

CATHERINE and 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

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sunday, Oct. 2, 2016

Reading 1: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4, **Response:** Psalm 95;1-2,6-7,8-9, **Reading 2:** 1 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14, **Gospel Reading:** Luke 17:5-10

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 Copsey, Jr., Tom Roland, Agnes Neal, DeAngelo Ball, Joseph Organ, Ralph Stancil, Brian Connell, Mike Hancock, Donnie Davis, Dick Koch, Karen Reed, Jen Garino, Linda Copsey, 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 2nd and 4th 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: In today's Gospel we hear Jesus teach about faith and service to God. The context is a continuing dialogue between Jesus and his followers about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus has just finished an instruction on sin and forgiveness. There are two related teachings that Jesus offers to his disciples when they cry out for an increase in faith. The first is the familiar reminder that faith, even just a little, will enable the followers of Jesus to do wondrous things. But this uplifting and inspiring teaching is quickly followed by the second teaching, a caution about knowing one's place in God's plans. The disciples of Jesus are to understand themselves as servants to God and his plans. Even when God works wonders through us, with our mustard seed-sized faith, we must not seek praise. Our participation in God's plans is God's grace to us-nothing more, nothing less. When we are graced enough to cooperate with God, the work we do is nothing more than our obligation to God as faithful stewards. And yet, our faith enables us to believe that what we have offered in service to God, as his servants, can be made to produce a hundredfold.

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.

The Gospel tells us even a little bit of faith is enough to make amazing things happen. How are you keeping your faith alive and growing? What good things happen in your life because of your faith?

Religion News:

2 Oct. Religion Class Pre-K-8th grade 11:30-1 St. Catherine Hall

Blessing of the animals will take place at the beginning of class. All parents should remain during the outdoor service and take their pets home. Please do not leave your child's animal with them during class. Both parishes are invited.

11 Oct. Youth Group 7pm St. Ignatius Hall.

15 Oct. RCIA 10am Rectory office.

St. Ignatius Refreshments for Oct. 9th: Carol & Ed Clayborne

St. Ignatius Pizza Collection for Women's Shelter will be collected on Sept. 16th after Mass.

God's Servant First: The Life and Legacy of Thomas More-This exhibition runs from now thru March 31, 2017 and is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus & the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. The exhibit will be at The Saint John Paul II Shrine located at 3900 Harewood Rd, NE Washington, D.C. The exhibit presents the life, martyrdom, & legacy of the 16th century English philosopher-statesman whom Pope John Paul II named the heavenly Patron of Statesmen and Politicians. It also explores the connection between Thomas More, the Carroll Family of MD and the foundations of religious liberty in America. Additional info can be found at www.jp2shrine.org.

