

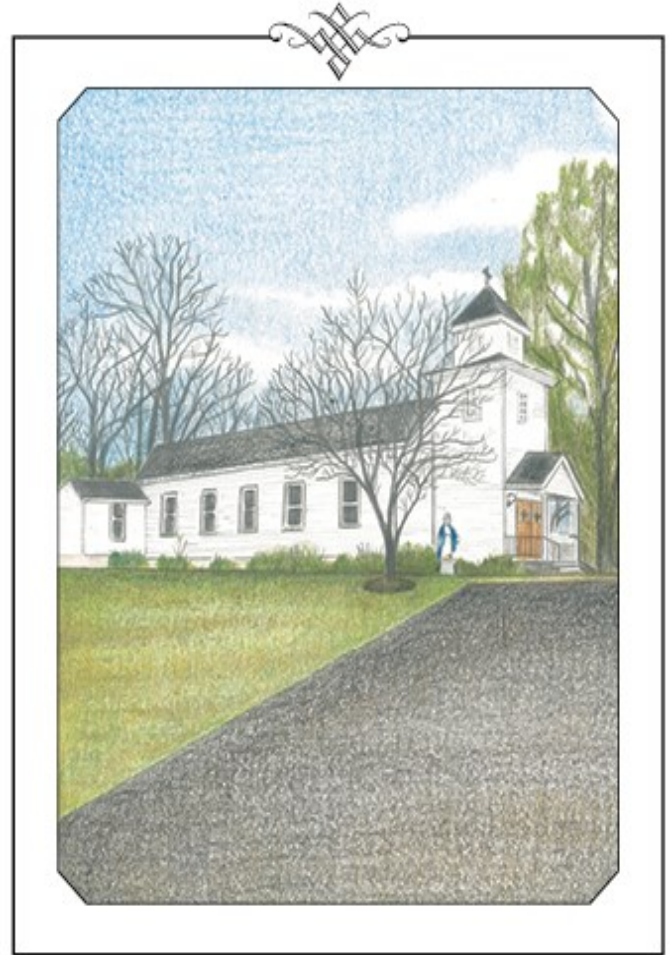
St. Ignatius of Loyola

*Established 1859
Hilltop, Maryland*



St. Catherine of Alexandria

*Established 1911
McConchie, Maryland*



Third Sunday of Easter May 1, 2022

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
St. Catherine Sat 3:00-3:45pm

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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

Robert Jones	Hank Galotta	Jean Carter
Ritchie Jones	Ramona Dobry	Michael DeLane
Ann Moreland	Ignatius Cooper	Dawn Walters
David Price	Kelly Welch	Brenda Greer
Mary Ann Skinger	John Shifflett	Hailey Sellers
Polly Butler	Avery Sandiford	Linda D. Welch
Delores Jamieson	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

Rita DeLane
Jane Behe
Karen Stilts

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

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Kenny Fish
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Gaston Plante
Linda Welch

Mass Intentions and Readings

Saturday April 30— Vigil of Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
4:00pm Repose of the soul of Betty Coleman

Sunday May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
8:30am Repose of the soul of John Collins
10:30am People of the Community

Monday May 2— Saint Athanasius

Acts 6:8-15 Jn 6:22-29
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Thomas Schisler

Tuesday May 3— Saints Philip and James

1 Cor 12:5:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
6:30pm Sue Murphy

Wednesday May 4 – Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b-8 Jn 6:35-40
No Mass at St. Catherine's

Thursday May 5— Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:44-51
6:30pm Repose of the Soul of Bob Daniel

Friday May 6— Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1-20 Jn 6:52-59
6:30pm Repose of the soul of Dick Koch

Sacrificial Giving Weekend of April 24

St. Catherine

Offertory: \$1,623

St. Ignatius:

Offertory: \$1,148

Thank you for your generosity!



Dates to Remember

May 21 St. Catherine Yard Sale

June 4 Southern Maryland Parish Pilgrimage

Shelves of Hope Food Pantry

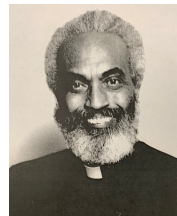


Food Items Needed

Cereal
Pancake Mix
Small Fruit Cups
Potted Meat
Crackers (Ritz)

Pantry is open on the 2nd and 4th Saturday
of each month at 9:30am
Please leave donations in the church narthex.

