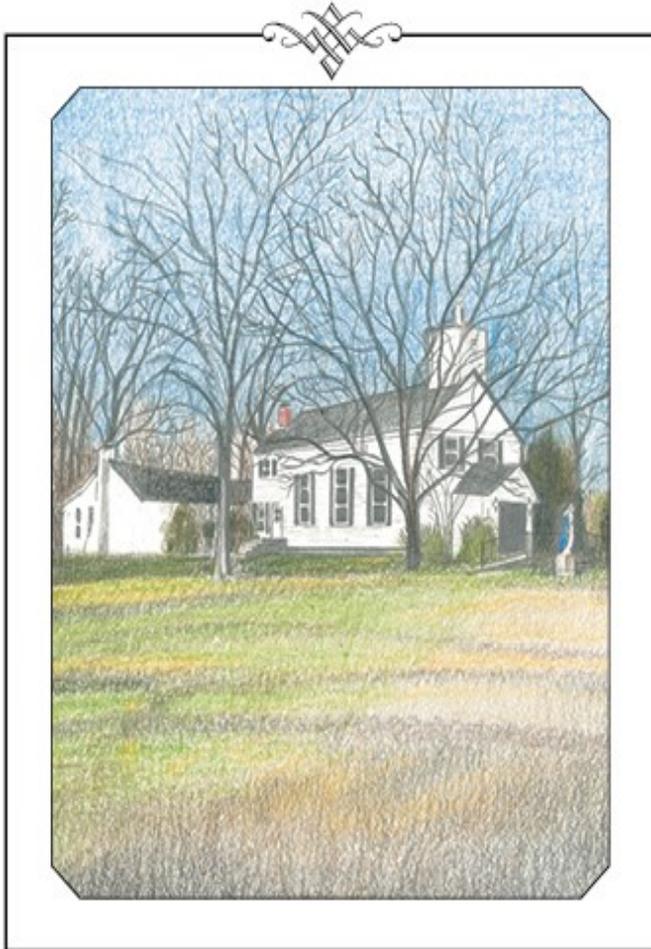


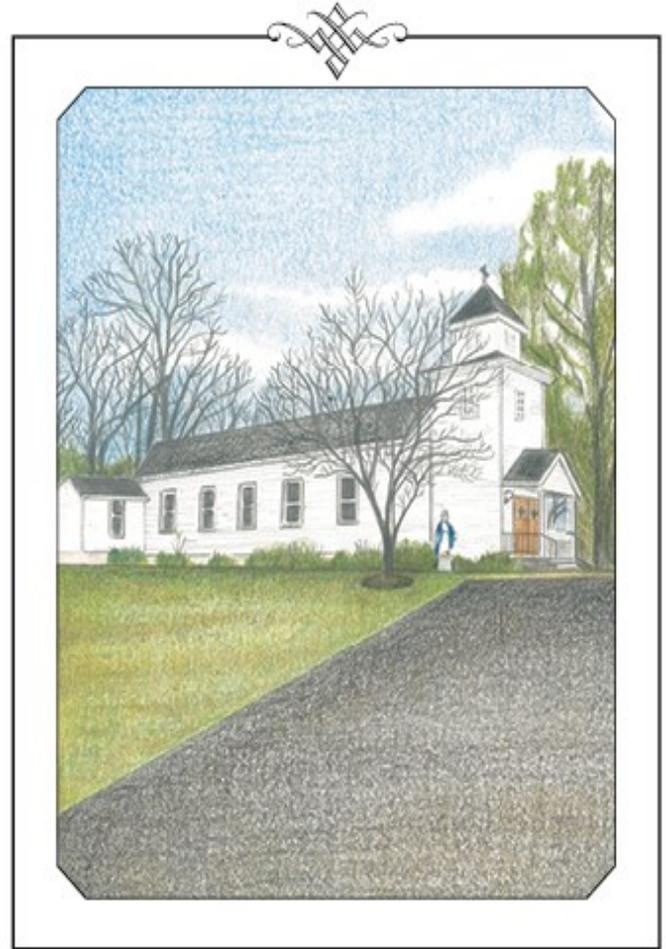
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May 16, 2021 ~ The Ascension of the Lord

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

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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 – May 15 – Vigil of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17:11b-19

4:00pm People of the Community

Sunday May 16 – The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26 1 Jn 4: 11-16 Jn 17:11b-19

8:30am

10:30am Mike Dobry

Monday May 17 – Weekday

Acts 19:1-8 Jn 16:29-33

6:30pm Chris Seiler

Tuesday May 18– Saint John I

Acts 20:17-27 Jn 17:1-11a

6:30pm

Wednesday May 19 – Weekday

Acts 20:28-38 Jn:11b-19

No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday May 20 – Saint Bernadine of Siena

Acts 22:30, 23:6-11 Jn 17:20-26

6:30pm Enemies of the Church

Friday May 21 – Saint Christopher

Magallanes

6:30pm

Acts 25:13b-21 Jn 21:15-19

Sacrificial Giving

Weekend of May 9, 2021

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$2,570.10

St. Ignatius

Offertory: \$2,181

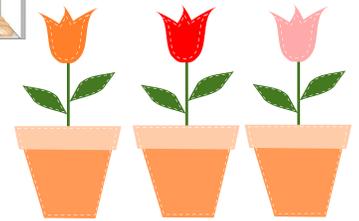
Thank you for your support of our church and ministries.

