. 1863-1886) and his companions.

The tales of these saints are told here, along with those of many others who, though young, have joined the ranks of the greatest saints: some by dying for their faith, and many more by living for it.

Louis IX is here. Crowned king of France in 1226 when he was but twelve-years-old, Louis's holi-

ness and wisdom, and his care for the poor, won him renown while he still lived, and lifted him swiftly to the ranks of canonized saints after he died.

St. Joan of Arc (c. 1412-1431) is here, too, leading armies while yet a teen. But, there are also saints whose names are not writ large in the book of history: Dominic Savio (1842-1857), canonized for the simple holiness that marked each day of his brief 15 years, and Bernadette Soubirous, the destitute 14-year-old to whom Our Lady appeared at Lourdes.

Christ is calling you to be like them, to cultivate in yourself what you know is best: kindness, courage, perseverance, faith, charity, and absolute trust in God. The example of these bold young saints will help you do so.

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