

## ST. CATHERINE & ST. IGNATIUS CHURCHES

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### MASS SCHEDULE

St. Catherine: Saturday-4PM, Sunday-10:30AM

St. Ignatius: Sunday-8:45AM

Daily: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday-7:30AM at Rectory

Holy Days: St. Catherine-Vigil Mass-7PM

St. Ignatius-Actual Holy Day-7PM

Confessions: St. Catherine: Saturday-3:15-3:45PM

St. Ignatius: Sunday-8:15AM

Cemetery Information: Call Catholic Cemeteries 301/932-1766

**Sunday, October 16, 2016, Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1:** *Exodus 17; 8-13*, **Response:** *Psalm 121:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8*, **Reading 2:** *Timothy 3:14-4:2*,

**Gospel:** *Luke 18:1-8*

*Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.*

**SECOND COLLECTION:** World Missions/Propagation of the Faith on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Pray For:** Hailey Sellers, Betty Ryon, Jerome Jamison, Linda Welch, Vincent Jamieson, Glen Palmer, Sr, Susan Tanner, Baby Hayden Clarke Hettel, Jean Ambrose, Mary Baily, Jane Schultz Swan, Jane Duckworth, Cindy Thomas, Joe Copsy, Jr., Tom Roland, Agnes Neal, DeAngelo Ball, Joseph Organ, Ralph Stancil, Brian Connell, Mike Hancock, Donnie Davis, Dick Koch, Karen Reed, Jen Garino, Linda Copsy, Betty & Leo Peters, Carina Gibbs, Kayla Kiley, John Shifflett, William Spriggs, Betty Wood, Xenia Hernandez, Steve Pavlot, & Joe Raub. To have names added to the prayer list or if you need a priest at the hospital, nursing home or assisted living facility, call 301/934-9630. Leave your name/phone #, person's name, facility and room #.

**St. Catherine's Food Pantry** will be open on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. **Hours: 9:30-11:30am.** Please use the doors leading into the Cooper Room. Leave donations for the pantry at St. Catherine Church after Mass. **Do not leave food at the rectory or outside buildings.** Thank you.

If you are **bringing used cans** for the church, please leave the bags or other containers at the door of the **old shed in front of the rectory.** Thank You!

**Gospel Reflection:** This is the first of two parables that Jesus tells in Luke 18 about prayer. (The second will be read at Mass next Sunday.) This first parable is a lesson in persistence in prayer. (Next Sunday's parable will address attitude in prayer.) While the parable seems to present prayer as nagging God for what we want, such a reading misses the point. God is not like the judge in the parable, worn down by requests and coerced to respond. The key is found in the description of the judge as corrupt and unjust. Since God can be neither, we must understand Jesus to be saying that if even a unjust judge responds to the persistence of the widow, how much more so will God listen to our prayers. God truly wants to hear our needs and respond generously, It is the final lament of Jesus that gets to the point of the parable. The lesson is about the persistence of the one who prays. God wants us to be like the persistent widow, staying in relationship with God, confident that God hears and answers prayers. Then Jesus laments, "Will such faith be found when the Son Man comes?" In this lament, Jesus notes how easy it can be for us to lose heart.

**Internet Study Group:** If you would like to join our group or take a peek & see what you think, login to a free yahoo account. Go to groups on the left hand side & click More Verizon Yahoo. Click groups. Type in: catholiconlinestudygroup. Then click Join this Group.

**Jesus tells us that persistence will pay off, if we continue to pray to God. How and when do you pray? How could you grow in the ways that you pray? Jesus urges his disciples to pray and not lose heart, for God hears and answers prayers.**

### Religion News:

**16 Oct.** Confirmation Class 10:15, Religion Class Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade 11:30-1 St. Catherine Hall

**29 Oct.** RCIA 10am Rectory office.

**30 Oct.** Confirmation Class 10:15, Religion Class Pre-K-8<sup>th</sup> grade 11:30-1 St. Catherine Hall

**St. Ignatius Refreshments for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Mary Hancock & Linda Blake

**St. Ignatius Pizza Collection for Women's Shelter** will be collected on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> after Mass.

**St. Ignatius Halloween Party Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> at Church Hall-**Doors open at 6:00pm. Dinner starts at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite dish to share. There will be chair side Trick-or-Treating, please bring candy to give out. There will be a prize for Best Costume. For more info contact Patricia Taylor 301/246-4316.

**St. Ignatius** will be collecting cleaned and gently used coats. You may bring them to the hall after mass. Rochelle Desimone will be the POC.

**St. Ignatius** will be collecting money for Mt. Hope “Feeding the Children over the Weekends” project on the last Sunday of the month starting in October. POC: Rochelle Desimone .