St. Catherine Bake Sale & Plant Sale

May 15/16

immediately following each Mass

Stop by to satisfy your **sweet tooth**, to exercise your **green thumb** and to support your **parish church!**



Parish Photo Directory

Sign Ups May 22/23 and May 29/30

Family Images

Family Images Photographed by UCD



Universal Church Directories will be at both churches on June 3, 4 and 5 to take photos for our Church Directory. **Sign-Ups will be after all Masses next weekend.** Parishioners can attend the photo session at either church. Those who sign up for a portrait will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a free copy of the directory.

Men's Weekend Retreat

A Silent Retreat Based on the Spiritual Exercises



Men's Silent Retreat Weekend

June 4-6, 2021

Explore your mission in life and Experience His Presence in the Silence! This weekend silent retreat will focus on the first stage of St. Ignatius' spiritual exercises dedicated to the principal and foundation of our lives in God. Cost is \$250 per person. Registration is required. Find more retreats and links to register on the website www.ourladyofbethesda.org.

From Fr. Q's Desk

Dear parish family,

Happy Easter and happy Ascension! Although Ascension is traditionally celebrated on a Thursday—40 days after the Lord's Resurrection, per Acts 1:3—in many U.S. dioceses, including our own, the feast-day is transferred to Sunday. Ten days after Ascension (or seven, in our case) is the great feast of Pentecost. Let us keep a faithful novena pentecostal watch for the renewed coming of the Holy Spirit in our midst!

I wanted to update you on some goings-on in our parishes.

Covid mandates: You have no doubt heard this week that the Center for Disease Control has relaxed our national pandemic restrictions and indicated that fully vaccinated people may resume their pre-Covid activities. However, as of Friday I have received no updated directives from the Archdiocese regarding our practices at Mass. Therefore, **I would like to ask for all our parishioners to continue wearing their masks when attending Mass.** I will certainly update you if & when our directives should change. For now, let us continue to exercise caution as an act of charity, especially towards those who have not yet been, or cannot be, vaccinated.

Parish photo registry: Our long-anticipated parish photo registry is now fast approaching! We are excited to be partnering with Universal

Photos for the first parish photo shoot in many years. It will take place from **June 3-5** in our parishes. Please see this week's bulletin insert for more details on scheduling and how to sign up. Please be sure to sign up with your family. Everyone who participates in the photo registry

will receive the photo registry itself as well as one family photo—all at no cost! You will also have the opportunity to purchase other photographs for your own use. I'm looking forward to seeing many smiling faces after so many months of grim masks!

St. Catherine Yard Sale: After a year's hiatus, we are getting ready to bring back the Yard Sale at St. Catherine's this summer. We have chosen **June 12** as the date, and our yard sale committee has already begun planning. If you have items to bring by now, please call and we can put them in our yard sale shed. You can also

drop the items off the week before the yard sale in the hall.

St. Ignatius socials: With the lifting of Covid mandates, it seems reasonable to resume our Sunday socials at St. Ignatius. There's no better time to start than **Pentecost Sunday, May 23**, right after the 8:30am Mass. It will be good to reconnect. Please bring some special food to share for this great feast day!

Summer movies on the lawn: We are working hard on a little summer fun after being cooped up for the year. Please keep your eyes peeled for movies on the lawn when summer begins.





St. Catherine Yard Sale

June 12, 2021

If you have items for the Yard Sale, we have a shed to store your items. Call the Rectory to make arrangements. 301/934-9630 You can also drop items off in the hall a few days before the Yard Sale.

Worldwide Marian Prayer Gathering

The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked for this month of May to be dedicated in a special way to pray for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Cardinal Gregory will lead this service from the Basilica at **12:00 p.m.** EDT. EWTN will be broadcasting this prayer service. Further information can be found at www.pcpne.va.



Pizza Hotline Fundraiser

The Pizza Truck will be at St. Catherine Hall parking lot on Tuesday, May 18 from 4:00-7:00pm. Get your pizza, salad and lasagna!

Call Julie at 301/281-5133.



Financial Education Program Coordinator AmeriCorps Opportunity

Catholic Charities' Financial Stability Network is recruiting a part-time AmeriCorps volunteer to provide financial education that will help clients create positive banking relationships. We are seeking financial education-related professionals who want to give back and who can serve about 18 hours/week. To learn more about the responsibilities and benefits of this role and to apply, visit [this webpage](http://thiswebpage) or check our website: <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer/>

Event Volunteering Opportunities

Catholic Charities offers many ways to volunteer during COVID-19, both in person with social distance and remotely. You can learn about them at <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/covid-19-volunteer-opportunities/> or on our [Volunteer Event Calendar](#). We appreciate your service!