All Poor Box donations support our Pantry



A Memorial Mass for Fr. Robert Swann Pittman, SSS will be held at Our Lady Help of Christian Church, 100 Village Street, Waldorf, Maryland at **12:00 noon on May 5th.**

In honor of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition, May 13, 1917, The World Apostolate of Fatima, Archdiocese of Washington Division "The Blue Army" invites you to Rosary, Mass, Confession, and Blessing with St. Rafael Healing oil. **Friday, May 13 at 1:00pm**



Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, Basilica of the National Shrine, Michigan Ave, DC.

For more information call 301-595-1770

From Fr. Q's Desk

Dear parish family,

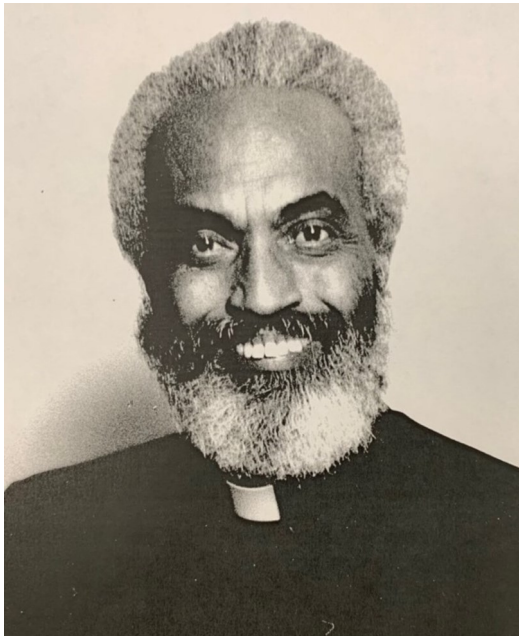
I received the sad news this week of the passing of Fr. Robert Swann Pittman, SSS—a priest with a personal connection to our neighborhood and especially to our parish of St. Catherine's.

Fr. Pittman was born in Washington, DC, in 1928, and grew up in nearby Malcolm, Md. He felt called to be a priest, but there were many barriers for African-Americans to becoming diocesan priests in those days. Instead, he joined a religious order—the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament (Latin abbreviation: SSS) who accepted him.

Fr. Pittman had an illustrious career, studying for a doctorate in Rome in theology, Latin and Greek. He was ordained a priest in Rome on July 13, 1958, and then taught in various seminaries in Mozambique, England and Washington DC for many years. In 1981 he returned to southern Maryland to found the Body of Christ Farm in Waldorf, dedicated to the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, evangelization and care for the poor. He ran the farm until 2017, when his age (89!) compelled him to retire. He passed away at his congregation's headquarters in Ohio on April 24.

Fr. Pittman had a long association with St. Catherine's, as he provided the chance for the black community of that parish to celebrate Mass with one of their own. In fact, we have a touching description in our parish bulletin of Fr. Pittman's first visit to the parish as a priest; it was July 14, 1963, the weekend of his fifth anniversary of ordination.

Mass today celebrated by the Reverend Robert Pittman of the Fathers of the Blessed Sacrament at 11:30. Father Pittman, a graduate of Pomonkey High School and a native of Malcolm, Charles County, is the first of his race (the Negro) to celebrate Holy Mass in St. Catherine Church, as far as we know. We congratulate Fr. Pittman, his good parents and teachers and all who helped him to become an Ambassador of God, God's priest. May the fruits of his labors be very abundant is our prayer for him.



Over the years, Fr. Pittman would come down from the Body of Christ Farm to celebrate Mass for the St. Catherine's parishioners. Our old-timers remember his quiet voice and gentle disposition, his saying the rosary in preparation for Mass, and his preaching to them: "Never give up!" He had personality that made many people very affectionate of him.

I had the privilege of meeting Fr. Pittman on one occasion. In

2012, I was a seminarian in Rome when the canonization of St Kateri Tekakwitha was held at St. Peter's Basilica there. As she was the first Native American saint to be canonized, a large contingent of faithful travelled to Rome from the USA for the event. Fr. Pittman was among them—distinctive with a healthy gray afro and his long black cassock. I had the opportunity to greet him and speak briefly with him. He had about him a certain *gravitas* which I remember to this day.

I believe that our parish's prayer—*may the fruits of his labors be very abundant*—indeed came true for Fr. Pittman over the course of his lifetime of priestly ministry. Let us thank God for this devoted servant of his, who touched the lives of so many of our parishioners.



