

## 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 23, 2016, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Reading 1:** *Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18*, **Response:** *Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23* **Reading 2:** Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18, **Gospel:** *Luke 18:9-14*

**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:** The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples

to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis of Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in his parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.

**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 the parable of the proud Pharisee who prayed from his self-importance and the tax collector who prayed humbly. This Gospel reading suggests that we approach God and each other with humility. What does this mean, in practical terms? How do we "humble" ourselves? What does that mean?**

### Religion News:

**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

**Tuition Assistance 2017-18:** TADS Financial Aid & Assessment will manage the application & assessment process for the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program. Applications for 2017-18 Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance are being accepted as of Sept. 28. **The deadline for applications to be submitted is Friday, Dec. 2.** Here are the steps to apply: Log onto [secure.tads.com](http://secure.tads.com); Log into your account using the email & password already provided when you registered your child(ren); Click on the financial aid tab. If you need additional assistance, call the Parent Help Line at 1-800-477-8237. You must apply on TADS to be eligible for any additional assistance available through the school.

**St. Ignatius Pew Plaques:** To remember a loved one with a Memorial Pew Plaque contact Austin Doherty at [austindoherty@hotmail.com](mailto:austindoherty@hotmail.com); minimum donation is \$225.00.

**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 .