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Article 1

CELEBRATING THE CHURCH'S LITURGY

III. When is the Liturgy Celebrated?

Liturgical seasons

1167 Sunday is the pre-eminent day for the liturgical assembly, when the faithful gather "to listen to the word of God and take part in the Eucharist, thus calling to mind the Passion, Resurrection, and glory of the Lord Jesus, and giving thanks to God who 'has begotten them again, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead' unto a living hope":

When we ponder, O Christ, the marvels accomplished on this day, the Sunday of your holy resurrection, we say: "Blessed is Sunday, for on it began creation . . . the world's salvation ... the renewal of the human race On Sunday heaven and earth rejoiced and the whole universe was filled with light. Blessed is Sunday, for on it were opened the gates of paradise so that Adam and all the exiles might enter it without fear.

The liturgical year

1168 Beginning with the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy. It really is a "year of the Lord's favor." The economy of salvation is at work within the framework of time, but since its fulfillment in the Passover of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the culmination of history is anticipated "as a foretaste," and the kingdom of God enters into our time.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

There's No Place Like Home

Where do you get the best night's sleep? For me, it's in my own bed. I don't even really know why. There's something about the texture of the sheets, the groove I've worn in the pillow. The mattress seems to recognize my shape. I've got a job that sees me traveling often and I've stayed in plenty of nice places. But there's just no sleep like the sleep you get at home.

There's a feeling that we have when we're at home. Our bodies seem to recognize it when we walk in the door. There's a relaxation that kicks in, a peace that falls over us. I think that's what Heaven will be like. It won't be pleasure or happiness – those words aren't enough to describe what it feels like to be at home, are they? It's more than that.

If you ever wonder why there is pain in this world, it's because we're not at home.

That's not to say we don't belong here. Through God's mercy, this beautiful world is where we live out our earthly existence, and those existences can be filled with amazing relationships and profound experiences. In fact, we might enjoy our time here so much that we don't want to leave.

But there's a reason this life has so many things that don't make sense: loss, fear, anger, sickness, hatred. It's because we weren't made for this place. For our souls, it's like a never-ending night in a hotel bed.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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LISTEN: *Answering Common Objections*

As a former Protestant minister, Dr. Scott Hahn knows all too well the disputes between Catholic and non-Catholic Christians. In this series, he carefully examines the most widely held objections and explains how and why they have arisen. Dr. Hahn's powerful presentations will not only show you how to use the Bible to defend the truths of Catholic teaching, but will also give you an invaluable tool for sharing the Faith with others.

WATCH: *Saint Rita of Cascia: The True Story*

A compelling docu-drama that tells the whole story of the amazing life of St. Rita of Cascia, the very popular saint who lived in Italy in the 14th century. Famous as the patroness of hopeless situations, St. Rita dealt with many very difficult and tragic events in her life. Through it all she developed a profound faith in God that was the source of her great strength, and why she is such a popular saint for all those dealing with difficult events in their own lives.

Her story combines high drama, great love, deep betrayal, profound forgiveness, and strong faith. This story is about the brave woman who married her knight, helped him overcome his dark past and convert to faith, happily bore him two children, and later endures immense pain as she loses everything in her life.

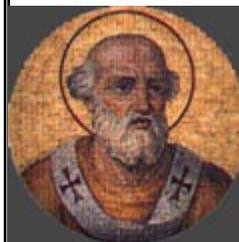
She finds peace and new hope through the generosity of a nearby convent of sisters, and with their help she develops a deep union with Christ that greatly inspires all who are near her.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT RITA OF CASCIA



Rita of Cascia, an Augustinian nun venerated as a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. After Rita's husband died, she joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. Various miracles are attributed to her intercession, and she is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which is understood to indicate a partial stigmata. Pope Leo XIII canonized Rita on May 24, 1900. Her feast day is celebrated on May 22. At her canonization ceremony, she was bestowed the title of *Patroness of Impossible Causes*, while in many Catholic countries, Rita came to be known as the patroness of abused wives and heartbroken women. Her incorrupt body remains in the Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia.



SAINT JOHN I Pope John I was the bishop of Rome from 13 August 523 to his death. He was a native of Siena, in Italy. He was sent on a diplomatic mission to Constantinople by the Ostrogoth King Theoderic to negotiate better treatment for Arians. Although John was relatively successful, upon his return to Ravenna, Theoderic had him imprisoned for allegedly conspiring with Constantinople. The frail pope died of neglect and ill-treatment.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

St. Catherine (McConchie) & St. Ignatius (Hilltop)

Saturday, July 17, 2021

7:45am departure - 10:30pm return

(St. Catherine Hall, 7636 Port Tobacco Road, Port Tobacco)

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine (Emmitsburg, MD)



- Short film on this great
- American saint
- Historical tour
- Holy Mass
- Museum & gifts
- Boxed lunch

Sight and Sound Theater (Lancaster, PA)

- See the Bible come to life in the magnificent *Queen Esther*
- Family-style dinner at the Hershey Inn



Cost: \$125 (parishioner) / \$150

(non-parishioner; signup only after May 1)

Included: Lunch, dinner, shrine admission, show ticket and transportation by coach bus. Seats are limited, so don't delay!



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