**Catholic Daughters
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Catholic Daughter's Centennial Celebration

Court Neale #753 of the Catholic Daughters of Americas, cordially invites you to attend their Centennial Celebration of 100 years on Saturday June 11, 2022 at the 5pm Mass at St. Ignatius Church, 8855 Chapel Point Road, Port Tobacco, MD.

There will be a reception with light refreshments following the Mass. Brochures and flyers are available in the vestibule.



2022 Annual Appeal Update

We are pleased to announce that our parish is at 100% of our parish goal as of April 28 thanks to 18 parish families making a gift from St. Ignatius and 38 families from St. Catherine to this year's Annual Appeal. Thank you for your generosity in supporting the many important charitable ministries of our archdiocese! If you haven't made your 2022 gift, we encourage you to do so today by visiting appeal.adw.org or taking a brochure in the back of the church. Every donation makes a difference in uplifting our local Church to serve our brothers and sisters in need. Thank you for your support!

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.



To all who helped make the St. Ignatius Wine Tasting such a success! It was a wonderful event enjoyed by many!

St. Ignatius Chapel Point

38th Annual Rosary Pilgrimage

Saturday, May 7 at 11am

Join the celebration to honor our Blessed Mother. Mass will be held at 11am followed by a procession led by the Knights of Columbus to the Shrine of Our Lady where the First Communion children will crown Mary. Lunch will follow in the church hall.



St. Catherine Yard Sale

Saturday May 21

Hall drop off May 17-20 from 9-11am and 4-6 pm. If needed, items can be dropped off at the Rectory beforehand as well.



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Catechism of the Catholic Church

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH SECTION TWO

Article 3 The Sacrament of the Eucharist

IV. The Liturgical Celebration of the Eucharist

The Mass of all ages

1351 From the very beginning Christians have brought, along with the bread and wine for the Eucharist, gifts to share with those in need. This custom of the collection, ever appropriate, is inspired by the example of Christ who became poor to make us rich:

Those who are well off, and who are also willing, give as each chooses. What is gathered is given to him who presides to assist orphans and widows, those whom illness or any other cause has deprived of resources, prisoners, immigrants and, in a word, all who are in need.

1352 The anaphora: with the Eucharistic Prayer - the prayer of thanksgiving and consecration - we come to the heart and summit of the celebration:

In the preface, the Church gives thanks to the Father, through Christ, in the Holy Spirit, for all his works: creation, redemption, and sanctification. the whole community thus joins in the unending praise that the Church in heaven, the angels and all the saints, sing to the three-holy-God.

1353 In the epiclesis, the Church asks the Father to send his Holy Spirit (or the power of his blessing on the bread and wine, so that by his power they may become the body and blood of Jesus Christ and so that those who take part in the Eucharist may be one body and one spirit (some liturgical traditions put the epiclesis after the anamnesis). In the institution narrative, the power of the words and the action of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, make sacramentally present under the species of bread and wine Christ's body and blood, his sacrifice offered on the cross once for all.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Recognize God in your Everyday Moments

Gifts in Disguise

Have you ever opened a gift and wondered what the giver was thinking?

I won't call out any of my family or friends here, but suffice to say, I think we have all been the confused recipient of a sweater that wasn't our size or a gift card to a store where we don't shop. But we smiled all the same and said how much it meant to us, because we know that when it comes to gifts, it's all about the gesture.

Suffering is a lot like that – the gift you never asked for, and don't really want to receive. Sometimes we look at suffering and, like the apostles who see Jesus as a stranger on the shore, we don't recognize it for what it can be. We don't appreciate the catalyst suffering can be for change, for growth, for grace.

What was the gift that you received in disguise? Was it a relationship that confounded and frustrated you? Was it a job that tested your spirit? An obstacle that stopped you dead in your tracks? A rejection that threatened to break your spirit?

If I go back and look at the worst gifts I've ever gotten, chances are that I didn't like them because I didn't know what to do with them – they were more fitted for someone else's interests, someone else's life. It's the same with suffering. We're tempted to cast suffering aside when it comes our way because it doesn't fit the person we are. Suffering is made to fit the person God knows we have the ability, with His grace, to become.

Hang onto that suffering. Unlike the misshapen sweater, it really will come in handy.

– Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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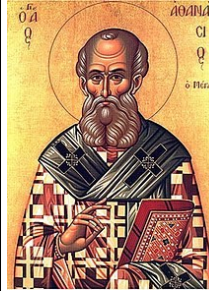
- Click on Register (lower right of page)
- Enter Parish Access **Code: 84PVM3**

READ: *Christians Courageous* by Aloysius Roche

For every half-dozen heroes antiquity could muster, Christendom produced thousands, and often from the strangest holes and corners. Instead of drying up the spirit of adventure, the Fire of Pentecost kindled it anew and made it burn with an unquenchable flame. The Master's parting instructions to His followers resulted in a host of enterprises quite as daring as any to be found in Homer. Some of these are brought vividly to life in these stories about courageous Christians from the earliest days of Christianity to modern times. Although written primarily for youthful readers, they are sure to interest all those to whom the achievements of their fellow Christians are a matter of pride and encouragement. You'll read about: The pagan actor whose mockery of the Faith led him to convert and even die a Christian martyr. The blind boy who became an adviser to great saints. The brave bishop who successfully defended the true Faith--against his fellow bishops and even the Emperor! The monk who was martyred in the Colosseum trying to stop the bloodshed of the gladiators there. The priest who suffered cruel deprivations to convert a savage tribe - with a dictionary! The Irish monk who crossed the Sea of Darkness to discover America. The celebrated Spanish novelist who helped save Christendom from the Turks at the Battle of Lepanto. The unarmed bishop who, with words alone, drove Attila the Hun from the gates of Rome. The stirring adventures of these brave Christian souls remind us that God has in hand for each of us a unique mission, worthy of all our imagination and of all our daring.

SAINTS THIS WEEK

SAINT ATHANASIUS MAY 2



Athanasius I of Alexandria was a Greek church father and the 20th pope of Alexandria. His intermittent episcopacy spanned 45 years of which over 17 encompassed five exiles, when he was replaced on the order of four different Roman emperors. Athanasius was a Christian theologian, a Church Father, the chief defender of Trinitarianism against Arianism, and a noted Coptic Christian (Egyptian) leader of the fourth century. Athanasius' earliest work, *Against the Heathen - On the Incarnation* (written before 319), bears traces of Origenist Alexandrian thought but in an orthodox way. Athanasius was also familiar with the theories of various philosophical schools, and in particular with the developments of Neo-Platonism.



SAINTS PHILIP AND JAMES
MAY 3

James, Son of Alphaeus: We know nothing of this man except his name, and, of course, the fact that Jesus chose him to be one of the 12 pillars of the New Israel, his Church. He is not the James of Acts, son of Clopas, "brother" of Jesus and later bishop of Jerusalem and the traditional author of the Letter of James. James, son of Alphaeus, is also known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James the son of Zebedee, also an apostle and known as James the Greater.



St. Catherine – St. Ignatius Southern Maryland Pilgrimage

Saturday, June 4, 2022

Come learn about the amazing role that Southern Maryland has played in the Catholic faith of our country! Grow in faith and friendship with fellow parishioners. Registration is now open to parishioners of St. Catherine’s and St. Ignatius’. Registration is \$55.

We will open registration to neighboring parishes starting May 2. Non-parishioner registration is \$70. Please call the Rectory to register, 301/934-9630.

Registration includes the bus, entry into all venues, and lunch. When registering, please make a selection for lunch:

- BLT Sandwich (with sides)
- Chicken Salad Sandwich (with sides)
- Salad with Grilled Salmon

Lunch includes a drink and dessert as well.

Itinerary:

7:45am Visit & Mass – St. Ignatius Chapel Point (park there and pick up the bus)

9:45am Colton Point Museum

11:15am St. Francis Xavier, Leonardtown

12:15pm Lunch in Leonardtown

1:45pm St. Mary’s City

5:15pm Return to St. Ignatius Chapel Point



~Moderate walking to be involved~

Discalced Carmelite Nuns of the CARMEL of PORT TOBACCO

**Carmelite Quilters of Port
Tobacco**

The Carmelite nuns of St. Joseph's Monastery will have

quilts for sale at the 13th Annual Market Day on Saturday, May 7th from 9 am to 2 pm at the Port Tobacco Courthouse. The quilts are designed and pieced by the nuns. Admission is free, lots of vendors and ample parking. Come join us and support the nuns and our community.

